

PUBLIC AFFAIRS
4TH QUARTER 2023
OCTOBER - DECEMBER
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OCTOBER

PORTAL 31 GRAND RE-OPENING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 6. CEREMONY AT 11 AM AND TOURS BEGIN AT 1 PM. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

THE FALL FESTIVAL AT LAUREL MISSION WILL BE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, FROM 5-8 PM. THERE WILL BE INFLATABLES, GOSPEL BLUEGRASS BAND, HAY RIDE, CARNIVAL GAMES, FREE PUMPKINS FOR KIDS AND FREE HOTDOGS AND FOOD. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT NATHAN BOGGS AT 606-558-3780.

PUMPKIN PATCH AND HAYRIDES AT KINGDOM COME STATE PARK, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 AND SATURDAY OCTOBER 15 FROM 11 AM TO 2 PM. THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO COME AND ENJOY A HAYRIDE TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 606-589-5138 OR CONTACT SHERRY CORNET AT KY.GOV.

MANY PEOPLE WHOSE EYESIGHT IS CHANGING DUE TO AGING OR OTHER HEALTH FACTORS CAN BENEFIT FROM SOLUTIONS THAT BLIND PEOPLE HAVE FOUND THROUGH LIFE EXPERIENCE ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND. INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT CONSIDER THEMSELVES BLIND AND SIMPLY DON'T REACH OUT FOR HELP. THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND AT NFR.ORG WILL WORK WITH YOU TO IMPROVE YOUR SIGHT.

OSTEOPOROSIS IS A MAJOR HEALTH THREAT FOR BOTH WOMEN AND MEN AS THEY AGE. ONE IN TWO WOMEN AND ONE IN FOUR MEN OVER THE AGE OF 50 WILL BREAK A BONE DUE TO OSTEOPOROSIS IN THEIR LIFETIME. THE GOOD NEWS IS WE KNOW THE RISK FACTORS AND CAN DIAGNOSE OSTEOPOROSIS AND LOW BONE MASS ACCURATELY WITH A SAFE AND SIMPLE BONE DENSITY TEST, ALSO CALL A DUAL-ENERGY X-RAY. EVEN MORE GOOD NEWS - ALL MEDICARE RECIPIENTS ARE ENTITLED TO A FREE BONE DENSITY TEST EVERY TWO YEAR. ASK YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR INFORMATION AS TO HOW TO OBTAIN THIS TEST.

JACKIE INTERVIEW SHERYL CAUDEL OCTOBER 11 ON THE EARLY MORNING SHOW REGARDING THE 13TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF APPALACHIAN WOMEN CONFERENCE. THE CELEBRATION OF APPALACHIAN WOMEN CONFERENCE WILL BE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT THE HARLAN CENTER FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. THERE WILL BE A CATERED LUNCH. THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY HARLAN COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL AND CUMBERLAND VALLEY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL SHERLY CAUDEL AT 606-392-1129 OR JENNIFER SANDERS AT 606-273-3001. TRACY ALSO INTERVIEWED SHERLY DURING THE LIVE AFTERNOON SHOW ON OCTOBER 12.

VACCINATIONS SHOULD BE A PART OF EVERYONE'S TO DO LIST, BUT ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES, PEOPLE WHO ARE 60 AND OLDER AND THOSE WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS SUCH AS ASTHMA, DIABETES OR HEART AND LUNG DISEASE. GETTING VACCINATED IS SAFE AND THE BEST WAY TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF GETTING DISEASES. ADDITIONALLY, VACCINES CAN ALSO REDUCE THE RISK OF BECOMING VERY SICK SHOULD YOU CONTRACT DISEASE. ASK YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ABOUT VACCINATIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE.

USAGING, IS A SOCIETY SERVICE OLDER ADULTS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND CARE PROVIDERS. THE USAGING IS COMMITTED TO HELP BUILD SOCIETY SERVING OLDER ADULTS LIVING WITH OPTIMAL HEALTH, WELL-BEING, INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY IN THEIR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES. THEY ARE PROVIDING A NEW PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPAIGN THAT HELPS INFORM AUDIENCES ABOUT ELDERCARE LOCATOR, A SERVICE TO CONNECT OLDER AMERICANS AND THEIR CARE PROVIDERS WITH TRUSTWORTHY, LOCAL SUPPORT RESOURCES. THE ELDERCARE LOCATOR CAN HELP CONNECT INDIVIDUALS TO THE SUPPORT THEY NEED FOR ASSISTANCE RELATED TO MEALS, HOME CARE, TRANSPORTATION AND MORE. ANYONE NEEDING CARE IS ENCOURAGED TO VISIT ELDERCARE.ACL.GOV OR CALL 1-800-677-1116.

