Editor’s note: During the course of a week, issues are covered that might not lend themselves to full editorial comment, but they are worthy of The Journal weighing in - pro, con or neutral.

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PRO - Curtain is going up: Mark your calendar. The Contemporary American Theater Festival at Shepherd University has announced the 2012 season, which will take place July 6 to 29.

It’s doubtful enough of us appreciate the opportunity the CATF presents local residents. Dedicated to producing and developing new American theater, the CATF offers a festival of new plays by American playwrights, most often premieres or second or third productions.

This year’s are "Gideon’s Knot," "The Exceptionals," "In a Forest, Dark and Deep," "Captors" and "Barcelona."

See you there.
Two world premieres, new LaBute to head up CATF 2012 festival

February 25, 2012 By Lorraine Treanor Leave a Comment

The Contemporary American Theater Festival, held each year in Shepherdstown, West Virginia is one of the Washington area’s favorite out of town summer festivals. This year’s season, just announced, will feature world premieres by Bess Wohl and Johnna Adams, a new Neil LaBute play about secrets between siblings, a story about an interrogation of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann, and a play by clinical psychologist Bob Clyman about two mothers raising extraordinarily gifted children in a high-stakes competitive atmosphere.

The five plays will run in rotating repertory on the campus of Shepherd University from July 6 to 29, 2012.

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The Princess Grace Award-winning Adams’ play, Gideon’s Knot, is a story of a 5th-grade boy whose inexplicable behavior prompts a mother and a teacher to confront each other and themselves to find an explanation. Wohl’s Barcelona begins with a drunken one-night stand with an American woman and a Spanish stranger becomes a dangerous adventure which ultimately challenges the concept of global borders.

LaBute, the author of Fat Pig and reasons to be pretty, both of which played subsequently at Studio Theatre, brings a new story to the CATF for the second year in a row. His play, In a Forest, Dark and Deep, is about two siblings, one a College President and the other a jobbing carpenter, who are cleaning out the possessions left behind by a tenant in a cabin one of them owns. Among the possessions they discover is an incriminating photo, which unleashes a tsunami of recriminations. In a Forest, Dark and Deep debuted on London’s West End last year; the Guardian’s Michael Billington said, “in this highly entertaining, 100-minute two-hander [LaBute] pulls the rug from under our feet so often that we end up feeling breathless.”

Captive, Evan Wiener’s play about a Mossad Agent who confronts Eichmann, is derived from Peter Malkin’s memoir “Eichmann in My Hands”. Malkin was part of the team which swept Eichmann, who had been in charge of transporting Jews to the death camps in Nazi Germany, off the streets of Buenos Aires and brought him to Israel for trial and eventual execution. The play, which the Boston Globe’s Dan Aucoin called an “uneven but eventually absorbing new drama,” examines the confrontation between the self-justifying Eichmann and the Mossad Agent while they are being smuggled back into Israel.
Clyman’s play, *The Exceptionals*, centers around two very different women who have each borne extraordinarily high-IQ children as part of an experiment in genetic engineering. With the children now in kindergarten (and solving quadratic equations), the experimenters wish to enroll them in a special school which will help them realize their full potential. The Boston Globe’s Terry Byrne said that “[w]hat makes this play ‘exceptional’ is Clyman’s ability to create a fairly humorous setup, and then ratchet up the tension to transform a simple story into a high-stakes drama.”

If you’ve already attended CATF, you know to make arrangements early. Each year, one or two productions sell out as the festival gets ready to open, and interest CATF grows year by year. Last year’s attendance broke all box office records.

You’ll want to stay a night or two to take in the entire festival and the budget-priced hotels in the charming, historic Shepherdstown, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, fill up quickly.

[Click here](#) to view the CATF 2012 festival details, and buy festival passes and individual tickets. If you need help putting your personal package together, box office people are ready to assist you. They can be reached at 304 876-3304.
Book choice vote open until Thursday

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Voting for Shepherd University's 2012-2013 Common Reading/One Book, One Community will be open until Thursday.

