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Event kicks off
Campus Fire
Safety Month
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The department of environmental health and safety is hosting the kickoff to inform students of fire safety during the month of September.

University Fire Marshal Bob Austin said learning about fire safety is especially important for first-year students here at WKU.

“A list of those freshmen have lived at home all their lives,” said Austin. Austin said understanding fire safety is also important for community living; file offered the example of accidentally setting off the sprinkler system that malfunctions half which could ruin the property of students living with you.

Sgt. Shannon Paradise of the Bowling Green Fire Department shared similar thoughts about the importance of fire safety in new living environments.

“You first time on your own, you have more responsibility,” said Shannon.

According to environmental health and safety’s website, August and September are the deadliest months for collegiate house fires.

The WKU department has hosted safety events and is planning more this month.

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, environmental health and safety will be at Centennial Mall with the Bowling Green Fire Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The focal point of the event will be a trailer that simulates a house or apartment fire. The fire department recently bought the trailer from BullEx for use in fire-safety education.

The trailer is designed like an apartment with a bedroom on one end and a kitchen on the other.

The kitchen, appliances, including a toaster, oven and microwave, spew smoke when activated by a remote control. The bedroom door heats up to very high temperatures to mimic the heat of a door in a flame-filled room.

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Forensics team hosts season-opener
BY HANNAH SHAFFER
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The WKU Department of Forensics hosted its season-opening tournament Friday night.

Teams came to the competition from all 50 states and Washington, D.C., and were released Sept. 8. It showcased 85 colleges.

The five tournaments included a parliamentary competition, a Lincoln-Douglas debate tournament and a round-robin debate tournament.

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WKU offers nursing program on farmers’ health

BY MONICA BROWN

WKU offers a unique nursing program for farmers’ health that emphasizes an understanding of the environment and the health issues associated with it. The program aims to develop nurses who are skilled in identifying and managing mental health issues, particularly those related to stress and anxiety that farmers and their families may experience.

The program is directed by Vivian McClellan, associate professor of nursing and coordinator of the Graduate Program. The curriculum emphasizes the importance of recognizing the unique challenges faced by farmers and their families. The program includes courses on stress management, mental health interventions, and the role of nurses in supporting farmers and their families.

The nurses who graduate from this program are well-equipped to provide care to farmers and their families, addressing the specific needs of this population. The program also offers opportunities for further education and research in the field of farmers’ health.

The program is recognized for its commitment to the health and well-being of farmers and their families, and its graduates are well-prepared to make a positive impact in the community. The WKU nursing program on farmers’ health is an example of how institutions can work to improve health outcomes and support the community.
Ransdell addresses Senate meeting on Confucius Institute contract

BY ANDREW HENDERSON
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The September meeting of the University Senate involved President Gary Ransdell discussing concerns regarding the Confucius Institute contract and allowing for Senator’s questions regarding the contract. Ransdell stated that when the contract was approved, there were no negative consequences surrounding its approval for the university. The Senate was able to ask direct questions and receive answers to their questions. Ransdell’s answers were that clear that the university was in the best interest of Western Kentucky University.

First, Ransdell cleared the misconception that the Confucius Institute is the same as the Confucius Classroom. He stated that the Confucius Institute is a national building with the Confucius Classroom being in the University Senate. The Senate then voiced their concerns regarding the Confucius Classroom. Ransdell stated that the Confucius Classroom was not a project that was approved by SGA. These reports claimed that the Senate approved the project because it was in line with the financial budgets. Ransdell reiterated that the Senate approved the project only because they were not informed of the contract. Ransdell maintained this was a good decision because the Senate members should have read the contract and approved it. Ransdell stated that the Senate members should have read the contract and approved it and that the Senate should have approved the contract.

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THE ISSUE: Recent events like ‘Black Lives Matter’ and continued conversations about race in the U.S. for people of color should engage all Western Kentucky University students.

THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT: New York Fashion Week was a perfect opportunity to see the movement in action.

THE BLACK LIVES MATTER KEEPTIVE AT WKU: A small-town gal’s take on the spring 2016 fashion week was one of the most anticipated events of the season.

THE LIFE: New York Fashion Week is an incredibly fast-paced event that can be overwhelming for even the most experienced fashionista.

THE CITY: New York City has always been a hub for fashion, and fashion week is no exception.

THE WEEK: The week went by too fast for me. Being a first-time attendee, I was overwhelmed by the sheer amount of sights and sounds that were happening around me.

THE FASHION: Trends on the runway included fringe, mixed prints, and bold colors. Some designers even experimented with unique fabrics and materials.

THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE: Fashion week is not only about the latest fashion trends, but it’s also a learning experience for anyone interested in the fashion industry.

THE TRAVEL: The trip to New York City was an incredible experience that will stay with me for a lifetime.

THE CONCLUSION: Fashion week was a whirlwind of activity, but it was also an opportunity to appreciate and admire the hard work and creativity that goes into making fashion a reality.

