

Free medical, dental, and optical exams provided by Kentucky Air National Guard

The Kentucky Air National Guard is teaming with the Kentucky Department for Local Government and other branches of the U.S. military to offer health care at no cost to citizens in four Eastern Kentucky counties starting this Friday, June 15.

Medical screenings, non-emergency medical treatments, sports physicals, dental exams, cleanings, fillings and extractions, optical exams, and single-prescription eyeglasses will all be offered, said Lt. Col. Amy Mundell, a medical administrative officer in the Kentucky Air Guard's 123rd Medical Group, which is serving as the lead military agency.

Sites offering care will be in Beattyville, Booneville, Irvine and Jackson. All four clinics will be open June 15 to 24, and patients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis, Mundell said.

Called "Operation Bobcat," this Innovative Readiness

Training program gives military health professionals an opportunity to provide medical, dental and optical care in a field environment, much as they would when responding to a natural disaster or military operation, while offering services to citizens who are uninsured or underinsured.

"This program allows our medical troops to conduct critical training and logistical movements that simulate a military medical response in the time of crisis, conflict or disaster," explained Mundell, who is the project's officer-in-charge. "This kind of training helps hone our expeditionary skills so we're ready to deploy at a moment's notice to provide care anywhere in the world."

"At the same time, Operation Bobcat will provide direct and lasting benefits to the residents of Eastern Kentucky by delivering expert medical, dental and op-

tical services to residents in need of quality care. We're extremely pleased to be participating in this outstanding program."

Operation Bobcat is a joint-service mission comprised of about 215 Airmen and Sailors from the Air National Guard, active-duty U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy Reserve and active-duty U.S. Navy. A similar effort, led by the Kentucky Air National Guard in Western Kentucky in 2016, offered care to more than 4,000 citizens, providing 13,000 medical, dental and optometry procedures with an economic impact of \$1.5 million. That team also provided 1,800 pairs of prescription eyeglasses and \$20,000 worth of medications free of charge.

This year's program is co-sponsored by the Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG), charged by Gov. Matt Bevin to provide assistance to local govern-

ments. The agency is working closely with communities and local leadership to host the participating troops and provide logistical and programmatic support, said DLG Commissioner Sandra K. Dunahoo.

"As the U.S. Department of Defense's community partner, the Kentucky Department for Local Government is working closely with local officials in Lee, Owsley, Breathitt and Estill Counties to help facilitate the project's success," Dunahoo said. "During Operation Bobcat, DLG also plans to host a resource center that will offer information on wellness, nutrition and immunizations, among other health topics."

"We're very pleased to support a program that gives our military health-care troops essential training in field operations and logistics, keeping their skills sharp so they can be prepared to respond wherever

they're needed," Dunahoo added. "At the same time, the program will be providing crucial services to citizens of the Commonwealth who may not have ready access to care. This is a win for everyone."

The Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Airlift Wing, based in Louisville, is one of the most decorated units in Air Force history. More than one-quarter of its members have deployed overseas in the past year, including over 100 Airmen who supported relief efforts in the Caribbean following Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. Airmen from the wing's 123rd Special Tactics Squadron controlled 636 military aircraft in the Virgin Islands, facilitating the evacuation of 1,286 U.S. citizens, while Airmen from the wing's 123rd Contingency Response Group established an Intermediate Staging Base in Puerto Rico

that supported 268 aircraft, processed 3887 passengers and distributed more than 7 million pounds of food, water and humanitarian aid.

The clinics will be open June 15-24. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Locations are Lee County High School in Beattyville; Owsley County High School in Booneville; Estill County High School in Irvine; and Breathitt County High School in Jackson.

Patients will be accepted on a first-come, first-served walk-in basis. The clinics are open to anyone, ages 2 through adult, regardless of place of residence. No insurance is required, and an ID is not necessary to receive care.

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IRVINE COUNCIL

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Gates Auto Outlet was the top bidder and Smith said he would get in touch with them to make arrangements to have the vehicle transferred over to them. He added that the money from the vehicle would go into the drug fund.

Councilwoman Nelle Williams asked about the mayor and who was in charge during his absence. Powell said that she was in charge of the daily activities during his absence and Councilman Tobo Bryant was the mayor pro-tem during meetings. Bryant asked that Powell call to check on the mayor and find out his condition and to see how long he would be gone. He said he wasn't trying to rush W.J. Noland out of office by no means but he thought they needed to discuss the situation with County Attorney Rodney Davis on how to proceed.

Bush said she had received several complaints about a home on Cantrell Street that had been damaged during the storm last year. Bush said the roof was blown off the house and that neighbors are complaining that since the weather has gotten warmer the house is "stinking up the neighborhood." Chief Smith said he would look into the situation.

Bush also expressed her concerns about illegal activity taking place at Rising Park on Court Street after dark. Smith said that the street workers had been up there mowing recently and that the police department was keeping a close eye on it.

Smith reminded the council that the annual Policeman's Memorial will be held on June 14th at 7 o'clock. The public is invited to attend the event.



A volunteer from Jackson Energy Co-op removed mulch from a wheelbarrow and placed around plants in the Butterfly Garden. Plants in the garden are suitable for the Monarch Butterflies, as well as other pollinators.

Volunteers spruce up butterfly garden

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Birds and bees are also attracted to many of the plants in the butterfly garden.

Bonny said the butterfly garden serves as an outdoor classroom for West Irvine Intermediate students.

She said one day the club was weeding when a class had its recess. Some girls volunteered to help weed and told her that it was their best recess ever.

The third grade teachers take the butterfly chrysalises in containers in their classrooms where students can watch them hatch out.