This year's five choices include "Frederick Douglass and the Fourth of July" by James A. Colalaco, "Becoming Odysse" by Jennifer Pharr Davis, "Neither Wolf Nor Dog" by Kent Nerburn, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot, and "The Devil's Highway" by Luis Alberto Urrea.

These books are available for check out from the Scarborough Library or can be purchased at the Shepherd University Bookstore.

Planning will begin this summer to create activities and events that expand and illuminate topics in the winning book.

To vote, visit www.shepherd.edu and look for the Common Reading Vote under Hot Topics.
Scarborough Society to visit Spy Museum

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SHEPHERDSTOWN - The Scarborough Society of Shepherd University and the Shepherd Foundation will sponsor a bus tour to the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., on May 17. The bus will depart from Shepherd at 8:15 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m.

Former CIA intelligence officers Jonna and Tony Mendez will guide participants through the museum’s unique exhibits, such as Covers and Legends and School for Spies. The trip also will include a pre-ordered lunch at McCormick and Schmick's restaurant.

The cost of the trip, including lunch, is $80 per person, and the trip is open to the public. Reservations are now being accepted and are needed by May 1. To reserve a seat, please send your check to the Shepherd University Foundation, P.O. Box 5000, Shepherdstown, WV 25443, or contact Phyllis Smock at 304-264-0560.

If you have any questions or would like to pay by credit card, contact Meg Peterson at 304-876-5021 or mpeterso@shepherd.edu.

For more information on the International Spy Museum, visit www.spymuseum.org/visit.
Relay For Life event planned

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Shepherd University is preparing for its 10th annual Relay For Life. This year's event will be held March 30 at the Wellness Center.

This year's theme for Relay For Life is "I Believe ..." to coincide with Shepherd's Common Reading program selection, Jay Allison's "This I Believe."

This year's fundraising goal for the American Cancer Society is $80,000. So far, $6,288 has been raised.

Team captains are meeting each Wednesday leading up to Relay for Life at 4 p.m., with the exception of midterm week and spring break recess, in the Rumsey Gallery in the Student Center.
Dean's List

By Vivian Silvestri Community & Hometown News Editor | Posted: Monday, February 27, 2012 3:15 a.m.

DEANS LIST

BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY: Tyler Matting

BETHANY COLLEGE: Madelyn J. Coffey

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY: Kyle S. Leprevost, Jennifer Fantin, Daniel L. Tesey, Brett Barry, Michael E. Brady, Emil E. Howard

THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY: Ashley Simpson, Alexander Cook, Scott Bouloutian, Keri Hamilton, Michelle Delahanty, Jordan Kardos, Matthew Huston, Lauren Spring, Mary Merwitz, Kaitlyn Dougherty, Maria Ciaralli, Maryia Mastyka, Andrew Kiselica, Claudia Beard, Dana Carducci, Michael Erickson, Nicholas Erickson, Sara Yoskowitz, Derel Moses, Jeremy Hough, Marissa Burgh, Molly Sandberg, Sarah Thornton, Joseph Ruffo, Will Rhodes, Stephanie Semanoff, Keliey Morris

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE: Norah Hannel, Emily Silber

DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE: Melanie Carra, Brian Martin, Regina Luczyszyn, Ryan Schwartz, Jesse Jones, Emily Berg, Tara Gillies, Charles Jester, Richard Sable, Emily Cantlin, Stephen Sheriff, Kristina Aquilone, Erica Traynor, Dylan Fedell, Margaret Mcle, Alexa Cohen, Kristen Harvey, William Parks, Meagan Sambuca, Juilane Stopk Erin Boyer, Sarah Budd, Amanda Ebinger, Andrew Llewellyn, Mary Kate Mullin, Cameron Nottage, Tracy Canoonaco, Christian Prajner, Courtney Egan, William Woodroffe

EASTERN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY: Jonathan Drescher-Lehman, Joel Rittenhouse

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE: Daniel McNamara, Timothy Meinert, Molly Phillips, Melanie Rader, Jordan Weintraub

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY: Leah Kimenhour

HOPE COLLEGE: Stephanie Rankin


LYCOMING COLLEGE: Michael Clotti

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY: Caitlin Johnson, Chelsea Johnson, Patience Bloh, Louvini Gray, Victor Pittman, Kaitlyn Mourer, De’an Grogan, John Conover, James Derr

SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY: Jennifer Vi Prine
Contemporary American Theater Festival Announces 2012 Season
By Bethany Rickwald • Feb 27, 2012 • Washington DC 0 Comments

The Contemporary American Theater Festival at Shepherd University has announced the productions set for its 2012 season, which will run July 6-29.

