

# what's happening!

FEBRUARY 2024

## in CAMPBELL COUNTY, KY

## Help Define Campbell County's Vision for 2040

The Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission is comprised of unincorporated Campbell County and the Cities of Crestview, Silver Grove, Southgate, Melbourne, and Woodlawn. These communities are partnering to update the Campbell County and Municipal Comprehensive Plan – a long term vision of how Campbell County will look in 2040. The Commission invites you to help define the County's vision for 2040. The planning team from Michael Baker International is engaged to assist with this plan update. Throughout 2024, the Commission will ask for input as they seek to enhance the community's comprehensive plan. While the plan does include a quantitative collection of data, the Commission will seek to identify key issues particularly related to land use in order to refine the vision with realistic goals for working toward implementation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES:**  
1098 MONMOUTH STREET # 301  
NEWPORT, KY 41071

Residents are encouraged to participate in the plan update over the course of the next two years in a variety of ways. Dates and activities will be posted on County/ participating City websites as well as social media pages.

### FOCUS GROUPS

To collaborate about specific land use issues facing the county.

### ROVING DISPLAYS

To learn about the progress of the plan at public spaces and events.

### SURVEYS

To share desired land use improvements for the future.

### OPEN HOUSES

To meet with our team of planners and share your vision.

### CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Judge/Executive Steve Pendery  
Commissioner Brian Painter  
Commissioner Geoff Besecker  
Commissioner Tom Lampe

Regular meetings of the Fiscal Court are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Visit [campbellcountyky.gov](http://campbellcountyky.gov) for information about meeting times and locations.

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## What Does A Comprehensive Plan Accomplish?



- **GUIDE LONG-TERM, FUTURE DECISION-MAKING FOR LEADERSHIP REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS.**
- **PROVIDE PROACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN RESPONSE TO CURRENT AND FUTURE ISSUES.**
- **HELP SHAPE THE COMMUNITY AND BALANCE INTERESTS.**
- **BUILD CONSENSUS FOR CHANGE.**
- **PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.**
- **CONSIDER REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES REGARDING GROWTH, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES, AND OTHER SERVICES.**

Residents can view the previous vision, goals, and objectives adopted in 2016 at [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) under the Planning & Zoning Department page in order to gain a better understanding of the types of concerns that may be included in the Comprehensive Plan for 2040. We look forward to learning from you as we prepare to update the Campbell County Comprehensive Plan.

**Comprehensive Plan Email:**  
[PZCompPlan@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:PZCompPlan@campbellcountyky.gov)

*The Cities of Alexandria, Bellevue, Cold Spring, Dayton, Fort Thomas, Highland Heights, Newport, and Wilder each maintain separate comprehensive plans.*

## Campbell County Animal Services and Animal Control Response: What You Need to Know

The mission of Campbell County Animal Services is to safeguard public health and safety while promoting responsible pet ownership, to provide humane sheltering and care for animals, to protect the community's animals from abuse and neglect, and to end euthanasia of healthy, adoptable animals. Campbell County Animal Services provides Animal Control services within unincorporated Campbell County and the cities of Bellevue, Cold Spring, Dayton, Fort Thomas, Highland Heights, Melbourne, Silver Grove, Southgate, and Wilder. Consolidating the majority of the county's animal control services under one umbrella provides more unified and efficient services for the community.

Animal Control Officers respond to calls during business hours and can be reached at 859-635-2819. Business hours are Monday - Friday from 10AM to 4:30PM and Saturdays from 9AM to 1:30PM. After hours, residents with an emergency should call Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch at 859-292-3622. Dispatch will refer emergency calls to an

Animal Control Officer. Examples of an after-hours emergency could be:

- An injured domestic animal
- A bite case involving a stray animal when the owner is not able to be located.
- An arrest when there is an animal in the car.
- A medical emergency when an owner has to be hospitalized and their pet is with them outside the home.



Animals running at large or stray pickups do not qualify as an after-hours emergency. Non-emergency calls will be handled on the next business day.

For more information about Campbell County Animal Services, microchipping, dog licensing, TNR trapping, animal adoption, or volunteering, please visit [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov).

## Campbell County Senior & Wellness Center

It's 2024 and there is no better time to check out what the Campbell County Senior and Wellness Center has to offer!

The Center provides a wide variety of social and health programming including weekly Bingo, card games, line and belly dancing, chair volleyball, Tai Chi (in-person and virtual options available), yoga, painting, and craft classes. Special events include vaccination clinics, holiday/special occasion dinners, Tech Day, Movie Day, commodities (food) assistance, and a variety of presentations are offered each month. The Wellness Center is home to twenty-five (25) pieces of state-of-the-art exercise equipment and offers health and wellness activities.

Membership to the Center is free and open to anyone age sixty (60) or older. Special activities and events may have nominal donation requests to cover the cost of materials. Membership forms can be picked up in person or downloaded from the Senior Center Department page at [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov).

The Senior and Wellness Center is located at 3504 Alexandria Pike in Highland Heights next to Lakeside Commons Lake. Operating hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. Senior Center Staff can be reached at 859-572-4300 or contact the Wellness Center at 859-547-3665.



## Campbell County Parks Update

The Campbell County Fiscal Court continues to invest in its parks to create exceptional outdoor recreation experiences for residents and visitors alike. Below is a recap of 2023 enhancements and expected 2024 projects. AJ Jolly Park and Pendery Park remain open during the winter (weather permitting) and AJ Jolly Park will officially open for the 2024 season on March 18, 2024! Come and see us soon!



### ENHANCEMENTS TO PARKS/ CAMPGROUND IN 2023

- Paved Campground Road
- New Kayak Dock & EZ Launch installed in the back of the Campground
- Two New Yurts for a total of five rentable yurts
- Six new Primitive Campsites added
- Seven tent pads installed in existing primitive campsites to improve the camping experience
- Public WIFI Access at AJ Jolly Park & Golf Course and Pendery Park
- Walking Trail at Pendery Park repaved and areas near the river were cleared to create additional areas for walking and recreating.

### PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2024

- Second Dump Station added to AJ Jolly Campground
- Repairs and improvement to the ADA Accessible Fishing Dock
- Continuation of campsite improvements including water, electric and tent pads
- New ADA Accessible and Inclusive Playground at Pendery Park



## Campbell County Job Opportunities

Spring is right around the corner and Campbell County Parks and Golf Course are accepting applications for a variety of seasonal and part time positions for the 2024 season. Please visit the Human Resources Page on the County website at [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) to learn about our seasonal and part time positions.

Current career opportunities with Campbell County Fiscal Court, Police, and Detention Center may also be found at [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) or by calling Human Resources at 859-547-1872.



