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SUNDAY: Hi 55 Lo 32
MONDAY: Hi 48 Lo 35
TUESDAY: Hi 46 Lo 35

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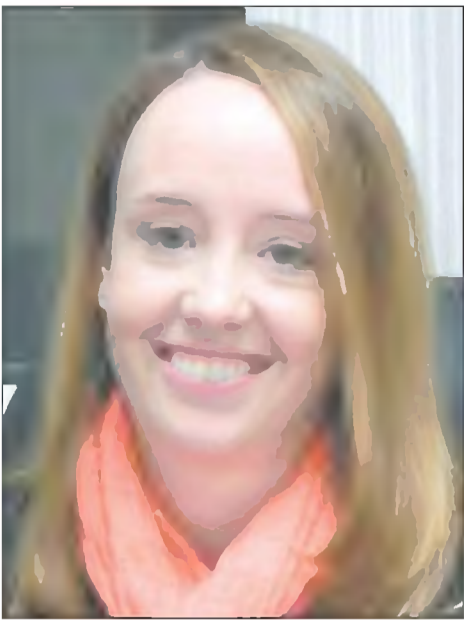
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Budget talks, strategic plan to highlight commissioners' retreat

Annual daylong event will be streamed live on Internet Monday

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The Person County Board of Commissioners will meet Monday at the Mayo Park Educational Center for its annual budget retreat.

The retreat, which is open to the

public, will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude shortly after 4:30 p.m.

The daylong retreat will, once again, be streamed live on the Person County Government Web site at *personcounty.net*. It was initially announced earlier this week that the retreat, which was streamed live last year, would not be streamed this year since only Commis-

sioner Kyle Puryear was in favor of doing so.

County Manager Heidi York told *The Courier-Times* Thursday that Commissioners Frances Blalock and Sam Kennington had expressed their desire Wednesday evening to have the retreat streamed live as well. She also added that Commission Chairman Jimmy B.

Clayton and Commissioner Ray Jeffers were not opposed to streaming the event live.

York said Friday she was "excited" about Monday's retreat, but knew it would also be a challenging day as well.

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Tobacco use policy in place at PCC campus

Smoking allowed only at designated outdoor locations

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Piedmont Community College is currently in the process of performing a complete review of its policies and procedures manual and has begun presenting the updates to the board of trustees for approval, one of which is the inclusion of a new policy regarding tobacco use on campus.

According to the college's public information director, Bonnie Davis, PCC's executive council began looking at the policy manual soon after Dr. Walter C. Bartlett became president of the college in August 2009. The review is being undertaken in order to make sure the college is following the policies that have been laid out, and also to make changes where necessary, said Bartlett at last week's meeting of the board of trustees.

Davis said that the way the policies are listed is being standardized as well, in order to make the manual a better reference tool.

Getting the entire campus community involved in the process has been an important aspect of the review, said Bartlett.

He told *The Courier-Times* that he was excited about having everyone at the college communicating and discussing the policies, and that it is a "great opportunity for people to be heard."

Last week the board approved some of the updated sections of the policy manual, as well as five new policies, which included a tobacco use policy.

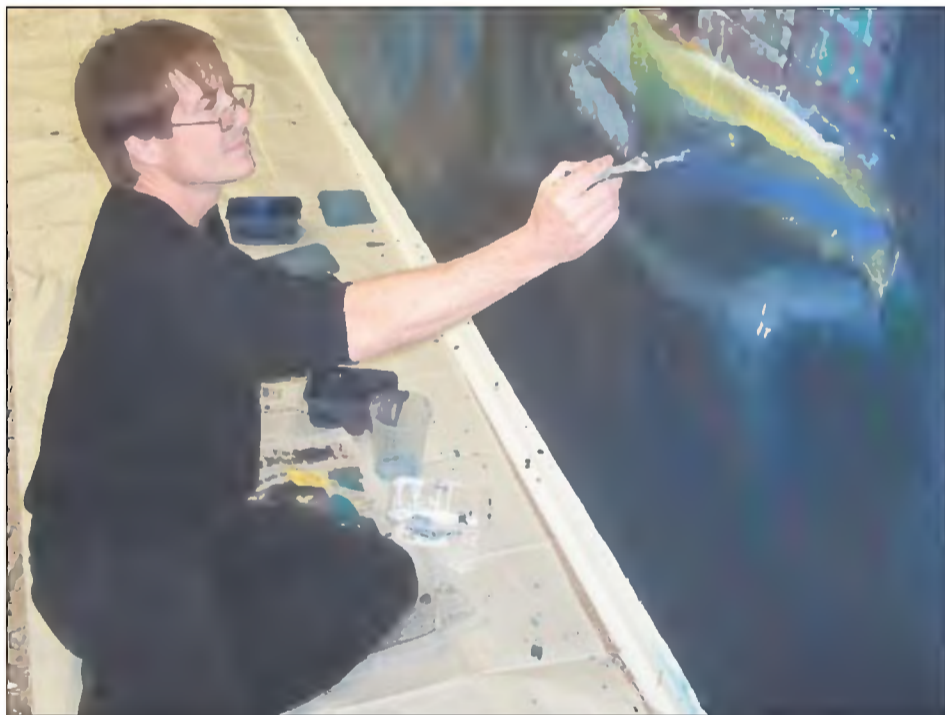
According to the new policy, use of tobacco in "any college building, facility or vehicle" is prohibited. It states, "Tobacco use is allowed in designated campus locations (gazebos) with receptacles. Students and employees are required to place tobacco materials in receptacles located within the designated areas."