THERE WILL BE A SWAPPIN' MEETIN' OCTOBER 6 AND 7TH AT SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE. THERE WILL BE FOOD, GAMES, VENDORS AND FUN FOR EVERYONE.

THE POSSUM FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD DOWNTOWN CUMBERLAND ON OCTOBER 14. THERE WILL BE FOOD, GAMES, TONS OF VENDORS AND MUSIC, FAMILY FUN AND MUCH MORE. COME JOIN IN THE FUN AND CELEBRATE WHAT MOST PEOPLE DEEM THE MASCOT OF APPALACHIA, THE POSSUM!

SHEKINAH VILLAGE WILL BE HAVE THEIR FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 14 IT WILL BE AT SHEKINAH VILLAGE WITH FREE FALL CELEBRATION WHICH INCLUDES GAMES, INFLATABLES, HORSE RIDES, FOOD, WAGON RIDE AND PUMPKINS. COME JOIN IN THE FUN WITH EVERYONE.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYIVANIA MISSION FAIR WILL BE OCTOBER 14 FROM 10-2 AT CAMP BURNAMWOOD, 900 CAMP BURNAMWOOD ROAD, IRVINE, KENTUCKY. CONTACT REV. BRAD NAPIER AT 276-312-1433 OR PASTOR BRADSPC@GMAIL.COM FOR INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS.

THERE WILL BE A FALL BLOCK PARTY WITH FOOD, GAMES AND FUN OCTOBER 27 AT 6 PM. THE GYM AREA WILL BE OPEN FOR KIDS TO COME AND PLAY AT 201 SOUTH FIRST STREET, NICHOLASVILLE, KENTUCKY. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT URBANVILLAGE.NIC@GMAIL.COM. RAIN DATE WILL BE NOVEMBER 3RD.

NOVEMBER IS STOMACH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. STOMACH CANCER

IS A WORLDWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND A SILENT KILLER. IT IS THE FIFTH MOST COMMON CANCER AND THE THIRD LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH. IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCE ANY STOMACH HEALTH PROBLEMS, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MEDICAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO BE CHECKED FOR ANY TYPE OF PROBLEMS.

HALLOWEEN IS OCTOBER 31. THERE WILL BE HALLOWEEN CANDY FOR ALL ON MAIN STREET OCTOBER 31, FROM 3 TO 5 PM. BE CAUTIOUS WHEN DRIVING AND ALERT FOR CHILDREN OUT TRICK AND TREATING.

GET READY FOR AN UPLIFTING MUSICAL EXPERIENCE AT THE BELIEVER'S MUSIC FEST 2023. THE MUSIC FEST WILL IN DOWNTOWN HARLAN, KENTUCKY AT THE HARLAN CENTER FROM NOVEMBER 1ST TO 4TH. THIS WILL BE FOUR DAYS OF FERVENT WORSHIP, ANOINTED VOICES, AND BOUNDLESS FUN WITH OVER 30 ARTISTS SPANNING THE FOUR DAYS. BE PART OF THIS DIVINE MUSICAL JOURNEY. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THEIR PAGE AT BELIEVERS MUSIC FEST EMAIL AT: believersmediagroup.tim@gmail.com. OR CALL/TEXT TIME AT 606-909-5436.

SOAR, ALONGSIDE HEALTHCARE PARTNERS THROUGHOUT EASTERN KENTUCKY, WILL HOST THE FIRST-EVER EAST KENTUCKY DIABETES SYMPOSIUM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, AT PRIMARY CARE CENTERS OF EASTERN KENTUCKY IN HAZARD, KENTUCKY. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT claudette@soar-ky.org OR SOAR AT 606-766-1160.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS: HARLAN DOWNTOWN FROM 3 TO 5 PM; HARLAN CITY HOURS 4 TO 6 PM, COUNTY HOURS 5 TO 7 PM. EVARTS WILL HAVE TRICK OR TREAT FROM 5 TO 7 PM, BOTH HARLAN CITY, COUNTY AND EVARTS WILL BE HALLOWEEN NIGHT OCTOBER 31. CUMBERLAND WILL HAVE TRICK OR TREAT ON MAIN OCTOBER 27 FROM 4 TO 6 PM AND TUESDAY OCTOBER 31, FROM 5 TO 7 PM. REMEMBER..BE SAFE..WATCH FOR CARS AND CHECK YOUR SURROUNDING AREA.

