County residents receive degrees from Shepherd

August 5, 2011

Schools

Six hundred and fifty six students received degrees during Shepherd University’s 138th Commencement on May 14.

Jim Lehrer, executive editor and anchor of the PBS Newshour, delivered the commencement address. Lehrer was also awarded an honorary doctorate.

Receiving degrees were:

Berkeley Springs — Philip Grandie Bailey, Jessica Marie Detrick, Joseph Henry Gilroy, Jennifer Kay Hoback, Ashley Blair Honeycutt, N. Leigh Jenkins, Ashley D. Jones, Eric James Moore, Cynthia Frances Stoker, Jacob Ray Waugh, Caitlin Clark Michael, Robert Lee Dugan III and Ryan Martin Yoo.

Grafton — Edward Raymond Cope III.

Paw Paw — Darwin Joseph Friedman.
Shepherd leaders visit White House

University to work as part of Community Service outreach

August 6, 2011

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Suzanne Shipley, president of Shepherd University; Tim Soper, vice president of student affairs; and Holly Free, director of community service and service learning, visited the White House Wednesday as part of the President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge.

The President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge is an initiative inviting institutions of higher education to commit to a year of interfaith and community service programming on their campuses. The program is designed to gather diverse campus groups to work together to implement a specific yearlong service project in their communities.

Shepherd University will be working with United Way of the Eastern Panhandle and the Burke Street Promise Neighborhood Initiative, a grassroots group of concerned and committed citizens, to create a promise neighborhood in a designated 40-square-block area of Martinsburg that has been identified as low-income.

During the yearlong project, Shepherd students will serve as volunteers for many programs and events undertaken by the Burke Street Promise Neighborhood, and will host a block party for residents. Provide workshops on inexpensive, healthy food options, host after school activities, tutor at-risk youth, help families develop a budget, and assist with neighborhood beautification projects.

"Our goal for this initiative is to provide personal experiences for our students as they discuss and debate about spirituality, faith, belief and non-belief with the intention that when they leave our campus, community, they will be prepared to embrace a pluralist society where our differences can be our strengths," Free said.

Shipley said that the challenge allows Shepherd to highlight one of its most effective student leadership development efforts, the role of community service projects that create in students a lifelong dedication to community involvement.

"The President’s Interfaith and Community Service Challenge is a great opportunity to engage students in service to others, while introducing parallel investigations into how belief shapes action," Shipley said.

According to Free, Shepherd’s initiative will include administering an Interfaith Youth Core student survey to measure four areas of campus life as it relates to students’ attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and overall campus climate: creation of an Interfaith Council including students, faculty and staff; and creation of a speaker series to discuss further interfaith dialog.

"The President’s Interfaith and Community Service Challenge has given us pause to reflect on this tendency to shy away from religious
During the programming, Tim Snaider commented, "The challenge has presented our campus with an opportunity to give our students permission, both literally and figuratively, to explore how faith and spirituality intersect with community service."

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By David A. Fahrenthold, Published: August 8

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Shepherd professor honored with national award

August 10, 2011

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Dr. Carol Plautz, assistant professor of biology at Shepherd University, was recognized by the Council on Undergraduate Research with an Outstanding Mentoring Award.

This first-time national award is given to three professors - assistant, associate and full - and includes a $200 cash prize. Applicants are asked to submit recommendation letters from a colleague and student as well as from themselves.

Plautz, who began teaching at Shepherd in the fall of 2008, said that her favorite thing about teaching at Shepherd is mentoring students.

"If they see research differently and do something fun, I've done my job," Plautz said.

This fall, three of the students Plautz has mentored will enter Ph.D. programs around the country.

"It's really exciting," Plautz said. "It's starting to feel like I've got students going on to big things."

In addition to mentoring students in research, Plautz and Dr. Peter Villa, assistant professor of environmental and physical sciences, host a graduate school information session each fall. The panel discussion features alumni and scientists and allows students to learn about how to apply for graduate school and what to consider when applying, as well as to ask questions.

Dr. Colleen Nolan, dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, said that the award recognizes a deserving faculty member.

"While she has only been at Shepherd since 2008, Dr. Plautz has served as a research mentor for nine different undergraduate students working on projects exploring different aspects of development, biology or how environmental contaminants impact reproduction, development and learning, and memory," Nolan said.

"Carol truly cares about helping her students gain the knowledge and skills they will need in their future careers and helping ensure that the next generation of scientists are well-prepared."
Rude Mechanicals announce auditions

6:19 PM EDT, August 10, 2011

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va.

The Shepherd University Rude Mechanicals Medieval and Renaissance Players will hold auditions for Shakespeare’s “Macbeth” from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, and Thursday, Aug. 25, in Reynolds Hall. Actors (for major and minor roles), dancers, musicians and costume and set designers are needed. Shepherd students will earn three credits. Community members 16 and older are encouraged to audition.

For more information, contact Betty Ellzey at 304-876-5208 or bellzey@shepherd.edu.
Community Work Day at Morgan’s Grove Park

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Shepherdstown: For Immediate release: The Shepherdstown Men’s Club (SMC) will be conducting a community work day at Morgan’s Grove Park from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17. A lunch will be provided for the volunteers SMC President Mike Austin stated that: “We are looking for volunteers from the community who know and love the park. It is this kind of loyal involvement and support that has made it possible for us to preserve such a historic treasure in the heart of the Eastern Panhandle. We already have a number of volunteers coming from Shepherd University and the local Job Corps in Harpers Ferry as well as the Men’s Club, but we hope that others in the community will be willing to lend a hand.”

Many local residents identify the park with the active soccer programs that it supports, however Morgan’s Grove offers many other recreational facilities including a well used exercise trail, children’s play equipment, as well as a baseball diamond and volleyball court. A covered pavilion and cooking and restroom facilities are also heavily used.

