

WHAT'S

Happening!

in Campbell County, Kentucky TM

Fall/Winter 2011

Emergency Sirens: What to Do and What They Mean

The Campbell County Office of Emergency Management provides and maintains the outdoor warning siren systems in Campbell County. These systems are designed to provide an audible alert for persons that are outside. The system is not designed to be heard clearly for those already indoors. If you hear the siren take shelter immediately and turn on the TV or radio to become informed. Make sure to tune in to local radio and TV stations as most likely the national news channels will not provide detailed information for what is happening in Campbell County.

I sometimes hear the sirens during the day, what's the deal?

The outdoor warning sirens are tested on the first Wednesday of each month, at 12:00 noon. The tests are not conducted when there is the possibility of severe weather on that day.

What if there is a real tornado in Campbell County?

As stated previously, the sirens will sound under a Tornado Warning. However, if a tornado or

the beginnings of one is spotted, the sirens will remain on for a full five minutes. As always, seek safe shelter and turn on the radio regardless. Have available a battery operated radio or a tone alerting radio just in case.

Is there a warning for different neighborhoods?

Yes, it is entirely possible that one community may have its outdoor warning sirens activated while another may not. Due to the geography of Campbell County events in the northern and southern most parts of the county may not affect both areas.



The Campbell County outdoor weather sirens are used for:

- The issuance of a **tornado WARNING** by the National Weather Service (NWS)
- A chemical emergency in progress
- An impending enemy attack

stations. Repeated sounding of the sirens indicate additional warnings are being issued.

Can I call 911 for more information when the sirens are on?

No, 911 is a number to respond to emergencies, not for information. Officials will need the lines clear so they can efficiently respond to any emergency situation as a result of the storms or attacks. As always tune in to your local TV or radio stations for the best information.

Is there anything out there I can use to get reliable information during these events?

To ensure that you receive the most timely and current severe weather information, the utilization of a tone alerting weather radio will help give you peace of mind. Severe weather watches and warnings are broadcasted directly from the National Weather Service (NWS) over their NOAA weather radio broadcast system. This also provides a reliable indoor alert in place of the outdoor sirens.

For more information contact:
William R. Turner, Director
Office of Emergency Management
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What about an impending enemy attack?

In the event of an enemy attack, regardless of the weapon used, the outdoor warning sirens will continue to sound for five minutes. Again, turn on the TV and radio for emergency information. Seek shelter in your basement if necessary.

When will I know the worst is over?

Outdoor warning sirens are not designed to give an "all clear" signal. This information can be obtained from local TV and radio

Public Meetings Set to Discuss New Library

Construction for the South Branch of the Campbell County Public Library is expected to start in spring 2012, with the new facility opening in May 2013. The facility will be located just south of Parkside Drive along U.S. Highway 27 (known as Alexandria Pike), which is south of Alexandria and about 5 miles north of the Pendleton County line.

"We are very excited to be moving forward with this project. People have asked for library service in the southern part of the county for a long time," said JC Morgan, director.

The new building will have about 14,000 square feet for public space, 14,000 square feet of storage



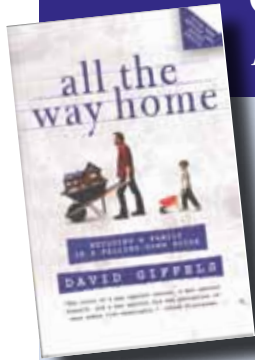
on a lower level, and parking for 100 cars. Robert Ehmet Hayes & Associates in Fort Mitchell are the architects for the project.

Six public meetings have been scheduled to get feedback and answer questions from the community. The meetings will be:

- 7 pm Tues., Sept. 13, John W Reiley Elementary School, 10631 Alexandria Pike, Claryville
- 2 pm Wed., Sept. 14, Plum Creek Christian Church, 961 Nagel Rd., Butler
- 10 am Wed., Sept. 28, Main Street Baptist Church, 11093 Alexandria Pike, Claryville
- 7 pm Thurs., Sept. 29, Grants Lick Elementary School, 944 Clay Ridge Rd., Grants Lick
- 7 pm Tues., Oct. 4, Alexandria Community Building, 8236 West Main St., Alexandria
- 7 pm Wed., Oct. 5, Newport Branch, Campbell Co. Public Library, 901 E. 6th St., Newport.

ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY:

Read and discuss the book, attend programs and meet the author



Rehabbing, remodeling, rebuilding — regardless of the nomenclature, those who have done major home repair projects know they can be frustrating. The author of this year's One Book One Community selection knows all about the highs and lows of remodeling an old house.

All the Way Home: Building a Family in a Falling-down House by

David Giffels is his personal narrative of the alternately humorous and maddening travails as he and his family restore a crumbling, nearly condemned Tudor mansion in Akron, Ohio. The book's adventures range from tales of the recalcitrant elderly former owner to numerous lively and loud battles with raccoons, squirrels and other creatures who claim the house as their own. What emerges is a funny, loving journey of building a family, rebuilding a house and discovering what "home" really means.

The kickoff event is Home Improvement Heyday featuring talk

show host Gary Sullivan at 7 pm Friday, Sept. 9 at Newport; programs and book discussions are at all three branches in October and November; and the author will sign books at 7 pm Friday, Nov. 4, at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch.

For program details, book discussion dates, and author visit information, pick up a brochure at any Campbell, Kenton, Boone or Grant County Public Library, or visit the website at www.NKYOneBook.org. The *Kentucky Enquirer* is the One Book One Community media sponsor.

Children's Fall Programming Starts Sept. 12

The Library offers free weekly programs for children of all ages. The fall season begins Sept. 12.

Adventure Club programs are designed for children in 1st-5th grades. Kids enjoy great entertainment and lots of experiential learning. Each week there's something new and it's all free. Adventure Clubs are all at 4 pm: Mondays at Carrico/Fort Thomas, Tuesdays at Newport, and Thursdays at Cold Spring. For younger children, there are 21 different weekly Story Time programs geared to infants, toddlers, preschoolers and families. For information about specific programs, call the branch or visit www.cc-pl.org.

Campbell County Public Library



Cold Spring Branch
3920 Alexandria Pike • 859/781-6166

Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch
1000 Highland Ave. • 859/572-5033

Newport Branch
901 E. Sixth St. • 859/572-5035

Hours at all Three Branches:

Monday - Thursday	9 am - 9 pm
Friday	9 am - 7 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm

24-Hour Services:

Circulation: 859/572-5041

Storytelling: 859/572-5039

Download books & music:
www.kyunbound.lib.overdrive.com

Message from Dr. Saddler: *Celebrating Health at Schools, in Community*



Dr. Lynne
Saddler

In the hustle and bustle of our daily work, we can forget to acknowledge the positive efforts of our colleagues. At

the Health Department, we have two awards to celebrate our partners.

