

'Problems cannot be solved by the same level of thinking that created them.'

- Albert Einstein



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The West Virginia Penitentiary, a nationally recognized tourist destination, is Marshall County's top tourist attraction. It will be open for free tours during the 2009 Winter Carnival.

## Pen tours set during carnival

Marshall County's biggest tourist attraction, the West Virginia Penitentiary, will be open for tours during the Winter Carnival on Dec. 31, 2009, in Moundsville.

The Gothic structure was a working

prison from 1876 to 1995, and at one time was known as the bloodiest institution in the United States. Since closing, it has been

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## Project Sticker Shock planned Nov. 11

The Marshall County Anti-Drug Coalition is once again bringing Project Sticker Shock to Marshall County to address the continuing issue of youth access to alcohol.

Project Sticker Shock is an event designed to eliminate the sales of alcohol to adults who purchase alcohol for youth. Youth volunteers, with the help of their adult chaperones, place specially made stickers on alcoholic beverages to remind customers that it's illegal to purchase or provide alcohol to minors.

The program, held annually in November, is in need of youth volunteers and adult chaperones from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at local retail locations.

The event will wrap up with a "fiesta" at the Acapulco Restaurant on Route 2 in Moundsville from 11 a.m. to noon, where volunteers can enjoy lunch. To volunteer, please call Kimberli Green at (304) 845-3300 or email [marshallcountysdfc@comcast.net](mailto:marshallcountysdfc@comcast.net).



## FRN awarded drug-free grant

West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin III has awarded the Marshall County Family Resource Network with a \$25,520 Safe and Drug Free Communities Grant to provide substance abuse and violence prevention programs in Marshall County schools.

Manchin presented three staff members from the FRN – executive director Stacie Dei, substance abuse prevention director Latrisha Whitelatch and Safe and Drug Free Communities coordinator Kimberli Green – with the award at a ceremony in Charleston. The FRN's grant was among 19 projects from across the state that had been awarded SDFC grants.

The Marshall County FRN's Safe and Drug Free Communities Grant funds Too Good for Drugs and Violence program. Too Good for Drugs has been implemented in Marshall County Schools since 2007 at Cameron Elementary School, focusing on fifth and sixth graders. The program, which began at Cameron Elementary School on Oct. 1, 2009, includes a 30-minute lesson once a week for 10 weeks for fifth and sixth graders. The lesson plans incorporate five interwoven components such as goal setting, decision making, bonding with others, identifying and managing emotions and effective communications. In January 2010, Central Elementary School fifth graders in Moundsville will go through the program for 10 weeks. Counselors at Cameron Elementary School and Central Elementary School will implement Too Good for Violence programs into their schools.

# Mound museum will open at Winter Carnival

The Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex announced that it will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 31 for the Winter Carnival. Admission is free.

Carnivalgoers can visit the artifacts and exhibits surrounding the 2,000-year-old burial mound of the Adena people who lived in Marshall County.

The mound's Delf Norona Museum opened in December 1978. The thoroughly modern facility, with its natural brick facade and pyramid-shaped skylights, is an architectural tribute to a prehistoric era. Exhibits and displays on the upper level portray and clarify

what is known about the cultural life of this prehistoric people.

The museum was originally operated under a lease to the City of Moundsville and Marshall County. In 1986, the museum and the mound were transferred to the WV Division of Tourism and Parks. In 1995, the Division of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation, took over operation and in 1996 they were transferred to the Division of Culture and History. In May 2009, a new addition opened to provide a home for the Archaeological Research Center that houses the State of West Virginia's archaeology collection.

[www.wvculture.org](http://www.wvculture.org)



The Grave Creek Mound, a state-owned historical site highlighting the prehistoric Adena who lived in Marshall County, will be open for a portion of the day during the 2009 Winter Carnival. It would normally be closed New Year's Eve.

## Ad space available on carnival board

A limited number of spots are available on an advertising board for the Marshall County Winter Carnival.

Businesses and organizations can reserve a 3.5" x 2" spot on the board -- room for a business card -- for \$35 each. The proceeds will benefit the Marshall County Winter Carnival, which will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, on Jefferson Avenue in downtown Moundsville.

For more information, call the Marshall County FRN at (304) 845-3300.

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## Nov. 14 benefit boosts adoption fund

A benefit Steak Fry is set for Nov. 14 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the United Bank Building at the Marshall County Fairgrounds with proceeds benefiting the The Adoption Fund for Bob and Amy Dobkin. Tickets are \$20.

Entertainers include: Courtney Ray and the Players, featuring Karen "Punkin" McKenzie; Papa Groove; and DJ Dugger.

There will be a 50/50 raffle, Texas Poker, a Chinese Auction, and many items sold on tip boards including hunting and fishing equipment.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (304) 639-6683 or (304) 845-4777.