The festival will kick off with the world premiere of *Gideon's Knot* by Johnna Adams, which explores the emotional and often painful work of elementary school. Ed Herendeen will direct. Bob Clyman's *The Exceptionals*, directed by Tracy Brigden, tells the story of two mothers who are faced with complicated choices surrounding their extraordinarily gifted children. Neil LaBute's new play *In a Forest, Dark and Deep*, which will be directed by Ed Herendeen, examines a sibling rivalry which escalates into a psychological thriller.

Also presented in the festival will be *Captors*, written by Evan M. Wiener and directed by Ed Herendeen, a play about the covert Israeli agents who held war criminal Adolf Eichmann for 10 days in Buenos Aires in 1960. The festival's second world premiere production will be of Bess Wohl's *Barcelona*, a story that aims to tear down the artificial borders of a global world.

For more information and tickets to the Contemporary American Theater Festival, click here.
Parks and rec to kick off season

February 28, 2012
By Matt Armstrong - Journal Staff Writer (marmstrong@journal-news.net), journal-news.net

CHARLES TOWN - The Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Commission is gearing up for its spring and summer programs, and an open house in early March aims to inform local residents about activities offered.

The JCPRC recently released its 2012 spring/summer guide, containing prices, times and other information for its array of programs, and the commission will host its second annual open house on March 10, said JCPRC interim Director Jennifer Myers.

The JCPRC will offer expanded gymnastics classes, hold Saturday morning classes for the first time, host a cheerleading camp led by cheerleaders from Shepherd University, and the commission will offer the opportunity for the youth to come early or stay later around classes and programs to accommodate commuting parents, Myers said.

The additional programs JCPRC is offering ties into its goal to help Jefferson County youth stay active during the summer, Myers said.

"Our biggest goal is to make sure that kids are active. We hate the idea of kids sitting around all summer just watching TV and playing video games," she said. "Our goals are to offer programs that will keep them physically fit and stimulated throughout the summer. A lot of the stuff that we do it's not just fun, there's some educational aspects involved with it."

More than 200 people attended last year's open house, and the JCPRC views the activity as a way to raise awareness of what it offers the community, Myers said in a phone interview Monday.

"Even though we've been (in the Jefferson County Community Center) going on six years, we still have a lot of people in the community who say they have no idea we're out here and what we have to offer," she said. "Last year was a huge success. ... We just thought it would be a nice annual event for the community to get people out here."

The commission offered discounted prices on its spring and summer programs at last year's open house and saw an increased number of participants, and there will be discounts at this year's open house as well, Myers added.

As for spring and summer programs, the JCPRC is planning to offer more than 300 activities, classes and other events for various age groups.

"The busiest months that we probably have come out here is in that
youth age group, probably ages 6 to 12. Preschool is probably a close second," Myers said. "We're still working on trying to offer more programming for young adults, adults and seniors. Every year we try to offer a few new things for those categories to give them some recreational options as well."

The JCPRC's second annual open house is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 10 at the Jefferson County Community Center, located at 235 Sam Michael's Lane, Shenandoah Junction. Copies of the 2012 spring/summer guide are available at the community center and at the county's schools.

Additional information is available by contacting the JCPRC at 304-728-3207 or online at www.jcprc.org.

- Staff writer Matt Armstrong can be reached at 304-725-6581, or marmstrong@journal-news.net

IF YOU GO

What: Jefferson County Perks and Recreation open house

When: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 10

Where: Jefferson County Community Center, 235 Sam Michael's Lane, Shenandoah Junction
Shepherdstown resident to discuss book

February 28, 2012

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Allen is a graduate of Tulane University. He currently serves on the board of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, as chair of the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission and is a member of the Vernacular Architecture Forum and the Society of Architectural Historians.