Austin added that: “We know that it is important for volunteers to be able to see tangible results from their efforts. So for this work day, our objective will be to dismantle a small gazebo that is no longer serviceable and to remove bushes and small trees that are encroaching on the baseball diamond backstop. At the end of the day our volunteers will clearly be able to see where they have made a positive difference. There are many other well defined projects if we get a good turnout of volunteers.”

For additional information contact Mike Austin at (304) 876-0598 or michael.austin@frontiernet.net.
SFS announces fall lineup

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The Shepherdstown Film Society is pleased to announce its fall 2011 series.

This season continues the partnership with the Scarborough Society of Shepherd University. This partnership gives the Shepherdstown Film Society the financial support it needs to maintain its commitment to show free films for Shepherd students and faculty as well as the Shepherdstown community.

Five films will be presented, starting on Sept. 2 and running through Nov. 18. Four films set in four countries comprise the fall theme "Around the World in Four Films." The fifth film complements the Shepherd University Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence program.

Except for Monday, Sept. 26, all films will be shown on Fridays. All showings are at 7 p.m. in Shepherd's Reynolds Hall. As with all the society's films, admission will be free and each showing will be followed by a discussion. An opening night reception at The Men's Club will kick off the series from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2.

Sept. 2: "My Life as a Dog"

Sept. 16: "Disgrace"

Sept. 26: "Appalachia: A History of Mountains and People, Part Four: Power and Place"

Oct. 28: "Departures"

Nov. 18: "Rabbit-Proof Fence"

More information on each film can be found on the society's website at www.shepherdstownfilmsociety.org.
Some progress on single-member districts

Delegate John Doyle

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The legislature completed redistricting the State Senate, the House of Delegates and West Virginia’s three seats in the U.S. House of Representatives late Friday, Aug. 5.

The House spent much time debating the question of single member districts. As regular readers of this column know, I strongly support this idea. While we made some progress, I don’t think we made anywhere near enough.

Anticipating that the plan adopted by the House Redistricting Committee would not move us very far toward single member districts, I had prepared an amendment that would have created 80 single member districts and 10 two-seat districts. Delegate Tiffany Lawrence told me she would support it, but I chose not to offer the plan because it clearly did not have the votes.

Currently (the new districts take effect for the 2012 election) the easternmost 14 delegate districts in our state are all single member. But only 36 of the 100 members of the House of Delegates represent single-member districts. The rest are all elected in districts of various sizes from two to seven members (except there is no six member district). There are 58 total districts.

The new plan increases the number of single member districts to 47. There will be 67 total districts. The most controversial change was the breakup of the one seven-member district into a four-member and a three.

The original plan drafted by the Redistricting Committee kept the seven-seat district together. This is the most number of members of a state legislative body elected together in a district in the entire nation other than in New Hampshire. That state has a thirteen-member district in its State House of Representatives.

Keeping the seven-member district together was very unpopular among the membership of the House of Delegates. Support for the concept of single-member districts has been growing among members of the House, although I think that support still falls slightly short of a majority. But most supporters of multi-member districts don’t think they should be any larger than three members.

As soon as the Redistricting Committee’s bill hit the floor of the House Tuesday afternoon a movement began to break up the seven-member district. It is located in Kanawha County, the state’s largest county and home of the capital city of Charleston.

This change was adamantly opposed by some, but not all, of the incumbents in that district. Currently there are six Democrats and one Republican representing it. One of those Democrats, Doug Skaff, joined with the lone Republican to propose a four-way split (a three-seat, a two-seat and two singles, called the “3-2-1-1” plan). Four Democrats were strongly opposed and the sixth Democrat, Mark Hunt, was on the fence. This led to 72 hours of some of the best drama I’ve experienced in my 20-plus years as a member of the House of Delegates.

Each of the two opposing groups of Kanawhaans began to lobby their fellow members to support their side in the fight. The Democratic leadership of the House opposed the change, which is to be expected. It is customary and I think proper for the leadership to support the work of its committees. Normally the leadership prevails, but not
About a half-dozen very bright freshmen and sophomore Democrats (including Delegate Lawrence) rallied to Skaff's side. Another half-dozen grizzled veteran Democrats (including me) immediately joined them. Within hours we knew we had at least 31 of the 35 Republicans with us. We were only a few votes short on Tuesday night.

The next day more Democrats began to join us (giving us, we believed, the 51 votes necessary to win a floor fight). By afternoon Minority Leader Tim Armstead (who also represents Kanawha County but is in a different district than the seven-member one) assured Skaff that all 35 members of his caucus were solidly on board.

It's a rule of thumb in the House that in order to be assured of winning a fight on the floor you need to go into it knowing you have at least 55 votes. A last-minute event (like a particularly powerful speech by someone on the other side) might change the equation. We now knew we had those 55 votes.

The leadership asked Skaff if he would be willing to compromise. He said he would. He and Eric Nelson (his Republican ally in the seven-member district) suggested a "3-3-1" (two three-seat districts and a single). That proposal brought Hunt on board.

But the four other Democrats were adamant that the seven-seat district be kept intact. The assistant Democratic "whips" (vote counters) reported to the leadership that we now had close to 60 votes. By Thursday night everybody presumed we'd have a vote on Friday and the "3-3-1" plan would win big.

Speaker Rick Thompson and his leadership team finally convinced the four recalcitrants that the proverbial handwriting was on the wall. The leadership suggested a "4-3" compromise (a four-seat district and a three-seat one).

