

The Welcome Back Issue!

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MLK Challenge

By Josh Mower Staff Writer

Thirty-nine BC students joined together for the Martin Luther King Jr. Challenge day out of sixty-two total volunteers. Other members united from Rise and Shine Freedom School and the Boys and Girls Club totaling fortynine student volunteers.

Volunteers served at nine service sites such as Bread of Life, El Centro, The Haven and others to accomplish the goal of completing their challenge. Challenges consisted of cutting vegetables for a soup kitchen, preparing meals for local families, building shelves for storage units and even sanitizing toys at a daycare.

Jennifer Kerr (assistant director of The Haven) said that the group she was over did an excellent job organizing and constructing in the short time they served. Eleven-year-old Annabell Hulse from Rise and Shine Freedom School said that her favorite part of the day was "Well... pretty much everything!"

The Center for Multicultural Service Initiatives planned the Challenge this year on its 22 annual return. One hundred eighty six hours of community service were performed this year, which totals to a staggering \$1,348.50 that was given back to Transylvania County through volunteering.

So if you missed out on the opportunity this year to join next year is your year to step in and serve as this years t-shirt says for "A Day on... NOT a Day off.



Thea Dunn

Sara Mundhenke (CMSI coordinator) cuts fabric with Boys and Girls Club member Heaven Chance to make blankets for those in need.

End piracy not liberty

By Olivia Fawcett Staff Writer

On Jan. 18 2012, Wikipedia and several other major websites coordinated a service blackout in protest to the bill SOPA (Stop Online Piracy Act) and its sister bill, PIPA (Protect IP Act). The SOPA bill was presented to the House of Representatives on Oct. 26 2011 by Lamar S. Smith, and twelve other bipartisan co-sponsors. If this bill is passed then the internet will be changed dramatically. Most of the power of SOPA will be given to the entertainment industry to prevent the downloading of music, movies and other copyrighted materials. Through a partnership with the US Department of Justice, the industry will have the ability seek court orders against websites accused of enabling or facilitating copyright infringement. Supporters of the bill are activist representing the Motion Picture Association of America,

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