This commemorative event is the first of several scheduled throughout the year to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of Shepherdstown. To learn more about the Shepherdstown 250th Anniversary Celebration, visit www.shepherdstown250.com.

For more information about the lecture series or the Scarborough Society, contact the Shepherd University Foundation at 304-876-5397, or visit www.shepherd.edu/fndtnweb/scarborough-society.
Shepherd students to showcase work

SHEPERDSTOWN - Shepherd University senior graphic design students are holding their Free Candy: Uber sweet design show at the Shepherdstown Community Club, located at 102 E. German St., Shepherdstown, from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Thirteen seniors will display their work, including Katlynn Almansor, Jen Basel, Caitlin Beans, Ashley Bryant, Sam Cocceano, Raymond De Los Santos, Mike Jandora, Megan Lewis, Clay McFarren, Domenica Queen, Justin Queen, Dan Jae Smith and Kelsy Stone.

More information is available by contacting Domenica Queen at Domenica2Queen@gmail.com or 304-932-6376.
AHA! exhibit being held locally

CHARLES TOWN - The current exhibit at the AHA! Fire Hall Gallery puts the spotlight on the theme of conservation. Artworks created by Shepherd University graphic design, photography and studio art majors provide a provocative and exciting visual experience.

The students were enrolled in Visual Thinking Skills 1, a freshman course where students begin to understand the nature of contemporary art. They learn how concepts and ideas are conveyed through the language of visual information.

The exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m and will end today.

For more information about AHA, visit www.ahajc.org.
On A Mission

Shepherd students look to spend spring break in Haiti

March 1, 2012
By Samantha Crook - Journal staff writer (scoonk@journal-news.net), journal-news.net

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Just as most college students leave school during spring break, one group of Shepherd University students will be doing the same - except those students will be spending their recess in Haiti on a mission.

Between March 10-16, 10 members from the student organization Common Ground and two adult advisers from Covenant Church in Shepherdstown will travel to Haiti on a mission trip arranged through Praying Pelicans Missions.

"I'm really nervous but I'm excited," said sophomore Ali Snurr. "I've been praying for an opportunity to step outside of my comfort zone and do something a little bit more out of the ordinary. I'm looking forward to seeing how God can use me and what I can do while I'm down there."

The group will be helping a school and local community in Les Cayes, and for one day it will work with kids in an orphanage in Port-au-Prince. At the school, the groups will lead Bible school programs in the morning with crafts and activities. Students also will provide sports and movie ministries to Les Cayes community members.

The Common Ground group will assist in building a house for a local woman who is living with her six children in a 100-square-foot house.

"We've asked each student to raise $1,400 for the trip that covers airfare, food and transportation costs while there and a little bit for the ministry. We're hoping to raise additional ministry money, around $2,000 for the house we're helping to build," said Kyler Berr, student and youth director at Covenant Church.

Fundraising efforts included a Five Guys spirit night, where the restaurant donated 15 percent of all receipts collected toward covering building materials and trip costs. The group also has participated in numerous clothing and school supply drives.

"That's the No. 1 need. Praying Pelican Missions connected with local pastors and principals, and the No. 1 need they hear back is school supplies," Barr said.

Depending on their concentration of study, some students will be able to do additional work to receive course credit with Shepherd University.

Shepherd University sophomore Kelly Lyons said she has never been out of the county and is looking forward to traveling and being able to make a difference.
“There's a lot more need than we're going to be able to fill there, but at least we get a chance to go and do something and be a part of doing something for God,” she said.

In addition to Snurr and Lyons, Shepherd University students going on the trip include Dirk Markley, Anthony DeMartino, Steve Stupar, Tyler Kessler, Kathleen Stickel, Brandi Heslop, Kendra Miller and Emily Ferrigno. Barr and his wife, Heather, are accompanying the students as advisers.
Jazz taking center stage at festival

March 1, 2012
By Rachel Molenda - Special to The Journal, Journal-news.net

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Both students and lovers of music can expect to experience "the best Big Band concert you've ever heard" at the Eastern Regional Jazz Festival Saturday, said Kurtis Adams, director of Jazz Studies at Shepherd University.