Delegate Skaff could easily have said no and beaten the leadership and the reluctants on the floor. But he demonstrated I think superior leadership skills by accepting the "4-3." It accomplished his purpose, which was to break up the seven-seat district.
Building revamp a wonderful undertaking

I was pleased to read the great news that one of the last original Shepherdstown houses will be saved from decay and will be restored. A number of townsfolk have wished for years for this news.

Gratitude goes to Dr. Suzanne Shipley and Dr. Keith Alexander of Shepherd University and Mr. John Allen and Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Lowe of the community for their respective expertise in securing the funds.

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SU unveils 480 underpass plans

Kelly Cambrel / Chronicle Staff

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A meeting was held last Wednesday evening, Aug. 3 at Shepherd University to discuss plans for the proposed pedestrian underpass to be constructed between the East and West campuses, under Route 480.

Meeting attendees included residents of the local community as well as some Shepherd University students, faculty members, Shepherdstown Mayor Jim Auxer, representatives from the West Virginia Department of Highways and Shepherd President Suzanne Shipley.

Richard Klein, CEO of Alpha Associates, the company tasked with the planning and design of the underpass, gave a presentation detailing its look and dimensions.

The underpass will be located approximately 25 yards northeast of the current crosswalk.

The project itself will entail the elevation of the roadway both along Route 480 and at the end of Shepherd Grade Road.

Both roads will be lifted to create an underpass underneath.

Klein discussed the timeline for construction and provided logistics for traffic detours that will go into effect during the three-month construction period, scheduled to take place May through July 2012.

He explained that the detours are "to avoid traffic back up."

The proposal will call for the construction of a temporary roadway through Shepherd’s West Campus. This roadway is designed to reroute traffic entering and exiting Shepherd Grade Road around the site of the underpass.
Traffic moving along Route 480 from Maryland will be rerouted through the Bavarian Inn, exit to Shepherd Grade and then travel along to the temporary roadway.

Meeting attendees last week were invited to ask questions regarding project specifics and its impact.

In an interview this week, Shelli Dronsfield, assistant to university President Shipley, described the project as an effort to increase safety, calling it "paramount."

"We want to provide unimpeded travel for vehicular traffic and pedestrian traffic," she said.

Dronsfield cited the increase in pedestrian usage of the crosswalk in recent years, corresponding the expansion of West Campus. She described the project as "part of the growing pains."

The project, which is estimated to cost $4 million, will be funded in part by a $400,000 federal appropriation secured by U.S. Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito (R-West Virginia). The remaining cost will be covered by the university's capital projects budget, though the university continues to pursue additional avenues for possible funding.

Dronsfield said the project is on track for its projected timeline, though she conceded that last Wednesday's meeting left a lot of concerns to be addressed.

Rick Stasloff, acting vice president of Administration and Finance for the University, moderated the event and fielded questions.

Residents raised concerns about whether the underpass would be properly utilized by students, who are known to cross campus in multiple locations, including the intersection at North Duke and High streets.

"We want people to cross there and cross safely," Stasloff said.

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This fall, three of the students Plautz has mentored will enter Ph.D. programs around the country.

In addition to mentoring students in research, Plautz and Peter Vila, assistant professor of environmental and physical sciences, host a graduate school information session each fall.

The panel discussion features alumni and scientists and allows students to learn about how to apply for graduate school and what to consider when applying and to ask questions.

Colleen Nolan, dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, said that the award recognizes a deserving faculty member.
Shepherd to Restore Historic House

By MIKE RUBEN
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Shepherd University recently received a $34,419 grant from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History to restore and renovate the Enter-Weizheimer House, otherwise known as the Yellow House, located on High Street adjacent to Snyder Hall and the Byrd Science Center.

The grant will be matched from Shepherd’s capital budget for a total of $68,838, which will be used to replace the roof, repair the foundation and remove the modern dormer over the front door.

Shepherd has owned the former residence, which was built in the late 18th century, since 1926. Since then, it has been used as a sorority house and a domestic science classroom and is currently used for storage.

The structure is one of the oldest in Shepherdstown, dating as far back as the 1790s. It is believed to be the oldest log cabin built in Shepherdstown and occupies a site where Fort Shepherd once stood during the French and Indian War and was a part of the first mixed-race community in Shepherdstown.

"It’s important because of the age of the structure and what it represents," said Valerie Owens, executive director of communications at Shepherd.

“We have a very active historic preservation course of study on campus.”

Photo courtesy of Shepherd University

This structure, known as the Yellow House, is among the oldest in Shepherdstown. Located on the campus of Shepherd University, it is being renovated this year through a grant from the Division of Culture and History.

Dan Yanna, director of facilities management, and Dr. Keith Alexander, coordinator of the Historic Preservation Program, will serve as project directors.

“We have the resources through the grant and through the expertise of Dr. Alexander,” Owens said.

Alexander said that one possible vision for the house is for it to be used as a living laboratory for historic preservation students to work on and to give tours of the residence.

The renovation should be complete before winter, according to Owens.
Shepherd pedestrian underpass discussed

August 12, 2011
By Kelly Cambrel, Ogden Newspapers, journal-news.net

SHEPHERDSTOWN - A meeting was held Aug. 3 at Shepherd University to discuss plans for the proposed pedestrian underpass to be constructed between the East and West campuses, across W.Va. 480.

Meeting attendees included residents of the local community, as well as some Shepherd University students, faculty members, Shepherdstown Mayor Jim Auxer, representatives from the West Virginia Division of Highways and Shepherd President Dr. Sutanne Shipley.

Richard Klein, CEO of Alpha Associates, the company tasked with the planning and design of the underpass, gave a presentation detailing its look and dimensions.

The underpass will be located approximately 25 yards northeast of the current crosswalk.

The project itself will entail the elevation of the roadway both along W.Va. 480 and at the end of Shepherd Grade Road.

Both roads will be lifted to create an underpass underneath.