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- Mixed prints
- Bold colors
- Learning experience
- Whirlwind

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hi, I am a WKU student and I have been attending fashion shows for the past several years. I have found that fashion week is a great way to learn about the latest fashion trends and to see how designers are incorporating different elements into their collections.

I have always been interested in fashion and design, but I never realized how much goes into creating a successful fashion show. I have attended fashion shows in New York and Paris, and I have been amazed by the level of creativity that goes into designing outfits.

I have also been interested in the impact that fashion has on society. I believe that fashion has the power to influence people’s perceptions and to challenge existing norms.

I am excited to see what the future holds for fashion and I hope that more people will become interested in this exciting and dynamic field.

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Theology Pub:
Thursdays 7pm at Mellow Mushroom
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Local music fans took to the hills of Edgehill Farm this weekend for the second annual Big To-Do music and arts festival. The festival, which showcased 30 bands, included some local favorites like Buffalo Rodeo, Mona and Government Cheese. The three-day event also featured food from local Bowling Green restaurants, tethered hot air balloon rides, hula-hooping, dancing and much more. Festivalgoers camped out in tents and RVs, which could be seen twinkling at night with decorated lights and other fun accessories.

At times, the festival was threatened by rain, but a few raindrops were not enough to halt the show. See more photos at www.wkuherald.com/photo and see a video about the event at www.wkuherald.com/multimedia.
New to the Hill this fall is a home where students live together, cook together and study together all while speaking in a foreign language: Mandarin.

Purchased by the WKU Office of International Programs, the Chinese Language Immersion House, located on 1525 Chestnut St., was established specifically to get more students involved in the Chinese language program. Eight residents currently live in the house. Most of them are students of the Chinese Language Flagship program, while others are studying Mandarin language through the department of Modern languages. A native Chinese speaker also resides in the house.

“They speak Chinese for everything,” assistant director of International Programs, Jennifer Markin, said. Markin facilitates the social and cultural aspects of the house.

Students living in WKU’s Chinese Language Immersion House are required to speak only Chinese six days per week. To assist their learning, the students have placed sticky-note vocabulary reminders on common household items and hold each other accountable with a list of guidelines to help them remain immersed in the Chinese language. ALYSE YOUNG/HERALD

MANHATTAN Project to be remembered

BY MADISON MARTIN

A cross-department reception and lecture series at Western Kentucky University is centered around one of the most significant government projects in history.

New York Times best-selling author Denise Kiernan will be traveling to the Hill to give a lecture on her biography, “The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II” on Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Van Meter Hall auditorium.

The nonfiction book highlights the Manhattan Project: The U.S. government’s effort to create the first atomic bomb. One of the plants was located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, less than 10 miles away from Bowling Green.

“Everybody’s heard about the Manhattan Project: the first reaction at the University of Chicago, right, and they all know about Los Alamos where they fired the first test explosion,” Robert Dietle, the head of the WKU history department, said. “The link between those two is through Oak Ridge.

The School of Journalism and Broadcasting, history departments, Parkway College of Arts and Letters came together to sponsor the even, which provided a multi-faceted look at the origins and results of the Manhattan Project.

Kiernan novel notes the involvement of women in the operation — the women who had no knowledge of what they were working on in the operation.

“I think my overall role is to just have a hindsight approach to things and to hear an idea. A lot of times these guys are so good at guitar that when they’re playing, they’re not hearing anything that’s sticking to them. It’s just an exercise or something they’re working on. They’re just noodling making spaghetti.”

Nick: Yeah, Jordan has riffs that he’s really influenced by Willett Bourbon. I’m really influenced by Willett Bourbon. Jordan: Honestly, when we write stuff, it’s not like we sit down and say, “Alright, what are you listening to?” It’s just kind of happens. It just comes out of us, and I try to listen to anything that really ever.

“I’ve only been in the flagship for two years,” Hezik said, cracking a smile. “Speaking Chinese in the house isn’t a chore to me; I enjoy it.”

Hezik is a third-year, 400-level Chinese Language Flagship student. This is her third and final year in the program, and she will soon begin applying to medical schools. They are all native Chinese students. The resident speaks English with that person.

According to Markin, the house also serves as a cultural hub for the Chinese-speaking community. The residents practice aspects of the Chinese culture on a daily basis.

Upon entry of the residence, students take off their shoes and slide into a pair of slippers — a custom in many Chinese homes.

“They speak English on Sundays to immerse into the Chinese culture on a daily basis,” Hezik said. “It’s just [habit],” Hezik said, chuckling at her own mix of English and Chinese.

In the kitchen, large bags of rice sit on the countertop next to the fridge. “It’s just [habit],” Hezik said, chuckling at her own mix of English and Chinese.

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Q&A with Nashville-based band Mona on Big To-Do performance

BY ANDREW CRITCHELOW

Nashville-based band Mona took a break from working on their upcoming October release to answer a second record “Toouches & Flapdoodles” to perform at the Big To-Do Festival this Saturday.

The band has played major festivals, including Glastonbury and Coachella, and has toured with big names such as Kings of Leon and Nas-Gallagher.