The festival will provide approximately 500 students the chance to perform and compete as West Virginia Honor Jazz finalists at the regional level, explained J.P. Lynch, the festival chairman and band director at Jefferson High School.

Ensembles that are rated high enough will have a recording of their performance submitted to the state festival. Though there are no tangible rewards at the festival, students performing will learn from their ratings, "hopefully improve and have a good time," Adams said.

"Listeners will hear everything from Big Band-era music, Latin, funk and swing," Lynch said.

Big Band drummer Gary Hobbs is this year's special guest artist. Hobbs has played professionally for over 30 years, according to a press release for the event, which included a stint with the Stan Kenton Orchestra in the mid-1970s.

Hobbs is also the drum faculty member at the University of Oregon, which Adams cited as "part of the reason we wanted to bring him here."

Hobbs will conduct a drum clinic, titled "How Drums Rule the Universe," during the afternoon of the festival. This will focus on "how much influence (drummers) have over the bands they play in," Adams said.

The festival will culminate in a concert featuring the Shepherd University Jazz Ensemble, made up of Shepherd undergraduate students, and the Faculty Jazz Quartet. Hobbs will be featured as the special guest artist for both groups.

The Eastern Regional Jazz Festival will take place in the Frank Center at Shepherd University on Saturday March 3. Student performances will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hobbs' drum clinic will begin at 1 p.m. Both activities are free and open to the public.

The evening concert takes place at 8 p.m. that same evening. General admission tickets are $22 in advance and $27 at the door; $22 for seniors, faculty and staff; and $15 for students 18 and younger. For tickets and more information, call 304-876-5765 or visit www.sufom.org.
Shepherd University hosting 3rd annual Book Fest

March 1, 2012
By Angela Cummings - Special to The Journal, journal-news.net

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Saturday Shepherd University will host the 3rd annual Common Ground International Book Fest at the Shepherd University Wellness Center.

Pamela Ellis, founder and president of Harambee Conference, LLC and president of Books Motivate, Inc., said this year’s book festival is a "legacy of love" and free to the community.

"It's a celebration of ideas," she added.

Ellis said the festival's mission is to make a positive difference in the community by enhancing learning, literacy and encouraging economic empowerment for young people.

At the book festival, participants will have the opportunity to listen to and interact with award winning authors from various genres of literature and musicians.

"We have a lot of authors and speakers in attendance," Ellis said.

Prior to the general book festival commencement, there will be a Harriet Tubman re-enactment at 7:30 a.m. in the Cumberland Room in the Student Center at Shepherd. The re-enactment will be a performance by Voices From the Earth and will include a breakfast for guests. Entrance to the re-enactment/breakfast is $10 for students and $20 for adults.

At 9 a.m., the festival will begin at the Shepherd University Wellness Center with a walking event. Ellis said the community is invited to walk around the indoor track before kicking off the event at 10 a.m.

At 10 a.m., Ellis will welcome everyone in attendance and introduce the Shepherdstown Middle School Choir and Drummers to perform.

"There will be approximately 40 students participating and we're really excited about them (the SMS performers)," said Ellis with great anticipation.

Earlier this month, Books Motivate Foundation conducted an essay competition for all public school students in the Eastern Panhandle. Winners of the competition will be announced and award scholarships for their entries.

"Books Motivate, (a major sponsor of the event), came out of the knowledge that so many students can't afford to purchase books. Many don't even have their own computers," Ellis said. "Our mission is to raise funds to help students purchase books. And with the scholarships awarded, the students will be able to purchase books at the festival."
The first speaker of the day will be Darryl S. Dudley, a media consultant from Washington, D.C. Dudley will conduct a presentation on media (music, cultural styles, etc.) and how it relates to youth development.

Several other guest speakers listed to attend are Chuck Stump, Adrienne Morgan, Cathy Jones, Melanie Bonita, Kevin Wayne Johnson and Quiniece Sheppard.

Also included in the day-long event will be various musical performances as well as authors of fiction and non-fiction and authors from Christian Authors on Tour, a group of approximately nine Christian book authors who are currently on a national book tour.