Klein discussed the timeline for construction and provided logistics for traffic detours that will go into effect during the three-month construction period, scheduled to take place May through July 2012.

He explained that the detours are “to avoid traffic backup.”

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Attendees of the meeting last week were invited to ask questions regarding project specifics and its impact.

In an interview this week, Shelli Dronsfield, Shipley’s assistant, described the project as an effort to increase safety, calling it “paramount.”

“We want to provide unimpeded travel for vehicular traffic and pedestrian traffic,” she said.

Dronsfield cited the increase in pedestrian usage of the crosswalk in recent years, corresponding the expansion of West Campus. She described the project as “part of the growing pains.”

The project, which is estimated to cost $4 million, will be funded in part by a $400,000 federal appropriation secured by Rep. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va. The remaining cost will be covered by the university’s capital projects budget, though the university continues to pursue additional avenues for possible funding.
Dransfield said the project is on track for its projected timeline, though she conceded that last Wednesday's meeting left a lot of concerns to be addressed.

Rick Stasloff, acting vice president of administration and finance for the university, moderated the event and fielded questions.

Residents raised concerns about whether the underpass would be properly utilized by students, who are known to cross campus in multiple locations, including the intersection at North Duke and High streets.

"We want people to cross there and cross safely," Stasloff said.

Illustrative drawings of the underpass from several elevations as well as more information can be found by visiting www.shepherd.edu/underpass.
Gym Class Heroes to headline Shepfest

SU student to open for act

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Gym Class Heroes started in upstate New York when lead vocalist Travie McCoy and drummer Matt McGinley decided to join forces and create the band, which has grown in success over the last decade. The band also features Diashi Lumumba-Kasongo on lead guitar and Eric Roberts on bass.

Gym Class Heroes had taken a break from their nearly non-stop touring after their 2008 release The Quilt. During that time Travie McCoy launched his solo project, "Lazarus" which included the hit song "Billionaire." This summer the band reunited to headline Vans Warped Tour. The band will release its new album, "The Paper Cut Chronicles II" this fall.

Opening for Gym Class Heroes will be Shepherd student Travis Dupri. Dupri has been recognized as the "50 Mic Winner" for West Virginia by Source Magazine.

WSHC DJs and hip-hop artists Big T and Web of "Da Southern Boi Hour" will MC the event.

Tickets are required for this event and are available through the Shepherd University Bookstore in the Student Center. Current Shepherd students may pick up one student ticket and one additional guest ticket for free in advance while supplies last. A limited number of $20 public tickets are also available now through 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26.

Gates open at 2 p.m. and live music begins at 2:30 p.m. Gym Class Heroes will take the stage at 4 p.m.

Please note that Shepfest is an alcohol-free, drug-free event. For tickets, please call the University Bookstore at 304-876-5219.

Shepherd students who wish to volunteer at Shepfest should contact Nicole Tashner at ntaesch01@shepherd.edu.

For more information, contact Rachael Meads at rmeads@shepherd.edu.
SU should work closely with community on 480 project

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Shepherd University's proposed Route 480 underpass is set up to do all of the right things.

It's planned to get students, faculty and staff from one campus to the other safely, alleviate foot traffic on a main thoroughfare passing through town and between the campuses and keep vehicular traffic moving at a steady pace just yards from the busiest four-way stop in town.

And university officials certainly worked diligently in seeing that bases were covered before presenting this idea to the public, who would most definitely be affected during the project's construction and once the tunnel is complete.

And after holding a forum with community members and officials working on the project, we at The Shepherdstown Chronicle hope that Shepherd works to address many of residents' concerns and ideas to ensure that the Route 480 stretch between the West and East campuses is the safest it can be for both pedestrians and motorists alike.

This underpass, a large undertaking project- and budget-wise, could be a wonderful model of community engagement between the university and town.

For more about what happened at the meeting regarding the underpass, read our story on Page 1 or visit www.shepherd.edu/underpass/.
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Writers sought for Appalachian work

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Writers of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction are invited to submit their unpublished work for inclusion in Shepherd University’s Anthology of Appalachian Writers, Ron Rash Volume IV, scheduled for publication in spring 2012. Original works, including photographic art, with some connection to the region of Appalachia are preferred, though any unpublished work will be considered.

The anthology is devoted to the work of regional writers whose work expresses a love of language, storytelling, cultural traditions, and heritage of the Appalachians.

The anthology is published each year and centers on the work of the recipient of the Appalachian Heritage Writers award. This year, the award will be presented to Ron Rash, the John Paris Chair in Appalachian Studies at Western Carolina University and an award-winning writer whose works are set in North and South Carolina. Previous volumes have dealt with the work of Adriana Trigiani, Silas House, and Bobbie Ann Mason. Writers from Pennsylvania to Georgia have been published in the volumes.

For information about submissions, see the anthology website at www.shepherd.edu/awirweb/anthology/. Previous volumes can be purchased through the Shepherd University Bookstore at www.shepherdbook.com/. The deadline for submission is Oct. 15.

7th annual Market Day set to be held

WAYNESBORO, Pa. - Planning is under way for the seventh annual Market Day celebration, to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 1 in downtown Waynesboro.

Craft and artisan vendors are wanted to participate. Vendor applications must be submitted by Sept. 2. Applications are available online at www.mainstreetwaynesboro.com or by calling 717-762-0397.

Farm Fun Days in need of vendors

MARTINSBURG - Orr’s Farm Market is hosting its fifth annual “Fall Farm Fun Days” Sept. 17 and 18.

Craft vendors, food vendors and artisans are needed to make this day a success.