RAVENNA COUNCIL

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Fire Chief David Harvey said his concern with that location would be the lack of parking spots. Kirby said that a parking lot would be built on the lot to prevent the street from being congested.

Anthony Lowery said that currently God's Outreach has a two year lease on the building that was formerly the Right Place on Winchester Road. He said that they have been in operation at that location for five weeks and are currently feeding fifty families in Estill County.

Lowery explained that when a family picks up food from the food bank they are scheduled an appointment for the following month to pick up food, and this system works well and keeps the traffic down to a minimum.

He added that the great thing about this program is that nobody is turned away and their focus is not to step on anyone's toes or take away from the other food programs in the county, but they want to make sure that no one is going hungry. He said that everyone that works with the outreach program are strictly volunteers.

The council unanimously voted for the resolution to be passed and the process of obtaining the grant money for the building to move

forward. Kirby said that if something happened that it did not work out with the property that he mentioned then they would look at other properties within the city.

Corey Erdmann from the law office of Erdmann and Stumbo from Richmond was present during the meeting. He said he had been giving the city legal advice since 2008 and was there to answer any questions that council members may have.

He added that he had recommended that the council add a line item in their payroll ordinance to include the SRO's pay even though his salary is paid by the school district. He said that this is just to cover the city moving forward.

The first reading of the 2018-2019 budget that was tabled during the last meeting was read and approved by the council. The budget reflected \$12,000 to the road fund that was not previously listed on the budget.

Mayor Estine Tipton said that she had received a letter in the mail that stated the city would receive the money in June 2019 once all audits had been completed and released.

Tipton said that to her knowledge the audits were complete but had not been released to the city yet.

Edward Newton, 41, of Richmond was arrested June 9 by Sgt. John Sturniolo for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Newton's bail has been set at \$2,500 cash.

- Danisha L. Parsons, 35, of Substation Road, Irvine was charged June 4 with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, second and third degrees, and prescription drugs not in proper container.

- Kyle Herbert, 25, of Park Avenue, Irvine was arrested at his house on June 8 on charges of alcohol intoxication in a public place and disorderly conduct, second degree.

- James B. McMillan, 27, of Winchester was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and public intoxication on June 7 by Irvine Chief Brad Smith.

- McMillan entered not-guilty pleas to the three charges on June 8 in Estill District Court. He will return to district court for a preliminary hearing on June 20.

Bail for McMillan was set at \$1,000 cash.

- LaDonna Riddell, 37, of Stacy Lane, Irvine was charged by Chief Brad Smith on June 6 with possession of a controlled substance, first degree (heroin) and possession of marijuana.

While in district court, the officers received a complaint to respond to Main Street in reference to a woman shooting up. They were also ad-

vised the woman was in a white Toyota car.

Irvine's K-9 Fritz alerted on the vehicle. Officers say they located a bag containing a brown powder (suspected heroin) in the center console in plain sight.

Officers also located a small bag of suspected marijuana, also in the center console in plain view.

Assisting the chief were Officer Colton Lewis and Sgt. John Sturniolo.

Riddell was arraigned June 8 in Estill District Court and entered not-guilty pleas to the charges. She will return to district court on June 20 for a preliminary hearing.

Riddell's bail has been set at \$20,000 cash.

- Dakota Harvey, 23, of Broadway, Irvine was charged June 6 with possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, trafficking in a legend drug, first offense, and possession of marijuana.

Harvey pled not-guilty to the charges during her arraignment in Estill District Court on June 8.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 20 in district court.

Harvey's bail has been set at \$2,500 cash.

- A bench warrant was served June 4 by Officer Colton Lewis on Deborah M. Griffin on McKee.

Judge Wm. Leach issued the warrant for Estill District Court saying Griffith had failed to pay \$943.00 in fines plus a \$34 service fee.

Griffin was found guilty on Nov. 20 of operating a motor vehicle under the influence. Four other charges were dismissed.

Judge Leach set her bail at \$978.00 cash. That is the total amount of the unpaid fine and fee.

- Nathaniel Edmonson, 26, of McKee was arrested June 9 on a warrant obtained by Trooper Ty Robinson.

The warrant charged Edmonson with theft by unlawful taking. It states that he took a chain saw from an

W.A. Kendall & Co., Inc. truck on May 9. The saw was valued at \$1,200.00.

- Jessica Harris, 27, of Front Street, Irvine was arrested on a warrant charging her with flagrant non-support. According to the warrant, as of January 24, Harris has failed to pay court ordered child support and is in arrears of \$9,499.00.

Judge accepts pleas on Rocket Docket

Three persons accused of felony crimes waived indictments before the Estill County Grand Jury on June 7.

The three also entered pleas and were sentenced through the Rocket Docket program.

Michael Adams waived indictments on two charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

According to the waiver, Adams had heroin and methamphetamine in his possession on May 29 with the intent to sell.

Adams pled guilty on the Rocket Docket and was sentenced to five years to be probated for five years depending upon his admission to Drug Court or L.T. treatment.

John Hatfield and Traci Cahal each waived indictments on a single charge of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Their waivers state they had heroin in their possession on May 26 with the intention of selling it.

Cahal entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to five years to be probated for three years.

Hatfield also entered a guilty plea.

Adams, Cahal and Hatfield will remain in custody pending their acceptance either in Drug Court or L.T. treatment.

William Cornett pled guilty and was sentenced Thursday on the Rocket Docket.

Circuit Judge Michael Dean sentenced him to serve two years on a charge of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Charles James Hamilton pled guilty to two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine and heroin), TICS in the third degree, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine).

His plea was accepted and he was sentenced by Judge Dean.

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