

Rams' tickets on sale

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Reserved season football tickets are now on sale for the 2011 Shepherd University Rams' football season through the University's bookstore.

Upper and lower reserved seating is available. For further information, contact the Shepherd University Bookstore at 304-876-5219 or log on to www.shepherdbook.com.

The Rams open the season at home against rival Shippensburg on September 3 for the Great Valley Classic/Ram Gridiron Club Day.

Shepherd's other home games include Seton Hill (Sept. 17 - Hall of Fame Weekend), Charleston (Sept. 24), West Liberty (Oct. 15 - Military Appreciation Day), West Virginia State (Oct. 22 - Homecoming) and Bowie State (Oct. 29 - Senior Day). All home games will have a noon kickoff.

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Rams add programs

SHEPHERDSTOWN - The Shepherd University department of athletics announced the creation of the Game Day Zone and Ram Nation.

The Game Day Zone, located adjacent to Sara Cree Hall and along W.Va. 480 for easy access, will be a premier area for fans to picnic before each of the six Rams 2011 home games. Donors to the Ram Nation will have the opportunity to reserve a named parking spot in The Zone, including access to the picnicking area and special entrance to Ram Stadium.

Gifts to the Ram Nation will directly support student-athletes in the form of scholarships, academic support, equipment, recruitment and travel.

The levels begin at \$175 and go up to \$5,000 and above.

Ram Nation Giving Levels and Benefits

For more information about the RAM Nation and how you can get in The Zone, contact Aaron Ryan, director of athletic development at 304-876-5527.

Rams add coach to women's basketball staff

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From staff reports

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SHEPHERDSTOWN - Shepherd University head women's basketball coach Melanie Ford announced Thursday that Julie Kaufman has been named assistant coach for the Rams.

Kaufman replaces Antoinette "Toni" West, who resigned to take a similar position with Dominican University of California.

Kaufman comes to Shepherd after spending the last three years as a women's basketball assistant at Hood College.

Kaufman earned her bachelor's degree in physical education from Catawba College in 2005. She gained a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Hood in 2011.

Kaufman was a four-year player at Catawba and was on a pair of conference championship teams.

Prior to coaching at Hood, Kaufman served as an assistant basketball and track and field coach at Southern Guilford, N.C., High School. She also had coaching stints as assistant basketball and track and field coach at Damascus, Md., High School, head junior varsity volleyball coach at Winston Churchill, Md., High School and assistant volleyball coach at Salisbury, N.C., Academy.

RECREATION BASKETBALL

Heat reaches quarterfinals

ORLANDO, Fla. - The West Virginia Heat won its first two games in elimination, bracket play at the AAU Division II national championships at the ESPN Sports Complex and was playing a quarterfinal game late on Thursday night. Results of that game were unavailable at presstime.

The Heat defeated Jacksonville United 58-44 as Aaron Snyder scored 16 points in the first round of elimination play and then added a 77-75 overtime win against the Aiken, S.C., Warriors on Thursday morning in the second round. Rahsaan Shanton scored 25 points and Chris Shields 15.

Ninety teams began play earlier this week.

"We probably had the toughest pool," coach Rich Heffle said.

In a pool-play loss to the Florida Extreme, Jordan Heffle scored 18 points.