IN ADDITION TO THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNITY CALENDAR IS ANNOUNCED THREE TIMES PER DAY. ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS FOR HARLAN, BELL, LESLIE, LEE AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES ARE UPDATED DAILY. OBITUARIES ARE ANNOUNCED DAILY, AS RECEIVED, FOR ALL COUNTIES.

NOVEMBER

A FIRE BAN IS IN EFFECT FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM. NO ONE IS TO BURN DURING THIS TIME

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, JUDGE EXECUTIVE DAN MOSLEY ISSUED A FIRE BAN WHICH PROHIBITS NO FIRES ARE TO BE BURNED OUTSIDE DURING ENTIRE DAY/NIGHT. THE BAN IS 24 HOURS PER DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. A NUMBER OF FIRES OR BURNING IN THE HARLAN COUNTY, BELL COUNTY AND LESLIE COUNTY AREAS. ANYONE BURNING OUTSIDE CAN BE FINED.

NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH 4TH, BELIEVER'S MUSICFEST 2023 WILL BE AT

HARLAN CIVIC CENTER, 201 S. MAIN STREET, HARLAN, KENTUCKY. WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM, SHOWCASES 12 NOON, CONCERTS 6 PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TIM GOSHEN AT 606-909-5436 OR VISIT EMAIL: believersmediagroupmail.com.

SPECIALLY MARKED BAGS CONTAINING NON-PEREISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, AS WELL AS BAGS CONTAINING PET FOOD PRODUCTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FOR \$15.00 (PLUS TAX) AT ALL FOOD CITY LOCATIONS. CUSTOMERS WISHING TO PURCHASE THE BAGS MAY DEPOSIT THEM IN THE COLLECTION BINS LOCATED AT THE FRONT OF THE STORE.. 100% OF THE PRODUCTS COLLECTED WILL BENEFIT LOCAL HUNGER RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS AND ANIMAL SHELTERS THROUGH THE REGION.

DON'T FORGET, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, IS VOTING DAY. BE SURE TO GET OUT AND VOTE.

THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY.

LUNG CANCER KILLS MORE PEOPLE THAN BREAST, COLON OR PROSTATE CANCERS COMBINED. BLACK MEN ARE THE MOST LIKELY AMERICANS TO DIE FROM LUNG CANCER. FEDERAL GUIDELINES HAVE DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS ELIGIBLE FOR LUNG CANCER SCREENING. THOSE AGES 50 TO 80 - WHO CURRENTLY SMOKE - OR USE TO SMOKE. ASK YOUR CARE PROVIDER WHERE TO FIND A LUNG CANCER SCREENING CENTER. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO www.acr.org

ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, 3,522 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND AN ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL 362,415 PEOPLE WERE INJURED TO MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC CRASHES INVOLVING DISTRACTED DRIVERS. THE TEMPTATION FOR DRIVERS TO USE PHONE OR TEXT WHILE DRIVING WILL DISTRACT DRIVER AND CAUSE ACCIDENTS. REMEMBER..DO NOT TEXT OR USE PHONE WHEN DRIVING.

MOUNTAIN SANTA JORDAN HOWARD WILL BE HAVING A ROAD BLOCK AT THE VILLAGE CENTER MALL NOVEMBER 24 AND 25TH. ON NOVEMBER 24, THERE WILL ALSO BE A ROAD BLOCK AT WAL-MART BRIDGE. ON DECEMBER 2, THERE WILL BE A ROAD BLOCK AT THE WALLINS STOP LIGHT. ALL THE ROAD BLOCKS ARE TO HELP JORDAN PROVIDE CHRISTMAS FOR THE CHILDREN OF HARLAN COUNTY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, HARLAN TOURISM PRESENTS A CHARACTER CHRISIMAS IN COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF HARLAN AND THE HARLAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE PARADE WILL BE AT 6 PM, WITH LINE UP STARTING AT 4:30 PM. EACH ENTRY MUST HAVE A PROPERLY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM. APPLICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE HARLAN CENTER OR FOUND ON THE HARLAN COUNTY FACEBOOK PAGE OR WEBSITE. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOVEMBER 27, 2023.

