

Helpful Places

Marshall Public Library
214 N. Lafayette
Phone: 660-886-3391
Hours of Operation: M-Th. 9-9, F 9-6
internet access
www.marshallpubliclibrary.com

Marshall Chamber of Commerce
214 N. Lafayette
Phone: (660)886-3324.
www.marshallchamber.com

The Marshall Democrat-News
121 North Lafayette
Phone: (660) 886-2233

Saline County Historical Society
101 N Lafayette Ave
Phone: (660) 886-7546

City of Marshall Offices
214 N. Lafayette
www.marshall-mo.com

The Rangefinder

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Tuesday's Workshop Schedule

8-12 p.m. Story Approval Session

1:30-5 p.m. Story Approval Session

7:30 p.m. Evening Program

Story Critiques and faculty presentations:
Danny Wilcox Frazier - "Feeding the Idea Machine"
John Trotter - "Personal Photography"
Rick Rickman - "Being in the Picture - Aesthetics and Color"

Tuesday's Weather Forecast



Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.

Sunset: 7:01 p.m.

Morning: Sunny, 60 degrees

Afternoon: Sunny, 78 degrees

Evening: Clear, 66 degrees

Carol Fisher's Tip of the Day:

Try using center-weighted or spot metering especially if your subject is indoors. You'll be more likely to get an accurate meter reading.

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Marshall: Then & Now

By Robin Hoecker

"Welcome to Marshall Missouri, home of Jim the Wonder Dog," reads a town brochure. The legend of this four-legged super-creature has earned Marshall national attention, but many other equally fascinating stories lay just beneath the surface in this small town of 12,000. Just a short walk around the town square reveals a community filled with history and tradition- a treasure of quirky personalities and fascinating characters with stories waiting to be told. It is the perfect setting for the Missouri Photo Workshop which is returning to Marshall. The workshop was first held here in 1967.

Marshall earned its name from US Supreme Court Justice John Marshall, who apparently inspired the settlers who founded the town in 1839. The new community thrived due to the rich farmland and salt springs of Saline County which attracted business from settlers heading west along the Santa Fe Trail.

Missouri, in many ways, marked the front lines of the Civil War, and Marshall saw some fighting action. It was on the path



of two Confederate raids and the 1863 Battle of Marshall. In 1864, Confederate forces burned the county courthouse, which was being used as a barracks for federal troops.

After the war, the fruits of the industrial revolution helped Marshall to grow. Companies such as Missouri Gas and Electric, the International Shoe Co., the Marshall Flying School, and the Rea & Page Milling Company

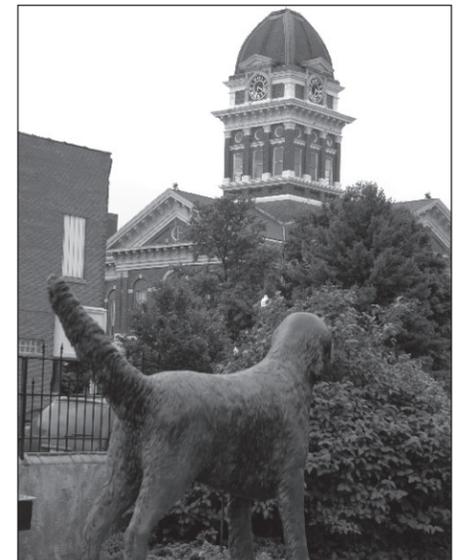


Photo by Anna Mazurek
A statue of Jim the Wonder Dog faces the court house in the memorial garden built in honor of the brilliant dog.

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Marshall: Continues strong agricultural tradition

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provided jobs and attracted new residents to the expanding town. By the 1950's, major industries such as Con Agra and the Wilson Hog Processing Plant had opened facilities here.

Today, Marshall's economy still has strong ties to agriculture, hosting companies such as Con Agra, Monsanto Corn Research, Deems Farm Equipment, and the Mid-Missouri Energy ethanol plant.

This agricultural tradition can also be seen in the many festivals and events that take place here, such as the annual National Corn Shucking Contest and the Valley Stampede Rodeo. Some MPW participants who arrived Saturday got to see this culture firsthand at the College Rodeo at the Saline County Fairgrounds. (We still have the muddy clothes to prove it.)

Marshall's small town atmosphere is one of its greatest features.

"Its a great place to raise kids,"

said town librarian Debbie Hollrah, who moved back to Marshall after ten years in St. Louis. "People leave their doors unlocked at night, and there's nothing to worry about."

The town boasts one of the lowest crime rates in Missouri, with just two violent crimes reported in 2003.

"The only thing this town needs is more shopping and better restaurants," said Hollrah, a request echoed by several other residents. "Other than that I love it here."

