

LOCAL

POOL OPENING
from 1A

the task. Sporting a suit of a different kind — a three piece versus the traditional swim trunks — Grimes plunged down the slide where he was greeted on the other side with invitingly warm water.

"I've been waiting 12 years to do this and it felt good", said Grimes.

A delightful brunch was prepared and served by the Culinary Arts students with a menu ranging from chicken salad sandwiches, to flavorful meatballs; making sure everyone in attendance left with a full and content belly.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JENNIFER MONTGOMERY/ THE ADVOCATE
(L to R) Nira Ford, Kim Humphrey, Jeff Barton, and Joe Clements cutting the ribbon at Wednesday's ceremony marking the official opening of the ECCJC pool.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER MONTGOMERY/ THE ADVOCATE
Bernard Grimes exiting the slide as it was his duty to take the inaugural swim.



Photo by Jennifer Montgomery/The Advocate
Plenty of pool space for everybody in the newly renovated pool at ECCJC.



Photo by Jennifer Montgomery/ The Advocate
Delicious refreshments were served to invitees made by the Culinary Arts Students of ECCJC.

Talk of layoffs to affect temporary employees only

By Jennifer Montgomery

pending a formal statement, the layoffs should only affect temporary staff who are employed through staffing agencies.

It is reported that roughly 50 full time miners of Alliance Resource Partners' working in the Webster County operation have been offered different positions within the company as the coal conglomerate is trying to scale back its reliance on temporary workers in

light of the declining coal industry.

There is no projected time frame in which these changes will happen but as the company tries to adjust to the shrinking market, it seems speed is of the essence.

A formal statement is expected from the company at any time.

PHONE SCAM from 1A

nor will they demand personal information over the phone. They believe in securing your personal data and vow to never threaten or bully their customers into paying their monthly energy bills by using tactics that instill fear.

Secondly, a true representative of KU or LG&E will give customers a number of bill payment options that are secure to both the customer and the energy provider.

But if you feel you have been duped; there are a number of steps one can take. First and foremost if you are suspicious of a recent solicitation by either email, telephone, or letter; be sure to notify your energy provider. LG&E and

KU will always confirm any official communications that have originated from their office.

"We encourage customers to call if they ever have doubt", said Pratt. "We continually work to educate customers when we hear about these types of scams and we look to work with them to resolve it."

To prevent a future mishap, LG&E and KU have implemented a courtesy program that offers customers notifications regarding their bill by phone, text, or email; but customers must elect to be a part of this program.

And though this particular scam is enacted through mostly phone communications; LG&E and KU want you to be vigilant in regards to all utility communications — especially if someone

is on the property claiming to be a representative.

If any person is dispatched to a customer's property, LG&E and KU both require badges with a photo I.D. to be visible at all times — but remember, no person will ever be sent to the property to collect payment.

Though at this time no customers in the immediate area have been affected, it could happen at any time.

If you believe you have been affected by a malicious communication, Liz Prat encourages that you report the suspicious encounter immediately by calling 1-800-331-7370 if you are a LG&E customer, or 1-800-981-0600 if you are a customer of KU.

United Way holding annual business walk

News release to the Advocate

on September 29 to well over \$4,000.

It is that time of the year once again as United Way volunteers in Union County organize a Commercial and Professional Division Walk to raise money for United Way. The Walk will be held on Tuesday, September 29 from 8 a.m. until noon. Shannon Clements, 2015 Union County Campaign Chair along with Nicole Welden will lead in this endeavor that involves several United Way volunteers from the county.

United Way Volunteers will be moving in pairs around Morganfield, Sturgis, Uniontown, and Waverly visiting businesses and professional offices asking for an investment in the local work of United Way. Last year, United Way volunteers surpassed the \$3,500 goal, raising nearly \$4,000 in the one-day event. This year, the volunteers hope to increase the amount raised

This spring, United Way volunteers invested in 28 agencies that delivered direct health and human services to the people of Union County. Marsha Lovern, United Way of the Ohio Valley Board Member and Union County Representative said, "This effort helps a tremendous number of local people! We need more people to participate!" Ms. Clements agreed, "This is all about people in Union County helping one another!"