BIG TO-DO WITH MONA

Pitchforks” to perform at The Big To-Do, located at Edgell Field in Bowling Green, Sept. 17 to 20.

“We’re really excited to see how we’re going to impact this festival. It’s a different trajectory. It’s a different tone on the songs, and we’re working on another album. We have new vocals, new music, so any time you change ships like that, it’s a different trajectory. It’s a different tone and a different emotional type of thing. We really like the way it’s working with us. We wanted to get out of the situations we were in with the label and with our management, so we really took our time. We had some member changes. I think everyone across the board feels like it’s better than what we were doing. Q: So who were some of your influences on this new record?

Nick: I’m really influenced by Zach Lindsey and Jordan Young.

Jordan: Yep, those guys are great.

Nick: Those girls are real big heroes of mine. And there’s a lot Willett Bourbon.

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Behind the glass-walled counter at the front of his restaurant, Rafael Ortiz, owner of the five-year-old Que Buenos Mexican restaurant in Bowling Green, Kentucky, was doing the dishes Tuesday night.

The young entrepreneur hasn't just learned the art of running a successful business; he's also learned a genre so much as it is just honest. I think we all know that about each other, he said.

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TOWARDS THE END OF THE SEASON

One of the hottest topics in the current college football landscape is the evolution of offenses, particularly the spread offense. The spread offense has been gaining popularity in recent years due to its flexibility and ability to exploit mismatches in the defense. It primarily involves a quarterback who is an extension of the offense, allowing for creative play calling and quick decision-making.Offenses like Western Kentucky University (WKU) have adopted this style of play, and the Hilltoppers have been successful in implementing it.

For WKU, quarterback Brandon Doughty is a key figure in their spread offense. Doughty is a capable athlete who has shown versatility both as a passer and a runner. He is often described as a dual-threat quarterback, which is a crucial characteristic for a spread offense. Doughty has thrown for over 1,500 yards and has a completion percentage of 64.9%, demonstrating his accuracy and ability to make quick decisions.

In terms of playmakers, the Hilltoppers have several options. Wide receivers like Kenny Bell and Tye Smith have been productive, with Bell leading the team in receptions and Smith contributing as a playmaker. On defense, the Hilltoppers have a strong pass rush with players like Darius Massenette and Daniel Ross. Looking ahead, coach Jeff Brohm is set to face significant challenges as his team seeks to solidify their position in the conference standings. The Hilltoppers’ next game will be against a conference opponent, and they will need to maintain their focus and execution to achieve success.

In conclusion, WKU’s spread offense has been a cornerstone of their success, and the team’s ability to adapt and adjust to opponents will be key in their upcoming games.

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- The Hilltoppers have several key playmakers, including Kenny Bell and Tye Smith.
- Coach Jeff Brohm will face challenges in maintaining the team’s focus as they prepare for conference play.

**Soccer Notes**

- Dana and Chua are tied for most goals scored, with both having five goals.
- Hannah Chua’s 18 goals have tied her for the team lead, and she has been “the rock of this team,” according to Neidell.
- The Lady Toppers have a 10-match unbeaten streak against non-conference opponents, which bodes well for their upcoming conference play.

**Spiking Notes**

- Western Kentucky University’s volleyball team has been on a winning streak, with a current season-high of 597 kills.
- Sophomore Sydney Eagle has been a standout performer, leading the team with 300 kills.
- The Lady Toppers’ hitting percentage has been strong, with a current high of .283.

**Volleyball Notes**

- The WKU volleyball team has extended their winning streak to six games.
- Sophomore Sydney Eagle, with 290 kills on the season, is leading the team in points.
- The Lady Toppers are aiming for their highest home attendance ever.

**Basketball Notes**

- Former WKU basketball player Travis Hudson, now at Western Carolina, has been named the South Atlantic Conference’s Men’s Basketball Coach of the Year.
- The Hilltoppers have improved their defense, holding their opponents to an average of 59.2 points per game.

**Soccer Notes**

- WKU’s soccer team is currently ranked 14th in the nation, with a conference record of 5-0-0.
- The Lady Toppers are looking to continue their winning streak in conference play.

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**FOOTBALL**

The Hilltoppers entered Saturday's game at Indiana with high hopes, coming into their clash with Big 10 opponent Indiana University off their first conference victory of the season over Louisiana Tech.

But the Hoosiers had other plans, and kept the WKU football team winless against Big 10 foes.

WKU was outscored 21-7 in the second half, and they played better in the first half, but they couldn't get it done.

"Well, for sure they came out in the second half and they played better than us and they deserved to win," Brohm said. "They executed on offense, did whatever they wanted — that had been relatively stagnant to that point."

Hilltoppers' season opener against Vanderbilt; it restored life to an offense that had been relatively stagnant to that point.

The number of Higbee's receptions this season through five games (seven) is the same as the number of receptions the former Hilltopper had in a game against LSU last season.

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Higbee. Ferby emerge for WKU in Bloomington

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