

The Central Florida Mountaineer Messenger

Fall 2020



Game Watch Central...

Football Season Is Once Again Upon Us! Our game watch partner again this year is our very own Friendly Confines-7025 CR 46-A, Lake Mary, located just off of I-4, Exit 101-A on State Road 46-A, just behind the Marriott. We are very appreciative of our continued partnership with Friendly's and their committed space and outstanding hospitality to our group.

Last year Carmen Sr. and Carmen Jr. owners of Friendly's, provided us with a donation representing 15% of food sales for our group during the season in the amount of \$1,500. Yes, we do love these folks!

We averaged between 45-50 fans per game this past year.

As we venture into our 2020 football season game watches we must remember that we do so with COVID-19 still present among us. Therefore, until further notice, please remember to practice appropriate social distancing and wearing of masks for the safety of yourself and those around you.

Check out Friendly Confines online to get a head start on their menu and rewards program. Their website is myfriendlyconfines.com. Their link is also available through our website (WVUCFL.com) by clicking their icon.

In addition to the game watch 50/50 drawings every week for prizes and money, we will once again be selling raffle tickets for a few higher value items at the end of the season. Tickets for the 50/50 drawings are \$1 each or buy \$20 worth and get an extra 5 tickets. Tickets for the end of year items are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets for the end of season raffles will be sold at all game watches during the season. This year's end of season prizes are...

- An autographed Will Grier Jersey
- 60 Qt Igloo Cooler - Mountaineer Style
- A hand crafted WVU lazy susan.

2020 Football Schedule

Saturday	Sept 12	EKU
Saturday	Sept 26	at Oklahoma St
Saturday	Oct 3	Baylor
Saturday	Oct 17	Kansas
Saturday	Oct 24	at Texas Tech
Saturday	Oct 31	Kansas St
Saturday	Nov 7	at Texas
Saturday	Nov 14	TCU
Saturday	Nov 28	Oklahoma
Saturday	Dec 5	at Iowa State



President's Message 2020-21...

Welcome to the Central Florida WVU Alumni & Friends Fall 2020 ***Mountaineer Messenger***. 2020 has been a year like no other in my lifetime! And that is probably putting it mildly for most of us.

Within the pages of this newsletter you will hopefully find helpful and useful information to be a part of our Central Florida Mountaineer Nation.

As the football season is kicking off, it too is proving to be a very unique experience. No fans or tailgating for the season opener and who knows what the remaining games will bring us! One thing we know for sure, your Central FL WVU Alumni & Friends will be holding game watches at Friendly's until they kick us out the door. And once again, we are all hopeful of a great season for our second year Head Football Coach Neal Brown as he continues the climb in WVU Football.

Hopefully you'll be able to join our Central Florida family at our football game watches at Friendly Confines in Lake Mary, just off of I-4 on 46-A. We are expecting big crowds again this year coming off of last year where we averaged around 50 per game watch-not to mention opening the season last year with nearly a hundred folks for the first game. Make sure to come join us for a great time with great food and drinks, great prizes, and great friendships. ***Unfortunately, as of the writing of this message we are still experiencing the effects of COVID-19 here in Central FL, so I must remind everyone that we will be following appropriate social distancing and mask wearing guidelines as outlined by the CDC and our local and state government leaders.***

Also, after you enjoy this addition of our ***Mountaineer Messenger***, please check out our website at www.wvucfl.com for up-to-date information year-round. A huge thank you to Donny Morehouse, our President-Elect, for building and maintaining our website!

Also, one of our focuses is to continue to ask folks to step up into a leadership role with our Chapter, so please consider stepping up so we can continue to grow stronger and explore additional opportunities outside of just football and some basketball game watches. In this addition of our ***Mountaineer Messenger*** we have included an insert that has our membership application. Your local membership helps to provide our give-a-ways and other costs for running our local chapter.

Lastly, please check out the following pages and find out more information on our two Central Florida Chapter scholarships and recipients. What great success we are having with both scholarships thanks to the continued support of our friends, family, and visitors to our game watches.

In closing, thanks for being a part of our Central Florida WVU Alumni & Friends Chapter and we look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks and months.

As Always...Let's Go...

Joe Abel, President
Central Florida WVU Alumni Chapter

Meet this years officers:

President-Joe Abel

President-Elect-Donny Morehouse

Vice President-Stacey Chipman

Secretary-Marian Berger

Treasurer and Director of Engagement-Kim Abel



Special Events

We will be having special events throughout the year. We will be posting these events on Facebook (WVU-Central Florida), on our website (WVU-CFL) and via email. If you are not receiving our emails please see one of the Chapter Leaders or email us at WVU.kimabel@cfl.rr.com.



Once again, now our fifth year, we will be collecting non-perishables items for the Lake Mary High School Pantry. Sadly, there are young adults who do not get 3 meals a day and rely on this service for meals.

For those with fur-babies, you know how important our 4-legged companions are to us. We will be collecting dog/cat food, toys, old blankets, and old towels to donate to the Seminole County Animal Shelter.

Both collections will be held the game watch weeks of November 7th and 14th. Or whenever you want to drop stuff off!

On November 7th we will again be honoring/recognizing our brave heroes of the armed forces.



Giving back through our Central Florida Student Scholarships...

During our game watches we hold 50/50 drawings for cash and prizes with the net proceeds from the raffles going directly into the scholarship funds. Also, funds left over from our membership fees collected, after expenses, go directly into the scholarship funds.

Our Central Florida WVU Alumni & Friends group have been very fortunate to fully fund our Marilu Adams Student Athlete Scholarship and fund local Florida athletes for the past several years. To fully fund the scholarship, our chapter agreed to grow the fund to an endowed amount of \$50,000. I continue to be very proud to say that the fund currently has over \$60,000. You can find out more about the fund and how to donate at our website (wvucfl.com). The 2020/21 recipient is Tony Mathis from Orlando, FL. Tony is a red-shirt freshman #24, running back.

Our newest scholarship opportunity began 3 years ago and is focused on those Central Florida students that are not attending WVU for athletics but rather academics. Named the Central Florida WVU Student Academic Scholarship, the Chapter deposited a whopping \$3,500 as a result of our first year's efforts towards the fund. Last year's efforts brought our current balance to over \$16,000. The scholarship opportunities within this fund began last year and will be endowed when it reaches \$25,000. You can also find out more about this fund and how to donate at our website. The 2020/21 recipient is our very own little Miss Allison Cartmill.

I challenge all of our Central Florida alumni and friends to see if we can bring home the additional funding this year to reach our endowment level of \$25,000 for our academic scholarship.

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