Two individuals received the 2011 Award of Excellence in Public Health, given each year to individuals and organizations for their collaboration with the Health Department.

Meredith Potter, formerly with Covington Independent Schools, for her energy and dedication to improving the health and wellness of Covington's school children through initiatives such as Healthy Monday, the Covington Cafeteria Cooking Challenge and the Captain Nutrition Show; and through service on school health coalitions.

Jeff Walters, Shipping Manager at Performance Pipe, for his commitment to improving the health of his community by promoting physical activity and nutrition through worksite wellness programs, the Biggest Winner Challenge, the Derby Dash and the Fitness for Life Around Grant County (FFLAG) coalition.

The Award of Excellence in School Health recognizes and celebrates schools that support and promote school health. Fourteen schools earned gold, silver or bronze level awards, including two in Campbell County.

Gold level: Crossroads Elementary in Cold Spring

Silver level: Cline Elementary in Cold Spring

Congratulations to all 14 schools and to Meredith and Jeff!

Safe Sleeping Can Save Young Lives

The next time you go to a child's first birthday party, take a moment to note what a special celebration it is. Some children do not get to celebrate their first birthday.

Last year in Northern Kentucky, 21 children under the age of 18 died. Eighteen were infants under 1 year old. Of these, 11 were in an unsafe sleep situation that caused or contributed to their death.

In the 20 years since the American Academy of Pediatrics first recommended that babies sleep on their backs, the SIDS rate has dropped by 50 percent.

All babies should have a safe space of their own to sleep, both at night time and nap time. If parents want to keep the

infant nearby, place the crib or bassinette near the parent's bed.

Couches, armchairs and recliners are other dangerous places for an infant to sleep, due to suffocation and entrapment risks. A baby should never sleep in an adult bed.

Babies should sleep on a firm mattress that fits snugly in the baby bed, and that should be all that's in the bed. Unnecessary and potentially dangerous items include blankets, bumper pads, toys, pillows, wedges and positioners.

Do not allow smoking around the baby, including in the home or car.

For more information on safe sleep and childhood death prevention, call 859/363-2061.



Northern Kentucky Health Department

Campbell County Health Center

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY
INDEPENDENT DISTRICT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

The Health Department has created a Twitter account to share the latest information on programs, outbreaks and other important health news. Look for us @nkyhealth.

One-Stop Center for Women's Healthcare Now Open

St. Elizabeth opened its new state-of-the-art Women's Wellness Center in Ft. Thomas in May. At approximately 8,000 square feet, it is one of the largest such centers in Northern Kentucky. But it's much more than size that makes the center unique. It's the posh surroundings, seamless delivery of care and up-to-the-second technology that you have come to expect from St. Elizabeth.

"This center for women's wellness is both technologically advanced and beautiful to behold," said Tom Saalfeld, St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. It's the perfect setting for our skilled medical professionals to deliver a large spectrum of wellness services to women from all over the area."

The center offers women a broad array of services in a soothing, spa-like setting on the hospital's second floor. The center's dedicated group of physicians, cancer surgeons, nurses and technicians are all skilled in the most advanced medicine and the use of the latest diagnostic technology to obtain the clearest picture of each woman's health. The center features a pair of digital mammography machines, a stereotactic room, ultrasound technology, bone density

scanners and a women's boutique, as well as educational, exam and consultation rooms.

"Aside from mammography and bone density testing services, we offer ultrasound breast biopsy, genetic counseling and the services of our nurse navigators, all in one easy-to-reach space," said Toni Carle, Women's Wellness Nurse

Manager. "Before, all these services were spread throughout the facility. Now, by bringing them all together in this beautiful space, it really helps streamline everything from diagnosis to treatment."

When planning the center, St. Elizabeth leaders remained ever-mindful of the fact that medical tests and procedures can often be

consecutive months, including patient satisfaction of more than 90% and a 30 days healing rate at 89%, among other quality outcomes.

The Ft. Thomas Wound Care Center is a member of the Diversified Clinical Services Network of more than 325 centers, which provides access to benchmarking data and proven experience treating more than two million chronic wounds.

unsettling. That's why so much time and thought was invested to create a calming environment at the new Ft. Thomas center. By working with a team of veteran healthcare architects and interior designers, St. Elizabeth has succeeded in creating a welcoming and peaceful place for the area's premier women's healthcare services.

"Our Wound Care Center heals chronic wounds of patients who might otherwise experience an amputation or other life-threatening conditions," said Tom Saalfeld, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas. "It's a privilege to be part of a great collaborative effort between the hospital, physicians, and Diversified Clinical Services. Together, we are

About the New Ft. Thomas Women's Wellness Center

Where:

85 North Grand Ave.
Ft. Thomas,
second floor

Scheduling:

859/655-7400

Web:

www.stelizabeth.com/womenswellness



Wound Care Center Recognized for Healing Wounds

The St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas Wound Care Center recently received the Center of Distinction Award from Diversified Clinical Services, the world's leading wound care management company. The recognition is awarded to centers with exceptionally high patient satisfaction and healing rates, as well as outstanding clinical outcomes. The center has achieved outstanding patient outcomes for 12

Ft. Thomas Hospital to Undergo Facelift

This past summer, St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas began a major renovation project to improve convenience and the overall patient experience at the hospital. Construction began in July and will be completed by the end of the year. Renovations include the main hospital entrance and the Cancer Care Center.

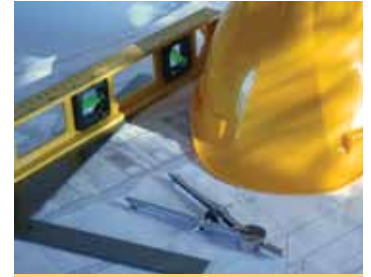
When complete, the new Cancer Care Center at Ft. Thomas will feature 10 open infusion bays, three pri-

vate infusion bays and a new healing garden. The new patient-friendly lobby will feature a registration area, surgery waiting area, gift shop and brand new bistro.

“We have listened to our patients and their family members regarding access to our hospital,” says Tom Saalfeld, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas. “One common request was to make our

building more accommodating and patient friendly. We intend to make the overall experience similar to our newly opened Women’s Wellness Center.”

During the renovations, the hospital will feature a valet service to help ease traffic congestion during the construction phase while serving as a convenient benefit to hospital patients and visitors.



Exciting changes are coming to St. Elizabeth Healthcare Ft. Thomas in January 2012!

Your Connection to Better Health — It’s Humanly Possible

At St. Elizabeth Healthcare, we strive every day to bring you the best of what’s humanly possible. By creating an iPhone application, we have provided another way to bring the healthcare answers you are looking for, right to your fingertips.

