

WHAT'S *Happening!* in Campbell County, Kentucky™

Winter/Spring 2016

Campbell County confirms participation in money-saving flood insurance system

In November 2015, Campbell County was notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that it has confirmed our county's admittance into the Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS is a national program that affords communities the opportunity to proactively manage their flood hazard areas, and, as a result,

residents of those communities can take advantage of reductions in flood insurance premiums.

In 2015, nine new communities were added to the CRS in Kentucky, bringing our state's total participants to 27 cities or counties. Of these nine last year, five were from Campbell County: unincorporated Campbell County, Melbourne, Silver

Grove, Southgate, and Woodlawn.

Because of the close collaboration between Campbell County Planning & Zoning and each admitted city leading up to this announcement, residents in these communities will see a tangible impact on their flood insurance premiums. In unincorporated Campbell County and Melbourne,

entry into the program equates to a 10% reduction, while policyholders in Silver Grove, Southgate, and Woodlawn will have a 5% reduction in rates.

The CRS is an ongoing program, and Campbell County will keep working toward additional discounts as we continue proactively managing our flood hazard areas.

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Fiscal Court offices see a successful year in 2015

Residents and business owners of, as well as visitors to, Campbell County know what a great place we have in which to live, work, and recreate. Our 15 cities, many hundreds of businesses, and thousands of residents worked hard last year to improve our home. Here are just a few highlights of how your Fiscal Court worked in that time to add to our quality of life.

- In August, Planning & Zoning director Cindy Minter was named **Mitigation Manager of the Year** by the Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers, recognizing her achievements as our county floodplain coordinator.
- William Turner, director of the Office of Emergency Management, won the 2015 **Catalyst Award** from the Kentucky Emergency

Management Association, celebrating his efforts to expand emergency training opportunities.

- The County's Parks and Recreation department introduced **Jolly Thursdays**, a partnership with the Campbell County Public Library and Extension Service, to bring seven weeks of free, family-friendly activities to A. J. Jolly Park. An average of 176 people attended each week.
- By early December 2015, **building permits were up 26%** year-to-date compared to 2014, with our Planning, Zoning, and Building Inspection department issuing more than 1,047.
- Campbell County was named a **"StormReady County"** in June, earning a spot among less than 2,000 communities nationwide.



In 2015, the County Road Department installed 2,000 feet of culvert, patched 82 roads with 4,000 tons of asphalt, installed 430 yards of concrete, and repaired 11 bridges, among other projects.

- The A. J. Jolly Park Community Development Council proposed a **new master plan** for Kentucky's largest county park; in March, the Fiscal Court adopted the plan and is already working on implementation.
- The Campbell County Police Department achieved **re-accreditation** in 2015 and also equipped all officers with body cameras; it is now working on outfitting the force with Narcan.

Campbell County Drug Free Alliance receives federal grant to reduce youth substance abuse

The Campbell County Drug Free Alliance (CCDFA) is a community-driven organization of volunteers who work to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among our youth. In September 2015, CCDFA was awarded a five-year grant of \$625,000 from the federal Drug Free Communities program. A portion of this money is now being used to fund the drug free communities project coordinator position, a role which has been filled by Sarah White. Sarah is working with our County Human Services program to focus on the CCDFA mission of reducing youth substance use in Campbell County.

If you would like more information about how you or your child can get involved with the CCDFA, contact the organization at campbellcountydffa@gmail.com, visit the website at <http://ccdrugfreealliance.org>, or follow us on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/CCDFA>. Please feel free to join us on the second Wednesday of each month at the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services for regular meetings beginning at 9 am.



Winter weather travel tips



With winter upon us again, please take into consideration the following helpful winter travel tips.

- Always use your seat belt; ensure child seats and boosters are properly installed and used correctly.
- Ensure your vehicle is in perfect running condition and that the tires have plenty of tread.
- Keep a mobile phone, blankets, hats, gloves, food, water, and any needed medication in your car as you travel.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly.
- Leave early enough so you do not need to rush. Take your time.
- When pavement is dry, the following distance is three to four seconds. In inclement weather, increase this to eight to 10 seconds to increase the margin of safety, allowing for a longer distance in which to stop.
- If you really do not need to leave, stay home.
- Give snow plows and emergency service vehicles plenty of room so they, too, will be able to get home safely.

Spring events offer options for special solid waste collection

Here are details on two events coming up this spring to help you dispose of special items sitting around your house, business, or property.

Spring Clean-Up

When:

- Friday, April 1 (8 am-5 pm)
- Saturday, April 2 (8 am-5 pm)
- Sunday, April 3 (8 am-4 pm)

Where:

- County Transportation Center, 1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria (all items)
- Pendery Park, Rt. 8, Melbourne (general trash only/no recycling)
- Campbell County Police Department, 8774 Constable Drive, Alexandria (general trash only/no recycling)

Details: The Campbell County Spring Clean-Up is a free opportunity open to all Campbell County residents. This event specializes in helping you throw away any amount of junk, trash, or debris you may have around your basement, garage, or barn — or anywhere on your property. We accept many items; however please know that we will not accept paint, oil, antifreeze, or household batteries.

What to bring: junk, general trash, large items (furniture, hot tubs, etc.), tires (rims are accepted), propane tanks, electronics, car/lawn batteries, and/or scrap metal

For questions, please call 859/547-1866. During the event, please call 859/663-8322.

Shred Day

When: April 23, 9 am-1 pm

Where: DAV Headquarters, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring

Details:

The Campbell County Shred Day is a free opportunity for all Campbell County residents to have their personal documents shredded in a safe and secure manner. With identity theft on the rise, shredding your personal documents can help reduce your chances of it happening to you.

Limit: 5 boxes per vehicle

For more information, please call 859/547-1866. Please enter the DAV that day along KY-1998/Industrial Road.

Campbell County Planning & Zoning offers updated forms to the public

The Campbell County Department of Planning, Zoning, and Building Inspections released a variety of updated forms and applications in January 2016. If you are building, remodeling, adding a deck, or more (in a jurisdiction covered by the County's Planning and Zoning Department), you will want to make sure you are working with the most up-to-date versions of these forms. Visit <http://bit.ly/CCPZforms> for details and links.

2016 rates set for A. J. Jolly Golf Course

If you are a golf fanatic, playing at Campbell County's course at A. J. Jolly Park can offer you considerable savings. This year's rates have not changed from last year and are as follows.

Daily Rates

	Regular	Senior	Junior	Cart	Cart, Senior
Nine holes	\$16	\$13	\$6.50	\$9	\$8.50
18 holes	\$27	\$22	\$11	\$16	\$15

Season Pass

	5-Day	7-Day
Single	\$530	\$740
Couple	\$725	\$955
Senior Single	\$470	\$680
Senior Couple	\$650	\$880
Junior	\$200	\$250
Family (4)	\$875	\$1,100



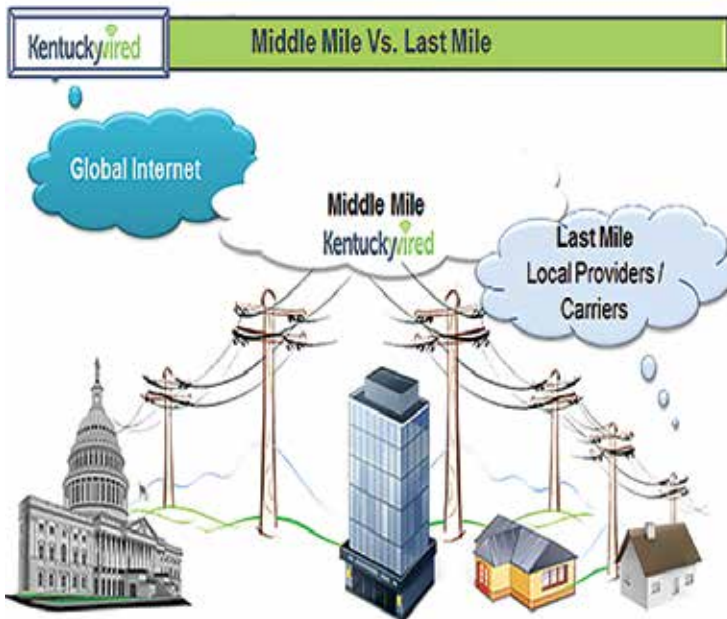
We welcome the opportunity to speak with anyone about hosting a benefit outing or season league play in 2016. Visit www.ajjolly.com to contact us, for special promotions, to order gift cards, and more.

We offer a \$25 discount for residents of Campbell County; seniors are those 60 and older.

KentuckyWired

The Campbell County Cable Board often receives questions on high speed Internet service, specifically for the rural areas of the community. We are pleased to inform the community about a statewide broadband project called KentuckyWired. KentuckyWired will be a physical system of fiber optic cable infrastructure that will allow broadband service to be brought closer to communities throughout Kentucky. It will be an open access network which means local public or private Internet service providers (ISPs) can connect to the network and extend services locally. The Commonwealth, through a public-private partnership with Macquarie Capital, will build approximately 3,400 miles of high-speed Internet connectivity throughout Kentucky's 120 counties. Macquarie Capital will design, develop and operate the network for

30 years while the Commonwealth retains ownership. Because this will be an open access middle-mile network, many entities can link onto KentuckyWired. Since ISPs, which could include private companies, municipalities or partnerships, will have access to the middle-mile, this allows them to invest in bringing fiber directly to communities, houses and businesses that have not had service before. Also, there is potential for more providers to enter the market, which can create competition and help lower prices. The project will begin in Eastern Kentucky and the segments along I-75 with scheduled completion by spring 2016; then, concurrent construction will begin in other parts of the state with full completion of the network by fall 2018. For more information about KentuckyWired, you can visit <http://kentuckywired.ky.gov/>.



Middle mile often refers to the network connection between the worldwide internet and the last mile. For instance, in a rural area, the middle mile would connect the town's network to a larger city.

Fiber-To-The-Premises (FTTP) - Internet Service Provider (ISP) installs fiber optic cable directly to a home or business.

Media Central

Media Central is a service of the Campbell County Cable Board which provides the FREE tools and training to create your own video program. Media Central keeps you connected to the community through coverage of local community meetings, sports, parade and concert coverage, cooking shows and so much more. You can find our programming on Time Warner

and Cincinnati Bell Fioptics. We also have programming available on demand through our website, www.campbellmedia.org. Media Central provides training workshops by appointment on all equipment. We also offer tours for school and scout troops. Check us out on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ccmediacentral/>), YouTube (CampbellCountyMedia), our website or just stop on in!



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Campbell County Media Central



10 Hilltop Drive
Highland Heights, KY 41076
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Annual Report: Essential Public Health

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework by which to measure the impact of public health agencies. They also provide a framework to demonstrate the wide-ranging impact of the work done by the Health Department to protect and promote health in our region during its 2014-2015 fiscal year, July 2014 to June 2015.

Highlights from the report include:

- **Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.** Health

Department staff worked with partners at the state and local level to develop response policies and protocols for monitoring, quarantine and isolation of suspect or diagnosed cases of Ebola.

- **Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.** Health Department staff were involved in several aspects of the regional response to heroin, including participation in the Northern Kentucky Heroin Impact Response Task Force, investigating cases of infectious diseases tied to IV

drug use, and support of local drug-prevention coalitions. With the passage of Senate Bill 192, which allowed for syringe access exchange programs to be used to reduce the threat of infectious disease spread through infected equipment, as well as a way to connect IV drug users to treatment resources and other health services, Health Department staff worked to build support for such programs in Northern Kentucky, and began developing program plans for how such services would operate locally.

- **Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.** Health Department staff partnered with schools and government agencies for Humana Vitality, a worksite wellness program that incorporates regular health screenings. Through the end of fiscal year 2014-2015, more than 1,600 were screened.

To learn more about the work the Health Department does to protect and promote health, please visit <http://www.nkyhealth.org/Annual-Report>.

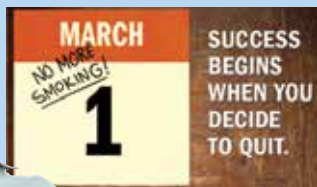
Quit Now Kentucky

Thinking about quitting tobacco? Ready to quit? Either way Quit Now Kentucky is here to help. It's a free service that offers support and advice from an experienced quit coach. These experts can talk with you about overcoming com-

mon barriers, such as dealing with stress, fighting cravings, coping with irritability and controlling weight gain.

If you live or work in Boone, Campbell, Grant, or Kenton Counties, you're eligible to receive four weeks of free patches.

To learn more, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visit <http://www.nkyhealth.org/quitnow.aspx>.



Free radon testing kits available

Any building can have high levels of radon. Test your home for free. Visit <http://www.nkyhealth.org/Services/Radon.aspx> to request a kit.



Northern Kentucky Health Department



Campbell County Health Center:

phone - 859/431-1704

District Administrative Office:

phone - 859/341-4264



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Like us on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/nkyhealth>

Tips for caring for your pets in cold weather

With colder temperatures upon us during these winter months, it's important to remember some tips for proper care of your pet.

1. The best advice: **keep pets inside.**
2. Provide **adequate shelter** at all times; place straw in the doghouse.
3. Make sure your pet has a constant source of **water**. Water freezes quickly, so check the supply at least three times per day (thermal heaters are available).
4. Feed your pets **extra calories**. For humans and pets, it takes more energy in the winter to keep body temperature regular.
5. Be careful with **antifreeze!** It can be toxic, even if it's just a tiny dose, and could cause kidney damage if ingested.
6. Keep **ice melt and salt** away from pets.
7. Do not leave your pet **alone in the car**. Carbon monoxide from a running engine is dangerous (a running car is also a target for thieves).
8. **Never shave** your dog down to the skin in the winter.
9. Remember that **prolonged exposure to cold** weather can lower body temperature.
10. Always **bang on the hood of your car**. Outdoor cats choose to sleep under the hood of cars for warmth, so wait a few seconds before starting your engine. This gives cats a chance to get away.

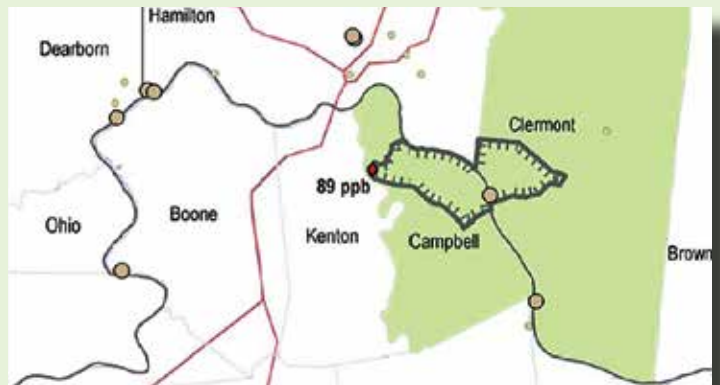


Improving air quality in Campbell

In 2013, parts of Campbell County, as well as Clermont County, Ohio, were designated as nonattainment for the 2010 air quality standards for sulfur dioxide (SO₂). The main factor in this designation was emissions coming from Duke Energy's Beckjord facility in Clermont County, which retired as a coal plant in September 2015.

In early January, the Commonwealth

of Kentucky recognized the improving air quality within our area and requested that our 1-hour SO₂ nonattainment area be redesignated to attainment. The closure of Beckjord, in addition to other steps that have been taken to improve the air quality in our area, mean our county is expected to come out of special scrutiny for this issue (once the U.S. EPA approves the request).



Info and news from the Campbell County Animal Shelter

Hours:

Monday to Friday,
10 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday,
9 am - 1 pm

Adoption Fees:

Dog Adoption - \$70 (senior citizens - \$35)

Cat Adoption - \$50 (senior citizens - \$25)

www.campbellcountky.org
(Click on County Services – Animal Shelter)



Visit us on Facebook:
on.fb.me/1Rxs4M3

Adoptions/services

All adoptions from the Campbell County Animal Shelter include a free vet check-up, first set of shots and worming, rabies voucher, microchip, and heartworm testing (for dogs) or feline leukemia testing (FeLV/FIV for cats and kittens). All animals must be spayed or neutered at the owner's expense. Dog adoptions must purchase a county tag for \$5.

You can have your pet micro-chipped for a \$10 fee, which includes free registration with 24PetWatch.

Volunteers/donations

We are accepting applications for volunteers to walk dogs, groom

animals, help citizens in making a decision on their new pet, assist with pet therapy, and more. We are also accepting donations of food, treats, toys, etc. Please call the shelter for more info on how you can help.

Reminders

Make sure your animals are wearing proper ID, such as a county tag, rabies tags, city tag (if required), or just a simple ID tag. Also remember that dogs are not allowed to run at-large anywhere in Campbell County.

Please provide shelter, food, and water for your pets at all times. Also be sure to report any animal abuse that you see. We are the eyes and

ears of our community, and it is up to all of us to protect animals.

Please remember to spay/neuter your pet.

For more info

Visit our shelter's web page or Facebook page at <http://on.fb.me/1Rxs4M3> for much more information on pets and pet care. You can also visit petfinder.com, rescueme.org, and adoptapet.org, in addition to our pages, for a listing of available animals.

The Campbell County Animal Shelter is located at 1989 Poplar Ridge Road in Camp Springs; please call us at 859/635-2819 with any questions or for more information.

Campbell County Fiscal Court

Campbell County Phone Directory

Fiscal Court Offices

County Judge/Executive	547-1803
County Commissioners.....	547-1803
A. J. Jolly Golf Course	635-2106
A. J. Jolly Ranger Station	635-4423
Animal Shelter	635-2819
Assistance Program.....	547-1873
Building Inspections.....	292-3880
Economic Development	547-1806
Emergency Management	635-1111
Fiscal Affairs	292-3898
Housing	261-5200
Human Resources.....	547-1870
Human Services.....	547-1873
Information Technology	547-1883
Occupational License	292-3884
Parks & Recreation	547-3680
Planning and Zoning	292-3880
Police (Non-Emergency).....	292-3622
Police (Administration).....	547-3100
Senior Center.....	572-4300
Solid Waste/Blight.....	547-1866
Transportation/Roads.....	635-9100

County Offices

Circuit Clerk.....	292-6314
Circuit Clerk:	
-Newport Driver's License.....	292-6311
-Alexandria Driver's License.....	635-5240
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
-Newport.....	292-3845
-Auto Registration.....	292-3850
-Real Estate Title and Tax.....	292-3845
-Voting, Marriage License.....	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.....	491-2700
Property Valuation Administrator.....	292-3871

Important Dates: 2016

February 1: Reservations accepted for private picnic area and shelter rentals at A. J. Jolly Park and Penderly Park

February 15: Fiscal Court offices closed

March 1: A. J. Jolly Park, Beiting Park, Penderly Park, and Morscher Sport Complexes open, weather-permitting (port-a-lets only)

March 25: Fiscal Court offices closed

March 28: A. J. Jolly Park ranger station opens; fees charged and bathrooms open

April 1-3: Spring Clean-Up event to be held (see page 3 for more details)

April 23: Shred Day event to be held (see page 3 for more details)

April 29: A. J. Jolly Park camping begins (weekends only)

May 27: A. J. Jolly Park camping season begins (24-7)

May 30: Fiscal Court offices closed

July 4: Fiscal Court offices closed

September 2: A. J. Jolly Park camping goes back to weekends only

September 5: Fiscal Court offices closed

October 29: A. J. Jolly Park camping ends

November 24-25: Fiscal Court offices closed

December 5: All County parks close for season

December 23, 26: Fiscal Court offices closed

December 30, January 2, 2017: Fiscal Court offices closed

Tornado awareness course to be offered on April 8

Campbell County's Office of Emergency Management invites all interested residents to attend a tornado awareness course on April 8.

This eight-hour workshop will prepare participants to understand the basics of tornado science, the weather forecasting process, the tornado warning process, and the fundamentals of tornado safety and preparedness. Multiple core capabilities will be addressed, with particular

emphasis on "public information and warning" and "threats and hazard identification." Participants will be better able to implement safety measures for themselves, their families, and their organizations in preparation for tornado season.

This course is intended for a broad cross section of individuals and professionals interested and involved in law enforcement, fire service, emergency management,

planners, as well as communication and public information personnel.

Sponsored by the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management and the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, the session will be delivered by the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center (NDPTC) at the University of Hawaii. All training delivered by the NDPTC is certified by DHS and offered tuition-free to the nation's

emergency response community and associated stakeholders.

You can register online at <https://goo.gl/BA36oP>. You can find additional registration details at <https://sites.google.com/site/ccoemtraining/home>. Call William Turner, OEM Director, at 859/635-1111, or email him at eoc@campbellcountky.org for more information.

New guidelines for public facilities use

In late 2015, the Campbell County Fiscal Court adopted guidelines and an application for other organizations to use public facilities and grounds when not in official county use. The subject areas include the Fiscal Court Chambers at 1098 Monmouth Street in Newport, the parking lot for the County

Administration Building at the same address, and the Alexandria Courthouse meeting room at 8352 E. Main Street.

To review the guidelines and access the online application, visit <http://campbellcountky.org/index.php/home/services/use-of-public-facilities>.

Campbell County Fiscal Court



2016 Fiscal Court

From left to right: Commissioner Brian Painter, Commissioner Tom Lampe, Judge/Executive Steve Penderly and Commissioner Charlie Coleman

Meetings: First Wednesday of the month at the County Courthouse in Alexandria (7 pm) and Third Wednesday of the month at the County Administration Building in Newport (5:30 pm)

Administrative Offices: 1098 Monmouth St. • Newport, KY 41071
phone: 859/292-3838 • TTD/TTY: 1-800-545-1833 ext. 947

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Tips for buying and applying de-icer



Snow and ice removal is an annual winter chore. As snow piles up, the first line of defense is simply to shovel paved areas to keep them clean and prevent ice from forming. When ice does form, it is common to use salt and other types of chemical de-icers to clear walkways and driveways.

Salt and other chemical de-icers help make travel conditions less hazardous, but they can affect local waterways, landscaping, pets and wildlife. Below is a list of tips to help you buy and safely apply de-icers this winter without harming the environment.

Tips for buying:

Traditional rock salt and some chemical de-icers can injure a pet's paws, damage cars, prematurely age cement and asphalt and pollute streams. There are some alternative de-icers that have less of an impact but are just as effective at melting ice from paved walkways and driveways.

- Look for alternative de-icers like calcium chloride and calcium magnesium acetate.

- Try using de-icers that contain alternative ingredients, such as beet juice.
- Avoid using de-icers that contain urea.

Tips for applying:

- Before applying de-icer, make sure to manually remove as much snow and ice as possible. De-icer works best when it is applied to thin layers of ice.
- Follow the directions on the de-icer container. Using more than what is recommended will not make the ice melt faster. When snow and ice melt, the runoff picks up the excess de-icer and carries it to our streams.
- When possible, avoid using salt and other de-icers near trees, shrubs and grasses. The salty water can severely harm or kill a home's landscaping.

If you have questions, email info@sd1.org or call the Storm Water Hotline at 859/578-6745.

Helpful tips for homeowners

As you create resolutions for the new year, keep these tips and other resources below in mind to help protect you, your home and our community.

FACT: Antibiotics, steroids and other pharmaceuticals can contaminate our waterways because the wastewater treatment process is not designed to remove these substances.

TIP: Never flush or wash medications down a drain or toilet in your home. Dispose of expired or unused medications in the trash or take them to a pharmaceutical drop-off location near you. A list of locations can be found on our website at www.sd1.org/prescription.

FACT: Common household chemicals like cleaners, auto fluids, paint and lawn care products are toxic to a wastewater treatment plant.

TIP: Wastewater treatment plants are living units designed to treat wastewater, not hazardous chemicals. If flushed or poured down the drain, these chemicals can kill the tiny living organisms that treat the wastewater at SD1's treatment plants. Contact your Campbell County Solid Waste Coordinator or visit www.nkyhww.org to learn how to dispose of chemicals and other hazardous materials.

FACT: FOG (fats, oils and grease) can clog pipes and cause raw sewage to back up in your home or overflow out of SD1's system.

TIP: Household grease from meat fats, lard, baking goods, butter and margarine, cooking oils, food scraps, sauces and dairy products can build up in pipes, preventing your wastewater from making its way through the sewer pipes to SD1's treatment plant. Instead of pouring these substances down the drain, collect fats, oils and grease in a container and throw them in the trash can.

FACT: When flushed down the toilet, diapers, baby wipes and other personal hygiene products can cause blockages in pipes that lead to backups and overflows of sewage.

TIP: Diapers, wipes, cotton balls, dental floss and other personal hygiene products can build up in pipes, bind with any fats, oils or grease that have accumulated in the pipes and cause major blockages. They also can find their way into the environment if the blockages cause SD1's system to overflow. Always dispose of these items in the trash.

If you have questions, email info@sd1.org or visit www.sd1.org for more information.

HHW Collection Event draws record crowd

The 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event held October 17 served a record-setting 2,190 area residents, ensuring many tons of paint, paper, electronics and other hazardous materials will not end up polluting the environment.

If you missed the event, you can still make sure you properly dispose of household hazardous waste. Visit www.nkyhww.org to learn more.



1045 Eaton Drive
Fort Wright, KY 41017
phone: 859/578-7450

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

News from the Cooperative Extension Service



A mock crash demonstrated how the Central Campbell Fire District follows a strategic plan during an automobile accident.

Extension provides driver safety program for teens and their parents

Teens On Wheels addresses the need for teen driver safety in the community.

In the Driver's Seat is a condensed program mandated by the Court of Justice for juvenile offenders and their families.

District Court Judge Karen Thomas has been a key collaborator for Teens on Wheels and is the reason In The Driver's Seat was developed. Judge Thomas shared, "The programs support the concept of restoration justice which is the cornerstone of juvenile justice reform. There are no other programs that serve the Court of Justice and both teens and parents in Campbell County. Young drivers making bad decisions are a cost to the community in property damage, expending time of police personnel who have to appear in court, and the court's time. In the Driver's Seat provides an educational program for young drivers that acts as an alternative to adult traffic court consequence. The juvenile offenders and their family can avoid or reduce fines, court cost, and increased insurance rates by attending In the Driver's Seat."

The In the Driver's Seat program allows juvenile traffic offenders to avoid court costs of \$144 and their parents avoid fines that range from \$10 to \$100,

points assessed on their teen's drivers' license and possible increase of insurance rates.

River Sweep volunteers clean the Ohio River

Litter is the most visible sign of pollution. It is unsightly and can cause harm to people, wildlife and our waterways. It encourages pest animals as well as the spread of germs and disease. Litter is wasteful, costly to clean up, and affects the way tourists view our state (*Source – E.P.A.*). River Sweep, a litter collection event, is sponsored by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission and the Foundation for Ohio River Education. This nationally recognized event is one of the largest of its kind, encompassing 3,000 miles of shoreline from the headwaters of the Ohio River to its entry into the Mississippi River. The sponsors need the support of local groups like U.K., Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service and the Campbell County Solid Waste Department to host a site, recruit volunteers, provide a safe and productive working environment, and to report on litter collection efforts. This year's event occurred on Saturday, June 20, at Penderly Park along the Ohio River near Melbourne, KY. Only seven people volunteered this year but collected 1,850 pounds. Since 2010, 115 people,

including students, have donated 230 hours of service and have collected 10,000 pounds of litter from the banks of the Ohio River at Penderly Park. In that six-year period, 1,300 fourth grade students received solid waste management lessons focused on litter prevention through reducing, reusing, and recycling, from the Cooperative Extension Service.

Detention Center offers an urban commercial farm



Raised beds with drip irrigation at the Campbell County Detention Center

The Campbell County Detention Center offers an urban commercial farm that sells produce to local restaurants and markets. After one year in production, over 5,000 lbs. of produce was harvested resulting in \$6,000 in sales. The money generated from sales will roll into the overall operational costs to continue the project for years to come.

A collaboration with the County Detention Center, the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service, Brighton Community Center, SNAP-ED, and local volunteers and donors, this urban commercial farm has brought much success to the community and those involved. Initially, many of the workers were unfamiliar with much of the produce. After many hours working in the garden this spring and summer, the men were more open and willing to try new foods and had a better appreciation and understanding of farming and fresh food. In fact, three of the men showed an interest in agriculture and would like to pursue an agricultural career.

Situated on one-half acre, lay

72 raised beds, each with drip irrigation. Utilizing Best Management Practices and growing organically on this urban farm has brought some challenges, but overall satisfaction for this first year in production.

4-H Country Ham Project

The 4-H Country Ham Project gives young people the opportunity to learn about food preservation and the time honored tradition and history of curing country hams. This project continues to grow in popularity in Campbell County.

The project begins in January when each participant receives two raw hams. Project members must trim the hams, apply cure mix, and rehang the hams until August, right before the Kentucky State Fair. In preparing for the fair, the hams are cleaned and the best one is selected to go to Louisville to be exhibited at the State Fair.

On opening day of the fair, the 4-Hers go to the fair and give a 3-5 minute speech on a pre-selected topic, such as "How to Cure a Country Ham" or "How to Cook a Country Ham." Consequently, communication skills are also gained by participating in the project.

The hams are judged on aroma, lean to fat ratio, shape and cleanliness. Both the ham scores and the speech scores are combined to select the champions in each age division, as well as the overall champion and reserve champion. Next, the hams are exhibited at the Alexandria Fair and then taken home to have for a special meal.



Jed Martin wins class champion on his 4-H Country Ham at the 2015 Kentucky State Fair.

Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service

The Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service is the most comprehensive outreach and engagement program at the University of Kentucky. Our mission, simply stated, is to make a difference in the lives of Kentucky citizens through research-based education. Jointly with our other land-grant partner, Kentucky State University, we take the University to the people in their local communities, addressing issues of importance to all Kentuckians.

See our website for all classes and program details:
<http://campbell.ca.uky.edu/>

Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service



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Winter/Spring 2016

The following is a partial list of upcoming programs of the Campbell County Extension Service. See our website for all classes and program details:
<http://campbell.ca.uky.edu/>

Family & Consumer Sciences Programs



Like us on Facebook. Search for Campbell County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension.

January 28, 1:30 pm What's for Dinner

February 16, 1-3 pm Donate Life, Sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Area Extension Homemakers Association, call 859/586-6101, or visit boone.ca.uky.edu to register or for information. *Boone County Cooperative Extension Service, 6028 Camp Ernst Rd, Burlington, KY.*

February 16, 1:30 pm Soups for the Season

February-September (the 4th Thursday of the month) 5:30 pm Mommy & Me ... in the Garden & Kitchen

March 8, 1:30 pm Natural Fibers (Textiles)

March 10, 1:30 pm Embracing Life as You Age

March 12, 9 am-8 pm Homemaker Crop

April 12, 19, & 26, 1 pm Cooking Up Diabetes Self-Management

May 17, 1:30 pm Smoothies for Health & Fun

May 31, June 14, 28, & July 12, 9:30 am Wildcat Walkers

July 19-September 6 (Every Tuesday) 10-11:30 am Matter of Balance

August (date TBA) Homemaker Kickoff

September 29, 5:30 pm Teens On Wheels, *Highland Heights Civic Center*

November 2, 1:30 pm Cookies for the Holidays

November 17, 6 pm Holiday Treasures

Check out the "Plate It Up" cooking segments with Ronda on the Campbell County Media Central website:
<http://www.campbellmedia.org/plateitup>

Natural Resources and Environmental Education

For all events children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required for all events.

Environmental Education Center Hours:

Wednesday-Sunday,
April 1-September 30, 11:30 am - 8 pm
October 1 - March 31, 8:30 am - 5 pm

ALL EVENTS HELD AT EEC UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

February 6, 10:30 am Winter Birding

February 7, 3 pm Nature Hike

February 13, 2 pm Build a Bat House

February 14, 11 am Winter Birding

February 20, 11 am Nesting Wreath

February 21, 2 pm Nature Hike

February 27, 10 am Shiitake Mushroom Production Workshop

February 28, 2 pm Nesting Wreath

March 5, 1:30 pm Scavenger Hunt

March 6, 2 pm All About Deer

March 10, 8 am Public Workers Tree Seminar (general public welcome) *Kenton Co. Ext. Office*

March 12, 10:30 am Aquatic Ecology

March 13, 11 am Scavenger Hunt

March 19, 2 pm Build a Birdhouse

March 20, 2 pm Aquatic Ecology

March 26, 2 pm All about Deer

April, (dates TBD) Seedling Give-A-Way to celebrate Arbor Day, *Campbell Co. Ext. Office and Newport Aquarium (call for more details)*

April 2, 1 pm Snake I.D.

April 3, 4:30 pm All about Wild Rabbits

April 9, 9 pm Night Hike

April 16, 4:30 pm All about Wild Rabbits

April 17, 5 pm Snake I.D.

April 23, 9 pm Night Hike

April 30, 12:30 pm Snake I.D.

Calendar of Programs and Events

Unless indicated, all programs will be held at the Campbell County Extension office at 3500 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights. The Campbell County Environmental Education Center (EEC) is located 1 mile east of US 27 on Route 824 (1261 Race Track Road). Pre-registration required for all programs by calling 572-2600 or online at <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/campbell/OnLineRegistration>. (At least eight participants required for class to be held.)

May 7, 1:30 pm Frogs and Toads of KY
May 8, 4:30 pm Wildflower I.D.
May 14, 5 pm Birding
May 15, 5 pm Frogs and Toads of KY
May 21, 12:30 pm Wildflower I.D.
May 22, 1:30 pm Birding
May 28, 2 pm Frogs and Toads of KY
June 4, 1 pm Tree I.D.
June 5, 4:30 pm KY Endangered Species
June 9, 10 am Jolly Thursdays, *A.J. Jolly Park-Stapleton Pavilion*
June 11, 9 pm Night Hike
June 16, 10 am Jolly Thursdays, *A.J. Jolly Park-Stapleton Pavilion*
June 18, 10 am River Sweep (Litter Collection Event along the Ohio River) *Pendery Park, Melbourne, KY*
June 18, 5 pm KY Endangered Species
June 19, 1:30 pm Tree I.D.
June 23, 10 am Jolly Thursdays, *A.J. Jolly Park-Stapleton Pavilion*
June 25, 2 pm Tree I.D.
June 26, 1:30 pm KY Endangered Species
June 30, 10 am Jolly Thursdays, *A.J. Jolly Park-Stapleton Pavilion*
July 2, 4:30 pm Nature Hike
July 7, 10 am Jolly Thursdays, *A.J. Jolly Park-Stapleton Pavilion*
July 9, 1:30 pm Aquatic Ecology
July 10, 2 pm Nature Hike
July 14, 10 am Jolly Thursdays, *A.J. Jolly Park-Stapleton Pavilion*
July 16, 1 pm Build a Bird Feeder
July 17, 4:30 pm Aquatic Ecology
July 21, 10 am Jolly Thursdays, *A.J. Jolly Park-Stapleton Pavilion*
July 23, 1 pm Nature Hike
July 28, 10 am Jolly Thursdays, *A.J. Jolly Park-Stapleton Pavilion*
July 30, 5 pm Aquatic Ecology
July 31, 4:30 pm Nature Hike
August 6, 1:30 pm Snake I.D.
August 7, 12:30 pm Birding
August 13, 5 pm Tree I.D.
August 14, 4:30 pm Snake I.D.

August 20, 2 pm Birding
August 21, 1:30 pm Tree I.D.
August 27, 9 pm Night Hike

Horticulture Programs

Visit the Lakeside Commons Educational Gardens!

March 10, 5:30 pm Rain Barrel Class: Learn how to construct your own rain barrel in this hands-on class. All materials provided. \$60. Class size is limited. Registration required. Call for more information. Send check to the Extension office payable to the University of Kentucky.

March 17, 10-11 am or 6-7 pm Seed Starting for Beginners: Learn how to start vegetables and flowers from seed in this hands-on class. You will also learn methods of harvesting and storing seeds. This class is being offered in the morning and evening. Please register for only one class. Class size is limited. Registration required.

May 5, 6-7:30 pm Growing Tomatoes: Learn how to grow tomatoes for your backyard garden.

June-September (1st Tuesday of the month), 2:30-4 pm Tuesdays in the Garden: Enjoy tours of the garden, demonstrations, Ask a Master Gardener booth and more. No registration required.

June 9-July 28 (every Thursday) 10 am-Noon Kids Garden Club (for children ages 9-12) Registration will begin April 1. Call for more information.

June 25, 10 am-12 noon Garden Open House: Enjoy a morning in the garden by touring our gardens, attending demonstrations, and meeting people in the garden community. Children's activities and more.

July 27, 9 am-3 pm Rain Garden Workshop: Learn to control water runoff by using rain gardens. In this all day program you will learn how to plan, design, and plant a rain garden from University of Kentucky professionals. Dress appropriately. Tools will be provided but bring your own garden gloves. Registration required.

July (date TBD) Beneficial Insects: Learn about "good" bugs for the garden.

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 12 noon-1 pm Brown Bag Garden Series: Bring your lunch. We supply drinks and desserts. Garden topics to be announced.

Check our website for updated information.

Agriculture Programs



February 2, (time TBD) Role of Lime and Soil pH in Production Agriculture, EEC

February 4, 6:30 pm Producing and Harvesting High Quality Pasture and Hay, EEC

February 15, 6:30 pm Private Applicators Pesticide Training, EEC

February 16, 9:30 am Private Applicators Pesticide Training, EEC

February 27, 10 am-2 pm Beekeepers School, *Campbell County Extension Office*

March 7, 6:30 pm Saving Every Calf, EEC

March 15, 6:30 pm Managing Hens for Maximum Egg Production, EEC

April 19, 6:30 pm Buying Locally Produced Foods, *Campbell County Extension Office*

July 16, 9 am -5 pm Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour

September 2016-March 2017 Farm Start/Beginning Farmer Series, EEC

4-H Programs



February 19-21, (time TBA) Kentucky Beef Expo, *Louisville*

February 27, 8-11 am 4-H/FFA Market Beef Project Validation Day, *Falmouth*

March 5, (time TBA) KY 4-H Achievement Program, Gold Interviews, *Georgetown*

March 17-19 4-H Summit, *KY Leadership Center*

March 29, (time TBA) County Talk Meet Finals

April 4-5, (time TBA) Spring Break Day Camp

April 30, 8 -11 am 4-H/FFA Market Hog, Sheep & Goat Project Validation Day, *Boone County*

May 14, 9 am-4:30 pm 4-H /Red Cross Babysitting Clinic

June 3-5, (time TBA) District 3 - 4-H Horse Show, *Frankfort*

June 4, 3-7 pm North Central 4-H Camp Open House, *Carlisle*

June 5-10, (time TBA) 4-H Horse Camp, *Alexandria Fairgrounds*

June 7, 6-8 pm Project Night (age 9 or older)

June 8, 6-8 pm Project Night (age 9 or older)

June 8, 6-7 pm Cloverbud Meeting (ages 5-8)

June 13-16, 4-H Teen Conference, *University of Kentucky*

June 14-16, 9 am-3 pm Kids in the Kitchen Series (ages 9-12)

June 21, 9 am-12 pm Cloverbud Day Camp (ages 5-8)

June 21, 6-7 pm Cloverbud Meeting (ages 5-8)

June 22, July 7, 13 & 20, 9 am-12 pm Funshop (age 9 or older)

June 22, July 7, 13 & 20, 1-4 pm Funshop (age 9 or older)

June 27, 6-8 pm Project Night (age 9 or older)

June 28-30, 9 am-1 pm Project Polooza (age 9-12)

July 6, 6-8 pm Project Night (age 9 or older)

July 11, 12 & 19, 7 pm 4-H Camp Orientation (attend only one session.)

July 25-29, 4-H Resident Camp (age 9-14) - *North Central 4-H Camp, Carlisle, KY*

July 27, 9 am-12 pm Cloverbud Day Camp (ages 5-8)

August 18-28, (time TBA) Kentucky State Fair, *Louisville*

August 31-September 5, Alexandria Fair & Horse Show, *Alexandria Fairgrounds*

News from the Cooperative Extension Service

Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Education

In order to address the strong need for substance abuse prevention and intervention education, the Campbell County Extension Agents for 4-H and Family and Consumer Sciences collaborated with the family and youth resource coordinator at Dayton Middle/High School to reach 62 eighth graders with the program, Truth and Consequences: The Choice is Yours.

A total of 19 community partners and adult volunteers were involved. Truth and Consequences: The Choice is Yours, hands-on curriculum taught the students about the physical, legal, financial, and emotional consequences of substance abuse.

End of the program written evaluations showed the following: 1) 98% of the students said that they developed a better understanding of the legal consequences of substance abuse; 2) 95% developed a better understanding of the health consequences of substance abuse; 3) 90% developed a better understanding of the emotional consequences of substance abuse; 4) 84% developed a better understanding of the financial consequences of substance abuse; and 5) 98% said after today's program that if they had a substance abuse issue, they would be able to access help in the community.

87% of the students said Truth and Consequences might flash through their mind if they were put in a situation that would result in serious consequences. 75% of the community partners said they gained awareness of the drug problem and impacts of substance abuse in our county, and 75% also said they gained knowledge

of the resources that are available for substance abuse in our community.

Some of the comments from the students included, "This has seriously changed my perspective on substance abuse. Thank you. I think this would be amazing for anyone to go through and learn from it."

Healthy Me Day Camp

According to the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition, only one in three children is active every day and 28% of Americans ages 6 and older are physically inactive. Forty percent of the calorie intake for children 2-18 years of age come from empty calories from added sugar and solid fats; most of which come from sodas, pizza, fruit drinks, desserts and whole milk.

A Healthy Me Day Camp for Campbell County youth was created to teach youth about the importance of eating a balanced diet following the MyPlate guidelines and participating in physical activities each day.

During the day camp, youth participated in the making of two healthy snacks and a healthy lunch. Youth were introduced to ways to make an ideally "unhealthy" item healthier; for example, youth made individual pizzas on a whole wheat English muffin and added low-fat cheese, and vegetable toppings to make it a healthy meal.

During the day camp, youth participated in Zumba fitness and were taught that 60 minutes of exercise is recommended each day. Finally, to end the day, youth participated in a "Fear Factor" game where they spun a wheel to determine what new kind of fruit or vegetable they would try in order to win points for their team.

At the conclusion of this program, a brief survey was conducted with the youth. In the survey, 90% of the youth stated they

*Students testing
the "Motion
Commotion"
experiment for
2015 National
Youth Science Day*



had tried a new fruit or vegetable that day and 85% of the youth were more open to trying healthier food options at home.

Kentucky Farm Start

Kentucky Farm Start is a management program for beginning farmers and transitioning farmers (those inheriting a family farm and moving into a new role). This program will be a seven to ten session program. Participants learn about whole farm planning, enterprise identification and selection, soils and water management, production skills (based on their interests), financial management, farm management decisions, marketing and much more. Twenty to 30 individuals are needed to form a Farm Start class. UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment specialists and local Extension Agents will design a program to meet the needs of the class participants. We would like to start this program in September, but the date and time for each session will be determined by the group.

The goal of Kentucky Farm Start is to assist beginning farmers to evaluate their land, labor, and other resources to make management decisions that are productive and profitable for their operation. One of the primary goals of this program is to assist participants in developing a whole farm

management plan.

If you are interested in participating in this program contact Don at the Campbell County Cooperative Extension office at 859/572-2600.

2015 National Youth Science Day

The Campbell County 4-H program expanded a few years ago by hiring 4-H Program Assistants. This increased staff has allowed for an increase in 4-H school clubs in the County. Two elementary schools now have a total of four new clubs that are focusing on Science, Engineering and Technology or SET.

The 4-H program assistants sent letters to teachers and principals with programming options. Teachers chose SET because of the alignment with the state's common core standards. There are three 4th grade clubs with a total of 92 students and one 5th grade club with 15 students.

Lessons include: Fossil Excavation, Snap Circuits, Chick Incubation, Junk Drawer Robotics, Marshmallow Catapult, Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle, and Wind Energy.

End-of-the-year evaluations from the teachers have been very favorable. One teacher commented, "This program enhanced and enriched our current science program."



Nutrition Education Program seeks partnerships

The Campbell County Nutrition Education Program Assistants, Melissa Pilcher and Carol Palmieri, are seeking partnerships with agencies and individuals who can benefit from their free programs. Melissa and Carol work with families and individuals who would like new and fun ideas for feeding their families healthy foods while saving time and money. Please call the UK Cooperative Extension Service at 859/586-6101 for more information about this FREE program.

Protective orders

This past year, the Kentucky legislature through House Bill 8 passed significant changes and additions to the types of protective orders that can be procured through our local courts by filing a request with the Circuit Court Clerk or seeking emergency protection after hours through our local law enforcement agencies. Specifically, it allows a person to petition for civil legal protection through a "protective order" when a person has been the victim of domestic violence and abuse, dating violence and abuse, sexual assault, rape, sodomy, or stalking. The following paragraphs will provide an overview of each type of protective order.

Emergency Protective Order (EPO)

An Emergency Protective Order (pursuant to KRS 403.740) is a temporary emergency court order intended to stop domestic violence by placing restrictions on another person's future actions. It is a temporary order that lasts up to 14 days and is meant only to give immediate protections while awaiting for the Court to have a hearing for a Domestic Violence Order. To be eligible for the Emergency Protective Order, you must have been physically injured or assaulted, sexually abused or assaulted, threatened with physical injury or have an action taken against you that placed you in fear of imminent physical injury, or sexual abuse. Moreover, the person who took this action must be a qualifying family member, or a member of an unmarried couple with a child in common.

Domestic Violence Order (DVO)

A Domestic Violence Order (pursuant to KRS 403.715 through 403.785), similar to an Emergency Protective

Order, is a court order intended to stop domestic violence by placing restrictions on another person's future actions. This order is obtained after a hearing by the Court to determine whether there is a danger of domestic violence. If granted, a Domestic Violence Order can restrain a person's future actions to include having no contact, not going near specified residences or locations, granting temporary custody and child support. A Domestic Violence Order can last up to three years and you can petition the Court to have it extended. The eligibility requirements of the Emergency Protective Order also apply to the Domestic Violence Order.

Temporary Interpersonal Protective Order (TIPO)

The newly added Chapter 456 creates Temporary Interpersonal Protective Orders and Interpersonal Protective Orders. Unlike the previous orders discussed, these orders relate to individuals in a dating relationship where issues arise such as physical injury, sexual abuse and other scenarios. The determination of whether a dating relationship exists between the parties is determined on a case by case basis that weighs several factors including declaration of romantic interest, the length of the relationship and expectation of affection. Similar to Emergency Protective Orders, Temporary Interpersonal Protective Orders only last for a short time until a hearing is conducted before the Court.

Interpersonal Protective Order (IPO)

As previously discussed, Interpersonal Protective Orders

Should you be in need of a protective order, you should go to the Circuit Clerk's office, contact your local law enforcement agency, or contact your private attorney.

are orders of protection for individuals in a dating relationship. Similar to Domestic Violence Orders, Interpersonal Protective Orders last for a period of up to three years. However, there are some exceptions. For instance, if an Interpersonal Protective Order is obtained out of Stalking, Rape, Sodomy or Sex Abuse criminal charge, the order can last for up to 10 years.

Foreign Protective Order (FPO)

Foreign Protective Orders allow parties from other states that move into Kentucky to have their out-of-state protective order turned into an enforceable order in Kentucky.

Admittedly, it may seem confusing because of the different types of protective orders out there today. Nonetheless, should you be in need of a protective order, you should go to the Circuit Clerk's office, contact your local

law enforcement agency, or contact your private attorney.

Lastly, I have heard over the years that a protective order is nothing more than a worthless piece of paper that can't stop a bullet. While I must admit that certain defendants are not deterred by the court order, I would venture that most are. Protective Orders empower local authorities to take proactive steps in protecting you or your children should the order be violated or you or your loved ones are in danger. One positive example is that this court order allows schools or work places to prevent the alleged abuser from gaining access to the victim.

I hope this information is interesting and helpful. If you have an organization that would like to have a speaker regarding our office's responsibilities or other legal issues, please feel free to contact our office. We would be happy to schedule a time for one of our attorneys to meet with your group.

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News from the Conservation District

New website launched!

On February 2, the Campbell County Conservation District launched our new website at www.campbellkyconservation.org. Please take a moment and visit the site to learn about our upcoming events and program information.

Attention farmers

American Farm Bureau Federation is conducting a survey to determine how well USDA programs serve farmers. It is not necessary for you to be a Farm Bureau member to participate in this survey. Please visit <http://usdaprograms.questionpro.com/> to complete the survey.

Financial assistance in review

Financial assistance is available for farm dump cleanup, dead animal removal, and soil and erosion resource problems. During this year's funding cycle, we received two farm dump applications with a total request of \$7,000. We received and awarded \$2,175 to one non-traditional agricultural grant applicant. We awarded \$1,425 through the dead animal removal program affecting 16 producers and the Campbell County Animal Shelter. Congratulations to all the recipients and thanks to everyone who submitted an application! Contact us today to see if you qualify.



Welcome Debbie Buckley

On December 11, Debbie Buckley was sworn into

office by Judge/Executive Steve Penderly as the newest Supervisor on the Campbell County Conservation District Board. She will be filling the unexpired term of Gretchen Vaughn. Though Gretchen is missed by the Conservation District, we are excited for Debbie to join us. Debbie is the Economic Development Director and Renaissance Manager for the City of Fort Thomas. We look forward to having Debbie's experience and fresh ideas as we continue to grow our conservation programs within our community.

Thank you to Mr. Allen Weber



(Left to Right) Ron McCormick (District Chairman), Peter Garrett (The Campbell Conservancy and District Supervisor), Attorney Jim Luersen, Allen Weber, and Mary Kathryn Dickerson (Former District Coordinator) at property closing.

The Campbell County Conservation District would like to thank Allen Weber. Mr. Weber donated 11.5 acres of his land to the Campbell County Conservation District in April 2014. His donation of land attaches to Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area off Licking Pike. Neither property is currently open to the public at this time, but we are consistently working towards this goal. Thank you, Mr. Weber, for supporting the Campbell County Conservation

District as we continue to strive to be good stewards of the land.

Meet our new District Coordinator



Amy Wing started with the Campbell County Conservation District in May 2015 as the Conservation

Assistant and in November 2015 she was promoted to District Coordinator. Amy graduated from Northern Kentucky University in December 2014 with her Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences. She enjoys being outside and promoting the importance of conserving our land and natural resources. The Campbell County Conservation District is happy to have Amy on board!

D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R !

• **Envirothon** - There is still time to sign up your Envirothon teams. For more information in this year's Envirothon competition you can visit <http://www.conservation.ky.gov/Pages/Envirothon.aspx>. The topic for 2016 is invasive species. All team applications are due to the Campbell County Conservation District office by **March 1**.

• **CAIP (County Agricultural Investment Program) Approved Applicants** - Deadline to submit receipts and required documents on completed investment areas to the Campbell County Conservation District is on or before 4 pm on **Wednesday, April 6**. If you know you will not be completing your investment area(s), please let the District know in writing as soon as possible so applicants on the waiting list may benefit from the program.

• **Camp Webb** - Is your child in 4th- 6th grade and enjoys nature, archery, boating, outdoor survival, firearm safety, fishing/casting, or swimming? Then maybe Camp Webb is your ideal camp for the summer. The deadline to sign up for the camp is **April 15**. You can find more information at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources website, <http://fw.ky.gov/Education/Pages/Summer-Camps.aspx>.

• **Right to Farm Forum** - On November 11, 2015, the Campbell County Conservation District's Farmland Work

Group hosted another forum in their Right to Farm series; this one was on "Farm Estate Transition Planning." Did you miss it? Don't worry; we hope to have the whole presentation on YouTube soon! Stay updated by checking our website and Facebook page for the next topic.

• **Backroads Farm Tour** - The 2016 Backroads Farm Tour will be here before we know it! On **July 16**, 9 am-5 pm, the Campbell County Conservation District's Farmland Work Group will present its 8th annual Backroads Farm Tour. This event is a self-guided, multi-stop driving tour of Campbell County's working farms and wineries. Farmers will open the gates to their different agricultural operations including, but not limited to: cattle, horticulture, vineyards, and equine. Many stops will have food and drinks available for purchase, as well as farm-fresh produce, freezer beef, wine and more. Continue to check the website for more updates as we begin the planning process for this free family-friendly event.



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News from the Campbell County Clerk

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year.

There has been a lot going on at the County Clerk's office since my last column. The general election for Kentucky state offices was held November 3. Kentucky has a new governor and Cold Spring has a new mayor. We had nearly 30% turnout for this election, which was the highest total in Campbell County election history for any state office race. A big thanks to my staff, Mike Jansen and the Sheriff's office, the Board of Elections, and our Fiscal Court. I especially want to thank all of our poll workers for their efforts in the election. Campbell County has 66 precincts with each staffed by at least four workers. The presidential election always has the largest turnout. We are in need of more poll workers. If any of you are interested in becoming a poll worker, your help would be greatly appreciated. Just call Jen at our election office at 859/292-3885 for more info.

2016 elections

2016 has a number of races on the ballot. They include the offices of President, US Senate, US House of Representatives, Kentucky House of Representatives, local school boards, and city races for mayor and council. The primary is Tuesday, May 17. You can only vote in the primary if you are a registered Republican or Democrat and only for that particular party's ballot. The last day to change party registration and still be eligible to vote in the May primary was December 31, 2015. If you change party affiliation after January 1, 2016 you will not be able to vote in the May primary. The last day to register to vote in the May primary is April 18.

May Republican primary

The May primary will not include the Republican Presidential race. The Kentucky Republican Party has decided to determine its presidential candidate by a caucus. The caucus will be held Saturday, March 5, from 10 am to 4 pm. As of this writing it will be held in the City of Wilder municipal building. Our office is not involved in this election caucus. Please refer to the party's website at www.kycaucus.com for more information. The caucus will only vote on the Kentucky Republican Party Presidential candidate. The rest of the Republican Party's slate will be on the May primary ballot.

Renew automobile license

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 online you can go to our website at campbellcountyclerkky.com. It's quick and easy and you get your tags in the mail in a couple of days. We are also working on a phone-in registration system. It should be up and running by the time you read this. Check our website for the phone number.

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. Customer service is our number one goal. And if you are in the office be sure to say Hi. I look forward to meeting you.

Renew your automobile

registration online or

over the phone!

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CampbellCountyClerkKy.com

to find out how.

Campbell County Clerk



Jim Luersen
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Clerk

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Mon. (*first and last of month only*), 8:30 am-6 pm
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Thurs. (*first and last of month only*), 8:30 am-6 pm*

**Both offices are open most Saturdays, 9 am-noon.*

Libraries and patrons win in court ruling

After three years and 11 months, the lawsuit filed against the Library in January 2012 is finally over. On December 10, the Kentucky Supreme Court let stand the March 19, 2015, Court of Appeals unanimous ruling that the Library acted in good faith and followed the correct statute in determining its annual property tax rates.

"We are thrilled and relieved," said Cathy Howard, Campbell County Public Library board president. "This is a great victory for libraries – and patrons – all across the state."

The Kentucky Supreme Court declined to reconsider the Appeals Court ruling, thereby settling the case that began in January 2012 when a lawsuit held that public libraries should fol-

low Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 173.790 instead of KRS 132 in setting their annual tax rates. KRS 132 applies to all taxing districts in Kentucky.

In April 2013, Campbell County Circuit Court ruled in the plaintiff's favor, a decision reversed by the Court of Appeals in March 2015.

The Library's current tax rate of 7.7 percent per \$100 of real property

tax remains the same, as it has since 2012. The December 10 decision does not have any immediate impact on the tax rate. The Library's Board of Trustees has not discussed plans to construct a branch to serve southern Campbell County since the ruling. The Library continues its capital campaign and still owns property at 1045 Parkside Ave. in Alexandria, Ky.

Arts & Culture Series offers great music and theater

A Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra ensemble performs a classical twist on the music of the Beatles to kick off the 2016 Arts and Culture Series. A string quartet ensemble will be joined by guitarist and Beatles aficionado Roger Klug to perform some of the Beatles' most popular songs.

The Arts & Culture series is free and begins at 7 pm Fridays at the

Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch. Required registration opens two months prior to event date.

March 4: CCO Presents The Fab Five

April 1: Sentimental Journey with Falcon Theatre & The Queen City Sisters

April 29: KSO Presents The Covington Devou-Doo Daddies



Food for Thought — History and BBQ

Stimulate your senses with dinner and conversation at City Barbeque's Food for Thought at the Cold Spring Branch. Northern Kentucky University professors lead discussions each month about historical topics. Programs are at 6 pm Tuesdays. Registration is required, and opens two months prior to the event date. Thanks to City Barbeque in Highland Heights for sponsoring the series.

- **Feb. 23:** The Enduring Significance of the Battle of the Somme and World War I.
- **March 15:** Troy after Antiquity: A Closer Examination of its Successive Cities.
- **April 19:** Rethinking Africa in World History Through Maps and Narratives
- **May 17:** The Battle of Cincinnati: Northern Kentucky's Critical Role in 1862.

For more information, go to www.cc-pl.org or call the branch at 859/781-6166.

Signature Series: Doc Hendley talks of modern-day miracles

Making a difference in the world is Doc Hendley, who began the Wine to Water foundation and penned a memoir by the same name. Working as a bartender, he began with an idea and a donation jar at wine tastings. Now, his foundation digs, repairs and sanitizes drinking wells for 25,000 people in five third-world countries. Don't miss hearing this inspiring story. An ASL interpreter will sign at this event.

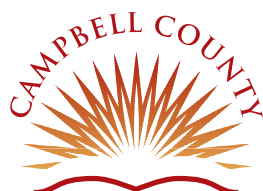
"Digging for Hope: Turning Wine to Water & Other Modern-day Miracles" will be at 7 pm Friday, March 18, at the Newport Branch. The event is free and open

to the public; however free tickets must be requested in advance. Call 859/781-6166, ext. 31 or register online.



Doc Hendley

Campbell County Public Library



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District Receives esteemed AdvancEd accreditation

On November 18, 2015 Campbell County School District was recognized for maintaining continuous accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI).

SACS CASI, an accrediting division for AdvancED, assists schools and school systems through the accreditation process and helps those institutions demonstrate a continuous commitment to providing quality education programs that are aimed at improving student performance. To earn accreditation, schools must meet AdvancED's high standards, be evaluated by a team of professionals from outside the school, and implement a continuous process of school improvement.

It's no secret that Campbell County Schools, a regional and state leader in academic achievement, does "Whatever It Takes" to ensure student success in college, career in life. In doing so, the school district voluntarily took part in this quality assurance review in order to validate and recognize the district's current strengths, improvement efforts and initiatives. This rigorous process included an in-depth examination of evidence and relevant data, interviews with all stakeholder groups, and extensive observations of learning, instruction and operation.

Findings

The AdvancED diagnostic process, designed to stimulate and guide continuous improvement, focused on the following areas:

- The Impact of Teaching and Learning
- The Capacity of Leadership
- Resource Utilization

"We are proud of our tradition of accreditation. It demonstrates to parents and our community that we are dedicated to providing students with a quality education and that we are open to external scrutiny. It assures them that we are focused on improving learning for all students."

-Ms. Janis Winbiger

Chairperson of the Campbell County Board of Education

Teaching and Learning Impact

The external review team acknowledged the following powerful practice:

"Campbell County Schools maintains excellent two-way communication with all of its stakeholders. District and school leadership teams actively solicit and respond to feedback from the entire school community, work collaboratively on system and school improvement efforts as well as monitor and communicate comprehensive information about student learning, school performance and organizational effectiveness."

Leadership capacity

The external review team highlighted the following powerful practices:

"Leadership and staff share a meaningful vision of excellence that is embedded in the district's culture and serves as a source of pride for the community."

"The governing body of the district clearly understands its role in adopting, establishing, and maintaining policy for the benefit of its students, personnel, and community. They are highly supportive of school leadership as well as the teaching and learning process and operate in a fiscally

responsible manner that maximizes the system's financial resources while maintaining outstanding educational programs for students."

"District and school administrators are viewed as visionary leaders with a clear purpose for Campbell County Schools. They are highly visible, proactive in their thinking, clearly dedicated to all stakeholders of the community and demonstrate a genuine care for the success of each student within the system."

Resource utilization

The external team recognized the following powerful practices:

"Campbell County Schools provides and coordinates an array of support systems to meet the needs of the whole child. The system has designed and implements a systemic

process to determine the physical, social and emotional needs of students and provides services to meet these needs as evidenced by district-wide comprehensive school counseling, Positive Behavioral Intervention Systems, Watchdog Dads, Club 21 and Student Success Skills."

"Campbell County Schools has exhausted every option to secure resources to meet the needs of staff and students through seeking competitive funding sources, partnerships with outside agencies as well as community-based programs."

Next steps

By using results from this accreditation process, Campbell County School district and school leadership will guide next steps for continuous improvement in support of the district's mission and vision.

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Interim Superintendent: Donald Pace
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St. Elizabeth Hospitals earn Top Performer recognition

St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas, Florence, Edgewood and Grant have been recognized as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures™ by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of healthcare organizations in America. The hospitals were recognized for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgery, children's asthma, stroke and venous thromboembolism, as well as inpatient psychiatric services.

St. Elizabeth has four of the 1,043 hospitals in the United States to achieve Top Performer distinction. This is the fourth year a St. Elizabeth hospital has been recognized as a Top Performer.

The Top Performer program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions. Hospitals named as a Top Performer must achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above all reported accountability

measures, achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure where there are at least 30 denominator cases, and have at least one core measure set that has a composite rate of 95 percent or above.

"Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality healthcare," said Mark Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., President and Chief Executive Officer of The Joint Commission. "I commend the efforts of St. Elizabeth for their excellent

performance on the use of evidence-based interventions."

"We understand what matters most to patients at St. Elizabeth is the quality and safety of the care they receive," said Garren Colvin, St. Elizabeth President and CEO. "That's why we have made it a top priority to improve positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. We are proud to be named a Top Performer as it recognizes the expertise, teamwork and dedication of our entire hospital staff."

St. Elizabeth earns "A" grade in patient safety

The independent national hospital watchdog group, The Leapfrog Group, announced its fall 2015 hospital safety scores. All three major qualifying St. Elizabeth hospitals (Ft. Thomas, Florence, and Edgewood) received A's for the fourth consecutive time, recognizing a strong commitment to patient safety. Hospitals are rated on errors, injuries, accidents, and infections, resulting in a letter grade from A to F.

The Hospital Safety Score is the gold standard rating for patient safety, compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading patient safety experts. The first and only hospital safety rating to be peer-reviewed in the *Journal of Patient Safety*, the Hospital Safety Score is free to the public and designed to give consumers information they can use to protect themselves and their families when facing a hospital stay.

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"We strongly believe the patient is the center of our universe," says Garren Colvin, President and CEO of St. Elizabeth Healthcare. "Our families, neighbors, colleagues and friends deserve a hospital that will make a strong commitment toward keeping them safe. This recognition is a reflection of St. Elizabeth's commitment to keeping patients safe."

"St. Elizabeth Healthcare's A grade is a powerful reminder of its commitment to putting patient safety above all else, and we are pleased to recognize the persistent efforts of your clinicians and staff to protect your patients,"

said Leah Binder, President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We urge St. Elizabeth and all other A hospitals to preserve and renew your commitment to safety year after year."

Developed under the guidance of Leapfrog's Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single A, B, C, D, or F score, representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from preventable harm. More than 2,500 U.S. general hospitals were assigned scores in October 2015, with 773 hospitals

receiving an A grade. The Hospital Safety Score is fully transparent, offering a full analysis of the data and methodology used in determining grades on the website. Patients can also review their hospitals past safety performance alongside its current grade on the Hospital Safety Score site, allowing them to determine which local hospitals have the best track record in patient safety and which have demonstrated consistent improvement.

To see St. Elizabeth's full score, and to access consumer-friendly tips for patients and loved ones visiting the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetyscore.org or follow The Hospital Safety Score on Twitter or Facebook. Consumers can also download the free Hospital Safety Score mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

Town and Country location boasts new aquatic therapy pool

The new high-tech HydroWorx aquatic therapy pool has been installed at the St. Elizabeth Sports Medicine location at Town and Country Athletic Center in Wilder. HydroWorx's underwater treadmill is integrated seamlessly into the pool floor and is revolutionizing physical therapy and fitness. By taking advantage of the body's buoyancy in water, the HydroWorx pool eliminates 20% to 90% of an individual's body weight.

Aquatic therapy is quickly becoming well known for its amazing effects with speeding recovery and preventing injuries. The fastest way for an athlete to recover from an injury is to begin the rehab process, but often times pain levels impact the ability to start. The pain commonly associated with rehab can be decreased or eliminated in water because it reduces the weight bearing on joints.

Once in warm, soothing water:

- Range of motion increases
- Water resistance helps to strengthen muscles and reinforce balance
- Water resistance automatically creates an easy or hard workout based on energy exertion



- Muscle spasms decrease
- Pain sensitivity decreases
- Exercises are more enjoyable
- Athletes exercise at their own comfort level

Features of our new HydroWorx pool include:

- Variable speed underwater treadmill for proper gait movement
- Resistance jets with variable water speeds for increased resistance during rehab
- Massage hose to relax tired and sore muscles

HydroWorx pools are not only used by medical professionals such as James R. Andrew's and the Andrew's Institute, Kennedy Kreiger Institute, University of Denver Hospital and others, but also by professional and college sports teams throughout the country.

Please call 859/572-2360 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



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Campbell County Property Valuation Administrator

Happy New Year from the PVA

Staffing changes

The new year has once again brought some changes to the PVA office staff. Diana Mondragon, part of our GIS/Mapping department has left to pursue other career opportunities, but Zachary Reinersman is still working diligently in the mapping department and has things under control. Unfortunately, due to the Commonwealth of Kentucky's mandate of a 90 day hiring freeze, I will not be able to replace the position left by Diana until after April 1. Taxpayers will still receive the same high level of service from the mapping department that they have in the past.

Properties in Bellevue, Dayton and Newport have been reviewed and reassessed for the 2016 tax year.

If there is a change in a property's assessment for any reason, the property owner will receive a notice of assessment increase towards the middle of April.

Property assessments

The state of Kentucky requires the PVA office to physically review all property in the County at least once every four years. In keeping with the state requirements, the PVA office has reviewed and reassessed the property in the cities of Bellevue,

Dayton, and Newport for the 2016 tax year. If there is a change in a property's assessment for any reason, the property owner will receive a notice of assessment increase towards the middle of April. This notice, along with an advertisement in the *Campbell County Recorder*, will notify each property owner of the new property assessment, as well as the time period in which to request a conference to appeal the assessment. If you do not receive an assessment notice, you may call the office to check your current assessment at any time. Even if your property is not reassessed this year and you do not receive a notice, you may still request a conference to appeal your current assessment. The conference period this year, by state law, begins Monday, May 2, 2016, and continues until Monday, May 16, 2016. Please

contact the office around mid-April to secure a conference time most amenable to your schedule. The PVA office will be open Monday through Friday 8:30 am until 4 pm and Saturdays from 9 am until 12 pm during the conference period.

Homestead Exemption

Please remember that if you turned 65 years of age, and resided in your home on or prior to January 1, 2016, you qualify for the Homestead Exemption. All you need do is stop by my office with your driver's license or copy of your birth certificate, and we will get the paperwork completed to have this exemption applied to your property. The exemption amount has gone up for the 2015-2016 tax years to \$36,900.

We're here to serve

The Property Valuation Administrator's Office is here to serve the taxpayers and citizens of Campbell County. My staff and I strive to provide the best customer service possible to the taxpayers. Please call, write, or email any suggestions or comments about our office.

Campbell County PVA



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