QUITTING SMOKING ISN'T EASY. IT TAKES TIME AND A PLAN.

START YOUR JOURNEY TODAY WITH A SMOKE FREE LIFE ON THE THIRD THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER (NOVEMBER 16) DURING THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT EVENT. VISIT cancer.org/smokeout OR CALL HARLAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT 573-3700.

THE HARLAN COUNTY HOMEMAKERS HOLIDAY BAZAAR WILL BE HELD FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM ON NOVEMBER 11, AT THE HARLAN COUNTY EXTENSION DEPOT LOCATED AT 110 RIVER STREET, HARLAN, EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME OUT AND SEE WHAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. PEOPLE CAN COME OUT AND MEET, GREET AND TALK WITH EACH OTHER WHILE SUPPORTING LOCAL VENDORS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 606-573-4464.

THE HARLAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S ANNUAL GALA WILL BE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, FROM 5:30-8:30 PM AT THE HARLAN CENTER, 201 S. MAIN STREET IN HARLAN. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO www.harlandcountychamber.com

THE HARLAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL HAVE STORY HOUR, NOVEMBER 9, FROM 1-2 PM. THIS IS A FREE ACTIVITY OFFERED BY THE HARLAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 107 NORTH 3RD STREET IN HARLAN. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN THE STORY HOUR.

FLY FISHING WEEKEND IN BELL COUNTY WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, STARTING AT 2:30 PM AT PINE MOUNTAIN STATE RESORT PARK, 1050 STATE PARK ROAD, PINEVILLE, KENTUCKY. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO www.cumberlandgapregion.com

MASTER OF THE MOUNTAIN WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, FROM 9-11 AM AT KINGDOM COME STATE PARK, 502 PARK ROAD. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO www.harlandcountytrails.com

C.F. BAILEY AND SHADOW RIDGE ZACK WILES, WILL BE AT THE LEE THEATRE, PENNINGTON, VIRGINIA, NOVEMBER 11 AT 1 PM. COME OUT AND ENJOY THE MUSIC. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 276-546-4000.

THE UNITED HEALTHCARE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION (IHCCF) IS SEEKING GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM FAMILIES IN THE U.S. AND ARE ENCOURAGING FAMILIES TO APPLY THIS MONTH. MEDICAL GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP FAMILIES PAY FOR THEIR CHILD'S MEDICAL EXPENSES THAT ARE NOT COVERED, OR NOT FULLY COVERED, BY THEIR COMMERCIALS HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 952-931-5926.

ANYONE WITH LUNGS, CAN GET LUNG CANCER. IT IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN EVERY ETHNIC GROUP YET OFTEN PEOPLE DIAGNOSED WITH THE DISEASE DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO TURN FOR THE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT THEY NEED. NO ONE HAS TO CONFRONT LUNG CANCER ALONE. VISIT go2.org

MOUNTAIN MASTER BAZAAR WILL BE HELD FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24 AND 25, AT THE VILLAGE CENTER MALL. THERE WILL BE BAKE GOODS, CANDIES, QUILTS, MAN MADE BROOMS, WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER ITEMS. THE BAZAAR WILL BE FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME OUT AND SELECT THINGS NEEDED OR SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT ITEMS.

NOVEMBER 23, IS THANKSGIVING DAY. LET'S ALL REMEMBER TO BE THANKFUL AND OUR FREEDOM AND THINK ABOUT PEOPLE LESS FORTUNATE.

THERE WILL BE A LIVE RADIO AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF APPALACHIA NOVEMBER 29 AND DECEMBER 6 STARTING AT 5 PM ON WTUK 105.1 FM, WHLN 140 AM AND FACEBOOK. TONS OF DIFFERENT ITEMS INCLUDING GIFT CARDS, TOOLS, TOYS, HOME GOODS, HANDMADE CRAFTS, JEWELRY AND MUCH MORE. DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING WHILE SUPPORTING AN AMAZING CAUSE. THAT'S TWO (2) NIGHTS OF AMAZING ITEMS. TUNE INTO WTUK FM 105.1 OR WHLN AM 1410.