For more information or a vendor application, call Katy at 304-263-1168 or email info@ornsfarmmarket.com.
Rude Mechanicals holding auditions

SHEPHERDSTOWN - The Shepherd University Rude Mechanicals Medieval and Renaissance Players will hold auditions for Shakespeare's "Macbeth" from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Aug. 24 and in Reynolds Hall.

Actors (for major and minor roles), dancers, musicians, and costume and set designers are needed. Shepherd students will earn three credits. Community members 16 and older are encouraged to audition.

For more information, call Betty Elizay at 304-876-5208 or email belizay@shepherd.edu.
Williams named outstanding English major at Shepherd U.

Shepherdstown, W.Va. — Hannah Hall Williams of Inwood, W.Va., graduated cum laude from Shepherd University on May 14. An English major and art minor, she was awarded Best English Major of 2010-11 and selected for Who's Who Among Universities and Colleges.

Hannah served as one of the four literary editors of Sans Merci, Volume 35, which is funded by the Student Government Association at Shepherd. Four of her poems and one photograph were published in the student-organized publication.

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The previous year, she won the Best Poetry prize for "We Were Anchors," which was dedicated in memory to James D. Steptoe, well-known Martinsburg, W.Va., attorney and family friend, who died in August 2009.

She presented an academic paper at the 19th annual Literature Symposium for undergraduate students at Wheeling Jesuit University in February. She also served as the 2010-11 public relations chair to Shepherd Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society.

She was a writing tutor in the Academic Support Center and also served as the chief copy editor of The Picket, Shepherd University's newspaper, during the 2010-11 school year.

Hannah is the daughter of Russell and Wendy Williams of Inwood, and granddaughter of Elizabeth H. Williams of Annapolis and the late Robert D. Williams and Jean H. Doyle of Martinsburg, and the late Donald W. Kilmer.

Hannah plans to attend graduate school to study English literature and her goal is to become a professor of English.
About 200 Shepherd University students to participate in Day of Service

Event gives incoming freshmen and transfer students a chance to get acclimated with campus

7:43 p.m. EDT, August 15, 2011

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From Shepherdstown:

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SU Vice President to participate in panel Aug. 8-9

Dr. Richard Helldobler, vice president for academic affairs at Shepherd University, will be participating as a panelist and small group facilitator for the panel titled “CFOs and CAOs Solving Problems Together: Effective Campus Leadership” at the joint meeting of the American Council on Education and the National Association of College and University Business Officers in Washington, D.C., on August 8 and 9.
Chipping in

185 students participate in Shepherd’s Day of Service

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By Samantha Cronk - Journal staff writer, purnal-news.net

SHEPHERDSTOWN - When thinking about their first year of college, many students think about freedom from parents or who their roommate will be, but for 185 incoming Shepherd University students, their thoughts were on community service.

Shepherd University hosted its 11th annual Day of Service, an event that introduces incoming freshmen to other new students, the campus and the community through community service.

"There’s no reason why (students) have to wait until after college to engage the community," said Mike Austin, president of the Shepherdstown Men’s Club. "Today is special. This is how you begin on the threshold from being a student to being a participating adult."

The Shepherdstown Men’s Club is the owner of Morgan’s Grove Park, one of the 29 sites visited for Day of Service. Jobs at the park included breaking down a gazebo, cleaning brush around a transformer and clearing brush for the baseball field.

"These students get to move in early, do Day of Service, and then help the other first-years move in before orientation," said C.J. Smargie, a team leader for the Morgan’s Grove Park site.

Smargie said that one of the reasons he did Day of Service is because of the involvement with the community and Morgan’s Grove Park.

"I choose our site because I grew up on these swing sets," Smargie said.

Other students like Kathleen Stickel were drawn to the community service element.

"I enjoy community service a lot. I did Day of Service last year as a first-year student. When I saw posters in the spring saying you can apply for the A-Team, part of why I wanted to do it is because I would be able to do Day of Service. Otherwise you can only do it as a first-year student," Stickel said.

As much as the students enjoy volunteering, the community appreciates the students’ effort. "It’s a great day for T.A.," said Kristin Martin, principal of T.A. Lowery Elementary School. More than 30 students volunteered at the elementary school to help the staff prepare for the upcoming school year.

"We only work with nonprofit organizations, especially schools," said Holly Frye about how the sites are chosen. Frye is the director of student community service and service learning for Shepherd University and has organized Day of Service for the past 10 years.

"Day of Service helps students to become immediately connected to the community, and that is important whether they are commuter or resident students. It also helps them to understand the role volunteering plays in the community, and they make friends that most often last for years," she said.
Congresswoman visits W.Va. 480 underpass site

Construction set for May '12

August 19, 2011
By Tricia Flick - Ogden Newspapers, shepherdstownchronicle.com

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Capito said after setting aside the earmarks, her role now is to help encourage and seek grants to further the project now that Shepherd is committed to it. She said now that earmarks are no longer available in Congress, the competitive grant program will most likely be the avenue Shepherd will take.

"What's great about coming out here today is ... you say to yourself, 'This needs to be done,'" she said.

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Local teachers awarded grant

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SHEPHERDSTOWN - Dr. Seung-yun Kim, assistant professor of computer sciences at Shepherd University, worked with two local high school teachers who were awarded a $36,000 grant through the West Virginia IDEA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (WV-INBRE) program. Wendy Lee, science teacher at Musselman High School in Inwood, and Denise Gipson, science teacher at Jefferson High School in Shenandoah Junction, requested to work with Kim based on his abstract in the WV-INBRE research directory. The grant allowed the teachers to work with Kim for nine weeks this summer as he researched modeling and simulation of malaria and medication interaction using Petri Net.