Features

■ Emergency Care –

Five of the six main campuses at St. Elizabeth Healthcare are equipped with Emergency



Departments (ED). This feature uses GPS technology to find the ED closest to your current location.

■ **Locations** – In addition to St. Elizabeth Healthcare’s six main campuses, we have several other facilities throughout the Northern Kentucky region. This feature allows you to search through all locations to find the specific place you are looking for.

■ **Find a Doctor** – This tool includes information on any Primary Care Physician or Specialist associated with either St. Elizabeth Healthcare or St. Elizabeth Physicians.

■ **Calendar** – This feature is updated in real-time to give you the latest information on events being offered by

St. Elizabeth Healthcare. It includes pertinent information such as the date and time of the event, the location, whether or not registration is necessary and how much (if any) the event costs.

■ **News Room** – This feature is also updated in real-time to give you the latest news announcements and articles about St. Elizabeth Healthcare and St. Elizabeth Physicians.

■ **Videos** – Use this portion of the St. Elizabeth Healthcare iPhone application to view our latest commercials and virtual tours of some of our facilities.

■ **HealthTrak** – St. Elizabeth Healthcare is happy to offer you access to this wellness tool that will allow you to track your symptoms

and make better-informed health and wellness decisions.

■ **My Food Diary** – This feature contains nutritional information on more than 7,200 unique food items pulled directly from the Federal Drug Administration’s database, the ability to add your own custom foods and store the information for future use, and a calendar to log your daily nutritional intake.

■ **BMI Calculator** – This feature will calculate your approximate Body Mass Index (BMI) when you enter your height and weight.

The St. Elizabeth Healthcare iPhone application is available now in the iPhone App Store. Find it by searching “St. Elizabeth Healthcare.” Or you can download the app at www.stelizabeth.com/mobileapp.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare



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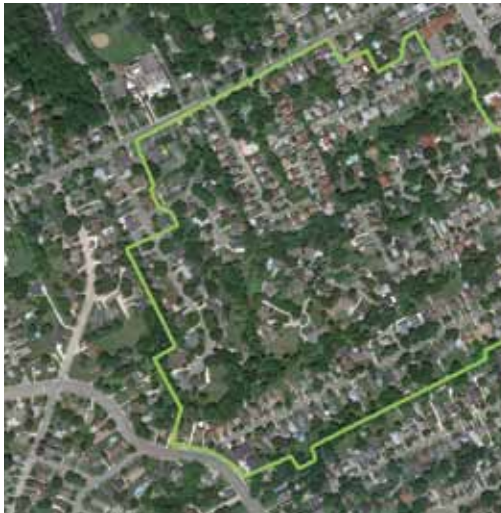
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Florence, KY 41042
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St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas
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Ft. Thomas, KY 41075
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St. Elizabeth Grant
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Williamstown, KY 41097
859/824-8240

Water Quality Improvements in Ft. Thomas



Construction is projected to begin in November 2011 on sanitary sewer improvements.

SD1 has been working in the Vernon Lane neighborhood for several years in an effort to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and improve water quality in the local creeks and streams. SSOs occur when too much rainwater enters the sanitary sewers, exceeding the capacity of the sewers and overflowing manholes and bypass pipes.

Sanitary sewers are not designed to carry rainwater but often, rainwater enters the sanitary sewer system through cracks and defects in both sanitary sewer pipes and manholes. It can also enter through improper private storm water connections such as downspouts, driveway drains, area drains and sump pumps. These private sources are considered illegal

by the Kentucky Division of Water and the statutes that govern SD1. Together, all of these sources are referred to as inflow and infiltration (I/I) and the reduction of I/I into the sanitary sewer system is essential to the elimination of SSOs and the improvement of water quality.

In Ft. Thomas, SD1 has provided homeowners affected by SSOs with design plans that would help address the current I/I issues. Designs are on track to be finalized in October 2011, which will allow the construction phase to begin in November 2011. SD1 anticipates that the projects in the Vernon Lane neighborhood will be complete by December 2012. For more information on this project, please visit www.sd1.org.

Conserving Water Saves Money



Cut Waste, Cut Costs

Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks. Monitor each water bill to check for unusually high use. If you think you might have a leak, read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If your meter shows usage, you probably have a leak.

Why Conserve Water?

Conserving water is simple and can have a positive impact on your budget and our planet. Every drop of water that comes into your home must be treated before it trickles out of your tap and then treated once again after going down the drain. By making a commitment to use less water, you can cut down on waste in this process while saving money on your sanitary sewer and water bills. In addition, your energy-saving efforts will help preserve the natural environment and prevent pollution. American public water supply and treatment facilities consume huge amounts of electricity. Just allowing a faucet to run for five minutes uses about as much energy as burning a 60 watt light bulb for 14 hours.

SD1's Sanitary Sewer Billing Policy

SD1's goal is to estimate how much water is going down the drains in a given home and to do that, SD1 uses water usage records provided by your local water district. However, some summertime outdoor activities use water that does not go into the sanitary sewer system. Because of this, SD1 bases the sanitary sewer charge on winter water usage. Water conservation practices will not impact your sanitary sewer bill until the winter usage factor is recalculated for your property in the winter months.

For more information on water conservation, visit www.sd1.org/conservation.

SD1 SPOTLIGHT

- Mike Buhite received his Class IV Wastewater Operator Certification
- Tim Bracke received his Class III Wastewater Operator Certification
- Barrett Groh obtained his Professional Engineering License in Kentucky
- Shelby Fields completed the American Red Cross Instructor Certification for First-Aid, CPR, Blood Borne Pathogens and AED requirements
- The National Association of Clean Water Agencies awarded SD1 the 2011 National Environmental Achievement Award in the Public Information and Education category for developing the Protecting Water Resources course at NKU
- The Walton Treatment Plant won the Platinum Peak Performance Award for the second consecutive year

SD1



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phone: 859/578-7450

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Agriculture Awareness Education

There has been a renewed focus on agriculture awareness education, targeting both youth and adults in Campbell County. On July 23, 15 farms opened their gates as a part of the Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour. Over 2,500 individuals traveled down the back roads of Campbell County visiting beef, crop, horse, vineyard and horticulture farms. Programs such as Beef It's What's for Dinner and Buying Locally Produced Foods have been instrumental in educating the general public about local agriculture and purchasing locally produced food. The Grow It, Eat It, Wear It program reaches approximately 800 fifth grade students each year. Students participate in six hands-on agriculture sessions that showcase beef, dairy, sheep, cotton, fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, horses and bees. Students learn how plants and animals help provide us with food and fiber products that we use each and every day. See the agriculture calendar for more information on upcoming agriculture awareness programs.

