

Hazard High School's Tobacco-free Ambassador Partnership group members frequently set up booths at school events to educate youth and community members on the dangers of tobacco. The program was recently awarded the Community Engagement Award for their efforts.

Hazard Herald photo by Katie Kelley



# HHS TAP members win Community Engagement Award

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The Hazard High School student leadership Tobacco-free Ambassador Partnership (TAP) group recently attended the 14th Annual UK CCTS conference on April 15, where they were awarded the 2019 Community Engagement Award for their community engagement efforts.

The group received the award recognizing them for demonstrating effective research and project evaluation to improve environmental health in Appalachia through the University of Kentucky Center for Appalachian Research in Environmental Sciences (UK-CARES) and the Center of Excellence in Rural Health (CERH).

"This award was quite an honor and definitely a surprise," said Vivian Carter, the group's mentor, who is also the district innovation coordinator and the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative (KVEC) student agency lead for Hazard High School. She continued, "It validates to the students that student voice is important and they can make a difference. We were very excited and grateful for the

honor."

Melinda Ickes, Ph.D., an associate professor and the director of Graduate Studies Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion at the University of Kentucky, has been working with Carter and the HHS students for two years on youth advocacy and empowerment.

TAP is a collaboration between the HHS Student Leadership Team and the University of Kentucky. It is a student-driven project to educate youth and community members on the dangers of tobacco, while also empowering them to advocate for effective smoke and tobacco-free policies, said Carter. The partnership, she continued, allows for workshops focused on tobacco, health and social justice, sustainable change in communities and a breakdown of tobacco policies in Hazard, Perry County and across the state.

The TAP group, Carter said, consists of 20 students who meet weekly during the school year, continue to learn about becoming effective advocates and promote a tobacco-free lifestyle to their community.

"The goal is to empower youth

who could encourage peers and adults in their community to be tobacco-free, stand up to the tobacco industry, and urge key stakeholders to implement smoke and tobacco-free policies due to the health and economic consequences faced by Kentuckians because of tobacco use," said Carter.

This year, the student collaboration's primary focus is on vaping and the use of E-cigarettes among teenagers, said Carter.

"Vaping among teenagers has reached epidemic proportions and the leadership students are doing their part to curb the alarming trend by disseminating information and using other innovative measures to reach the students," Carter said.

The HHS TAP team host and participate in a variety of activities within the community to ensure they get the message out, said Carter. Most recently, the students participated in an open house at the high school and in a health fair at Hazard Middle School. The group is scheduled to participate in a health fair at the high school on April 26.

# Several charged in Perry District Court

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Charges were filed against several recently in Perry District Court. The charges included:

### Misdemeanor Charges

Alicia Dawn Napier, 35, of KY Hwy 476, Hazard, fourth-degree assault minor injury, fourth-degree assault domestic violence minor injury and third-degree terroristic threatening (two counts).  
Whitney Stacy, 24, theft under \$500.

Larry Boggs, 68, of Straight Fork Rd, Cornettsville, drug paraphernalia – buy/possess, possession of marijuana and public intoxication of a controlled substance excluding alcohol.  
Candice Gabbard, 51, of Hazard, theft under \$500.

Rodney Williams, 34, of Lotts Cr Rd, Bulan, fraudulent use of a credit card under \$500 within a six month period.

Angela Herald, 41, of Gorman Hollow Rd, Hazard, public intoxication of a controlled substance excluding alcohol.

Fairley Sumner, 74, of Open Fork Rd, Vicco, harboring a vicious animal.

Jimmy Combs, 59, of Raccoon Creek Rd, Hazard, fourth-degree assault domestic violence minor injury (two counts).

April Estep, 35, of Will Branch, Hazard, fourth-degree assault no visible injury, resisting arrest, menacing and second-degree disorderly conduct.

Luther Pratt, Jr., 49, of Campbell's Br, Viper, harboring a vicious animal.

Donna J. Gayheart, 47, of KY Hwy 80 W, Combs, drug paraphernalia – buy/possess and third-degree possession of a controlled substance

(drug unspecified).

Helen M. Combs, 25, of Weslee Way, Hazard, third-degree criminal mischief.

Samantha Jo Smith, 28, of Burgess Street, Beckley, WV, third-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified) and first-offense controlled substance prescription not in original container.

Kathy Arnett, 37, of Rail Road Ave, Combs, public intoxication of a controlled substance excluding alcohol.

Tonya Gibson, 40, of Hayden Trevor Lane, Bear Branch, theft under \$500, third-degree criminal trespassing, first-offense controlled substance prescription not in original container and third-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified).

### Felony Charges

Hubert White, 42, of Lick Branch Armory Dr, Jackson, public intoxication of a controlled substance excluding alcohol, first-degree first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia – buy/possess.

Rodney D. Williams, 34, of Lotts Cr Rd, Bulan, tampering with physical evidence, first-degree first-offense possession of a controlled substance/opiate, first-degree first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), first-offense controlled substance prescription not in original container and drug paraphernalia – buy/possess.

*Editor's note: The above list reflects people who are charged in Perry District Court. The charges against them are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.*

The following programs require preregistration. To preregister or for questions contact the library at (606) 436-2475:

April 2: Between the Covers Book Club

April 9 & 23: Adult Crafts

April 16: Cook Book Club

April 18: Spice It Up Cooking Club

April 25: Creative Crafters



## April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5:00 pm Ages 18+ Between the Covers Book Club 	3	4 4:30-5:30 pm Ages 5+ Lego Club 	5 1:00 pm Ages 0-5 Story Time  3:30-5:00 pm After School Crafts	6 10:00 am-2:00 pm Dungeons, Dragons, & Librarians 10:30 am Ages 0-2 Literacy, Learning, & Laughter 1:00 pm Saturday Matinee Mary Poppins Returns (PG) ©Walt Disney Productions 
7	8	9 5:00 pm Ages 18+ Adult Crafts Session 1 	10	11 4:00 pm Ages 9-12 Read Between the Lines Book Club 	12 1:00 pm Ages 0-5 Story Time  3:30-5:00 pm After School Crafts	13 10:00 am-2:00 pm Dungeons, Dragons, & Librarians 10:30 am Ages 0-2 Literacy, Learning, & Laughter 1:00 pm Saturday Matinee Bumblebee (PG-13) ©Paramount Pictures 
14	15	16 5:00 pm Ages 18+ Cook Book Club 	17 5:00 pm Ages 13-18 1st Rule of Book Club 	18 4:00 pm Ages 8-18 Spice It Up Cooking Club 	19 1:00 pm Ages 0-5 Story Time  3:30-5:00 pm After School Crafts	20 10:00 am-2:00 pm Dungeons, Dragons, & Librarians 10:30 am Ages 0-2 Literacy, Learning, & Laughter 1:00 pm Saturday Matinee Glass (PG-13) ©Universal Pictures 
21	22	23 4:30 pm Ages 13+ FANatics Club  5:00 pm Ages 18+ Adult Crafts Session 2	24 4:00-6:00 pm Ages 8-18 Open Art Day 	25 1:00 pm Ages 18+ Page Turners Book Club  4:00 pm Ages 8-18 Creative Crafters	26 1:00 pm Ages 0-5 Story Time  3:30-5:00 pm After School Crafts	27 10:00 am-2:00 pm Dungeons, Dragons, & Librarians 10:30 am Ages 0-2 Literacy, Learning, & Laughter 1:00 pm Saturday Matinee A Dog's Way Home (PG) ©Columbia Pictures 
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