## Pen

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converted into a tourist attraction. During the day, the West Virginia Penitentiary is toured by schoolchildren and crime and history buffs. At night it takes on a more sinister character, with well-known ghost hunts and night tours on the weekend.

In the month of October, more than 10,000 visitors experienced the Dungeon of Horrors at the prison: Being locked up in a cell, being lost in a maze and an eerie walk through the Pen's dungeon of horrors.

It won't be as scary during the Winter Carnival, when it will be open for free tours. The West Virginia Penitentiary is usually open for tours only until November every year. But through the generosity of the Moundsville Economic Development Council,

which owns the attraction, the prison will be open for free on Thursday, Dec. 31.

It is one of several Marshall County attractions that will be open that day, including the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex and Delf Norona Museum across the street from the prison, and the Marx Toy Museum.

The Marshall County Winter Carnival is reaching out to local businesses for sponsorships, asking businesses to keep their doors open during the celebration, offer discounts to participants and create events and games that will bring people into their businesses.

For more information, please call the FRN at (304) 845-3300 or email [marshallcountyfrn.com](mailto:marshallcountyfrn.com).

# FRN guide aids discussion on youth and alcohol

The Marshall County Family Resource Network, in partnership with the West Virginia Center for Civic Life, has published a discussion guide on the issue of underage drinking in Marshall County.

"Youth and Alcohol: How Do We Keep Our Children Safe and Healthy?" is the product of research and more than 100 interviews with Marshall County citizens and officials. It is being used in a series of forums on youth and alcohol that the Marshall County FRN and other community organizations are holding throughout the community.

The interviews have shown that community members are worried about the health and safety of young people who abuse alcohol. The 2008 PRIDE Survey, which measured youth behavior and attitudes, found that Marshall County youth are drinking heavily and at younger ages.

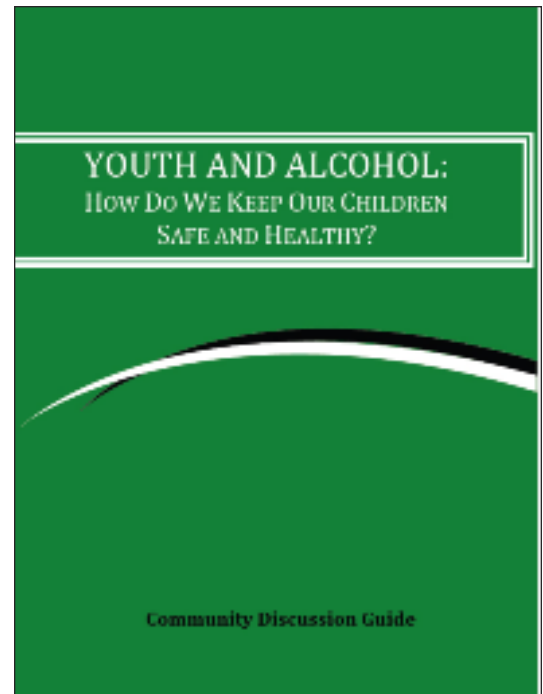
"We need to talk about how to really stop underage drinking," said one church youth director who was interviewed. "Not just how to stop the flow of alcohol, but how to engage people in other things."

The three approaches suggested to curb underage alcohol abuse are:

- Build healthy youth development
- Enforce laws and policies against underage drinking
- Change the environment

"Many of us will see value in each of these approaches," the guide said. "The challenge lies in coming to an agreement on the priorities and being willing to take steps to address those priorities."

For more information about the guide, or to schedule a forum, please contact the Marshall County FRN at (304) 845-3300 or email [marshallcountyfrn@comcast.net](mailto:marshallcountyfrn@comcast.net).



Copies of "Youth and Alcohol: How Do We Keep Our Children Safe and Healthy?" will be distributed at a series of communitywide forums being held throughout the rest of the year in Marshall County. You can also view the guide online at [www.marshallcountyfrn.com](http://www.marshallcountyfrn.com) or email [frnpr@comcast.net](mailto:frnpr@comcast.net) for a copy. The guide is a product of more than 100 interviews with Marshall County citizens and officials.

## Session becomes world of democracy in Moundsville

A training session at the Marshall County Family Resource Network took on a distinctly international flair last month. The daylong moderator training, held by the West Virginia Center for Civic Life, included two Fanning fellows from the Kettering Foundation: Kayt Robinson of New Zealand and Pravit Rojanaphruk of Thailand.

The two traveled from the Kettering offices in Dayton, Ohio, to West Virginia for the training session to train people to moderate a series of community forums in Marshall County on the issue of underage drinking.

The Kettering Foundation is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that explores how democracy works and how citizens can play a role in it. Robinson and Rojanaphruk are research associates on a five-month Kettering fellowship in the United States to explore democracy and civic engagement.