IN ADDITION TO THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNITY CALENDAR IS ANNOUNCED THREE TIMES PER DAY. ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS FOR HARLAN, BELL, LESLIE, LEE AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES ARE UPDATED DAILY. OBITUARIES ARE ANNOUNCED DAILY, AS RECEIVED FOR ALL COUNTIES.

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PARADE THAT WAS CANCELED DECEMBER 2, WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, WEATHER PERMITTING.

WTUK FM AND WHLN AM WILL BROADCAST THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS APPALACHIA HOLIDAY AUCTION DECEMBER 6, STARTING AT 5 PM. THERE WILL BE TONS OF DIFFERENT ITEMS ALONG WITH GREAT ITEMS FOR GIVING OR TREATING YOURSELF. GIFT CARDS, TOOLS, TOYS, HOME GOODS, HANDMADE CRAFTS, JEWELRY AND MORE. DON'T FORGET, DECEMBER 6, STARTING AT 5 PM LIVE ON WTUK FM 105.1, WHLN AM 1410 AND FACEBOOK.

DECEMBER 1-7, IS CROHN'S & COLITIS AWARENESS WEEK. THE CONDITION OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASES, WHICH INCLUDES CROHN'S DISEASE AND ULCREATIVE COLITIS, CAN POSE SIGNIFICANT LONG-TERM HEALTH RISKS AND REQUIRED CAREFUL, ONGOING MEDICAL ATTENTION. HOWEVER, SOME PATIENTS ARE MISDIAGNOSED, AND EVEN THOSE WITH ACCURATE DIAGNOSES MAY NOT BE AWARE OF NEWER TREATMENT OPTIONS. CONSULT WITH AN IBD SPECIALIST TO HELP UNDIAGNOSE OR DIAGNOSE TO FEEL BETTER SOONER.

WILDFIRES, IN THE U.S., HAVE MORE THAN 4.5 MILLION HOMES IN HIGH RISK AREAS. IF YOUR HOME GETS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED, DECEITFUL CONTRACTORS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WILDFIRE SURVIVORS, LOOKING TO TAKE VICTIM'S MONEY AND LEAVING WITHOUT DOING ANY WORK. BEFORE MAKING ANY COMMITMENT TO ANYONE, CONTACT THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU AND BE SURE THEY ARE REPUTABLE.

AUTO THEFTS CONTINUE TO INCREASE EACH YEAR ACROSS THE COUNTRY. CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO SAFE SPACE FOR VEHICLES TO BE PARKED. VEHICLE OWNERS NEED TO TAKE SIMPLE STEPS TO

REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR THEFT. KEEP ITEMS OUT OF VIEW, ROLL UP THE WINDOWS. LOCK THE DOORS AND DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR KEYS WITH YOU.

JUST IMAGINE A DOCTOR TELLING YOU YOUR CHILD HAS CANCER. IT IS THE MOST TERRIFYING MOMENT IN A PARENT'S LIFE. FROM THE MOMENT ON AT ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, THEY FIGHT EVERY DAY TO SAVE THAT CHILD'S LIFE SO ONE DAY THOSE PARENTS CAN TAKE THEIR CHILD HOME CANCER FREE. THAT'S A RELIEF TO A FAMILY KNOWING THEY NEVER RECEIVE A BILL FOR TREATMENT, TRAVEL, HOUSING OR FOOD, SO THEY CAN FOCUS ON HELPING THEIR CHILD LIVE. YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS POSSIBLE BY DONATING TODAY TO ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL.

AT SOME POINT IN OUR LIVES, EACH OF US MAY EXPERIENCE A CRISIS THAT CAN TEMPORARILY IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO CARE FOR OUR PETS. THERE IS NO GESTURE TOO SMALL OR TOO BIG TO HELP KEEP PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE TOGETHER-WHETHER IT'S DONATING PET FOOD, RETURNING A LOST CAT OR DOG TO THEIR HOME OR TEMPORARILY FOSTERING A PET. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL PET SHELTER TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP.

