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From the Hawk's Nest is distributed on the first and third Friday of each month. We need your input! Please send your ideas for stories on upcoming events, reports on attendance at conferences, awards and honors received, photos or information on outstanding employees or students to Barbara Elliott, bellotti@newriver.edu. **The deadline for the next issue is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3.**

Intramural Basketball Tournament Fun For Faculty, Staff and Students

By Dr. Allen Withers



The Lee Street Complex of the Greenbrier Valley Campus was the site for the Third Annual Intramural Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 15. More than 25 students, faculty and staff members participated in the tournament on teams representing all four campuses and the Advanced Technology Center.

There were three teams: the Ghent Ballers from the ATC, the Raleigh County Tides representing the Raleigh County Campus, and the third team, the Tomadoes, representing the Greenbrier Valley, Mercer County and Nicholas County Campuses. The tournament was in the double-elimination format which involved each team playing at least two games during the day.



Students, faculty and staff participating on the teams are listed below by location: Zak Amon, Nick Clay, Adam Jones, Gregory Saunders, Max Stevens (Advanced Technology Center); Casey Baber (staff), Torey Beasley, Jonathan Coleman, Davis Cox, coach (staff), David Fonseca, Brian Hatcher (staff), Shawn Keller, Zachary Mobley, Ronald Moreland (faculty), Gregory Moore, Monique Rhodes, Kelli White (faculty) (Raleigh County Campus); Brian McDaniel (Mercer County Campus); Tod Jones, Herman "Boats" Keene (staff), Tyler Thomas, Niki Zickefoose (Nicholas County Campus); Jennifer Flack, Donald Hull, Greg Lester (Greenbrier Valley Campus).

Good ball handling, excellent shooting and plenty of hustle characterized the play during all the games of the tournament. It was evident that the team members played with intensity and passion - whether student, faculty, staff, male, female, young or an "older" player!

The first game pitted the Raleigh County Tides, sporting red uniform shirts, and the Ghent Ballers, wearing blue uniform shirts. The Tides won the games with a score of 48 to 19. The Tomadoes in white uniform shirts played the Tides in the second game. The Tides proved victorious with a score of 42 to 36 in another fast-paced game. The fourth game pitted the Tomadoes against the Tides. The game went down to the wire with the

Tomadoes winning 35-34.

With the Tomadoes winning the fourth game, the fifth game became the Championship Game for the tournament between the Tomadoes and the Tides. At the end of regulation play the game was tied 20-20 in a hard fought battle between two tired teams that had played several games during the day. At the end of the five-minute overtime period, the score was tied at 22-22. At the end of the second overtime (2 minutes) the score was Tides, 27 and Tomadoes, 25. Congratulations to the Raleigh County Tides, 2014-2015 Champions,

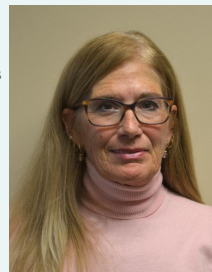
and to all the teams that participated! The Tournament trophy will be displayed at the Raleigh County Campus.

Special thanks goes to Wanda Johnson, Coordinator of Student Activities, and tournament coordinator. John Beard and James Wilmer, local Greenbrier County referees, served as officials for the games with Shane Bennett operating the scoring clock and Shelby White (Dr. Kelli White's daughter) assisting with score keeping. Thanks also to the coordinators on each of the New River Campuses who recruited players and made arrangements for transportation: Megan Mohn (Advanced Technology Center), Wanda Johnson (Greenbrier Valley Campus), Gene Whitlow (Mercer County Campus), Martha Baisden (Nicholas County Campus), and Cindy Dalton and Darivs Cox (Raleigh County Campus). Thanks also to Patrick Martin, who took some great shots of the action, including the photo above.

Welcome to New River

Marianne E. Layer has joined New River CTC in the new position of dean of transfer and pre-professional programs. She is responsible for oversight of all matters related to the development, delivery and evaluation of programs designed for transfer to four-year institutions, including pre-professional training in business and computer science. In addition, she will be responsible for distance learning and dual enrollment and will assist Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Amy DeSonia in overseeing the implementation of academic policies and procedures.