The featured guest speaker for the event is Professor Patricia H. Lee, a faculty member of West Virginia University’s College of Law, who directs the Entrepreneurship Law Clinic. Lee will speak at 1 p.m. on the importance of small business entrepreneurship. Ellis believes there is much opportunity for success as an entrepreneur, no matter what area of business one might be interested in.

“We want to raise awareness that we need to enhance the quality of life for area students and their families. The message we’re giving is that our young people can be entrepreneurs too - this gives us a framework for successful living.”

“We’re billing this as a ‘Legacy of Love’ event,” Ellis added. “A sense of love is what we really care about - coming for a common good - where people who come from different areas practice the same philosophy and share a common ground.”

Ellis said this event is for the entire community and everyone is invited. As well as children’s authors, they will also have the Chick-fil-A cow, a coloring contest station and a moon bounce activity center.

For a full schedule and additional information, visit www.harambeeconference.com or call 888-224-4798.
Program set to honor history

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Shepherdstown Chronicle

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The Scarborough Society is a friends of the library organization established in 2002 by the Shepherd University Foundation. Its annual membership dues help support library acquisitions, technology and programs. Membership is open to all interested supporters of the Scarborough Library. For more information about the lecture series or the Scarborough Society, contact the Shepherd University Foundation at 304-876-5397, or visit www.shepherd.edu/findtnweb/scarborough_society/.
Scott Anderson selected for Cook Smart program

March 2, 2012
Shepherdstown Chronicle

Scott Anderson, associate director and chef for Shepherd University's Dining Services, is helping improve food quality and nutrition at schools in Smithsburg, Md., as part of Cook Smart, a new initiative.

The Restaurant Association of Maryland Education Foundation, partnering with the Maryland State Department of Education, is piloting the Cook Smart initiative in four counties in Maryland.

Anderson, who is a member of the local American Culinary Federation, was selected as the chef to work with schools in Washington County. He will work with K-12 schools in Smithsburg, Md., and help develop 15-20 new recipes and hold a six-day boot camp this summer to go over knife skills and other kitchen skills with cooks in Smithsburg, utilizing what they have in their kitchens in order to bring them up to the skill level to cook from scratch.

"It's a get-back-to-basics program, relying more on scratch cooking, preparing something from a raw or semi-raw state," Anderson said. "A lot of times, it's not coming up with recipes but reinventing old recipes that didn't work."

Anderson said part of that will be making dishes with less fat and sodium and more flavor.

The program, funded through a federal grant, will be implemented across the country. Recipes developed by chefs over the course of the next year will be part of the national Cook Smart program and used by other schools.

Anderson said that he wants to encourage eating more fresh food instead of processed food. Anderson writes about healthy eating on his blog and is working with the dietician at Shepherd to help change the way people look at food.

"People are starting to eat more processed food than fresh food. I'm trying to get away from that," Anderson said. "If we can get kids away from processed food when they're in junior high, high school and college, we can help change their eating habits."

Anderson, who began as a part-time catering employee at Shepherd in 1991, serves as a chef consultant for Phillip's Food, Baltimore, and chef ambassador to Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board. He hosts a biweekly cooking program "Culinary Passion" on WHAG TV, Hagerstown, Md., and is the information officer for the National Association of College and University Food Systems, Mid-Atlantic region. Anderson also helps young mothers from Harvest Pointe Church in Charles Town through a group called Young Lives to
effectively shop for food and prepare meals.

Anderson’s partnership will run from June 2012 to June 2013. He is in the process of introducing himself to the schools and getting to know the cooks.

“I’m not there to fix their problems; I’m there to help make things a little better,” Anderson said. “I’m not there to tell them what they are doing is wrong. I’m going to show them there is a healthier way to do what they’re doing.”
Shepherd’s Hively accepted to HERS Institute

March 2, 2012
Shepherdstown Chronicle

Dr. Dorothy Hively, assistant professor of education, special assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, and director of assessment and accountability at Shepherd University, was accepted to attend the 40th annual HERS (Higher Education Resource Services) Institute this summer at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania.