## Campbell County Parks Calendar of Events - 2024

All events take place at AJ Jolly Park unless noted otherwise.

Visit [www.ajjollypark.com](http://www.ajjollypark.com) for details.

February 1	Reservations for Private Picnic Areas & Shelters Open
March 1	All Parks Open (portable restrooms only) weather permitting
March 18	Ranger Station Opens, Fees Charged, Restrooms Open
March 22	RV Camping Open
April 1	Spring Baseball Begins at Pendery & AJ Jolly Parks
April 19	All Camping Open
May 11	Community Yard Sale 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
June 1	Kentucky Free Fishing Weekend (no license required)
June 6 – July 25 (Thursdays)	Jolly Thursdays at 10:00 AM
June TBD	June Music Night
July 13	Sun Valley Bluegrass Festival 4:00 – 10:30 PM

### STAY INFORMED WITH THE CAMPBELL COUNTY E-NEWSLETTER

Do you want to know What's Happening in between deliveries of the "What's Happening in Campbell County Kentucky"?



Sign up for the Campbell County E-Newsletter by scanning the QR code above or click the "Contact Us" button on the home page at [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) to register your email address.

## AJ Jolly Golf Course 2024 Daily Rates

Please call AJ Jolly Golf Course at 859-635-2106 or visit [www.ajjolly.com](http://www.ajjolly.com) for special promotions, book your tee time, and experience our nationally ranked staff friendliness for yourself.

In Season Rates	2024 Rate
9 Holes Walking	\$20.00
9 Holes Riding	\$32.00
18 Holes Walking	\$40.00
18 Holes Riding	\$60.00
Friday – Sunday Twilight	\$23.00

Weekday Senior Special	2024 Rate
9 Holes Walking	\$17.00
9 Holes Riding	\$29.00
18 Holes Walking	\$29.00
18 Holes Riding	\$38.00

Junior Rates	2024 Rate
9 Holes Junior Walking	\$5.00
18 Holes Junior Walking	\$10.00

Off Season Rates	2024 Rate
9 Holes Walking	\$18.00
9 Holes Riding	\$30.00
18 Holes Walking	\$37.00
18 Holes Riding	\$50.00
9 Holes Senior Walking	\$15.00
9 Holes Senior Riding	\$27.00
18 Holes Senior Walking	\$27.00
18 Holes Senior Riding	\$35.00

Cart Fees	2024 Rate
9 Holes	\$15.00
18 Holes	\$23.00

Daily Rate Notes:

- \* All prices include 6% sales tax where applicable
- \* Juniors (Under Age 18) play free with paying adult any day of week
- \* Offseason dates subject to Golf Professional's discretion
- \* Weekday Senior Specials not applicable on holidays

## AJ Jolly Golf Course

Calendar year 2023 brought great improvements to AJ Jolly Golf Course, including new restroom facilities and water/ice machines. Cart paths on holes 10-12 were repaved, while holes 7-9 and 1-4 are scheduled for new pavement in early 2024. A tee box addition is finished on hole #1 and will be open for play in spring of 2024.

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## OEM Trainings

Campbell County Office of Emergency Management offers FREE training opportunities, as well as Train-the-Trainer options for various courses. Topics range from Surviving an Active Threat, All-Hazards Preparedness, Planning for Debris Management, Underserved Populations Preparedness Planning for First Responders and Volunteers, or Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals. Many courses are classroom-based designed to provide skills related to a specific topic. Each training opportunity is described (including intended audience, signup information, and course objectives) on the OEM Training Calendar, available at [www.campbellcountky.gov](http://www.campbellcountky.gov). Scan the QR code to view a complete list of remaining 2023 and upcoming 2024 trainings.



Contact OEM staff for additional information:

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## Occupational License Department News

The Occupational License Department in Campbell County is responsible for collecting the Local Business Tax and Payroll Withholding Tax for Campbell County and the partnering cities of Alexandria, Cold Spring, Fort Thomas, Highland Heights, Melbourne, Southgate, Wilder, and Woodlawn.

### Replacement of Net Profit Tax

For tax years ending 12/31/2023 and beyond, Campbell County has eliminated the Net Profit Tax and replaced it with a \$75 Flat Fee.

### Updates to Payroll Withholding Tax

For the first time in over 20 years, the Campbell County Payroll Withholding Tax is being updated to fall in line with the Federal FICA Wage Limits. The overall tax rate has not changed and this only applies to those working in Campbell County, not residents working outside the County or retired employees. See our website for more details at [www.campbellcountky.gov](http://www.campbellcountky.gov).

### Online Filing & Payment

The Occupational License Department has contracted with software developer GovOS to develop a new platform to bring many services online, such as registering for a license, filing business tax returns, filing quarterly payroll tax returns, and making payments via ACH or credit card. The goal is to have these options available in Q1 2024. Notification letters will be mailed out to current registered businesses before the platform launches. Questions may be directed to 859-292-3884.



## Changing Faces at the Campbell County Police Department

The Campbell County Police Department has welcomed several new hires in the second half of 2023.

School Resource Officers David Fillhardt and Dan Delaney came on board, as well as Officer Steven Tucker. All three officers bring vast experience to our already knowledgeable staff. We also congratulate Captain Gary Downs and Sergeant Ryan Markus on their well-deserved retirements! Both served and protected our communities for over 20 years each. Late 2023 also brought forth the promotions of Sergeant Christopher Lauer to Captain, as well as Officers William McGohan and Jacob Daley both to Sergeant. By early 2024, we will have added a second Police Social Worker to our ranks due to the overwhelming success of this new program! We anticipate 2024 to be another great year of advancing our core values of Community, Service, Efficiency, and Leadership.



David Fillhardt



Dan Delaney



Gary Downs



Steven Tucker



Ryan Markus

## Campbell County Solid Waste Introduces New Program: Trash Disposal Vouchers

The Spring and Fall Cleanup events are a popular and convenient way for residents to get rid of bulky trash items free of charge. But what happens when a resident has hard to dispose of trash items at other times of the year? Residents of Campbell County can now obtain up to two vouchers per household per year. Vouchers cover the cost of one truckload or one 8-ft trailer load of household waste (ex: trash, furniture, mattress, yard waste) to drop off for free at either the Rumpke Covington Transfer Station or the Rumpke Pendleton County Landfill. Find more information and apply online at [www.campbellcountky.gov](http://www.campbellcountky.gov).

## Trash for Cash Program

April 1 – October 31 Each Year

Trash for Cash is a fundraising opportunity for non-profit organizations to pick up roadside litter in Campbell County. Groups can perform a roadside litter cleanup of up to 10 miles (includes both sides of the road) with a reimbursement rate of \$100/mile. Apply online: [campbellcountky.gov](http://campbellcountky.gov). Application opens March 1, 2024.