Layer comes to New River CTC from the Spring Creek Campus of Collin College in Plano, TX, where she was dean of communication and humanities. She previously was chair of the Division of Languages and Literature at the College of Southern Maryland in La Plata, MD. She earned a bachelor's degree in English at Michigan State University. She also earned a master's in English at Michigan State with concentrations in community college teaching, minority literature, Holocaust literature, women's studies, and composition and rhetoric.



Resumania

An event to improve your resume...fast!



Who should attend?

Everyone! Especially students seeking advice on writing a resume, a review of a resume, or resume tips.

The Office of Career Services hosted Resumania during the week of November 10-14 in celebration of National Career Development Month. The events were held from 12:-1:30 p.m. in the student lounge and served as an opportunity for students to have their resume critiqued quickly without an appointment. The next round of Resumania will be held during the 2015 spring semester.

Reminders from the Safety Committee

To ensure compliance with state, federal and OSHA regulations and ensuring safety for all New River CTC employees, students and visitors, please be sure that your area meets the following requirements:

- Emergency Exits (including doors, windows, hatches etc.): Cannot be blocked or obstructed, must provide a clear direct exit pathway at all times.
- Emergency Gas Cut Offs (Science labs, maintenance rooms, etc.): Cannot be blocked or obstructed at any time.
- Fire Alarms: Cannot be blocked or obstructed at any time.
- Electrical Panels/Boxes: a clear space of at least 36 inches should be maintained, cleared and unobstructed at all times.
- Electrical Room/Heating Producing Equipment: A clear space of at least 36 inches should be maintained and cleared.
- Hot Water Heaters: 12 inch clearance must be maintained.
- Portable Heaters: Only New River approved heaters are allowed. A clear space of 36 inches should be maintained and cleared at all times. No extension cords; heaters must be plugged into outlet directly.
- Wall heaters: Must be cleared at all times, no papers, boxes etc., can be placed on top of heater vents, coils, etc.,
- Flammable Supplies: excessive inventory cannot be stored together
- Aerosol storage that contains flammable gas propellant and/or ingredients should be stored in a UL listed flammable cabinets.
- Fire Rated Doors cannot be blocked at any time.
- Extension Cords: Plugged into wall outlet directly and NO double connections or cords.
- Cord Trip Hazards: All cords should be placed along the wall or covered to ensure no trip hazards.

If you encounter or anyone reports non-compliance or safety issues, please contact the Maintenance Team, Safety Committee or Bob Runion, director of facilities and campus safety, at (304) 929-5026.

Updates from the Office of Communications

The Office of Communications has developed online forms for ordering items such as name tags, business cards and printed materials (envelopes, letterhead, forms). The forms can be accessed from the Communications page on the website (under the Faculty and Staff category). You will note that the forms now require you to fill in the complete account code to which items should be charged. You will not be able to complete the order without entering this information. Tonya Webb,

administrative secretary, is now the contact person for ordering these materials. Please let her know if you have any problems with the online forms.

There are also forms for requesting publicity or paid advertising for an event or program. By completing these forms in detail, you can assure that the Communications Office has all the information needed to respond to your request in timely way. Please think ahead and provide the information two to three weeks ahead, depending on the nature of the event.

Although many employees will be moving to the new Raleigh County Campus in December, we will not be ordering new business cards and envelopes for everyone who is moving. The Post Office will forward mail for some months after the move, so continue using your current supplies until they run out.

Barbara Elliott, director of public relations and editor of this newsletter, will be leaving New River CTC on Dec. 5 to accept a position at Washington and Lee University. If you need assistance from the Office of Communications until a replacement is hired, please contact Libby Belcher.



'Tis the Season for Caring and Sharing

The holiday season is upon us, and New River employees and students are undertaking projects to ensure that those in need are not forgotten in this time of warmth and joy. All campuses are collecting food items as part of a College-wide project to assist those in need this holiday season.

The Student Government Associations and Classified Staff at each campus are participating in the drive for their campus.