HERS, an educational nonprofit, provides leadership and management development for women in higher education administration around the world. Since 1972 HERS has served the higher education community, preparing more than 4,300 women faculty and administrators for leadership roles. HERS has active alumnae on more than 1,200 private and public campuses and more than 500 HERS alumnae serve in senior-level positions.

Hively came to Shepherd in 2005. She received a bachelor of science degree from the State University of New York, Old Westbury; a master of science degree from Adelphi University; and an Ed.D. from Teachers College, Columbia University. This spring she will complete her master’s in college student development and administration at Shepherd.

"During the seven years that Dr. Hively has been associated with Shepherd, she has distinguished herself as a faculty member and an administrator," said Shepherd University President Suzanne Shipley. "The management techniques that she will learn at HERS will benefit Shepherd and enhance her considerable leadership skills."

"I am grateful to President Shipley and Vice President Helldobler for sponsoring my nomination," Hively said. "It is reflective of the strategic plan to invest in faculty and staff.

Hively said that attending the HERS Institute in June will give her the opportunity to learn from other distinguished women faculty and administrators in higher education.

"I’m very excited for the chance to meet outstanding women leaders and learn from them and to have the opportunity to bring back exciting information to campus and continue to serve Shepherd," Hively said.

This year's theme is Women Leaders of Today: Accepting the Challenge of Re-Inventing Higher Education. Curricular themes include planning and leading change in the academy, managing and investing strategic resources, engaging individual and institutional diversity, and understanding the environment for higher education.

Shepherd alumnae of the HERS Institute include Dr. Ann Legreid, professor of geography and dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences, and Dr. Virginia Hicks, professor of health and physical education and dean of the School of Education and Professional Studies. Both attended the institute in 2005.
Orchestra welcomes
Czarkowski

March 2, 2012
Shepherdstown Chronicle

The Friends of Music announced Two Rivers Chamber Orchestra first concert of 2012 will be led by Guest Conductor Steven Czarkowski.

Czarkowski will take the podium on Saturday, Mar. 10, at the Frank Center of Shepherd University. The concert is sponsored by Helen and Ed Moore of Shepherdstown. The curtain goes up at 8 p.m.

Czarkowski, a teacher at Shepherd University and the long time principle cellist of the Two Rivers Chamber Orchestra, is the conductor of the Apollo Chamber Orchestra in Maryland, assistant conductor of the Opera Camerata of Washington, D.C., cover conductor of the Norwalk Symphony (Conn.) and guest conductor of the Frederick Md. all-county orchestra.

On March 10, Czarkowski will present John Adams: The Chairman Dnces, John Adams: Tromba Lontana; and Dvorak: Symphony no. 8 and George Gershwin's incomparable Rhapsody in Blue with piano soloist Dr. Scott Beard.

The Two Rivers Chamber Orchestra, the Eastern Panhandle's professional chamber orchestra, has received wide critical acclaim since its founding by Friends of Music (FOM) in 2007. Dr. Mark McCoy, former chairman of the Shepherd Department of Music, was the orchestra conductor since its founding. McCoy, now the Dean of the School of Music at DePauw University, passed his baton to three guest conductors. The FOM selection committee of members of the orchestra and board led a national search last year and from the many applicants chose Tara Simonic of Harrisburg, Pa., who conducted the orchestra in September, 2011; Dr. Jed Gaylin of Baltimore, scheduled for September 2012 and Stephen Czarkowski of Rockville.

The public is cordially invited to "Lunch with Friends" at the Bavarian Inn, Shepherdstown on Friday, Mar. 9. This event is hosted by the Friends Guild and special guest is Czarkowski who will be giving a preview of his program. Lunch with Friends is open to the public but reservations are required and can be made by calling Betty Lou Bryant at 304-876-3897. For concert ticket information, and to learn more about the Friends of Music, please call 304.876.5765 or visit www.sufom.org.
Festival announces plays for season

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By Kelly Cambrel - Chronicle Staff, Shepherdstown Chronicle

The Contemporary American Theater Festival (CATF) announced a new season of plays to a full house at its season preview event last Thursday evening.

The event, which took place at the Shepherdstown Opera House, included a free film screening of the movie "Ides of March," based on the former CATF production, "Farragut North."