Mommy and Me ... in the Garden and Kitchen

Mommy and Me ... in the Garden and Kitchen is a program designed for children 6-8 years of age and at least one of their parents. The program involves eight classes, one each month from February -September. Due to time and space limits, 15 families are registered each February - September. Over the past two years, Mommy and Me participants have been evaluated to determine the benefit of the program to the families (children and parents as well). In 2011, 27 families were surveyed with 18 of those families responding to the survey. Of those 18 families, half of the families now eat out less as a result of the program. Ninety-four percent of the parents reported that they and their children



now cook at home together. All of the families now use the Mommy and Me recipes and 94 percent of the children are now trying new foods and are eating more fruits and vegetables. Six out of the 18 families now have a home garden as a result of Mommy and Me ... in the Garden

and Kitchen. The next Mommy and Me program will be conducted February - September 2012. Call the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Office for details about registration and dates.

Chef Keeton Visits Campbell County

The Campbell County 4-H and Family Consumer Science Extension programs teamed up to bring a Northern Kentucky chef to the County for a cooking show in December 2010. Thirty-eight adults and youth attended the "Cooking with Keeton" show where Chef Shawn Keeton prepared four diverse dishes for tastings while also giving cooking tips and telling stories

about how he became a chef and why he loves what he does. He also highlighted his recently published cookbook, "Keeton in the Kitchen: A Celebration of Family, Friends, and Food." Chef Keeton also presented carving skills and cooking tips to 28 day campers, age 9-12, at a recent 4-H Day Camp. He also served as a cupcake competition judge prior to his demonstration.



4-H Science Programs Provide Valuable Experience

Currently, 4-H Science programs reach more than 5 million youth with hands-on learning experiences to ensure global competitiveness and prepare the next generation of science, engineering, and technology leaders.

Campbell County 4-H collaborated with several elementary schools in Campbell County to deliver 4-H science electricity programs to over 630 school club 4-H members. Youth were engaged in hand-on learning by creating working circuits on snap circuit kits. Students also created

their very own electric lamp using their favorite pop can as the base. One student said his favorite thing about making the pop can lamps was "we got to make a working lamp without someone making it for us and we got to build something and do a hands-on activity."

By participating in 4-H electricity programs youth learn electricity basics such as circuits, insulators, conductors and basic lamp wiring. Teachers involved in the 4-H electric programs stated the lessons sparked an interest in not only electricity but other science areas as well.

Keys to Great Parenting



The Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service partnered with the Dayton Independent Schools' Youth Center Coordinator to teach seven "Keys to Great Parenting" classes to 13 teen moms. Each session covered one of the following important topics in order to stimulate optimum child development: 1) care for yourself, 2)

cuddle, talk, and read with your child, 3) know how your child develops, 4) be playful with your child, 5) show your child the world, 6) teach self-control, and 7) practice health and safety. Small group discussions, self-assessments, and hands-on activities were used during the program. End of the program series evaluations

showed that 100% of the teen moms understood each of the following topics: 1) how their child develops, 2) how to keep their baby safe and healthy, 3) what positive discipline is 4) the importance of caring for themselves, 5) the importance of cuddling, talking, and reading to their child, 6) the importance of being playful with your child, and 7) the importance of showing their child the world through his/her senses. One hundred percent of the teen moms stated that they have started to cuddle, talk, and read to their child more as a result of the program, and 80% said they have started to play with their child more as a result of the program. One teen mom stated in regards to the program, "I have learned how to be a better parent, and how to keep my child safe."

Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service



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<http://ces.ca.uky.edu/campbell>

The following is a partial list of programs offered by the Campbell County Extension Service.

Pre-registration required for many programs.

Family & Consumer Sciences Programs



Natural Resources and Environmental Education

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



Come meet the new Environmental Education Center. April 1-3, 2008. The EEC is located on the property with a view of the campus.

Horticulture Programs



Agriculture Programs



4-H Programs



list of upcoming programs of the Campbell County Extension Service. Unless indicated, all programs will be held at the office (CCEO) 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).

Required for all programs by calling 859/572-2600. (At least 8 participants required for each class to be held.)

August 23, 6:30 pm

Get Crafty with Homemakers! CCEO

September 7, 9:30 am
Campbell County Homemakers Cultural Arts CCEO

September 15, 6:30 pm
Going Without Gluten CCEO

Wednesdays, October 5-November 9, 6:30 pm
Zumba CCEO

October 13, 1:30 pm
Freezer Meals CCEO

November 3, 6:30 pm
Foods, Customs, and Cultures CCEO

November 15, 6:30 pm
Coffee with Ronda CCEO

November 18, 10-11:30 am
Coffee with Ronda Boone County (Registration through the Boone County Extension Office)

January 24, 6:30 pm
Personality Perks CCEO

February 28, 6:30 pm
The Successful Person's Guide to Time Management CCEO

Monthly — February - September, 2012
Mommy & Me ... in the Garden & Kitchen (Call the Campbell County Extension Office for specific dates) CCEO

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 27, 2012, each session from 6:30-9 pm
Money Talk for Women CCEO

March 8, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm **Tree Seminar**

Ft. Thomas Tower Park

Environmental Education Assistant, informational displays, and take a hike. Wednesday - Sunday, September 30, 11:30 am - 8 pm; October 1 - March 31, 8:30 am - 5 pm. Located on A.J. Jolly County Park. Access via Race Track Road entrance.

Fall/Winter Classes held at Environmental Education Center

• **Sept. 3, 17, 23, 5:30 pm** **Nocturnal Animals (Night Hike)**

• **Sept. 18, 24, 25, 2:30 pm** **Nature Hike**

• **Sept. 2, 11, 16, 30, 3 pm** **Mammals of Campbell County, KY**

• **Oct 22, 1 pm** **Shiitake Mushroom Production**

• **Oct. 7, 16, 21, 30 3 pm** **Animal Tracking**

• **Oct. 1, 8, 15, 29, 10 am** **Birding**

• **Oct. 2, 9, 14, 23, 28, 2 pm** **Day Hikes**

• **Nov. 19, 1 pm** **Build a Bat House**

• **Nov. 6, 12, 27, 3 pm** **Scavenger Hunt**

• **Nov. 5, 13, 20, 1:30 pm** **Fall Crafts**

• **Dec. 3, 17, 23, 2 pm** **Wreath Making**

• **Dec. 11, 18, 24, 1:30 pm** **Day Hikes**

• **Dec. 4, 10, 4 pm** **Fireside Stories**

• **Dec. 2, 9, 16, 1 pm** **Build a Birdhouse**

• **Jan. 6, 14, 20, 27, 3 pm** **Animal Tracking**

• **Jan. 7, 13, 21, 29, 5:30 pm** **Nocturnal Animals (Night Hike)**

• **Jan. 8, 22, 28, 10:30 am** **Winter Birding**

• **Feb. 4, 12, 2 pm** **Build a Bluebird House**

• **Feb. 18, 26, 11:30 am** **Day Hike**

• **Feb. 11, 25, 3 pm** **Mammals of Campbell County, KY**

September 12, 6 pm
Composting for Beginners

Learn how to take kitchen and yard waste and turn it into a natural soil amendment for your garden.