Medical Assisting students from the Raleigh County Campus raised more than \$3,000 for veterans in the long-term care unit of the Veterans Hospital in Beckley. They assembled gift bags for each resident containing a custom designed tee shirt, sweat pants and a variety of toiletry items. They had enough money left over to make a sizeable cash contribution to ensure that the residents have a very happy holiday. The students and Instructor Connie Rhodes went to the VA on Nov. 19 to deliver the gift bags and spend some time with the veterans. Pictured above are (l-r) Connie Rhodes, Angella Dews, Lisa Yahya, Rhonda Anderson, JoAnn Palmer and Jasmin Maniece.



The Browning Social Services Club is collecting 24-packs of crayons and coloring books that will be donated to the Mac's Toy Fund. Collection containers are located on all campuses. The Advanced Technology Center is also collecting items for Mac's Toy Fund in cooperation with the Ghent Volunteer Fire Department.

Mary Igo and Dr. John Mullens "re-purposed" some of the accreditation badges for this clever New River CTC tree that was entered in a competition among local businesses sponsored by the Summersville Arena and Conference Center for

Medical Assisting and Health Information Technology students at the Nicholas County Campus are participating in Christmas Community Store Helpers, and Physical Therapist Assistant students from the Raleigh County Campus are sponsoring Secret Santa for foster children.

These are just some of the many ways that New River CTC is having a positive impact in our communities. Thanks to everyone for their participation and generosity.



Down to the Wire(s)

Things are moving into high gear in preparation for the move into the new Raleigh County Campus/Central Administration building in mid-December. Employees have been briefed on how to pack for the move and are already starting that process.

The Information Technology Department is hard at work getting the networking infrastructure in place. Steve Butler and Robert Davis will have no problem getting those cables sorted out before the start of the new semester!

Some Postscripts to the Last Issue

In the last issue of *From the Hawk's Nest*, we noted the participation of many groups in the accreditation visit, but we left out students! Thanks to all the students who took the time to meet with the accreditation team and share their insights.

Gloria Kincaid asked that we acknowledge all of the judges who assisted with the Lego League scrimmage. They were Sandra Wilmer, Shane Bennett, Bob Dutilly, Michael Rosolina (husband of faculty member Judy Stennett), Dr. Larry Davis, Dr. Lucie Refsland, and head judge Lary Brown. Steve Butler served as both a judge and referee.

KUDOS!

Vanessa Bailey and her Medical Assisting students assisted with health screenings at the Women on Wellness retreat held at Rainelle Elementary School on Saturday, Nov. 8. The students worked alongside medical students from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine under the supervision of Dr. Andrea Nazar. Bailey and Nazar are pictured at right. Bailey and her students also manned a booth at the Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce Mega Business After Hours on Nov. 13.



Lisa Carter and students from the Cosmetology program also had a booth at the Mega Business After Hours, offering free nail services to help raise awareness of that program. Staci Green, student recruiter, was also on hand to share information about Colleg-wide program.



Michael Linkenhoker, a student at the Nicholas County Campus, has been named the winner of a national contest to name America's Finest Grillmaster. The contest was conducted through social media.

Linkenhoker entered Ball Park brand's contest by submitting a photo via Instagram showcasing why he felt he was worthy of the title. The photo showed Linkenhoker and his friend, Jacob Milam, tailgating Park's Finest hot dogs wearing American-themed

shirts. Among the props was a mounted deer.

To celebrate his big win, Ball Park hosted a tailgate prior to Fayetteville's last football game of the season. Linkenhoker was presented with a grill trailer. According to a Ball Park representative, the fully-customized, Americana-themed grill sits atop a 19-foot trailer equipped with two double-wide grills, LED weather-proof lighting, a wireless sound station with Bluetooth, seating for eight and more. That's Linkenhoker at left in the photo with Milam.

Thanks to the Fayette Tribune for sharing this article and photo.



Check out our Facebook page for more information on College events. Just click on the logo above or connect from the home page of the website.

Keep us Posted!

Share the good news about what's going on at New River CTC. Send your articles, photos or Kudos to Barbara Elliott, belliot@newriver.edu. Many thanks to Dr. Allen Withers, Connie Rhodes, Candice Stadler, Bob Runion, Roger Griffith and Libby Belcher for their contributions to this issue.

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New River Community and Technical College provides accessible, affordable, quality education and workforce programs to meet the needs of the region it serves.