## Scrap Metal & Recycling Program

Scrap metal and household appliances (Freon-containing appliances included) are accepted year-round at the Campbell County Transportation Center/Road Department:

1175 Racetrack Road in Alexandria  
Monday – Friday  
7 AM – 3:30 PM

## CAMPBELL COUNTY PHONE DIRECTORY

### FISCAL COURT OFFICES

County Judge/Executive	547-1803
County Commissioners	547-1803
AJ Jolly Golf Course	635-2106
AJ Jolly Park Ranger Station	635-4423
Animal Services	635-2819
Building Inspections	292-3880
Economic Development	547-1806
Emergency Management	635-1111
Housing	261-5200
Human Resources	547-1872
Human Services	547-1873
Information Technology	547-1883
Occupational Tax Office	292-3884
Parks and Recreation	547-3680
Planning and Zoning	292-3880
Police (Non-Emergency)	292-3622
Police (Administration)	547-3100
Senior Center	572-4300
Solid Waste	547-1866
Transportation/Roads	635-9100

### COUNTY OFFICES

Circuit Court	292-6314
Commonwealth's Attorney	292-6490
County Attorney	491-7700
County Attorney, Child Support	431-0522
County Attorney, Criminal	581-8015
County Clerk, Alexandria	635-2151
County Clerk, Newport	292-3845
County Clerk, Auto Registration	292-3850
County Clerk, Real Estate Title and Tax	292-3845
County Clerk, Voting, Marriage Licenses	292-3885
County Coroner	441-8800
County Dispatch (Non-Emergency)	292-3622
County Jailer	431-4611
County Sheriff	292-3833
Detention Center	431-4611
District Court	292-6305
Master Commissioner	441-2700
Property Valuation Administrator	292-3871

### STATE OFFICES

KYTC Driver Licensing	502-564-1257
<a href="http://drive.ky.gov">drive.ky.gov</a>	

# Campbell County 2024 Spring Cleanup Event

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) & SATURDAY, APRIL 27 (8:00AM – 5:00 PM)

The Spring Cleanup is an opportunity to dispose of unwanted trash, debris, and bulky household items for free. This two-day event is available for Campbell County residents only. Businesses (including junk/construction removal contractors and haulers) and automotive businesses are prohibited. Participants are required to unload their own vehicle. Limited assistance is available. A valid Campbell County ID is required at check-in. Contact Solid Waste for questions by emailing [SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov) or calling 859-547-1866.

Location	Address	Accepted Items
Campbell County Police Department	8774 Constable Drive, Alexandria	FURNITURE* MATTRESSES* TRASH & DEBRIS YARD WASTE
Frederick's Landing	KY 9-AA Hwy, Wilder	
Pendery Park	4113 Williams Lane, Melbourne	
Campbell County Transportation Center (Road Department)	1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	ALL ITEMS LISTED ABOVE PLUS: APPLIANCES (FREON OK) ELECTRONICS (LIMIT 1 TV) PROPANE TANKS SCRAP METAL** TIRES (LIMIT 8 TIRES; RIMS OK)

\*Furniture/Mattresses do NOT have to be plastic-wrapped.  
\*\*Scrap metal must be empty of fluids (oil/gas). Whole boats/vehicles not accepted.

## Drop-Off Recycling Program

Residents, drop off your recyclables at any of our six convenient locations! Each location offers co-mingle bins for easy, single-stream recycling of common household items. Recyclables should be loose (no bags, please!), rinsed, and dried before drop-off. If a recycling bin is full, please take your items home and come back another day.



It is a Class A misdemeanor to litter at a recycling site (County Ordinance O-13-20). To report illegal dumping or other issues at a drop-off location, please email [SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov) or call 859-547-1866.

**PLEASE RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

<b>PAPER</b> <p>Cardboard should fit inside cart.</p>	<b>PLASTICS</b> Bottles, jugs, tubs and cups <p>Reattach lid. Yogurt and fruit cups OK.</p>	<b>METAL CANS &amp; CUPS</b> <p>Non-hazardous, non-flammable material only.</p>	<b>GLASS BOTTLES &amp; JARS</b> <p>Any color.</p>	<b>CARTONS</b> <p>Remove caps and straws.</p>
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## Expanded Recycling Options with Hefty ReNew Program



Rumpke Waste & Recycling is partnering with Hefty ReNew to offer a new program for Rumpke curbside customers and the Campbell County Drop-Off Recycling Program.

This program requires a special orange Hefty ReNew bag—available for purchase at local grocery stores—to put additional recyclables in. These are the only bags accepted in Rumpke's curbside recycling program and the Campbell County Drop-Off Recycling Program. Residents can get a free starter kit online at [www.hefty.com](http://www.hefty.com).

### Accepted Items Include:

- (If Placed Inside The Orange Hefty Renew Bag)
- Kitchen & Pantry** (salad bags, cereal box liners, fruit bags, chip bags with see through plastic, foam egg cartons, plastic pet food bags)
- Storage & Cleaning** (bubble wrap, grocery bags, food storage bags, plastic food wrap)
- Office & Shipping** (bubble wrap, foam block packing, foam peanuts)
- Dining & Eating** (foam cups and to-go boxes, plastic colored cups, plastic or foam plates & bowls, plastic straws, plastic utensils)

### Drop-Off Recycling Locations

- Campbell County Senior Center**  
3504 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights
- Morscher Park**  
4800 Mary Ingles Highway, Silver Grove
- Pendery Park**  
4113 Williams Lane, Melbourne

- Campbell County Animal Services**  
1989 Poplar Ridge Road, Melbourne
- Campbell County Clerk's Office**  
8330 W Main Street, Alexandria
- Southern Campbell Fire Department**  
1050 Racetrack Road, Alexandria

When water leaves the Northern Kentucky Water District's (NKWD) treatment plants, it does not contain lead. Lead found in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts connected to home plumbing and service lines. A service line is the pipe connecting your home to the water main. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.

Protecting you against exposure to lead is a shared responsibility. NKWD is required to provide treatment that minimizes the corrosivity of the water. We do this by adjusting the pH and using a safe additive, a corrosion inhibitor, that protects the pipe material and helps lower the potential for lead to be released into the water. Although corrosion control can reduce risks, the best way to assure your home is safe from lead exposure through water is to remove the potential sources of lead. You can take responsibility for identifying and removing water service materials (i.e. faucets, soldering, etc.) within your home that may contain lead, including the service line going into your home, as an additional precaution.