October 13, 6 pm
Spring Flowering Bulbs Plant bulbs in the fall for a beautiful

spring display. This class will cover the how, when and where of planting spring-blooming bulbs.

January tba Get Ready to Start Your Early Vegetable Garden We'll discuss early season production methods and start seeds of cool season vegetables.

January tba Interested in Growing Tree Fruit in Your Back Yard? You better come to this class before you start. We'll discuss the best trees, rootstocks and growing techniques. This class will help you avoid the many mistakes made in buying and growing fruit trees.

February tba Small Fruit Production Come and learn the best varieties, sources, and growing techniques for a great harvest.

March tba Get Ready to Start Your Warm Season Vegetable Garden Topics Include: soil testing, variety

selection, raised beds, and seed starting of great varieties.

March tba Hands-On Fruit Tree Pruning Demonstration.

August 23, 7 pm **Buying and Using Alternative / Commodity Feeds** EEC

September 13 & 29, October 13 & 27, November 10 & 17, December 1 & 15, 6 pm
Master Stocker Program
This will be an 8-part series that will cover the management and marketing of stocker/background beef cattle. EEC

September 17, 10 am - 6 pm; Dinner at 5 pm
A.J. Jolly Trail Ride, A.J. Jolly Park

September 20, 7 pm
Beef Cattle Marketing -
Maximizing livestock revenues by understanding the KY beef cattle marketing system.

October 10, 6 pm
Beef. It's What's For Dinner
Learn about purchasing locally produced beef and preparing different beef cuts using a variety of cooking methods. A tasting of several beef dishes will be a part of this program.

October 20, 7 pm
Buying Locally Produced Foods Learn about the opportunities and advantages of buying locally grown and processed foods such as fruits and vegetables, meat (beef, pork), honey, eggs, breads and jams and jellies. Learn what food items are available and where they can be purchased. CCEO

February- April, dates and time to be announced
Northern KY Horse College This series of programs will cover the basics of equine feeding, nutrition, health care and facilities.

August 18-28 **Kentucky State Fair, Louisville, KY**

August 31-September 5 **Alexandria Fair**

September 24 **4-H/FFA Livestock Field Day**

September 26-30 **Grow It, Eat It, Wear It**

The Giving Fields



The Campbell County Extension horticulture program has been cooperating on a new project for 2011. Landowner Doug Bray and wife Sheila, have dedicated their land for the production of fresh vegetables to be donated to local food pantries. The name of their organization is “The Giving Fields.”

The Campbell County Extension District Board and a grant from the Kentucky Horticulture Council

Development Board have helped establish the two acres of vegetables in production.

Kentucky has one of the highest poverty rates in the nation with 718,092 people living in poverty in 2008. That increased to 777,295 people in 2009. The increasing cost of living, combined with the downturn in the economy, has forced a growing number of families to use emergency food assistance.

Thanks to the efforts of the Cincinnati Freestore/Foodbank the produce distributed will be the freshest and best quality possible. Our goal is to harvest 100,000 pounds of fresh produce, which will be distributed to local food pantries and on-site feeding organizations in Northern Kentucky. The Campbell County Extension Service has provided ongoing production assistance to The Giving Fields and will continue to do so.

4-H Animal Science Projects

The life skills young people learn from the 4-H livestock programs are invaluable and benefit them throughout their lives. That is why animals and 4-H'ers make a natural combination. Responsibility is gained from raising and caring for animals. Youth also learn about animal production, health care, judging and selection,

marketing, and explore careers in animal science. Campbell County 4-H'ers are especially active in the 4-H Livestock and Horse projects. Fairs and shows as well as camps offer great learning opportunities. Often these projects involve the whole family so they can learn and have fun together.



The public is invited to attend the 2011 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale at the Alexandria Fair on Saturday, September 3 at 6 pm. About 50 steers, lambs, hogs and goats will be auctioned this year. Youth use the proceeds from the sale to help with educational expenses as well as fund their project for the coming year.

Citizens, Students, and Civic Groups Volunteer to Improve the Environment

Every day we hear more bad news about the environment. Did you know that Northern Kentucky has lost native forestland and only has 38% forest canopy cover? The U.S. Forest Service reports that invasive plant species like Amur and Japanese honeysuckle are displacing native species, reducing native wildlife habitat, reducing forest health and productivity, altering ecosystem processes, and degrading recreation areas.

Storm water runoff causes downstream flooding, stream bank erosion, increased turbidity, habitat destruction, combined sewer overflows, and contaminated streams and rivers according to E.P.A. Federal Storm Water Regulations. And litter, the most visible sign of pollution, is everywhere. Again the E.P.A. confirms that 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 and costly to clean up. Litter also affects the way tourists view our state.

Now for some good news — 320 citizens, students and civic groups donated 993 hours of their time to improve the environment through various projects supported by the U.K. Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service. As you know time is valuable, in fact the Independent Sector estimates the value of volunteer time at \$21.36 per hour. And these individuals' efforts add up to \$21,210 worth of volunteer service. The volunteers planted 2000 native trees on three acres of AJ Jolly Park property at Reforest NKY, collected 1.82 tons of litter from the Ohio River at Penderly Park during River Sweep, cleared three acres of invasive, non-native species, and established a rain garden (a storm water management best practice) at the Campbell County Environmental Education Center. As Margaret Mead said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Take Advantage of This Community Resource!

Showcasing Local Talent



Attention Campbell County! Campbell County Media Central is preparing to launch "Monday Night Movies."

Do you know that our community is becoming a booming area for talented film makers? Media Central wants to showcase the talent in our community. Starting in September, CCMC will showcase locally produced films beginning at 10 pm, Monday evenings on CCMC, Channel 20, through Insight Communications, and Channel 810 through Cincinnati Bell. If you are a filmmaker and have a film you

would like to feature during our "Monday Night Movies," contact us. If you are someone who desires to become a film maker, stop by Campbell County Media Central. We can provide you with the tools and training you need to get started.

Opportunities for the Community

Media Central offers tremendous opportunities for the entire community, including not-for-profit organizations, government agencies, youth organizations and every citizen within our participating communities. We are a valuable media resource. We offer all the production tools you need to make entertaining, educational and exciting cable televi-

sion programming of your own at no cost, including a full production studio, edit suites and portable video, audio and lighting gear. We will teach you the valuable skills to make your own show. Campbell County Media Central is a fun place to get involved. We are mobile through our production truck, as well as our portable trickster studio. If you know of a cool event that is coming up, call us about getting it recorded.