Rojanaphruk works as a reporter for a daily English-language newspaper, The Nation, in Bangkok. His specialty is writing about democracy, human rights

and social problems. For the past several years, Robinson has worked for the New Zealand Department of Conservation. She has a masters degree in international journalism from Cardiff University in Wales. Their work at Kettering led them to Moundsville.

"We thought it would be good to see what kind of work is being done in the community to address alcohol abuse," said Robinson. Their research focus, of which the experience in Moundsville may be a part, is on how communities can get involved to solve a common problem.

"The key word is deliberation, and how communities can deliberate and find a common ground to work and solve challenges together," said Rojanaphruk. Rojanaphruk said it was clear, from his time in Marshall County, that the community needed to come together.

"The problem here (of underage drinking) is quite severe. We're surprised by the lack of concrete community consensus," Rojanaphruk said.

In his native Thailand, he said, the government deals with underage drinking



differently. It's illegal to advertise alcohol in print or on television, and alcoholic products are taxed at a much higher level than in the United States.

A good chunk of that money goes to nonprofit organizations for alcohol and tobacco prevention and treatment, he said. Robinson noted that in New Zealand, alcohol companies are allowed to advertise but are barred from sponsoring any sporting or other events that are televised.

"I think that's huge," she said. "Here in the United States, I'm quite surprised by how much (alcohol-related) advertising there is for sporting events."

She said that New Zealand has similar issues as in this country with youth access to alcohol, and that like in the United States, it's more of a rural crisis.

# Whitelatch named to state group

Latrisha Whitelatch, substance abuse prevention director at the Marshall County Family Resource Network, has been named a member of the West Virginia Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being.

The partnership is the West Virginia's governor-appointed substance abuse prevention and intervention body. The partnership supports the state's community prevention efforts, including those of the Marshall County Anti-Drug Coalition.

WV Gov. Joe Manchin named Whitelatch to the position of county prevention partnership representative. She had been a Region 1 liaison since April 2007. Region 1 includes Marshall, Ohio, Brooke, Hancock, Wetzel, Monongalia, Marion, Doddridge, Harrison, Tyler, Pleasants, Ritchie, Gilmer, Calhoun, Wirt and Wood counties. Whitelatch will attend the 2009 Drug Summit, which will be held Nov. 16 at the Clay Center in Charleston. Government and other key leaders will attend the invite-only summit, where the governor's Substance Abuse Services Plan will be officially unveiled. Whitelatch is expected to speak at the summit.



**Winter Carnival**  
**Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009**  
**12 p.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville**  
**Fireworks, Wendy's Winter Blast Kids' Fun Run,**  
**Wesbanco Winter Wonderland for Children & More**  
**(304) 845-3300**  
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## Wendy's Winter Blast Fun Run

The Wendy's Winter Blast Fun Run is a 100-yard dash for children 9 years old and under. It will be held Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, at noon on Jefferson Avenue in Moundsville. There is a \$10 entry fee, which includes a T-shirt, medal and five tickets for Winter Carnival events. Register early to guarantee your spot and be eligible to win a prize. After the race, enjoy the rest of the fun the carnival has to offer.

Shirt Size:  
 Youth XS Youth S Youth M Youth L Adult Small

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's Age as of Dec. 31, 2009: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F  
 \$10 Per Child Entry Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Clip coupon and bring with you to Winter Carnival!

### FREE TICKET Winter Carnival

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# Sanford Center hopes to open doors to building in the near future

Things are moving ahead quickly for the Sanford Center.

On Oct. 26, the deed for the former Sanford School in Moundsville was officially transferred from Marshall County Schools to the City of Moundsville. The nonprofit organization that will run the center will achieve incorporation status soon and will then lease the building from the City of Moundsville. The Sanford Center Board of Directors is hoping to open the doors to the facility as soon as possible, reports Dara Pond, president of The Sanford Center's Board of Directors. Efforts are already under way to ready the building.

Part of those efforts involve seeking renters for space at Sanford. If you know of any organizations who might be interested, please call Pond at (304) 845-3300. The first membership and fund drive will also get started soon, with a wide range of options including a \$25 annual membership and investment levels from there. The Sanford Center is looking for Marshall County residents who would be willing to volunteer their time to help make the center succeed. The center is to be self sufficient. Its only source of income will come through rent, fundraising and grants. The board of directors and committee chairs need your help. If you

are interested, please contact:

- Organizational Development, Joyce Howard at (304) 845-8200.
- Funds Development, Della Deskins at (304) 845-8182.
- Property Management, Richard Healy at (304) 845-1784.
- Maintenance Committee, Robert Blake at (304) 845-5683.
- Public Relations, Kim Kidd at (304) 845-3991.

The new Sanford Center Board of Directors are Della Deskins, Joyce Howard, Robert Blake, Dara Pond, Richard Healy, Allen Hendershot and Kim Kidd.

# Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 5

**Standards for Excellence Training**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Marshall County Family Resource Network, Historic Federal Building, 324 7th St., Moundsville. Three-day workshop continues Nov. 10 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and Nov. 17 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.). Cost: \$500; limited number of scholarships available.

**Celebrity Server Night**, Ponderosa, Route 2, Glen Dale. Benefits Appalachian Outreach.

Friday, Nov. 6

**Marshall County Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting**, Historic Federal Building, 324 7th St., Moundsville.

Sunday, Nov. 8

**Elk Fest**, 6 p.m., Grand Vue Park Banquet Hall, Moundsville. Benefit for the Strand Theatre; dress in period costume and be eligible to win a prize. Cost: \$25 per ticket.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

**Project Sticker Shock**, sponsored by the Marshall County Family Resource Network and the Marshall County Anti-Drug Coalition.

Saturday, Nov. 14

**Benefit Steak Fry** for the Adoption Fund for Bob and Amy Dobkin, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the United Bank Building, Marshall County Fairgrounds. Tickets \$20 per person. Call (304) 639-6683 or (304) 845-4777.

Thursday, Nov. 19

**Moundsville Tree Light-Up Night and Business After Hours**, Grave Creek Mound, Moundsville. Sponsored by the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce, hosted by City Wide Real Estate and Hughes Xerographic.

Saturday, Nov. 21

**Holiday Parade**, 2 p.m., downtown Moundsville. Sponsored by the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce.

**Open House**, Grisell Center for the Arts and the Strand Theatre, downtown Moundsville.

Thursday, Nov. 26

**Turkey Trot 5K Race**, Grand Vue Park, Moundsville. Pets on a leash welcome.

Thursday, Dec. 3

**Marshall County Chamber of Commerce Tree Gala Auction and Business After Hours**. Sponsored by WesBanco.

Saturday, Dec. 5

**Strand Theatre Community Christmas Concert**, St. Francis Xavier Church. Free.



Marshall County Animal Shelter director Cindy Brautigan with a three-month-old Jack Terrier mix puppy that was brought to the shelter Oct. 31.

## Shelter there for needy animals

For almost two decades, the Marshall County Animal Shelter has served thousands of dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, snakes and, for a time last year, even two alligators.

The shelter takes in thousands of animals every year, placing hundreds with caring people throughout the tri-state region. Some of the animals have been abused, abandoned or starved. Others are brought to the shelter because their owners can't afford to take care of them anymore.

"There's been an increase in the number of animals being brought in," said shelter director Cindy Brautigan. "People can't afford them."

The shelter receives as many as 25 animals a day at its peak. It's not uncommon for animals to be dropped off when the shelter is closed.

"We come in the morning and the animals are in the run," said Brautigan.

The shelter's origins start in 1977 with the formation of the Marshall County Animal Rescue League. Initially the shelter was the backyard of one of the league's founders. It moved to its present location, on 12th Street in Moundsville past the Marshall County Fairgrounds, 17 years ago.

There are accommodations for 100 animals; on a recent afternoon there were 89 animals living there. With some paid staff and a dedicated crew of volunteers, there are at least six staff members on duty while the shelter is open six days a week.

The bulk of the funding comes from the Marshall County Commission, which pays for the costs of the building and payroll.

### To Help

The animals and caretakers at the Marshall County Shelter are always in need of the following supplies:

Household: Bleach, Windex, scrub brushes, liquid laundry detergent, Soft Scrub cleaner, paper towels, antibacterial liquid hand soap, aluminum cans, toilet paper.

Pet Supplies: Antibiotic cream, throw rugs, buckle collars and leashes, treats, pet toys, cat litter (nonscoopable), canned ground cat food, Purina Cat Chow, Purina Kitten Chow, Purina Dog Chow, Pedigree, Puppy Chow, Doggie Cologne. You can win a "makeover" from ZooToo.com and help the shelter win points by signing up at the animal-lovers Website and choosing the shelter online. The shelter sells a "Marshall County Animal Shelter" T-shirt. For more about either, call the shelter at (304) 845-9770 or visit [www.mcaswva.org](http://www.mcaswva.org).

But there are other costs for the shelter, which has been recognized locally, regionally and nationally for its humane practices and activities.

The center is always looking for volunteers, and donations of cleaning and other supplies.

"We go through a lot of bleach and laundry supplies," Brautigan said.

The shelter receives other funding from memorials, donations and quarterly fundraisers. Its latest is "Shop and Adopt," a Christmas shopping sale and lunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Glen Dale Elementary School. For sale will be items from Longaberger, PartyLite, Silpada and Tupperware, as well as a bake sale and door prizes every half hour. There will be gold buyers and, of course, animals up for adoption from the shelter.