

BRIEFLY/COMMUNITY

'Drug Czar' to speak at ETSU on Monday

The nation's "drug czar" will be in Johnson City on Monday for a conference on substance abuse organized by East Tennessee State University. Gil Kerlikowske, the director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, will speak at the Appalachian Regional Kerlikowske Commission (ARC) Substance Abuse Conference at the Millennium Centre. The event will bring together community organizations and coalitions from 10 Appalachian states that are recipients of ARC minigrants to fund initiatives that address substance abuse issues on the local level.

The mini-grants are part of a \$293,000 ARC grant to address substance abuse in rural Appalachia. ETSU's Office of Rural and Community Health and Community Partnerships manages the program and provides technical assistance to the approximately 30 community groups. The program is designed to assist groups from the most economically distressed counties in Appalachia.

When he received his White House appointment in May 2009, Kerlikowske brought nearly four decades of law enforcement and drug policy experience to the post. Prior to that, Kerlikowske served as chief of police for the Seattle Police Department for nine years. When he left Seattle, crime in that city was at its lowest point in 40 years.

Junior Police Academy applications being taken

The Johnson City Police Department is still accepting applications for the Junior Police Academy on July 11-15. Applications for teenagers ages 15-18 are available at the police department records division on Main Street.

The free week-long academy will introduce teenagers to aspects of the police department, including chain of command, K-9, SWAT, traffic safety and crime scene investigation.

The application deadline is July 5. For more information, call 434-6125.

Milligan to host open house Monday evening

MILLIGAN COLLEGE — The Admissions Office at Milligan College will host an information open house for its graduate and adult programs Monday from 6-7:30 p.m. in Derthick Hall.

Faculty and staff will be present to discuss degree-completion programs for adults in business administration and early childhood education, as well as graduate degree programs in business administration, education and occupational therapy.

The open house will also include information about Milligan's online major in computer information systems.

The session will allow visitors to speak with faculty members and receive information on a variety of topics, such as academic coursework and financial aid.

For more information, call Milligan's Office of Graduate and Professional Studies at 461-8782 or email GPS@milligan.edu.

'Battle of Blountville' continues today, Sunday

The living history event "Civil War: Battle of Blountville," will continue today from 9 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Blountville Historic District.

There will be special appearances by David Chaltas and H.K. Edgerton. Period music will be provided by Stan Clardy of Gray Note Productions.

The event is an educational endeavor designed to help people develop a greater appreciation for history and acknowledge the role that the Battle of Blountville played in the lives of all Americans, especially those in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

The weekend will consist of historical discussions, stories, tours, demos, re-enactments, period music, sutlers/special vendors, historic events and on Saturday only, an 11 p.m. "GhostWalk" tour.

In addition, the historical significance of local attractions such as the Old Deery Inn and the Anderson Townhouse