Each teacher received a stipend of $13,000 and the additional $10,000 was used for Kim's lab supplies to conduct the research. The group modeled human system using Petri Net and introduced malaria and then introduced three different types of prescription drugs to simulate the reaction of the malaria. They then used Tina, a Petri Net modeling and simulation tool, to compile a final report. Kim said that their work will be published in a paper in the coming year.

Gipson, who has a masters of science in biochemistry from the University of California at Davis, said that the program allows her to see what has changed and stayed the same in her field of study.

"It's a positive experience," Gipson said. "It's nice to see biochemistry and computers combined, update our skills and establish professional contacts."

Gipson, Lee and Kim traveled to the 10th annual WV-INBRE Summer Research Symposium at Marshall University on July 28, where Gipson presented on the group's findings to date.

Gipson said that she hopes to continue a partnership between Jefferson High School and Shepherd and that the experience is a valuable opportunity for high school teachers.

"This provides a way to do research on up-to-date information in science that we can take back to high school students," Lee said.

Kim said that this is the first time to have high school teachers work with the computer science, mathematics and engineering department at Shepherd.

"It's a good opportunity to have connected, and we plan on published the research we have completed," Kim said.
Legislature goes back to the drawing board
Delegate John Doyle

As this is being published the State Legislature is back in special session. We have to fix some technical problems with the redistricting bill we passed a couple of weeks ago.

Acting Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin vetoed the bill because of those technical problems. Had we not adjourned "sine die" we could have done the technical corrections in a day (we started Thursday, Aug. 18) by overriding his veto. But since we did so adjourn, we must start over. Since the Republican leadership in the House of Delegates apparently will not agree to suspending the rules we will most likely have to take three days.

Some explanation of procedure is in order here. "Sine die" (properly pronounced "see-nay dee-ay" but usually pronounced in almost every legislature in the land as "sinie dye") is a Latin phrase. Its literal translation is "without day." By using that phrase we say we're adjourning and not coming back. If we were not adjourning for good we would state a particular date and time for our return (like "tomorrow at 11 a.m." or "Monday, Aug. 22, at noon").

A bill must be read on "three several days." First reading is the formal presentation of the bill to the "floor" (the full House), usually after the committee to which it has been referred has reported it to the floor. Sometimes a bill is read a first time before being referred to a committee and on rare occasions committee reference is dispensed with and the bill is only worked on the floor. Second reading is amendment stage and third reading is a vote on passage. It takes a vote of 66 percent of those present to do more than one reading the same day.

For some reason the Republicans in the State Senate are usually willing to suspend the rules to allow a bill to be read more than one time in a day. But the Republicans in the House always refuse. I'm not criticizing them - I'm sure they have their reasons. But I do find it curious how differently the Republicans in the two houses differ on this.

There were two technical problems with the bill we passed on Aug. 5, both the result of amendments that were adopted that day. One involves Hampshire County and the other the town of Montgomery, which straddles the Fayette County - Kanawha County line. In each case there were census blocks which were inadvertently counted twice.

A census block is the smallest collection of people we can move from one district to another. You cannot break up a census block because no one knows where anyone lives within that block. We only know how many people live in that block (or did so on April 1, 2010, the day the 2010 census was taken).

Some folks have asked me if we will make any major changes to the bill we originally passed. I would certainly like to do so because I'm not really happy with it. I think we could have and should have ended up with more single-member districts than we did. We increased the number of single-member districts from 36 to 47, but I don't think that was nearly enough.

And while we broke up the largest district, a seven-seater, into a four-seat district and a three-seater, we could have broken it up even more. We still have a five-seat district which could have easily been separated into a two and a three, and we still have a couple of other four-seaters which could have been just as easily divided into two-seat districts.

Alas, as of the time this is being written (Monday, Aug. 15) it does not appear we will do much more than make the necessary tweaks to make the numbers match. I spent all last week with about two dozen members of the House of Delegates in San Antonio at the Legislative Summit put on by the National Conference of State Legislatures. No one besides me expressed a desire to do any more than make the corrections necessary for numerical consistency.
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Tricia Fulks / Chronicle Editor

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'Chalk Talk' on tap for tomorrow

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Shepherd University will be kicking off the 2011 Ram Chalk Talk Luncheon series on Saturday, Aug. 20 in conjunction with media day.

Shepherd football fans are invited to the Shepherd University Wellness Center at 11:30 a.m.

Fans will have the unique opportunity to watch head coach Monte Cater and his staff address the media prior to the 2011 campaign. The Rams will hold an intrasquad scrimmage at approximately 1:15 p.m. at Ram Stadium immediately after the luncheon.

All fans are invited. Cost for the lunch is $15 and includes an All-American Picnic Buffet. Seating is limited to 75 and reservations are now being accepted.

Contact Aaron Ryan at 304-876-5527 or aryan@shepherd.edu or Texie Reden at 304-876-05524 or twendric@shepherd.edu to make your reservation.
Local film institute hold festival at Shepherd

Mike Cramer / Special to The Chronicle

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The Ryan Film Institute held its 5th annual student film festival Thursday night at Shepherd University’s Knutti Hall where young filmmakers were given an opportunity to share their work with the community.

The Ryan Film Institute originally started in Martinsburg but recently moved its classes to the Shepherd campus. This year marks the first time the festival will be held in Shepherdstown.

The institute’s founder, Katherine Walsh Ryan, feels the move has been extremely beneficial.

“Many places started charging more and more to rent space,” she said.

Because of this, the festival sought a new home, and Shepherd proved more than willing to host it.

“Shepherd has been very welcoming to the institute,” Ryan said.

She is confident that Shepherdstown will continue to be the home of the institute for the foreseeable future.

This is not to say the move went off without a hitch.

The festival was originally planned for Saturday, Aug. 13 but complications arose, and the date was changed to Thursday, Aug. 18.

“I’ve never been in this position of not knowing an exact time and place before,” Ryan said.