Producing Director Ed Herendeen ushered in the 22nd season of CATF by once again praising Shepherdstown's creative atmosphere and the community's support of contemporary theater.

"This community has embraced stories for the last 250 years," he said.

Herendeen said that Shepherdstown's unique artistic culture has made it the perfect place to CATF's mission.

"Place matters," he said. "People want to be around where art is made," he went on say.

This season of the CATF will feature the world premiere of "Gideon's Knot" by Johanna Adams, "The Exceptionals" by Bob Clyman, "In a Forest, Dark and Deep" by Neil LaBute, "Captors" by Evan M. Weiner and "Barcelona" by Bess Wohl.

Herendeen, along with CATF Associate Producing Director Peggy McKowen, discussed new programming being offered this upcoming season as a part of the CATF's mission to stay innovative and engaged.

Some of the programs include, "Hostel Youth" an educational camp for children designed to, "fill a niche that has been untouched in this country" and introduce kids to contemporary theater early.

Others programs will include a "Breakfast with Ed" series, "Lunch and Art," late night "Salons," on Saturday nights at the Bavarian Inn, "Theater 411," a masterworks class for actors and returning programming such as "Humanities at the Festival."

McKowen explained that she hopes the courses encourage the public to participate in and discuss contemporary theater, art and culture.

"We like to create dialog," she said.

The event was broadcast live on the Shepherd University radio station WHSC and also featured a scene reading of a scene from "Farragut North" prior to the film screening. The season is set to begin July 6 and last through July 29.

The online box office for CATF 2012 is open and can be found by visiting their homepage at catf.org or by calling 1-800-999-CATF. For general information contact Managing Director James McNeel at info@catf.org.
SU planning jazz festival featuring drummer

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The Eastern Regional Jazz Festival Concert, sponsored by the Friends of Music, will feature the Shepherd University Jazz Ensemble and special guest artist, drummer Gary Hobbs, Saturday, Mar. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Frank Center. The concert will feature a range of tunes from Thad Jones, Bill Holman, Hank Levy, Paul McKee and Maria Schneider.

Hobbs will conduct a clinic, “How Drums Rule the Universe,” at 1 p.m. on Mar. 3 in the Horton Walker Shipley Recital Hall. The clinic is free and open to the public. Throughout Saturday, the West Virginia Eastern Regional Jazz Festival will feature middle and high schools from throughout the region from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Frank Center.

Hobbs has played professionally for more than three decades and appears on 60 recordings. He played with the Stan Kenton Orchestra from 1975 through 1977 and has played with Randy Brecker, Ken Peplowski, Pete Christlieb, Greta Matassa, Anita O’Day, Suzanna McKorkle, Dan Siegel, Glen Moore, the New York Voices, Eddie Harris and many others. Hobbs teaches at the University of Oregon and travels the U.S., conducting clinics, concerts, and jazz camps with the help of Bosphorus Cymbal Company and Yamaha Drum Company.

The Jazz Program at Shepherd University includes Dr. Kurtis Adams, David Marsh, Cam Millar, Ronnie Shaw and Dr. Mark Cook. Each year the ensembles work with a major jazz performer in clinics and concerts. The group has worked with Kenney Werner, Bill Watrous, Paquito D’Rivera, Alan Vizzutti, Ingrid Jensen, Claudio Roditi, Tim Hagans, Hal Gaiper, Juanita Williams, Chris Vadala and John Fedchock.

The Shepherd University Jazz Ensemble has performed throughout the East Coast and in Europe and is in great demand as a feature band in jazz festivals around the globe. Invited to the world-renowned Montreux Jazz festival in 2003, the Jazz Ensemble played throughout Switzerland and Italy on a nine-day concert tour. In 1999, the band took its Ellington Tour to England and France. In the United States they have been featured at the Longwood, the Blue Ridge, and the East Coast jazz festivals, as well as regional festivals throughout Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey.

General admission tickets for the Eastern Regional Jazz Festival Concert are $22 in advance and $27 at the door; $22 for seniors, faculty and staff; and $15 for students 18 and under.

For tickets and more information, call 304-876-5765 or visit www.sufom.org.