To comply with a regulatory requirement from the Environmental Protection Agency, NKWD is currently compiling an inventory of materials used for all service lines. NKWD suspects that as many as 30,000 customer-owned lead service lines could potentially exist in our service area.

**Questions? Contact Us:**  
**(859) 578-5451**

[SLI@nkywater.org](mailto:SLI@nkywater.org)  
[NKYWater.org](http://NKYWater.org)

More information about lead is available on NKWD's website:

[nkywater.info/nkwdleadaction](http://nkywater.info/nkwdleadaction)

## Your Assistance is Needed

Follow These Steps to Report Your Service Line Material

**STEP 1:** Locate the water service line entering the building. The pipe may be visible where it enters through a basement wall. Take a picture of your water service line as it comes into your house.

**STEP 2:** Use the information below to identify the type of pipe. Use a coin or key to carefully scratch the outside of the pipe. Use a strong refrigerator magnet.

**STEP 3:** Create an online account on Lead-CAST\* to submit the form and your photos. If you do not have access to a computer or smart device, you can also call (859) 578-5451.

Scan the QR Code or Visit:  
[nkywater.info/leadcast](http://nkywater.info/leadcast)



### LEAD

**Outer Pipe Color:** Dull gray  
**Scratch Test:** Turns shiny silver  
**Magnet:** Does not stick



### PLASTIC

**Outer Pipe Color:** May be black, red, blue or white  
**Scratch Test:** No need to scratch  
**Magnet:** Does not stick



### COPPER

**Outer Pipe Color:** Brown and can turn green  
**Scratch Test:** Looks like a penny  
**Magnet:** Does not stick



### GALVANIZED

**Outer Pipe Color:** Dark gray or black  
**Scratch Test:** Hard to scratch and remains same color  
**Magnet:** Magnet will stick



NORTHERN KENTUCKY WATER DISTRICT  
2835 CRESCENT SPRINGS ROAD, P.O. BOX 18640  
ERLANGER, KENTUCKY 41018

\*Information provided herein may be subject to disclosure under the Kentucky Open Records Act.

# It's Hard To Imagine A Day Without SD1, Clean Water

Each fall, Sanitation District No. 1 participates in an annual "Imagine a Day Without Water" campaign that aims to drive home the importance of clean water in our community.

The value of reliable sanitation service in Northern Kentucky is often overlooked along with the thousands of miles of sewer pipes hidden beneath the ground, connecting virtually every home and business in our region to a wastewater treatment plant. Until something goes wrong – a broken pipe or a noxious odor – SD1 is generally "out of sight, out of mind."

To truly understand the value of reliable public sanitation, it is helpful to take a few minutes to actually imagine a day without clean water.

## Our Health

Let's start with the role clean water plays in living a healthy life. SD1 treats about 35 million gallons of Northern Kentucky wastewater every single day. Across our region, when a toilet flushes, a load of laundry is done, a shower is taken or an item is manufactured, wastewater is created.

This wastewater contains a variety of pollutants, including human waste, food scraps and chemicals. Without wastewater treatment, these pollutants would end up in our waterways, causing serious environmental and health problems such as Hepatitis

A, typhoid fever, E. coli, cholera and polio. Globally, more than 3.5 million people die of diseases related to unsafe water every year (about one every 10 seconds).

SD1's wastewater treatment process removes these pollutants, making the water safe to discharge back into the Ohio River. This process takes up



to students; local hospitals would be unable to offer sterile environments for our most vulnerable neighbors and local industries wouldn't be able to produce...well, much of anything.

Our local economy depends on clean water:

manufacturing, farming, healthcare, tourism, recreation, energy production and other economic sectors all need clean water to function and flourish.

### CONSIDER HOW MUCH WATER IT TAKES TO:

- GROW ONE APPLE – 19 GALLONS
- MAKE ONE GLASS OF WINE – 32 GALLONS
- YIELD ONE BEEF STEAK – 1,230 GALLONS
- PRODUCE ONE PAIR OF SHOES – 2,110 GALLONS
- MANUFACTURE ONE CAR – 40,000 GALLONS

That's why each dollar invested in American water infrastructure improvements yields a \$6 return on investment (2023 Value of Water Index). In fact, a 2009 study by the Science Media Center concluded that 20 percent of the US economy would grind to a halt without a reliable source of clean water.

So the next time you pay your SD1 bill, remember the value you receive for your investment in our community. SD1 might be "out of sight, out of mind," but can you imagine what life in Northern Kentucky would be like without us?

to 30 hours and involves a variety of biological and chemical processes.

## Our Environment

Northern Kentucky is a river town. SD1 protects our rivers and streams because their waters shape the boundaries of our community and our identity. That's why we work around the clock, 365 days a year to manage our region's wastewater and stormwater.

Our quality of life is directly linked to our quality of water. Each day, SD1's robust wastewater treatment program prevents about 100,000 pounds of waste from entering the Ohio River. That keeps the river safe and healthy for boating and other recreational activities.

Cleaner water means a healthier ecosystem, which makes our natural habitat a more enjoyable, desirable place to be. We're lucky – we don't have to pile in the car and drive for hours to experience the best that sports, arts and culture has to offer – it's all right here in our own backyard...because of clean water.

## Our Economy

Without SD1's work to keep our waterways clean, local schools would be unable to provide safe drinking water

A Message from the County Attorney's Office

By Steven J. Franzen, Campbell County Attorney



# CASEY'S LAW

I have written and talked about Casey's Law many times in the past. Unfortunately, this summer I attended the funeral of a young man who was friends with one of my own children. The father of the now deceased young man expressed frustration with his inability to get his son the help he needed. I decided that a reminder about Casey's Law may help someone in our community that needs it.

One of the largest challenges facing Campbell County is illegal drugs. According to the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, in 2022 the number of Kentucky citizens that lost their lives to drug overdose decreased for the first time since 2018. This decrease is encouraging, but with 2,135 lives still stolen by drug overdose, Kentucky has a long way to go.

If someone in your family or a friend is struggling with addiction, you still have options. The Matthew Casey Wethington Act for Substance Abuse Intervention was first enacted in 2004

and has since been strengthened. Casey's law provides a means of intervention with someone who is unable to recognize his or her need for treatment due to their impairment. After drugs have taken a hold of someone's life, their best hope of survival may be intervention. Casey's Law allows parents, relatives, and friends to petition the

court for treatment on behalf of the substance abuse-impaired individual.

Under this Act, a person suffering from drug or alcohol abuse will not be ordered to undergo treatment unless the person presents an imminent threat of danger to their self, family, or others as a result of substance abuse disorder, or if there is a substantial likelihood of this threat in the future. Also, it must be determined that the person suffering from the substance abuse can reasonably benefit from treatment.