Bartlett said that when he first came on as president of the college, smoking was a concern that came up often as he talked with those on campus. He explained that with the college's creation of a controlled smoking environment, the intent was to respect Person County's tobacco heritage, while moving toward a healthier environment.

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Library Mural

Local artist George (Bucky) Buchanan works on a mural that will grace a wall at the Person County Public Library. The Friends of the Library are funding the project. Interim Library Director Christy Bondy said she was appreciative of the support from the Friends, and had already received "great feedback from our patrons" regarding the mural.

Barlow confident snow removal supplies 'will make it to the end of the season'

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The four snow events last December and the spell of bad weather that hit Roxboro in early January forced the city to use much of its budget for sand and salt, but Manager Jon Barlow said this week that he felt confident "we will make it to the end of the season."

The brine applied to roads before a snow "appears to be working," As-

sistant City Manager Tommy Warren told council members during the Jan. 11 meeting.

The brine prevents snow from freezing to the road, said Warren, as long as temperatures remain above 25. The brine also allows for easier snow removal by plows, he said.

So far, Warren told city council members, the city has used 75 tons of salt on the streets. He said the city ordered 75 tons in October and another 75 tons in January.

The cost of the salt is \$91.75 per ton, Warren said.

Barlow said this week that the city budgets \$18,000 per year for sand and salt. That doesn't include fuel and labor costs, he said.

"We're getting close to that figure" of the budgeted \$18,000, Barlow said, "but I think we will make it" through the rest of the winter season.

Public works crews use two trucks to spray the brine and "they cover the city pretty quickly," Barlow said.

Crumpton joins PCC's board of trustees

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Piedmont Community College brought a new trustee on board with the recent appointment of Bayard R. Crumpton, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Sheila C. Pashales after she resigned in September.

Pashales served on the board for 23 years and was the first and only female chairman of the board, a position she served in from 1992-1996.

PCC President Dr. Walter C. Bartlett commented that Pashales was active at the state level by serving on the executive board of the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees, and put "a lot of effort" into whatever she was involved in. He said the college appreciates the time she served on the board.

Crumpton, owner of Nu-Way Cleaners in Roxboro, was appointed by the Person Board of County Commissioners for the period of Jan. 4, 2011 through June 30, 2012, and he attended his first meeting of the board last week.

Crumpton said he hopes that his relationships with various members of the community will be of value in some way to the board. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Roxboro and Concord

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Bayard Crumpton

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New vehicles helping health dept. aid environment and save on fuel

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When it comes to improving health conditions for Personians, the Person County Health Department is walking the walk — or driving it, rather.

In May 2010, the health department was awarded grant funds by the North Carolina Solar Center at N.C. State University as part of the Clean Fuel Advanced Technology (CFAT) project, which allowed it to purchase two hybrid electric vehicles.

Health Director Janet Clayton said the CFAT project was funded by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to reduce mobile emissions in North Carolina's non-attainment counties for national ambient air quality standards.

"The health department proposed to utilize grant funds to begin the implementation of hybrid electric vehicles, which would provide a reduction in mobile emissions by replacing two aging vehicles—a Crown Victoria and a Dodge Intrepid with hybrid electric vehicles," Clayton explained.

"Using clean fuel advanced technology, in the form of hybrid electric vehicles, directly correlates with the mission of the Person County Health Department, which is 'Promoting, Protecting and Nurturing the Health of our Community,'" said Clayton.

One of the new vehicles is specifically dedicated to the Home Health and Hospice program for home visits throughout the county, Clayton said. The other is used department-wide for travel to homes, daycares and schools, she said.

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FUEL SAVER — One of the two Toyota Prius vehicles purchased by the Person County Health Department is pictured above.