



City Flash

Hillbilly Days 2010



As the new comer to the City of Pikeville, I must admit coordinating a nationally historical event like the Hillbilly Days festival had me wobbling at the knees. I found myself planning and stressing about my to do list. Now, if you're an employee of the City of Pikeville everyone knows about the famous "To Do List" that goes around. Yes, a strong challenge is what I found in completing the list and must note to be commonly connected with strong results if I were to be successful. Sure you can get lucky every once in a while and find an easy path and hope to succeed, but who's kidding who here.

I have always found the old saying "Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail" which was never so true for this years' event. Since 1977, Pikeville and Pike County have been celebrating the annual Hillbilly Days festival held right here in my home town. I, Jesse Bowling, was the Event Coordinator. I stepped back and realized no amount of training could prepare me for the role I was about to be taught first hand. I realized that we do ourselves too much stress and too much damage when we insist on an "all or nothing" approach to the challenges in our lives and our work. It was not luck that I found myself surrounded with a team of dedicated city employee personnel from the fire, police and city administration buildings that were eager to help and share information, credit, preferences, knowledge from years of servicing this community and the power of God to help me pull the festival together and make another great year!

I have come to believe those who personally accept responsibility for failure but generously share credit for success develops a sense of ownership which I have been exposed to from all city employees. I want to express my sincere gratitude for all the support and guidance without reservation and look forward to next year.



Forest Fire

The Pikeville Fire Department responded to a Forest Fire at the Lover's Leap area on April 16, 2010. The fire was fueled by high winds



and low humidity. Several firemen, along with Engine 5 were on the scene for hours. They were assisted at the scene by the Pikeville Police Department, Pikeville Public Safety Department, Pikeville City Manager, Pikeville Events Coordinator, State Fire Marshall's office and Pike County E.M. After several hours, the fire was brought under control and extinguished. This scene was another example of teamwork throughout the Public Safety community.

OVERTURNED TANKER TRUCK

On May 3, 2010, the 911 Public Safety Department received a call that an 18 Wheeler Tanker Truck had gone over the hill and into the creek on the Bypass Road near Ferguson Creek. Police, Fire and Public Safety were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival it was quickly determined that no one was in the vehicle and that it simply rolled over the hill after being parked the day before. The tanker

normally carried liquid petroleum, however after making contact with the owner, it was discovered that the tanker was empty. It was also determined that the truck was not leaking any fluids of any kind. Tow trucks were called to the scene and the truck was removed without further incident.



Department of Public Safety's Newest Addition



The Department of 911 Public Safety would like to announce **Lloyd Nichol's** graduation from the KY Telecommunication's Academy in Richmond, Kentucky at the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT) on April 2, 2010. During his four and a half weeks of course work included emergency medical dispatch, critical incidents, CPR for the professional rescuer,

caller interrogation and crisis negotiation, Link/NCIC standards and sanctions, along with legal considerations, radio exercises and courses in officer safety. Nichol's earned several awards and graduated as a **Trainee of Distinction**. He is already taken an active part of the Public Safety Department and is assigned to nightshift to begin his career with the City of Pikeville. Congratulations go out to Lloyd for his accomplishments while in the Academy.



UNITE PIKE

Melanie Stevens, Coordinator

Pikeville city manager Donovan Blackburn spoke to approximately 50 juniors and seniors at Northpoint Academy on April 28.

Mr. Blackburn spoke the students about positive decision making and hard work. He told the students that they have the potential make good decisions and achieve their goals. He also told them that hard work is important at school and in work.

UNITE Pike coordinator Melanie Stevens ended the event by asking the students questions regarding substance abuse prevention.

UNITE Pike is a community coalition against drug abuse made possible through the generosity of the Pike County Fiscal Court, Pikeville City Commission, Pike County School District, individuals, agencies, and businesses.





OPERATION UNITE HONORS

MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF, & PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

Operation UNITE executive director Karen Engle recognized Mayor Franklin Justice, Pikeville Police chief James Adkins, and emergency services director Paul Maynard for their diligent efforts to protect healthcare providers who do not meet the demands of drug seeking and violent patients on May 10, 2010.

In December 2009, a physician serving in a rural Knott County clinic denied the demands of a drug-seeking patient. Allegedly, the patient returned and delivered a fatal gunshot to the physician. On March 6, 2010, Operation UNITE held a symposium to discuss methods for healthcare providers to be safe and identify “doctor-shopping” patients.

Following the symposium, Chief Adkins sent a letter to healthcare providers reminding them of the services available. The Pikeville Police Department, and city leadership, want remind physicians of their quick response time if faced with a potentially dangerous situation, protecting healthcare providers who prescribe medications appropriately.

Operation UNITE recognized the efforts of the city. She noted that when a community takes action, they will see a reduction in prescription drug diversion.



The last weigh-in for the Biggest Loser Weight Loss Competition will be on May 28th, 2010, in Ramona’s office.

Leslie Branham
Kenneth Forsyth
John Keith Gillispie



Rhonda Hayton
Eddie Sword
Tommy McGlanahan