Organizers of the annual United Way Business Walk remind businesses that walkers will come to their doors that morning with United Way information and walkers will be wearing Live United shirts. Volunteer Beth Thomas said, "Every dollar helps local people and is an investment in our community! Please have your investment ready!"



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Shannon Clements, Coordinator of Academic Programs with the Herron Center is this year's United Way Campaign Chairperson.

If you would like more information about United Way or if you would like to start an employee campaign at your business; please call United Way of the Ohio Valley, Inc. at 270-684-0668 extension 25.

Our deadline has changed to Monday at 9 a.m. for that Wednesday's newspaper.

NEWS2USE from 1A

■ Union County Public Library Activities: Grades K-5- Crafts, activities, and more at Union County Public Library every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

LegoQuest at Union County Public Library every Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

LegoQuest at Sturgis Public Library every Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

LegoQuest at Uniontown Public Library every Friday from 3-4pm.

Please call ahead and save a spot for any of these programs. 270-389-1696

Teens (Grades 6-8) Crafts, activities, and more at Union County Public Library every Tuesday from 5-6pm.

Please call ahead and save a spot for this program. 270-389-1696

■ Highway 60 Yard-sale, October 1-4, 2015. For a booth at the Waverly KC Hall, call Charlie Willett at 270-389-1018.

■ October 2, will be the PINK OUT Football game at UCHS.

■ October 3, 2015 Kiwanis Hina/Holt/Horning Golf Scramble at Elkwood Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament are used for scholarships and youth projects for local youth. Entry fee is \$180 per team or \$45 individual, includes green fees, golf cart and several contests. Call Garland Certain for more information 270-333-3232 or 270-389-3232.

■ October 2-4, Walnut Grove Church of Christ

invites you and your family to a Gospel Meeting with speaker Bill Williams. Friday- Saturday, 7 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. with potluck services to follow Sunday services. For more information call 270-365-2706.g

■ The Uniontown River Days will be hosted October 2 and 3. There will be live bands, karaoke, beer stube, inflatables for the kids. A corn hole tournament, baby contest, Little Miss and Mister, Princess and teen pageants. Contact Les Piper at 270-952-7232 or uniontownfire@gmail.com or check them out on Facebook, facebook.com/groups/riverdays.

■ Union County Public Square Rosary Rally—Sixth annual event Saturday, October 10 at noon. Takes place at the Renaissance Corner in Morganfield.

■ UCMS 2nd Craft/Vendor Fair will be held on October 24th from 10-4. Ceramic, food items, glass, jewelry, fabric items, wood items, clothing, home items and décor will be sold. This will be a good time to purchase items for Christmas! If you are interested in having a booth, contact the middle school at 270-389-0224.

■ A New Beginning (Narcotics Anonymous) group will meet every Friday night at 7 p.m. at Carr's Chapel on Main St. in Morganfield.

■ Methodist Family Practice will conduct free blood pressure screenings on the third Wednesday of each month from 1 till 3 p.m. No appointments are necessary.

■ OASIS, which is a support and education group for victims of domestic violence, meets here in Union County every Monday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meetings are free and confidential. Those wanting more information on the meetings or the organization can contact Connie Funk at 389-9906.

■ Downtown Morganfield Inc. meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. at the Downtown Morganfield office at 103 West Main Street. The meeting begins at noon with lunch.

■ The Morganfield Chamber of Commerce meets at noon, the second Thursday of every month at the Breckinridge Golf Course Grill.

■ Sturgis Chamber of Commerce meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 a.m. at the chamber office at 513 N. Main St.

■ Morganfield City Council meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Byron F. Heffington Memorial Municipal Building. The meeting is open to the public.

■ Union County School Board meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

■ Union County Water District meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are normally held in the fiscal court- room of the Union County Courthouse. The meeting is open to the public.