Other methods of court-ordered treatment can result when a person struggling with addiction gets arrested while under the influence of a substance. It is important to note that intervention under Casey's Law is not associated with any criminal charge. Casey Law's is a means to get help for a loved one, even when they do not realize they need it. Further, the treatment options available under the Act can vary depending on the needs

*"If someone in your family or a friend is struggling with addiction, you still have options."*

of the individual. Depending on the severity of use, the frequency of use, and the length of use, the judge can order anywhere from thirty (30) days to three hundred sixty (360) days of inpatient treatment.

Before filing a petition, we encourage

all potential petitioners to recognize that they will be obligated to pay all costs incurred in the process and the

costs of treatment. The petitioner must sign a guaranty of payment. They should be aware of the extensive costs that may be incurred before signing.

In order to begin the process under Casey's law, complete the petition entitled, AOC Form 700A, and have petitioner's signature notarized. The petition can be filed for 60-day treatment or 360-day treatment. The Petition should be filed with the District Court Clerk at 330 York Street, Newport, Kentucky 41071. This petition should include the petitioner's relationship to the individual, the individual's name and last known residence, any legal guardian's name and residence, and any spouse's name and residence. Also, the petition must include the basis of the petitioner's belief that the individual is suffering from a substance abuse disorder that presents a danger or threat of danger to self, family, or others.

The full process to obtain treatment as well as the petition form can be found online at <https://www.campbellcountyattorney.com/caseys-law>. Kentucky has made progress in the fight against drugs, but we are not done yet. We hope to continue to work to make Campbell County safe from harmful drugs.

I hope this information is interesting and helpful. If you have any topics you would like to have covered in this column, please contact my office by e-mail at [countyattorney@campbell-countyky.gov](mailto:countyattorney@campbell-countyky.gov), by phone at 491-7700, or by regular mail addressed to 319 York Street, Newport, Kentucky 41071.



## From Early Childhood Readiness to Project Destination



### Long-Term Commitment To Student Success

At Campbell County Schools, the educational journey begins at the very start of a child's life. Understanding the crucial role of early childhood readiness, they plan intentional efforts from birth, laying a foundation that supports each student's academic and personal growth through graduation.

### Early Childhood Readiness: The Building Blocks of Future Success

The commitment to early childhood education is unwavering. Recognizing that readiness starts at birth, they've implemented family engagement programs focused on literacy and numeracy. These programs not only equip the youngest learners with essential skills but also engage families in the educational process, fostering a supportive home learning environment. Central to kindergarten readiness is the development of social, cognitive, and motor skills. Campbell County Schools hosts fall and spring programs, offers preschool services, and provides resources to engage families in learning. Campbell County Schools has also partnered with the Campbell County Library to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to the community. This program provides an opportunity to sign up children, from newborn to age 5, to receive a free new book every month. Development in these areas is an indicator of long-term academic success.

### Project Destination: Mapping A Future In Campbell County Schools

Campbell County High School has kicked off an exciting commitment with Project Destination, which promises:

#### COLLEGE PREPAREDNESS

Every graduate will earn a minimum of 12 free college dual credits, tailored to support their individual destinations.

#### WORK-BASED LEARNING

Students will accumulate 40 hours or more of work-based learning experiences, providing real-world insights and skills.

#### PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN CLASSROOMS

Partnerships with practitioners will bring real-world experiences directly into classrooms.

### Supports for Success

At the heart of Project Destination is the commitment to provide the necessary supports for students to thrive in these diverse learning environments. Whether it's through mentorship, academic support, meeting families' needs, or career guidance, the district is dedicated to ensuring that every student has the tools and resources they need to succeed.

### A Deeper Look

Project Destination is more than a program; it's a commitment to expand students' horizons. CCS is dedicated to exposing more students to highly relevant post-secondary opportunities that align with their future plans. Partnerships with post-secondary institutions are evolving to uncover more opportunities for students, ensuring that each pathway is uniquely aligned with individual goals post-high school. Moreover, collaboration with the business community is set to transcend traditional internships and co-ops. They are innovating to invite and integrate real-world business insights into classrooms, benefiting students across all pathways.

*Campbell County Schools' journey from Early Childhood Readiness to Project Destination encapsulates the long-term commitment to ensuring preparedness of the students of the community. By nurturing students from their earliest years and providing rich pathway opportunities, Campbell County Schools is not just educating; they are empowering a future generation of learners, leaders, and innovators.*



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## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



Looking for a way to kickstart your young one's reading journey? Hello, Dolly! Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails a free book every month to enrolled children ages newborn to five at no cost or obligation to families.

The service is offered in Campbell County through a partnership between CCPL and local schools. Once registered, you can expect to start receiving books in eight to ten weeks. For more information and to register, visit [cc-pl.org/imagination-library](http://cc-pl.org/imagination-library).

## STEAM Month

Every March, the library's programming centers on all-things Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM). Library staff have cooked up several fun and educational programs for 2024's STEAM Month.

One highlight is the return of Family STEAM Night on Saturday, March 9 from 6-8 pm at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch, which will feature various presenters. There's also the Creator Competition. To participate, submit a creation no larger than six-by-six-by-six inches made entirely from LEGOs and duct tape. Enter your creation by 5 pm on March 7. Each entry will be displayed and voted on across all four age groups (adults, teens, children and young ones) at the Family STEAM Night! Winners receive a gift card.

If curling up with a book is more your thing, join the STEAM Month Reading Challenge! All ages can participate for the chance to win a \$60 Amazon gift card. Gain an entry on Beanstack for every STEAM category read.

Keep your eyes out for the full STEAM Month lineup at [cc-pl.org](http://cc-pl.org).

## Join a Book Club



Want to connect with other book lovers? Join one of the library's 13 book clubs! There are options for all interests, whether you're into mysteries, think reading is best paired with a cup of coffee or love romance.

There are eight clubs aimed at adults; two for children grades k-5; two for tweens ages 8-14; and one for teens ages 13+. All of our book clubs operate on a come-when-you-can basis.

New this year is the Alexandria Branch's Manga to Anime Club at 4 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Geared for teens ages 13 and up, members will read the first volume of a manga series—a style of Japanese comics—and then discuss both the manga and anime adaptation. Registration is required.

Find out more about book club offerings at [cc-pl.org/book-clubs](http://cc-pl.org/book-clubs) or pick up a physical brochure at any branch.

## Save the Date! El Día de los Libros: April 27th

El Día de los Libros, or Day of the Books, emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. The Cold Spring Branch is celebrating El Día on Saturday, April 27 from 10 am-2 pm with interactive performances, crafts, games and more. The day's festivities include:

**10-10:45 am:**  
The Cultural Center of India  
Interactive Dance Performance

**11-11:45 am:**  
Cincinnati Highland Dancers

**Noon-12:45 pm:**  
Bi-Okoto West African Movement & Music Workshop

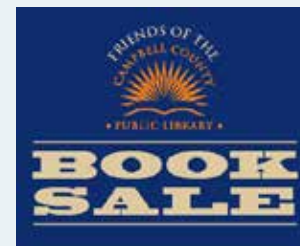
**1-1:45 pm:**  
Sakura Japanese Chorus

Crafts and games will be set up in the public area for the duration of the festivities. Patrons can also enjoy to-go bags filled with international snacks.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale Dates

Fill your tote bags year-round with books at the Friends of the Library Book Sale! The Friends have a used book sale from 9 am-5 pm, Thursday-Saturday every other month in the Friends Room in the lower level of the Newport Branch. 2024's dates are as follows: Jan. 11-13; March 7-9; March 9-11; July 11-13; Sept. 12-14; and Nov. 7-9.

The Friends also host a book sale from 9 am-noon on the fourth Thursday of the month, Jan. through Oct. The sales are the perfect place to find stellar, can't-miss deals on used books, DVDs, audiobooks and CDs. Prices range from 25 cents to \$3. You can donate gently used items at any branch.



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## Raising Hope

On Thursday 25 January 2024 at the Campbell County Environmental Education Center, 1261 Race Track Road, Alexandria, KY 41001, Dale Dobson, Safety Administrator with KDA, and Dr. Cheryl Witt, University of Kentucky, will be joining us to bring awareness about Raising Hope, Putting the Focus on Farmer Health.

This free event helps to promote the physical/mental health and safety of Kentucky's farmers and farm families through translational research, prevention/intervention, and community education and outreach to enhance the quality of life for our farmers and farm families.

To register call (859) 635-9587, visit our website [www.campbellkyconservation.org](http://www.campbellkyconservation.org), or email [patti.dischar@campbellkyconservation.org](mailto:patti.dischar@campbellkyconservation.org). For additional Raising Hope information [www.raisinghopeky.com](http://www.raisinghopeky.com). Call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 24/7 for free and confidential emotional support.



## Save the Date: Campbell County Farm & Livestock Expo

Save the Date: on Saturday, 4 May 2024, we will have our Campbell County Farm & Livestock Expo at the Alexandria Fair Grounds. This will be an opportunity for our local community to acquire knowledge of agricultural products, equipment, and services from exhibitors. As we are now in the planning stages, visit our website in late March for more information!

On November 4, 2023, we had our Landowner Expo providing these resources to our landowners: Agriculture Sales Tax Exemption Number, Agriculture Property Tax Exemption, Local, State, and Federal Cost Share Programs, Grants Available, Agriculture Water Quality Plans, Farm Serial Numbers, Nutrient Management Plans, and Marketing Opportunities. Our partners were: The Campbell Conservancy, Inc., Campbell County Extension, Campbell County FFA, Campbell County Planning & Zoning, Kentucky Division of Conservation, Farm Service Agency, and NRCS.



Campbell County FFA Students



Young Farmers of the Year- Scott & Andrew Schultz, TAS Farm

## Cooperator Dinner

On Thursday, September 21, 2023, we gathered at South Wind Farm, LLC to honor our Campbell County FFA Chapter for their volunteer work with the district, our grant & cost share recipients, 2023 Backroads Farm Tour Hosts, Young Farmer of the Year- Andrew & Scott Schultz, TAS Farm, Cooperator of the Year- Tom Curry, TC Farm, and Partner Appreciation Recognition – Jennifer Teipel, Executive Director, Campbell Media. We closed the evening thanking our sponsors and supporters.



Partner Appreciation Recognition – Jennifer Teipel, Executive Director, Campbell Media

## Annual Backroads Farm Tour Recap

The Campbell County Conservation District held the 2023 Backroads Farm Tour on Saturday, July 15, 2023. This year, there were 12 farms participating: equine, cattle, vineyards, and horticulture operations. The Farm Tour is just a glimpse of these county farmers' work. Save the Date: we hope you were able to join us; but if not, be sure to check back with us for the Backroads Farm Tour on Saturday, July 20, 2024!



Cooperator of the Year- Tom Curry, TC Farm

## Campbell County Conservation District History and Mission:

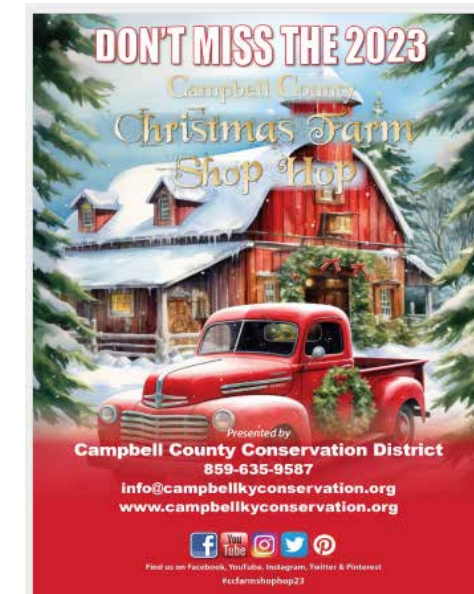
The Campbell County Conservation District was established in 1945 by a vote of the citizens of the county. The Kentucky Conservation Districts are Special Purpose Government Entities, organized under Kentucky Revised Statute 262. Conservation Districts are responsible for protecting our soil, water, and other natural resources. Services offered through the Campbell County Conservation District are funded through local

tax dollars, grants, donations, and volunteer work. With your help, we are able to continue financial and technical assistance for our county's landowners and promote the importance of conserving our natural resources.

The Campbell County Conservation District partners with citizens and private landowners as well as other organizations to promote the sustainability of the land, water, and other natural resources by encouraging the use of Best Management Practices. We do this by hosting educational programs and by providing technical and financial assistance.

## Christmas Farm Shop Hop

From late November through December 2023 the Campbell County Conservation District showcased our local agribusinesses on our Christmas Farm Shop Hop self-guided tour. Participants shopped locally showing support and enjoying homemade baked goods, artwork, crafts, candles, handbags, wood carvings, pottery, freezer beef, Christmas trees, wine tasting, and more!



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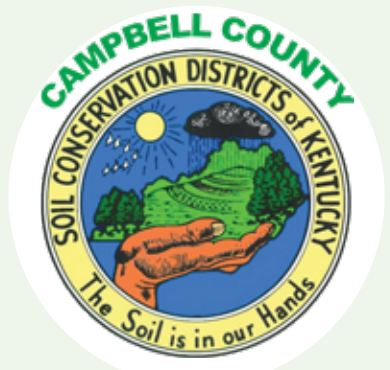
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# Northern Kentucky Health Department Looking to Move Beyond the Pandemic and Reshape the Future of Public Health in the Region

In May, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially ended the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) that was brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. While cases of COVID-19 still exist in the community, and new or exacerbated health challenges brought on as a result of COVID still exist, officials at the Northern Kentucky Health Department are extremely optimistic about our region's ability to recover and the future of its public health.

"While we continued to provide essential public health services to the community in addition to our COVID

response, we were also able to keep our eye on the future and complete two huge projects that will both drive our work and impact the community's health," says District Director of Health Jennifer Mooney, PhD, MS. "With the official end of the Public Health Emergency, we now have the opportunity to move beyond the pandemic, reshape our mission, and impact the future of public health in Northern Kentucky."

The Northern Kentucky Health Department was one of the first public health agencies across the country to receive national accreditation for its work, and

these plans should allow it to not only continue on that path, says Mooney, but excel in its efforts to impact public health in the region.

"These next few years will signify a renaissance period during which we have the opportunity to reconstruct the narrative of public health," says Mooney. "Our CHIP details the areas of focus, and our Strategic Plan serves as an organizational roadmap in keeping our communities healthy and promoting the best quality of life possible for all those in Northern Kentucky."



# Naloxboxes



The opioid crisis caused a tremendous amount of loss for families around the Commonwealth. In 2022, over 2,000 of our fellow Kentuckians passed away from a fatal drug overdose. (Policy, 2023). The spike in deaths was largely driven by the illicit opioid, fentanyl. Even one loss to an overdose is too many, so the Northern Kentucky Health Department is always looking at new, innovative, and safe ways to save someone's life.

In an effort to save as many lives as possible, the Northern Kentucky Health Department brings life-saving education and medication to those that may need it. In tandem with our community naloxone distribution and education, we began our "Mail Order Naloxone" program in June of 2022. With assistance from the HEALing Communities study, the Mail Order program allows for any residents to receive the life-saving overdose reversal medication naloxone through the mail for free. Please visit [NKYHealth.org/SaveALife](https://www.nkyhealth.org/SaveALife) to learn more.

Through a variety of grant funds and a partnership with the HEALing Communities study, we are embarking on a wide scale distribution process for community "Naloxboxes" across our region. Naloxboxes are similar to AED boxes that you frequently see in business, government buildings and schools. Naloxboxes contain a box of naloxone, CPR masks and gloves to help individuals respond to an opioid overdose event that may happen in a public space. Nothing is worse than feeling powerless to help our fellow Kentuckians if they need medical assistance. The naloxboxes allow businesses, social service agencies, schools, and government agencies to have naloxone on their premises and are accessible to the public in case of an emergency.

## How Do I Obtain A Naloxbox?

The Northern Kentucky Health Department will provide naloxboxes for free to businesses, schools, government agencies, or social service organizations while funding is available. NKY Health will provide all naloxone training and naloxbox supplies (naloxone, gloves, and CPR masks). We will also replenish any supplies that are used. This initiative is aimed at saving



lives and we'd love to help any agencies willing to be prepared to reverse an overdose. Call the Health Department's "Harm Reduction" team today to get started (859) 341-4264. Obtaining a naloxbox is an easy, no-cost way of potentially saving someone's life. We've lost too many Kentuckians to the opioid crisis already.



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### The Health Department Was Able To Complete:

- A Community Health Assessment that resulted in a comprehensive Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).
- A new Strategic Plan that puts a special focus on four key areas over the next three to six years: operational excellence, strategic communications and relations, engaged partnerships, and building a thriving workforce.



- 1 ASSESS AND MONITOR POPULATION HEALTH STATUS, FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE HEALTH, AND COMMUNITY NEEDS AND ASSETS.
- 2 INVESTIGATE, DIAGNOSE, AND ADDRESS HEALTH PROBLEMS AND HAZARDS AFFECTING THE POPULATION.
- 3 COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY TO INFORM AND EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT HEALTH, FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE IT, AND HOW TO IMPROVE IT.
- 4 STRENGTHEN, SUPPORT AND MOBILIZE COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE HEALTH.
- 5 CREATE, CHAMPION AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES, PLANS, AND LAWS THAT IMPACT HEALTH.
- 6 UTILIZE LEGAL AND REGULATORY ACTIONS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH.
- 7 ASSURE AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM THAT ENABLES EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AND CARE NEEDED TO BE HEALTHY.
- 8 BUILD AND SUPPORT A DIVERSE AND SKILLED PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE.
- 9 IMPROVE AND INNOVATE PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS THROUGH ONGOING EVALUATION, RESEARCH AND CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT.
- 10 BUILD AND MAINTAIN A STRONG ORGANIZATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH.

**MISSION**  
We prevent disease, promote wellness, and protect against health threats to improve quality of life for the Northern Kentucky region.

**VISION**  
Inspire Collaboration  
Ignite Partnerships  
Improve Outcomes

**VALUES**  
*Integrity*  
We build trust with honesty and accountability  
*Inclusivity*  
We are better together  
*Innovation*  
We are proactive, responsive, and adaptable  
*Impact*  
We serve to make a positive difference





## Stopping Tobacco Use Promotes Recovery Among People Living with Mental Health Conditions

According to the UK College of Nursing Behavioral Health Wellness Environments for Living and Learning (BH WELL), public health efforts have been effective in reducing tobacco use in the general population; however, the rates of tobacco use remain high among people living with a mental health condition. In fact, individuals living with a mental health condition are 2-3 times more likely to use tobacco compared to those not living with a mental health condition.

Smoking can worsen mental health symptoms and have adverse interactions with medications. The "anxiety" a person may experience during a quit attempt is actually nicotine withdrawal, which subsides within two to four weeks.

Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable disability and death.

- The life expectancy of tobacco users living with a mental health condition may be reduced by 15-25 years compared to those who do not use tobacco.
- The components of tobacco products may interfere with psychiatric medications, resulting in diminished therapeutic effects.



### STOPPING TOBACCO USE IMPROVES SYMPTOMS.

- Stopping tobacco use is associated with positive effects on recovery and mental health symptoms such as decreased anxiety, depression, and stress.
- Among individuals living with both a mental health condition and a substance use disorder, stopping tobacco use is associated with a 25% increased likelihood of maintained abstinence from alcohol and illicit substances.
- The risk of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, stroke, and cancer is significantly reduced when individuals stop tobacco use.

Tobacco cessation treatment is an important component of therapy. If you smoke or vape and want to quit, there is help.

Free Nicotine Replacement, such as gum, patches, and lozenges are available for adults at fourteen local pharmacies throughout Northern Kentucky. For more information scan the QR code to the left.



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## Safe Sleep: What Parents and Caregivers Need to Know



### ALONE:

Babies should always sleep alone. There should never be anything else in a baby's sleep space except for the baby. A pacifier is permissible if the baby uses one, but if breastfeeding, please wait until breastfeeding is well established. Pacifiers should not be attached to a string, cord, stuffed animal, or anything else.

### BACK:

A baby should always sleep on his/her back for every sleep both nighttime and naps. Back sleeping on a firm surface reduces the risk of SIDS.

### CRIB:

A baby's crib should contain a fitted sheet only; no blankets, toys, pillows, bumpers, or other items that could cover a baby's face and suffocate them. Cribs, bassinets, and pack & plays with firm mattresses are the only safe places for babies to sleep.

### DANGER:

Being tired, sleepy, exhausted, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs (including some prescriptions) impairs one's ability to care for a baby, making bed sharing and other unsafe sleep practices more dangerous. Smartphones and other devices can take away from adequate supervision and lead to safety issues. They also reduce face-to-face interaction that is vital to a baby's emotional and intellectual development.



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## IT'S COVID, COLD, & FLU SEASON



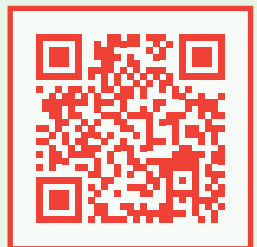
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*A Message from Campbell County Clerk, Jim Luersen*



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year. It's been a busy time at the County Clerk's office since my last column. The general election was held last year on November 7th. We had 31,211 voters for a turnout of about 40%. In the 2019 general election we had 31,693 voters. Again, this election had early no

***“The last day to register to vote in the primary is April 22, 2024.”***

excuse voting available for three days (the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the election). 4,298 voters took advantage of this in one of our three voting center locations. This proved to be popular with voters of both parties.

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes with an election and this year was no different. My deputy clerks and myself work for months to ensure that everything runs smooth. The local Board of Elections, which consists of me, Sheriff Mike Jansen, Jack Snodgrass and Jim Schroer, is there all day on Election Day along with monthly meetings and machine inspections days. Our Fiscal Court is great to work with and always very supportive.

I especially want to thank all of our poll workers for their efforts in the election. Campbell County has 66 precincts at 34 locations with each staffed by at least 4 workers. They do a great job. Everything went very smooth, which is a testament to the wonderful job they do. If any of you are interested in becoming a poll worker, your help would be greatly appreciated. Just call Amber at our election office at 859 292-3885 for more info.

The 2024 primary will be held Tuesday, May 21. Races will include the

President of the United States, US House of Representatives, Kentucky House of Representatives, and possibly some city council races. You can only vote in the Republican races if you are a registered Republican. You can only vote in the Democratic races if you are a registered Democrat. As of this writing there will be no race for a Third Party or Independent registered voter to cast their ballot. If you change your party affiliation on or after January 1, 2024 you will not be able to vote in any of the races. The last day to register to vote in the primary is April 22, 2024. A seventeen year old can register to vote in the primary as long as they are eighteen by the general election date of November 5. Of course, any registered voter can vote in any race in the November General Election.

Our automotive department continues to see an increase in business. Please don't wait until the last day of the month to do your renewals. Most other days you can come into our office and do your business with little or no wait. And if you want to do your renewals on line you can go to Drive.KY.Gov. It's quick and easy and you get your tags in the mail in a couple of days. You can also call 1-877-885-3017 to do renewals over the phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

I hope you have found this information helpful. We have offices in Newport and Alexandria to better serve you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Resources for Families Coping with Mental and Substance Use Disorders



Every family is unique, but all families share a bond that can be used to support one another during trying times.

While there is no one-size-fits-all solution for helping a family member who is drinking too much, using drugs, or dealing with a mental illness, research shows that family support can play a major role in helping a loved one with mental and substance use disorders.

When a family member is experiencing a mental or substance use disorder, it can affect more than just the person in need of recovery. Evidence has shown that some people have a genetic predisposition for developing mental and substance use disorders, and may be at greater risk based on environmental factors such as having grown up in a home affected by a family member's mental health or history of substance use. Families should be open to the options of support groups or family therapy and counseling, which can improve treatment effectiveness by supporting the whole family.

It is also important to remember that the unique challenges that come from helping a loved one with a mental or substance use disorder can be taxing, so caregivers should take steps to prioritize their own health as well.

**Family members may be more likely to notice when their loved ones are experiencing changes in mood or behavior. Being able to offer support, family members can connect those in need with treatment, resources, and services to begin and stay on their recovery journey.**

### HOW YOU CAN HELP



#### IDENTIFY AN APPROPRIATE TIME AND PLACE.

Consider a private setting with limited distractions, such as at home or on a walk.



#### EXPRESS CONCERNS AND BE DIRECT.

Ask how they are feeling and describe the reasons for your concern.



#### ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR FEELINGS AND LISTEN.

Listen openly, actively, and without judgement.



#### OFFER TO HELP.

Provide reassurance that mental and/or substance use disorders are treatable. Help them locate and connect to treatment services.



#### BE PATIENT.

Recognize that helping your loved one doesn't happen overnight. Continue reaching out with offers to listen and help.

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The CCDFA meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Wilder City Building (520 Licking Pike Wilder, KY 41071) from 9:00AM-10:30AM

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## CAMPBELL COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND



### CAMPBELL COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WILL HONOR THE FOLLOWING LOCAL VETERANS:

**T**here will be a new monument to honor the thirty-six men from Campbell County who died in service to our country in the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 88 LZ Bluegrass has been planning this monument for over a year. Ron Allari, President of Chapter 88, has been working closely with Matt Kremer, City Administrator of Ft. Thomas, and Tim Rolf, of Rolf Monuments, to make the monument a reality. When finished the monument will include three panels of black granite with the names of the thirty-six men inscribed on the left and right panels. There will be benches on each side of the memorial and a picnic table nearby. The target dedication date is March 29, 2024, which is also National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

"One of the reasons that we want to get this information out to everyone in the county is that we want to make sure that any family members that still live in the county are aware of the project and reach out to us so that we can keep them informed," Allari said. The names of those men being honored are to the right.

Chapter 88 would welcome additional community support for the project. Donations are tax deductible and may be made by cash or check, or you can purchase one of the granite pavers that will line the walkway to the memorial, inscribed with your chosen message. Donations may be sent to Campbell County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, PO Box 188, Alexandria, KY 41001.

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