The festival contained a wide range of material from the aspiring filmmakers. Categories included student-made commercials, short films, as well as a series of film challenges.

The whole event kicked off with a pizza party, providing a chance to get to meet some of the up-and-comers in the local independent film scene before seeing their work.

While this year all of the film festival participants were relatively local, the institute has housed students from all over the country who have come to study with them.

When they are not putting on film festivals, the Ryan Film Institute continues to offer classes in many different areas of digital film making, from shooting digital photography to comprehensive film making and documentaries.

While she does charge for classes, which can run between $175 and $350 dollars, Ryan believes that the institute provides a community service through both the classes they offer and the annual festival. The film institute also relies on donations to continue offering their services.

When all the credits rolled on the last student film, it was time for the people’s choice award, a tradition which lets festival attendees vote on their favorite film for the night. Winners were also announced for the individual categories such as commercials and short films.

The festival ran one packed hour before everything started to wrap up. The Ryan Film Institute and Ryan plan on being back for another festival next year.

For more information about the institute, visit www.ryanfilm institute.org.
SMC sponsors day of service

Kelly Cambrel / Chronicle Staff

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The Shepherdstown Men's Club held its community service day Wednesday, the first event in a series of initiatives to revitalize Morgan's Grove Park.

With the assistance of a handful of volunteers from the community, Shepherd University and Job Corps in Harpers Ferry, the Men's Club worked to clear brush and tear down a dilapidated gazebo.

Men's Club president Mike Austin said that the day of service event is the beginning of a long-term plan to invest in the park.

"We feel we have a responsibility to maintain the park," he said.

Austin said that the Men's Club had become "absentee landlords" in recent years, doing very little to utilize the park.

With the continued growth in population around the area, however, Austin said he and the other members of the club began to recall its value to the community.

"We think the park's going to become more important," he said.

Approximately 20 SU students and 10 Job Corps volunteers met Wednesday morning and divided into teams, tackling tasks on opposite ends of the park.

Anna Stead, work-based learning coordinator for Job Corps, called it a "learning experience" for the students.

Nilan Baddeliyanage, a Job Corps volunteer and the student shop foreman for the group, said that he was excited to be helping with the service project, though he's pretty well acquainted with volunteering his time.

"It's what we do ... It's work," he said.

According to Austin, the Men's Club has many plans in the works for Morgan's Grove Park in the near future.

After it's cleaned up, Austin said the Men's Club plans to solicit suggestions from the community for input regarding use of the park.

He said some potential ideas, like installing a band shell and community pool, are already being considered.

In 2012 the Men's Club plans to turn their annual Labor Day picnic into a "chautauqua" - a three-day event held under tents, like a circus or fair. Austin said possible attractions would include things like a petting zoo or pony rides.

Listed on the National Register of Historic places, Austin said he thinks it's the right time to restore a park he said holds a lot of nostalgia to those who grew up in Shepherdstown, as well a historical significance.

"There are a lot of reasons why it's special," he said.
Shepherd offers music for all ages

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The Shepherd University Department of Music Preparatory Division is now accepting registrations for the Fall 2011 semester. Students of all ages, regardless of previous experience, interested in taking individual lessons in woodwinds, brass, percussion, piano, voice, guitar, bass guitar, strings theory or jazz improvisation, are eligible for lessons with university faculty and student instructors. Please visit www.shepherd.edu/musicweb/preparatory.html for a registration form, or call 304-876-5555 to receive one by mail.

The registration fee for the preparatory division is $25 per semester. Preparatory instructors set their own weekly lesson rates and teach half-hour and one-hour lessons depending upon student level. Lessons begin the week of Aug. 29 and are held at the Frank Arts Center on the campus of Shepherd University.

The popular Musical Discoveries classes will also be offered during the fall semester for pre-school students and will be taught by Frauke Higgins. Class offerings this semester will include Musical Discoveries for students ages 18 months through 3 years, Music for Preschoolers for ages 3 to 5 years and Dalcroze Eurhythmics/Piano for ages 5 to 7 years. The fee for the Musical Discoveries classes is $144 per class, per student. All classes run for 12 weeks and will meet on Fridays beginning Sept. 9 through Dec. 9 (no classes on Oct. 28 and Nov. 25). Please visit our website at www.shepherd.edu/musicweb/early_childhood.html for class times and registration information, or call 304-876-5555 to receive a brochure by mail.

For additional information about music lessons and classes open to the community contact Lisa Oswald, Shepherd University Department of Music Preparatory division coordinator, at 304-876-5555 or loswald@shepherd.edu, or visit the Shepherd University Department website at www.shepherd.edu/musicweb/preparatory.html.
Seung-yun Kim, assistant professor of computer sciences at Shepherd University, worked with two local high school teachers who were awarded a $36,000 grant through the West Virginia IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence, or WV-INBRE, program.

Wendy Lee, science teacher at Musselman High School in Inwood, and Denise Gipson, science teacher at Jefferson High School in Shenandoah Junction, requested to work with Kim based on his abstract in the WV-INBRE research directory. The grant allowed the teachers to work with Kim for nine weeks this summer as he researched modeling and simulation of malaria and medication interaction using Petri Net.

Each teacher received a stipend of $13,000 and the additional $10,000 was used for Kim’s lab supplies to conduct the research. The group modeled human system using Petri Net and introduced malaria and then introduced three different types of prescription drugs to simulate the reaction of the malaria. They then used Tina, a Petri Net modeling and simulation tool, to compile a final report. Kim said that their work will be published in a paper in the coming year.

Gipson, who has a master’s of science in biochemistry from the University of California at Davis, said that the program allows her to see what has changed and stay the same in her field of study.