OLDER ADULTS CONSISTENTLY EXPERIENCE THE GREATEST HARM AND NUMBER OF DEATHS DURING DISASTERS IN THE U.S., ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE LIVING ALONE, ARE LOW-INCOME, HAVE A DISABILITY, OR LIVE IN RURAL AREAS. TAKE A FEW MINUTES, EACH DAY, AND CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS.

STUDIO 606 WILL PERFORM THE NUTCRACKER BALLET, A BELOVED HOLIDAY TRADITION, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, AT 5:30 PM AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, AT 3 PM AT THE HARLAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. THE STUDIO 606 PERFORMANCES FEATURE MORE THAN 100 DANCERS FROM HARLAN, BELL AND LETCHER COUNTIES IN KENTUCKY AND LEE COUNTY, VIRGINIA. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT BETHANY COX AT 606-505-7283.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, IS STORY HOUR FROM 1-2 PM AND 3:30-4:30 PM, AT THE HARLAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 107 NORTH 3RD STREET IN HARLAN. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME OUT AND JOIN IN STORY TELLING TIME. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE LIBRARY AT www.harlancountylibraries.org

ALSO ON DECEMBER 7, AT 5 PM WILL BE LEGO NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE LIBRARY AT www.harlancountylibraries.org

THE LAURELS' ANGEL CHRISTMAS EVENT, EACH YEAR, IS TO PLACE EACH RESIDENT'S NAME ON THE TREE WITH CHRISTMAS WISHES AND NEEDS.FOR ANYONE WILLING TO PURCHASE ITEMS FOR THE RESIDENTS TO BE GIVEN OUT AT CHRISTMAS. THE LAURELS' IS AN 82-BED ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY HERE IN HARLAN AND IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHICH CARES FOR RESIDENTS. IF YOU CAN CHOOSE A NAME FROM THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND ARE UNABLE TO GO SHOPPING FOR THE PERSON, THE LAURELS' HAVE A SPECIAL TEAM OF ELVES

THAT WILL DO THE SHOPPING FOR YOU. YOU CAN OBTAIN NAMES FROM THE TREE BY CALL OR VISITING THE LAURELS, INC. PHONE NUMBER IS 606-573-5105, ADDRESS 169 COUNTY POKE ROAD IN HARLAN.

THE SOUTHEAST CHOIR, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF RYLAND POPE AND ACCOMPANIST, CLARA ATKINS POPE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR THEIR TWO HOLIDAY CONCERTS. THE FIRST CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT THE HARLAN ESPECTIAL CHURCH IN HARLAN. A MUSICAL PRELUDE FEATURING PIANISTS ANN SCHERTZ AND STEPHANIE BROESMA WILL BE PERFORMS AT 2:30, FOLLOWED BY THE CONCERT AT 3:00 PM. THE SECOND CONCERT WILL BE PERFORM IN THE TRI-CITIES AREA. IT WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, AT THE BENHAM COAL MINERS' MEMORIAL THEATRE LOCATED IN BENHAM, KY. A MUSICAL PRELUDE WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM, FOLLOWED BY THE CONCERT AT 6:30. ALL ARE INVITED TO HEAR THE MAGNIFICENT SINGING OF THIS WONDERFUL CHOIR, IN PERFORMANCE OF BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS MUSIC. NO ADMISSION IS CHARGED. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT RYLAND POPE VIA THE SOUTHEAST CHOIR FACEBOOK PAGE OR tpope0008@kctc.edu

DUE TO HARLAN COUNTY RECEIVING NEARLY 3 INCHES OF RAIN OVER THE PAST WEEKEND SATURATING THE GROUND, COMBINED WITH RAINFALL OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, AND THE INCREASED MOISTURE GREATLY REDUCING THE THREAT OF WILDFIRES, DAN MOSLEY, HARLAN COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE, HAS ENDED THE BAN ON OPEN BURNING IN HARLAN COUNTY AND THE END OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS ALSO BEEN LIFTED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11. HOWEVER, DAN REMINDED THAT FALL FOREST FIRE SEASON IS STILL IN EFFECT THROUGH DECEMBER 15, AND OPEN BURNING IS ONLY ALLOWED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 PM AND 6:00 AM AND 150 FEET AWAY FROM A WOODLAND OR BURSHLAND.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, FROM 3-4 PM PINE MOUNTAIN SETTLEMENT SCHOOL WILL HAVE THEIR NAVITY PLAY. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO www.harlandcountytrails.com

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, SOUTHEAST CHOIR HOLIDAY CONCERTS 2023 WILL BE FROM 6-7:30 PM AT HARLAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND BENHAM COAL MINERS' MEMORIAL THEATER, WILLIAMS AND CENTER STREET, CORNER IN HARLAN, KENTUCKY.

