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CHRISTMAS MAGAZINE

Local businesses team up with the Community Voice for special Hometown Moments and Memories and a special Gingerbread Run Give-away.

ACADEMICS



ACMS ACADEMIC TEAM WINS

Team earns first place in Quick Recall during annual Kentucky Colonel's 6th Grade Showcase. **3**

SPORTS



INDIANS HAVE MIXED START

The Indians start the season with two wins and two losses as they prepare to take on 20th Region opponents. **6**

FRANKFORT



REP. CARNEY ELECTED FLOOR LEADER

Rep. John "Bam" Carney was elected Majority Floor Leader by the Kentucky House Republicans. **3**

Rain delays some of Christmas in Columbia

Parade moved to Dec. 15



Just a few more sprinkles.

Photos by Anna Murrell

Archer Loy, 3, focused on making his sugar cookie look just right at the Christmas carnival at the Holloway Health and Wellness Center. He is the son of Matt and Megan Loy of Columbia.

The turnout on Saturday was lighter than usual for Christmas in Columbia due to rain, but many community members still showed up to shop locally and visit with friends.

As always, the Edgar Troutman Memorial Rotary Breakfast provided an early start to the day and the opportunity to visit with acquaintances while enjoying a nice breakfast.

Inside the historic

Adair County Courthouse were the arts and crafts vendors, where close to 20 vendors signed up, according to Cayce Davenport.

Normally a vendor, this was Davenport's first year in charge of organizing this particular event.

"This is a special place and I love doing this," said Davenport.

Davenport added that she hopes to see the

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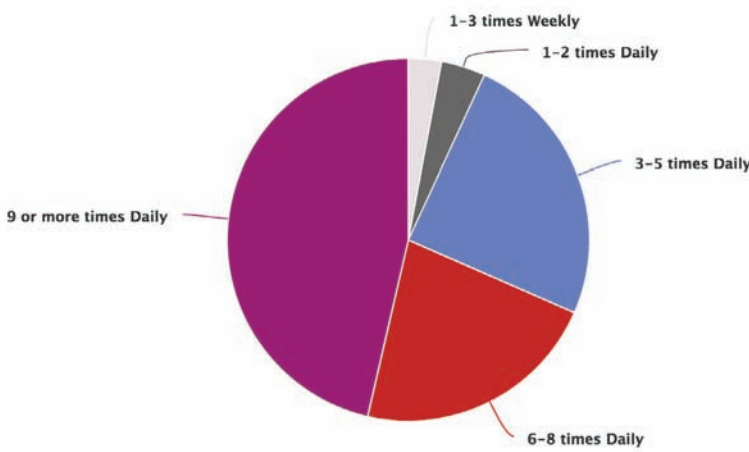


A napping Jaxon Karnes matched his stuffed elf at the Christmas carnival at the Holloway Health and Wellness Center. He is the son of Bradley and Cheryl Karnes of Columbia.

43,000 NEEDLES DISPENSED

Syringe program shows dire drug epidemic

Self-Reported Injection Frequency
Adair, (304 Clients Total)



A syringe exchange program offered at the Adair County Health Department is getting more use from residents from Taylor County than Adair, but altogether more than 43,040 syringes have been dispensed since the program started.

According to statistics provided by the Lake Cumberland District Health Department, 294 different people have participated in the program a total of 985 times since the program began in September 2017.

The program is provided by the health district following approval by the fiscal court and city council in 2017. The district endorsed the program as a way to reduce the spread of Hepatitis C and HIV.

Since the inception of the program in Adair County, a total of 43,040 syringes have been dispensed and 29,065 collected. Participants are not required to bring in syringes on their first visit but

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ACMS homecoming winners

Winners are Maddix Rodgers, representing football, and Grace-lynn Akin, representing volleyball. First runners-up are Braeden Coomer, representing FFA, and Cady Taylor, representing band.

Pedestrian struck on Burkesville Street

An Adair County man is believed to have walked in front of one vehicle before being struck by a second vehicle on Burkesville Street.

According to a police report, Ronald Campbell, 58, was unconscious and suffered severe injuries after being struck by a vehicle driven by Jeremy Sult, 48, of

Columbia.

A witness told police he barely avoided hitting Campbell after Campbell walked in front of his vehicle. Campbell continued to cross the roadway and walked into the path of the vehicle being driven by Sult.

Sult was traveling south

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Council ends year with review of ongoing projects

The final regular city council meeting of the year and the last one presided over by Mayor Curtis Hardwick took place Monday night with one item that required action and several topics that warranted a brief conversation.

The council voted to accept a \$3,000 safety grant through the Kentucky League of Cities that will pay for half the cost to make planned sidewalk improvements. The city will pay the

other half of the bill to repair trip hazards identified as part of the ongoing project.

Mayor Hardwick reviewed several projects still ongoing as he ends his term. The city is seeking grants through the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and USDA to turn the city parking lot on the corner of Campbellsville and Merchant streets into a covered pavilion.

Hardwick said the project, es-

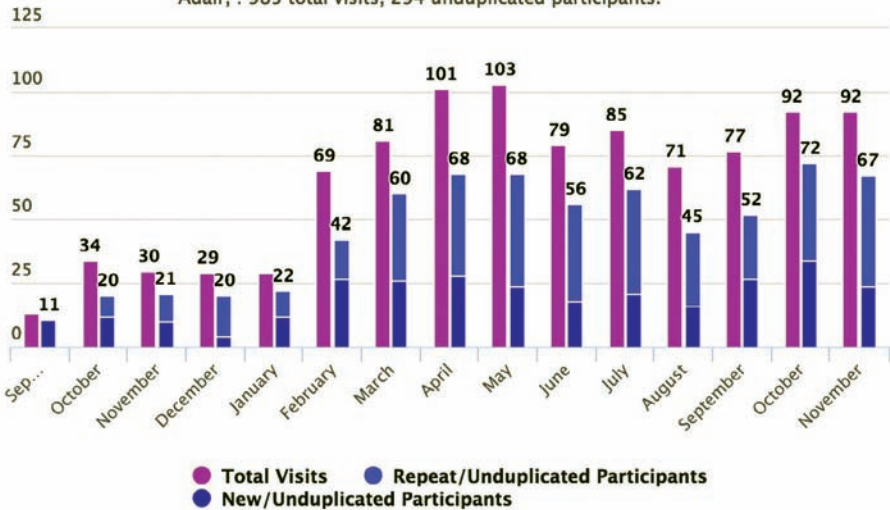
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Mayor Curtis Hardwick presides over the last city council meeting of the year and his last one before Pam Hoots takes over as mayor in January.

Participants by Month

Adair, : 985 total visits, 294 unduplicated participants.



Syringe program working

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are expected to bring them in during subsequent visits.

From September 2017 through November 2018, a total of 304 clients have provided data to the district. Of those, 141 (46.4 percent) report that they inject drugs at least nine times a day. Another 67 (22 percent) reported injecting six to eight times daily.

A total of 204 participants (67.1 percent) said they use methamphetamine while 129 reported using heroin. A total of 71 participants reported using suboxone and 12 reported using cocaine. Thirty-five reported using another opioid.

Of 304 clients, 74 reported that they have tested positive for HCV (Hepatitis C), while 53 were unknown. Four said they tested positive for HIV, while 48 did not know.

Of the people participating in the program in Adair County, 178 are from Taylor County (58.6 percent) while only 64 (21.1 percent) are from Adair County.

Tracy Aaron, director

of health education with the health district, said the program has been very effective for several reasons. It is reducing the spread of disease and people are reporting fewer needles in parks and on the streets, she noted.

The program also connects participants to volunteer peer counselors, people who have successfully completed treatment themselves. In addition, the health district's staff provides participants with information about treatment and counseling programs.

"To see those individuals, and to know they have trust and that someone cares about them, this is really an opportunity for those individuals," Aaron said.

The program is offered in Adair, Russell, Pulaski and McCreary counties through LCDHD. Since its inception starting first in Russell County in June 2017, a total of 1,037 participants have visited 4,311 times. A total of 173,383 syringes have been dispensed and 129,286 collected.

The most highly used

drug is methamphetamine, with 751 participants reporting they used it. The second most highly used was suboxone, used by 394 clients. A total of 315 participants reported using heroin.

Of 1,135 clients in the district who self-reported, a total of 420 participants (37 percent) reported injecting drugs at least nine times a day. Another 339 reported using six to eight times daily and 270 reported using at least three to five times daily.

A total of 317 clients reported testing positive for Hepatitis C.

Overall, the largest participation comes from Pulaski County, with 447 participants, McCreary with 191, Taylor with 181, Russell with 151, and 76 from Adair. Others come from Casey, Green and other counties not listed.

Monthly reports are available online at lcdhd.org/services/substance-abuse-services/syringeneedle-exchange-program/syringe-exchange-program-monthly-reports.

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