Marshall By the Numbers

Major Ancestry Groups

- African American - 7%
- English - 10%
- French - 2%
- German - 23%
- Hispanic - 7%
- Irish - 12%
- Italian - 1%
- Scottish - 2%

Marshall Employment by Sector

- Farm: 9%
 - Construction: 5%
 - Services: 22%
 - Government: 17%
 - Manufacturing: 20%
 - Transportation: 4%
 - Whole Trade: 4%
 - Retail Trade: 14%
 - Misc: 5%
- Marshall's Largest Employers**
- Con Agra: 900
 - Marshall Habilitation Center: 881
 - Excel Corp. Pork and Beef Facility: 533
 - Fitzgibbon Hospital: 500
 - Marshall Public Schools: 353
 - WalMart: 300

Population by Age

- 17 or younger: 24.4%
- 18-21: 7.9%
- 22-34: 14.5%
- 35-44: 14.8%
- 45-54: 12.8%
- 55-64: 10.2%
- 65 and older: 16.3%

Random Numbers

- 12,433: total population
- 631: Families living below the poverty line (531 White, 41 Black, 47 Hispanic, 12 other)
- 153: Total number of rooms in the area's 4 motels
- 29: Protestant churches
- 4: Banks
- 3: Radio Stations
- 3: Movie Theaters
- 1: Catholic church
- 1: Daily newspaper
- 1: Public Golf Course
- 1: Public Library
- 1/5: adults with a college degree
- \$22,593: per capita income
- 6%: unemployment in 2002

You've Got Mail and Now You Can Check It

By Robin Hoecker

As of Monday morning, the MPW lair has an on-ramp to the information super-highway. The wireless network is officially up and running.

"We've got the most wired lumber yard in Saline County," boasted MPW tech guru Larry Dailey, as he fiddled with a bundle of wires.

Problems with a hub sent voltage where it wasn't intended, said Dailey. It was causing problems with the mini-Macs, and wreaked havoc with the network blocking the building's main internet feed.

MPW staff members Darren Breen and Parker Eshelman helped Dailey build a new network from spare equipment. "We picked out parts and hacked them together," said Dailey. They received help from Marshall Communications Systems Specialist Jim Widel, who lent MPW a new router and network switch.

The new network is high-speed and easy to use, say smiling participants behind their glowing laptop screens. "It was a great experience,"



The crew of the Missouri Photo Workshop works steadily to get the lumberyard ready for the photographers arrival on Sunday. Photo by Samantha Clemens

said photographer Corey Perrine, holding his powerbook after checking his mail. "It was fast and friendly."

To join in on this crazy cyberfun, just go to your airport connection and click on "MPW wireless 2."

If you do not have a laptop, you can use the internet at the public library for \$1, which gives you one

hour, once a day. Another possibility is the CDS Internet Store, across from the Jim the Wonderdog Memorial, which has two computers that people can use to surf. The University of Missouri Extension Center also has computer labs, call 660-886-6908 for more info.

Words of Wisdom

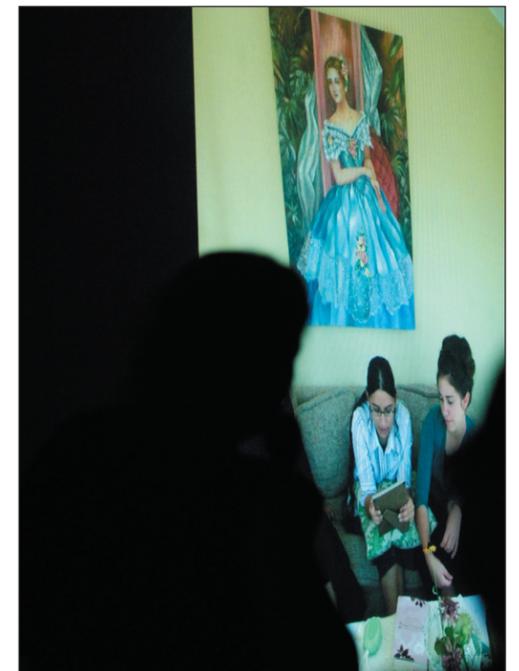
"Don't go for the easy story. Find something that challenges you, that scares you." ~Lois Raimondo

"Look to your adversaries. They can give you great ideas." ~ Dennis Dimick

"Remember, it's their story, not yours. It's an honor to be let into someone's life, we need to know that and respect it." ~ Melissa Farlow

"Don't set any limitations in your head. Sometimes people think, 'no, they won't let me take that photo.' You'd be surprised sometimes what people let you do." ~Jasmine Gehris

"Don't give up on us! We're gonna help you or die trying." ~Duane Dailey



Lois Raimondo talks about gaining and maintaining access along with her experience photographing refugees from Hurricane Katrina. Photo by Samantha Clemens