Gipson, Lee and Kim traveled to the 10th Annual WV-INBRE Summer Research Symposium at Marshall University on July 28 where Gipson presented on the group’s findings to date.

She said that she hopes to continue a partnership between Jefferson High School and Shepherd and that the experience is a valuable opportunity for high school teachers.

Kim said that this is the first time to have high school teachers work with the computer science, mathematics and engineering department at Shepherd.

"It’s a good opportunity to have connected, and we plan on publishing the research we have completed," Kim said in a press release.
NSDAR chapter attends meeting
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SHEPHERDSTOWN - Members of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter NSDAR attended the Eastern District meeting of the WVDAR on Aug. 13 at the Entler Hotel. During the registration and refreshment time prior to the meeting, members and guests were invited to tour the Historic Shepherdstown Museum located in the Entler Hotel.

An inspiring memorial service was held to honor deceased daughters from 2010-2011. Fond memories of Shenandoah Valley Chapter member, Dors Lee Gall Brown, who died Aug. 5, 2011, were expressed by Earpy Frankenberg, chapter vice regent. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Charla Nutter, WVDAR state regent, presented the plans and goals for the new DAR year for her state projects and that of the Wright administration at the national level.

The attendees traveled to The Bavarian Inn for lunch along the Potomac River. John Stealey III, Ph.D., Shepherd University professor of history, emeritus, presented “A Brief Look at Shepherdstown’s History”. Starting this November, Shepherdstown will begin a yearlong celebration of its 250th anniversary. Charla Nutter, state regent, presented certificates from the National DAR committees to the Eastern District chapters and individuals were recognized for their national DAR accomplishments. The Shenandoah Valley Chapter NSDAR received Outstanding Chapter Usage of the video, “Today’s DAR,” Public Relations and Media Committee, East Central Division; Outstanding Accomplishment, Chapter Achievement Award, Level 3; and Honorable Mention, Chapter with the Most Constitution Week Events, East Central Division. Frankenberg was awarded the First Place Essay Winner-Family, Women’s Issues Committee, East Central Division.

For information about becoming a member of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter NSDAR, call Sally Ann Greenfield at 304-253-8324 or Alice Cogle at 304-229-5415.
Chorale auditions on the horizon

SHEPHERDSTOWN - The Masterworks Chorale, under the direction of Erik Reid Jones, will host auditions for its 2011-2012 season at 7:30 p.m., Monday and Aug. 29 in the Rehearsal Hall in the Frank Arts Center in Shepherdstown.

The 130-member vocal ensemble, comprised of Shepherd University vocal students and members from the community, presents two full-length concerts per year of great masterpieces from the choral literature as well as appearances at the annual Holiday Gala and Family Concert. Auditions are open to everyone, and consist of vocal exercises. Singers are not required to prepare a piece in advance.

For more information or to schedule an audition, anyone interested can call Jones at 304-876-5371 or email ejones94@shepherd.edu.

Rude Mechanicals to hold auditions

SHEPHERDSTOWN - The Rude Mechanicals Medieval and Renaissance Players will hold auditions for Shakespeare's Macbeth from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in Reynolds Hall.

More information is available by contacting Betty Ellzey at 304-876-5208 or bellzey@shepherd.edu.
Hypnocoffee, Sweet Shop join forces

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This week local coffee roastery Hypnocoffee began what owner Tony Williams described as a “symbiotic relationship” with the Sweet Shop Bakery. According to Williams, Hypnocoffee reached an agreement with the Sweet Shop to install an espresso and coffee bar at the bakery’s counter, staffed and managed by Hypno. The coffee bar will serve Hypnocoffee’s own drink recipes using its traditional hand-brewed method. Williams, who set up shop in Shepherdstown a little over a year ago with his wife Summer, explained that the sale of drinks on site evolved out of customer request. “They wanted it, so we gave it to them,” Williams said. This year Hypnocoffee expanded from primarily selling bagged coffee beans to preparing and selling specialty drinks. According to Williams, operating a small coffee shop and roastery inside the South King Street space became tricky. “It’s just kind of a small space,” he said. Williams said the decision to partner with the bakery resulted from his desire to provide a more visible retail front for the small roastery. He also said that the relocation of the business’ retail operation will allow him an opportunity to concentrate primarily on roasting beans to supply a growing list of clients “This will just be a roasting facility,” he said of the South King Street location. Hypnocoffee now provides coffee to Bistro112, Blue Moon Cafe, Thomas Shepherd Inn, Good Natured Cafe in Martinsburg, For the Love of Children in Harpers Ferry and, most recently, Shepherd University. According to Williams, Hypno will begin providing specialty coffee in the Shepherd Student Center’s Fireside Bistro when school begins next week. “We wanted that business. We’re very happy,” he said. The Hypno location at the Sweet Shop will sell coffee by the bag, specialty drinks, espresso and espresso mixed drinks as well as “coffee gear” like grinders and presses. Williams said he hopes the Sweet Shop/Hypnocoffee partnership will be mutually beneficial, adding to the customer base of both businesses. Though the retail aspect of Hypno will be centered in the Sweet Shop, the old Hypno store will continue to open its doors for Shepherdstown’s Farmer’s Market on Sundays to hold tastings and sell coffee by the bag. “That’s really how we got started,” Williams said. More information about Hypnocoffee can be found by visiting www.hypnocoffee.com.
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The Shepherd University Rude Mechanicals Medieval and Renaissance Players will hold auditions for Shakespeare's Macbeth each day from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Reynolds Hall. Actors (for major and minor roles), dancers, musicians, and costume and set designers are needed. Shepherd students will earn three credits. Community members 16 and older are encouraged to audition. For more information, contact Betty Elzey at 304-876-5208 or bellzey@shepherd.edu.