Like Us on Facebook!

Are you on Facebook? Visit the Media Central page and "Like" us. We will keep you up to date on what's going on. Do this soon so you don't miss out on some exciting opportunities, like our CCMC Community Film Festival coming up! Don't forget, you can check our website to view the latest Campbell County government programming and many of the Media Central Specials.

Campbell County Media Central



10 Hilltop Drive
Highland Heights, KY 41076
ph: 859/781-3495 • fax: 859/781-3501
www.campbellmedia.org

Campbell County Detention Center

At Campbell County Jail, Inmates Pay to Stay

Jails exist to safely and securely house individuals who have been arrested. The Campbell County Detention Center is a 549 bed facility. It is unfortunate that our county has this need, however the jail is a necessity. With the increase in the number of inmates, the cost of housing inmates continues to escalate. This financial burden falls on the county taxpayers.

What you may not know is the Kentucky Revised Statutes (K.R.S.) allows the county to recoup some of the cost from the inmates. Campbell County adopted a prisoner fee schedule, last updated in 2005, which was adopted through Ordinance by the Campbell County Fiscal Court. All fees collected are applied to the budget of the jail.

Fees charged to pre-trial and county inmates include a process-

ing/booking fee, a daily per diem, and medical charges, as well as other miscellaneous charges.

An account is set up for each inmate. Funds are deposited on their account by family, friends or the inmate to purchase commissary items. A portion of the inmate's funds are applied toward their debt. In fiscal year 2010, the jail collected \$218,064.53 in fees which is an increase from the prior year.

Fee Structure
Booking Fee = \$30
Per Diem = \$20
Physician Co-Pay = \$15
Nurse Co-Pay = \$10
Prescriptions = Actual Cost
Outside Medical = Actual Cost
Dental = Actual Cost

Upon their release from the facility, a statement is provided to the inmate. A two month re-bill cycle is also generated. The financial respon-

sibility of the inmate does not go away with their release. If their fees are not paid and the individual is re-arrested, their new fees are added to their existing debt.

The practice of "pay to stay" may not be popular with inmates and their families, however actions and choices have consequences. Don't break the law and don't go to jail. You will be charged for your stay. These fees are an effort to hold the inmates responsible for at least a portion of the cost to taxpayers.

Campbell County Detention Center

601 Central • Newport, KY 41071
ph: 859/431-4611

Jailer: Greg L. Buckler

Greetings from the Campbell County PVA

Tax bill time in Campbell County is fast approaching. The tax bills will be mailed by the Campbell County Sheriff's office at the end of October. If you do not receive a tax bill by the end of the first week of November, please contact the Sheriff's office to request a duplicate bill be sent. The county tax bills will be mailed to the current owner of the property at the time of printing. If you have questions about your city tax bill, please contact your city office. If you receive a tax bill on a property which you have recently sold, please forward the tax bill to the new owner. If your taxes are paid through an escrow company, please forward your tax bill to the company.

Please remember that if you turned 65 years of age, and

resided in your home on or prior to January 1, 2011, you qualify for the Homestead Exemption. All you need do is stop by my office, and we will get the paperwork completed to have this exemption applied to your property. The exemption amount for the 2011 tax year is \$34,000.

If you have any questions or problems concerning your assessment, address, or any exemptions on your tax bills, please contact my office.

We've Moved!

Also, please remember our office has moved into the new Campbell County Administration Building. The new address is 1098 Monmouth St., Room 329, Newport, KY 41071.

Campbell County PVA



Daniel Braun Property Valuation Administrator

Campbell County Administration Building
1098 Monmouth St., Rm. 329,
Newport, Kentucky 41071

phone: 859/292-3871

fax: 859/292-0353

email: dbraun@campbellcountky.org

office hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 am - 4:15 pm*

(*additional hours for motor vehicle questions: first and last Monday of each month, 4 - 6 pm; first and last Saturday of each month 9 am - noon)

**Don't forget to visit our website at
WWW.CAMPBELLCOUNTYKYPVA.ORG**

Campbell County Clerk

Register, Vote and Be Counted



On November 8, 2011 Kentucky will elect the Governor and State officials who will guide our state for the next four years. In order to vote you must be registered by October 11. You must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age by the election date.

You can register at the County Libraries, the County Clerk's office, Driver's License office, Food Stamp, WIC, Medicaid and State Disabilities offices.

You may qualify to vote by absentee ballot. Contact the County Clerk's Election office to see if you can vote

by absentee ballot at 292-3885 at least 30 days before the election.

If You Have Moved...

If you are registered and have moved within the County, from another county into Campbell or from another state, contact the Clerk's office before October 7 to find your new precinct location.

Poll Workers Needed

The Campbell County Board of Elections is in need of paid poll workers. If interested please contact Blanche at 291-4969 if a Democrat and Donna at 441-6963 if you are a Republican.

Campbell County Clerk

Jack Snodgrass Campbell County Clerk

Newport

1098 Monmouth St.
Newport, KY 41071

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

T-F, 8:30 am-4 pm*

Motor Vehicle Dept.: 859/292-3850

Marriage Dept.: 859/292-3885

Real Estate Dept.: 859/292-3845

Alexandria

8330 W. Main, Alexandria, KY 41071
phone: 859/635-2151

M, T, W, F, 8:30 am-4 pm

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

859/635-2151

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

About Your Taxes

None of us like to pay taxes, but there are legitimate purposes government serves that are worth paying for. Many of the missions local government undertakes cost much less done collectively than they do individually. For example, how could we each arrange for security, much less pay for it, if we did not have public police and fire protection to rely on? Then there are things like the road system that would be impractical for anyone other than a government to plan, build and maintain. There is always room to question government expenditure, but, compared to the alternatives, local government should be able to provide essential services relatively inexpensively.

A number of different governments, city, county and state and several taxing districts, like schools, libraries and the health department, are funded by your local tax dollars. Money collected as property tax is distributed to many governments and agencies other than the Campbell County Fiscal Court. In fact, only about 12% of the property tax paid by residents in unincorporated areas of the county goes to the Fiscal Court. In the cities, the percentage of property taxes coming our way is even less. Here is a sample of a 2010 property tax bill for a property assessed at \$100,000.

You can see the Fiscal Court's share is only \$128 out of \$1,066.80.

People are surprised to learn that property taxes make up a small percentage of the county's revenue. Our budget is about \$32 million, of which only about \$6.2 million is property taxes. Our biggest single revenue source is payroll taxes at \$8.8 million. It takes 90 other revenue sources to make up the remaining \$17 million we spend on police, our roads, the county jail, TANK, recreation and the dozens of services our citizens depend upon us for.

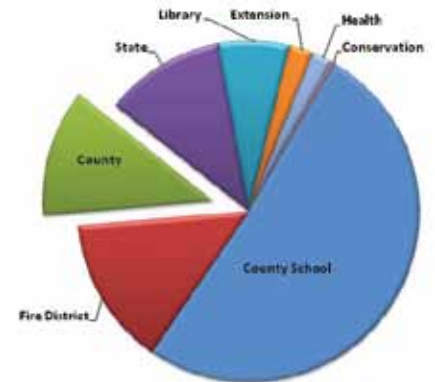
Interestingly, when tax sources are analyzed, we find businesses and their employees carry much more of the county tax burden than residents. This fact explains why economic development and the health of the business community are of great importance to our quality of life — they largely pay for it.

Finally, under Kentucky law, revenue from property taxes on existing properties can generally increase no more than 4% per year. For this reason, in years when the assessments on properties increase, the property tax rate must be rolled back by an amount that produces only 4% more revenue. In other words, as assessments go up, property tax rates must go down to compensate. It should be noted that

Taxing Entities	Rate per 1000	Tax Amount*
County School	5.47	\$547.00
Fire #5	1.50	\$150.00
County	1.28	\$128.00
State	1.22	\$122.00
Library	0.72	\$72.00
Extension	0.24	\$24.00
Health	0.21	\$21.00
Conservation	0.028	\$2.80
Total Taxes for 2010	10.668	\$1,066.80

*Taxes are calculated for a property valued at \$100,000

County Tax Bill by Proportions (In Alexandria)



4% is the average inflation rate in the U.S. over the past thirty years. Those of us old enough to remember the late 1970s will recall inflation in the double digits and many experts think we may be headed in that direction in the near future. Thus it is very important for local governments to

look beyond the current year when setting their annual tax rates.

We hope these observations about your taxes are informative. We are working to make your tax dollars go further. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Seibert, Fiscal Affairs Director at 859/547-1826.

Rain Wreaks Havoc With County Roads



Due to the intense rain and flooding we've seen, the Campbell County roadways have taken a lot of abuse. Not only is there an immense amount of debris to deal with, but there have been 25 reported road slips on county roads. These are areas where the road and the ground beneath

have fluctuated due to the immense saturation. Road slips can cause severe damage to neighboring properties, your car, or yourself. Everyday we will have crews out in our county helping to prevent these situations until they are all remedied. However, some services such as mowing, potholes and patching

have been slightly modified from their original schedule to compensate for this increased workload.

Do you know of a slip? Is one developing on our county roads? Feel free to call 859/635-9100 to report any that you might have seen. Or, email gail@campbellcountyky.org.

Campbell County Police



Officer Receives Award

Officer Mark Wilke received the Campbell County Police Department Outstanding Achievement Award for his heroic actions on February 15, 2011 when he entered a burning residence and led a woman, with 1st and 2nd degree burns, out of a residence to safety.



Graduates of the Campbell County Police Chiefs Association Citizen Police Academy

Citizen Police Academy

Thirty participants from every city in Campbell County spent 10 Wednesdays from April 20 through June 22 at the Campbell County Police Chiefs Association Citizen Police Academy learning the functions of a police department and a police officer.

Honor Guard

The Campbell County Police Honor Guard is professionally trained to serve your needs. The Honor Guard consists of eight members of the Campbell County Police Department. The Campbell County Police Honor Guard can perform many different types of drills. Most commonly, we perform Color Guard details. Another common request is for Posting of the Colors to open a ceremony or event. Other types of

services we offer include Firing Party (gun salute), Casket Watch and Casket Movement, Funeral Details, and Manual of Arms. To schedule your event or for information pertaining to the Campbell County Police Honor Guard please contact Lt. William Wilson via email at wwilson@campbellcountky.org or by phone at 859/547-3100.

Buckling Up

Buckling up is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself in a crash. Air bags are designed to work with seat belts, not replace them. Occupant protection is for everyone. Seat belt usage is a law. Campbell County has a seat belt usage rate of 85%

Speeding in School Zones

Campbell County Police will have a special emphasis on controlling speeding in school zones. Officers will be in school zones and will have zero tolerance for those caught speeding in a school zone. Campbell County Police will be very active in school zones, slowing people down. Studies have shown that two-thirds of people going through a school zone do not obey the speed limit and cannot stop in under 50 feet if traveling above 25 MPH. PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT IN SCHOOL ZONES! Campbell County Police wrote over 193 speeding citations in school zones for the school year 10/11. Due to the efforts of all Campbell County Officers no children were injured in school zones and we received numerous "thank yous" from school administrators, teachers and parents.

Campbell County Phone Directory

Fiscal Court Offices

County Judge/Executive	547-1803
County Commissioners.....	547-1803
A.J. Jolly Golf Course	635-2106
Assistance Program.....	292-3819
Emergency Management	635-1111
Fiscal Affairs.....	292-3898
Housing.....	261-5200
Human Resources.....	292-3838
Human Services.....	292-3838
Lakeside Terrace.....	441-5166
Occupational License	292-3884
Park Reservations	547-3637
A.J. Jolly Ranger Station.....	635-4423
Planning and Zoning	292-3880
Police (Non-Emergency).....	292-3622
Police (Administration).....	547-3100
Senior Center.....	572-4300
Solid Waste/Blight.....	292-3838
Transportation.....	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.....	491-5843
County Attorney: Child Support.....	431-0522
County Attorney: Criminal.....	581-8015
County Clerk:	
-Alexandria	635-2151
-Newport.....	292-3845
-Auto Registration.....	292-3850
-Titles and Tax Real Estate.....	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.....	491-7700
Property Valuation Administrator.....	292-3871

Fall 2011 Important Dates

September 5 – End of Camping Season at A.J. Jolly Park. No weekend camping after Labor Day weekend.

September 9 – Annual Queen City Cross Country Invitational hosted by Northern Kentucky University. The event will be held at A.J. Jolly Park from 7 am-3 pm.

September 10 – Paddling for Cancer sponsored by Kentucky Thorough Breast Organization and St. Elizabeth Hospital, 6 am-3 pm

September 17 – Annual Northern Kentucky Horse Network Trail Ride at A.J. Jolly Park.

September 21 – Campbell County Senior Picnic from Noon - 5 pm at Pendery Park along Route 8

September 23 – Indiana Outboard Association at A.J. Jolly Park

October 1 – ACTHA Trail Ride at A.J. Jolly Park

October 30 – A.J. Jolly Park Closes for season

November 4, 5, 6 – Campbell County Fall Clean Up at the Campbell Transportation Center (1175 Racetrack Road), Campbell County Police Station on US 27, Pendery Park on Route 8. Hours: Fri. & Sat., 8 am - 5 pm; Sun., 8 am - 4 pm.

November 5 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event at Turfway Park in Florence, 9 am - 2 pm.

November 18 – Pendery, Morscher & Beiting Sports Complexes close for the season.

Senior Picnic 2011: "Down on the Farm"

Campbell County Fiscal Court presents the 44th Annual Senior Picnic on Wednesday, September 21, Noon-5 pm. This year's theme is "Down on the Farm" and seniors 60 years and wiser are encouraged to join us at Pendery Park, Melbourne, KY. All will be treated to a day with fun-filled activities and entertain-

ment! Have your picture taken at the "Down on the Farm" theme booth, toss some bags in our corn hole tournament, or sit and play some bingo.

Music will be provided for kicking up your heels. Snacks and beverages will be provided throughout the day and a catered chicken dinner will be served at 3 pm. Come out and

enjoy what promises to be a day of good times with friends, neighbors and fellow citizens.

Tickets are available beginning August 1 for \$8 and may be purchased Monday-Friday from 9 am - 3 pm at the Campbell County Senior Center located at 3504 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights, or at the

Campbell County Administration Building located at 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY. Tickets will also be available at the gate for \$10 on the day of the picnic.



Energy Alliance Spreads the Word



The Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance is a regional non-profit supported by Campbell, Boone, Kenton and Hamilton (OH) Counties, as well as the cities of Covington, Florence, and Cincinnati. The Energy Alliance offers reduced cost energy assessments as well as financial incentives to help offset the costs of home energy improvements.

This year, the Energy Alliance will be partnering with a team of nine

from AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC). The NCCC team will be canvassing our communities in a public outreach effort, to spread the word of the services offered by the Energy Alliance, from July 18 through September 9. The Energy Alliance expects to reach an estimated 15,000 homes in the Greater Cincinnati Area, about 1,800 of which are in Campbell County.

If you would like more information about the Energy Alliance and the incentives they provide, please visit <http://www.greatercea.org> or call 513/621-4232.

We Need Your Help!

Campbell Conservancy Looking for Volunteers

Campbell Conservancy Inc., a non-profit corporation founded in 2001, is seeking like-minded enthusiastic knowledgeable individuals to serve on their Board of Directors. The Conservancy's mission is to conserve green space and preserve land that has unique or significant natural, historical or scenic value in order to enhance quality of life for future generations. Currently the Conservancy, along with other organizations, conserves properties from nine acres to over 200 acres in size in Campbell County. If you have

an interest please contact the Board at 859/635-5666 or at campbellcd@fuse.net.

The Campbell Conservancy Inc. also needs help with such areas as trail cutting, property cleanup and rehabilitation, website development, publicity, fund raising, and other duties that surround their work. If you have an interest, please contact the Conservancy for an exploratory discussion on how you can become part of this important effort to preserve land for future generations.

Solid Waste Announcements

Campbell County Fall Clean Up 2011

When: November 4, 5, 6
Fri. and Sat.: 8 am-5 pm,
Sun.: 8 am-4 pm*

Where: Pendery Park, Campbell Police Station and Transportation Center (Racetrack Road).

The Fall Clean Up is an event in Campbell County where residents have three days to bring us their trash at any one of our locations above. Typically we only accept general trash and debris at Pendery Park and the Police Station. However, at the Campbell County Transportation Center we accept many items like: tires, propane tanks, scrap metal, appliances (most things metal) and electronics. Please limit yourself to 4 - 6 tires per person. This event is the perfect excuse to finally clean out that barn or basement you've been dying to do so for years! For more information please call 859/547-1802 BEFORE the event.

*Please note that these hours have changed from previous cleanup events.

Household Hazardous Waste Event 2011

When: November 5
Sat.: 9 am-2 pm

Where: Turfway Park Parking Lot

Every fall, the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area (a cooperation of Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties) likes to host a free Household Hazardous waste Event for the citizens of all three counties. Riding off of the success we had last year, this year the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will again be at Turfway Park in Florence! The event runs from 9 am until 2 pm. Items that will be accepted include: electronics (including TVs), corrosives/flammables, waste oil, bulbs, batteries, ink/toner cartridges, anti-freeze and pesticides.

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Campbell County Fiscal Court

Innovative Solutions to Create New Opportunities
Campbell County Economic Progress Authority Develops Creative Strategies

In today's competing market of economic development and business retention/growth, we are unable to develop a strategy focused solely on one sector or industry to spur job creation. Instead, the Campbell County Economic Progress Authority (CCEPA) will look to innovative solutions to create new opportunity as well as sustain and nurture existing businesses. This community effort stretches along our County borders from the riverfront development projects in the northern area to the agritourism industry in southern Campbell County. Our unique assets, such as NKU's production of a knowledge-based workforce, make this area desirable for business success.



The ordinance allows for a 40% reduction in occupational license fees paid to the County for a term of up to 10 years. "Under the CCJDP, the County will be able to promote job development and offer an incentive for workforce expansion. Without the incentive, these jobs may have never been created. It sounds like a winning solution for Campbell County," said Judge/Executive Steve Pendery.

To qualify, the company must meet three requirements: be in the sector of manufacturing, agribusiness, or professional/technical/scientific operations, create a minimum new payroll of \$250,000, and not qualify for and receive local and state incentives under the Kentucky Business Investment program. The 10-year, 40% reduction is the maximum incentive allowable under the ordinance and the Campbell Fiscal Court has final discretion on the award amount.

To apply, please contact Adam Caswell, CCEPA President, for more details. Information on the CCJDP will also be posted on the Campbell County website at www.campbellcountky.org.

Two Health IT Companies Setting Up HQs in Newport, Creating 20 New Jobs

Two health IT companies, Korean-based Arcon Systems Inc. and Meaningful Use Technologies, are moving into a 5,000 sq. ft. shared space with plans to invest \$1 million in office upgrades.

"There is incredible opportunity in the healthcare industry and we know that Northern Kentucky - Newport, Kentucky - is strategically positioned to support the national headquarters for both companies," said Mark Morgan, chief executive officer of Meaningful Use Technologies.

Arcon Systems specializes in medical IT technology, such as hospital information systems, electronic medical records, order communication systems, and enterprise resource planning systems for hospitals of all sizes. Meaningful Use Technologies also serves the healthcare sector, specializing in enterprise IT experience and providing software specification, deployment and hosting services to hospitals.

The companies are positioning themselves to help hospitals comply with a component of the federal American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. This requires that patients' medical records be transferred to an electronic format by 2015.

Campbell County Creating Opportunity Through Jobs Development Program

The Campbell County Fiscal Court passed an ordinance creating the Campbell County Jobs Development Program (CCJDP), an incentive geared towards existing businesses and the attraction of new businesses. The CCJDP was proposed by the Campbell County Economic Progress Authority, Inc. (CCEPA).