THERE WILL BE LIVE NAVITY AT CHEVROLET BAPTIST CHURCH DECEMBER 15TH THRU 17TH FROM 6PM TO 8PM. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME BY AND ENJOY THE LIVE NAVITY AT CHEVROLET BAPTIST CHURCH.

THE HARLAN MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS BOARD OF COMMISSION HAS SCHEDULED ITS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH AT 6 PM AT THE HARLAN CENTER LOCATED AT 201 SOUTH MAIN STREET IN HARLAN, KENTUCKY.

THE READING FOUNDATION, THE NATION'S LEADING CHILDREN'S LITERACY NON-PROFIT IS LAUNCHING THEIR THIRD YEAR OF ANNUAL

SIX-MONTH READING CAMPAIGN, THE FOUNDATION IS OFFERING FREE MONTHLY THEMES WITH READ-ALOUDS TO ENGAGE READING ACTIVITIES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGES CHILDREN. TWENTY-FIVE MILLION CHILDREN IN THE U.S. ARE NOT READING AT A PROFICIENT LEVEL AND THEY ARE ASKING FOR OUR SUPPORT TO CREATE AWARENESS FOR THIS FREE OPPORTUNITY, FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN. THESE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT RallytoRead.org FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY CALL 202-536-3525.

IT'S THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN TEMPERATURES START TO DROP, LEADING A MYRIAD OF PESTS TO PUSH THEIR WAY INDOORS IN SEARCH OF SHELTER, FOOD AND WATER. WHILE MANY CONSIDER PESTS TO BE A SPRING AND SUMMER PROBLEM, HOUSEHOLD PESTS ARE A HEALTH THREAT YEAR-ROUND AND CAN BE FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN THEY SEEM. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

WHENEVER A DRIVER TAKES THEIR EYES OFF THE ROAD, THEIR HANDS OFF THE WHEEL AND THEIR MIND OFF OF DRIVING, EVEN FOR A MOMENT, THEY ARE DRIVING DISTRACTED AND PUTTING THEMSELVES AND OTHERS AT RISK. IN FACT, REMOVING YOUR EYES FROM THE ROAD FOR JUST TWO SECONDS DOUBLES THE RISK FOR A CRASH. TOGETHER WE CAN ALL HELP ENCOURAGE SAFE, RESPONSIBLE DRIVING BEHAVIOR ON THE ROAD BY CHOOSING NOT TO DRIVE DISTRACTED AND DEMANDING THAT OUR LOVE ONES, FRIENDS, CLASSMATES, NEIGHBOR AND RIDESHARE DRIVERS STOP BEFORE PICKING UP THEIR PHONES BEHIND THE WHEEL. IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE OUR ROADS AND HIGHWAYS A SAFER PLACE TO DRIVE.

A*SERVICES GROUP, LLC, ARE HAVING A HIRING EVENT, MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 10A TO 4 PM. THEY ARE NOW HIRING FOR ALL SHIFTS FOR SRK-TN (FORMALLY DIR-IN). STARTING PAY IS \$12 PER HOUR WITH MULTIPLE BONUS OPPORTUNITIES. COME BY OR CALL NOW FOR MORE DETAILS, LOCATED AT 300 COURT STREET, SUITE A, TAZEWELL, TN (NEXT TO ETHRA OFFICE & LIFESTAR HELICOPTER LANDING PAD) OR CALL 423-972-4147, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.

STAND IN THE GAP - ADDICTION IS A TRAP...DON'T FALL FOR IT! BE SMART - DON'T START. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL SIGCO AT 423-300-1302.

THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF WTUK FM, WFSR AM AND WHLN AM, WISHES FOR EACH AND EVERY PERSON A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE BEST OF THE NEW YEAR. WE ALL WISH YOU A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON IF YOU TRAVEL. WE WANT EVERYONE TO JOIN US AGAIN NEXT YEAR FOR THE LATEST IN NEWS, SPORTS AND UPDATES ON ALL EVENTS FOR HARLAN, BELL, LESLIE, LEE AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES.