

WHAT'S

Happening!

in Campbell County, Kentucky

Spring/Summer 2013

St. Elizabeth Healthcare joins Mayo Clinic Care Network

Mayo Clinic announced St. Elizabeth Healthcare as the newest member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. St. Elizabeth is the first health system in Kentucky, Indiana or Ohio to have passed Mayo's rigorous review process and been selected as a member of the year-old network. The Mayo Clinic Care Network extends Mayo Clinic's knowledge and expertise to physicians and providers interested in working together in the best interest of their patients.

St. Elizabeth physicians will now be able to connect with Mayo Clinic specialists on questions of patient care using an electronic consulting technique called eConsults. St. Elizabeth physicians also will have access to Mayo-vetted medical information through the AskMayoExpert database. These tools, in addition to health care consulting, were developed by Mayo Clinic to help organizations such as St. Elizabeth provide the best care and improve their systems and the health of their communities.

"We are pleased to welcome our colleagues at St. Elizabeth Healthcare into the Mayo Clinic Care Network. St. Elizabeth is well known and recognized for its patient

safety and overall quality of care," says David Hayes, M.D., Medical Director, Mayo Clinic Care Network. "Collaborating with other medical providers to provide the best possible care for patients has always been part of Mayo's culture. And through the Mayo Clinic Care Network we can work in new ways with community care organizations to enhance the lives of patients."

"We are honored to be selected as the exclusive member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network in Greater Cincinnati," says John S. Dubis, President and CEO, St. Elizabeth Healthcare. "This collaboration puts the power and expertise of Mayo Clinic in the hands of the physicians at St. Elizabeth, making it easier for patients with the most complex conditions to get the care they need, close to home."

"It can become frustrating for patients to be referred to numerous specialists when they have a complex condition or one that is hard to diagnose," says Ty Brown, M.D., a neurologist at St. Elizabeth Healthcare. "The ability to collaborate with Mayo experts on behalf of my patients will provide solutions in less time and at no added expense to the patient."



From left: John S. Dubis, President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Elizabeth Healthcare; David Hayes, M.D., Medical Director, Mayo Clinic Care Network; and Ty Brown, M.D., neurologist.

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The Mayo Clinic Care Network represents non-ownership relationships. With Mayo Clinic, members of the network share a commitment to improve the quality and delivery of health care. The primary goal of the Mayo Clinic Care Network is to help people gain the benefits of

Mayo Clinic knowledge and expertise close to home, ensuring that patients need to travel for care only when necessary. The network began in 2011 and also has member organizations in Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire and North Dakota.

St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas and Florence earn Top Performer Recognition from The Joint Commission

St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Florence have been named among the nation's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures™ by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of healthcare organizations in America. Both hospitals were recognized for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children's asthma, stroke and venous thromboembolism, as well as inpatient psychiatric services.

St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Florence are two of 620 hospitals in the U.S. earning the distinction of Top Performer on Key Quality Measures™ for attaining and sustaining excellence in the following measure sets: heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. The ratings are based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the 2011 calendar year. The list of Top Performers increased by 50 percent from its debut last year and represents 18 percent of more than 3,400 eligible accredited hospitals reporting data.

"When we raise the bar and provide the proper guidance and tools, hospitals have responded with excellent results," says Mark Chasin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P, M.P.H., President of The Joint Commission. "This capacity for continual improvement points toward a future in which quality and safety defects are dramatically reduced and high reliability is sought and achieved with regularity."

"Our associates and physicians are at the forefront of our success. They are the reason why we have such a strong reputation for service and patient care," says Tom Saalfeld, Senior Vice President and Chief

Operating Officer at St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas. "We are especially proud to be named to the list of The Joint Commission's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures."

In addition to being included in The Joint Commission's "Improving America's Hospital's" annual report, St. Elizabeth Florence and St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas are recognized on The Joint Commission's Quality Check website (www.quality-check.org).

Historic cancer research effort conducted through American Cancer Society and St. Elizabeth Healthcare

St. Elizabeth is partnering with the American Cancer Society to provide a historic study to the region that has the potential to change the face of cancer for future generations. The study is the American Cancer Society's Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3), which will be conducted through St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Ft. Thomas, Florence and Edgewood during April 17-19.

Information on this study can be shared with any interested and eligible person. Those eligible are men and women, ages 30-65, who have not had a prior cancer diagnosis (exceptions are basal and squamous cell skin cancers), and who are willing to be part of a 20-30 year study. The study also involves a baseline and follow-up surveys, a waist measurement and

small blood draw at the time of enrollment in April.

Previous Cancer Prevention Studies (CPS-I, CPS-II) have played a major role in understanding cancer prevention and risk. Those studies confirmed the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, demonstrated the link between larger waist size and increased death rates from cancer and other causes, and showed the considerable impact of air pollution on heart and lung conditions. CPS-3 will help researchers better understand the lifestyle, environmental, and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer.

Those interested in helping promote the CPS-3 enrollment are also invited to attend an informational meeting, February 27, at 8 am at

St. Elizabeth Healthcare Edgewood's Cancer Care Unit. There, individuals will receive additional information and resources to educate and recruit participants in their communities. The study in Ft. Thomas will be held in the Cancer Treatment Center on April 17 from 4 - 7:30 pm.

To schedule an enrollment date, time and location, go to

www.cps3noky.org. For more information or to learn how to become involved with CPS-3, visit cancer.org/cps3, or call toll-free 1-888-604-5888 or Lisa Meier, health initiatives representative for the American Cancer Society, at 859/372-7886.



St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas unveils new look for emergency room

St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas unveiled its newly renovated emergency department waiting area and parking lot in December 2012. The renovations complete an ongoing plan designed to improve the overall convenience and appearance of the hospital.

The renovations include a reorganization of the emergency room entrance and waiting area, a new triage area, protocol room and consultation room, and a redesigned parking and patient drop-off area.

“Patients will now be able to walk through the emergency room entrance and immediately go to the registration desk,” says Ashel Kruetzkamp, ED Manager. “Before, patients had to come down a hallway and then go through the waiting area to reach registration. We don’t want to delay anyone being seen. Registration is now right inside the door to provide a quick registration process. The new triage area also



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allows the triage nurse to have a clear view of the waiting room and ER entrance.”

The renovation features an expanded seating area with two separate places for patients and families to sit. The new protocol room allows for testing and blood work, which helps staff begin treatment sooner. The new

consultation room gives doctors and nurses a place to talk to family members.

The new parking area was designed with safety in mind. “We worked with staff and EMS squads about how the area needed to be laid out for accessibility and safety,” says Kruetzkamp. “So far the feedback we have received from people is

overwhelmingly positive and appreciative.”

The emergency department, which treats approximately 38,000 people a year has 22 beds. Six fast-track beds are used for cases that can be treated easily such as broken bones and stitches, and 16 acute care beds for serious conditions such as chest pains.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare

St. Elizabeth Covington

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Covington, KY 41011
859/655-8800

St. Elizabeth Edgewood

1 Medical Village Dr.
Edgewood, KY 41017
859/301-2000

St. Elizabeth Falmouth

512 South Maple Ave.
Falmouth, KY 41040
859/572-3500

St. Elizabeth Florence

4900 Houston Rd.
Florence, KY 41042
859/212-5200

St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas

85 North Grand Ave.
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075
859/572-3100

St. Elizabeth Grant

238 Barnes Rd.
Williamstown, KY 41097
859/824-8240



Emergency Management offers safety education

There's no question that 2012 has had its fair share of emergencies throughout the country. Here in Campbell County, we are not as immune to these disasters as we like to believe. That is why our County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has taken upon itself to offer

training classes oriented to our public safety officials which deal with a wide variety of topics. These classes range widely in scope but most seem to circulate around incident coordination. A couple of examples include, but are not limited to: Crisis Management for Schools, Food Emergencies, Social

Media in the Context of Disaster Recovery and Pipeline Security.

"It's something we can do and I think it benefits not only our Campbell County community, but the entire region," OEM Director Bill Turner said. "I really like that we have safety officials coming from

other states just to be a part of these classes. We're making a difference." Although most classes are not available for the general public, occasionally one comes around. Please visit www.campbellcountyky.org and click Public Safety -> Emergency Management for more information.

CAMPBELL COUNTY POLICE UPDATES

Motorcycle safety

Spring and summer bring motorcycles onto our roadways. Motorcycles are vehicles with the same rights and privileges as any motor vehicle on the roadway. All motorists are reminded to safely "share the road" and to be on the alert to help keep motorcyclists safe. Motorcyclists are reminded to make themselves visible to other motorists while obeying all traffic laws.

Personnel



Patrolman William Bertke

Patrolman **William Bertke** retired on September 1, after 20 years of service with the Police Department. Campbell County Police hired three

new officers — **Kyle Gray** (graduated from 18 weeks of Police Basic Training on February 1, 2013), **Jason Hartzler**, (Lateral Entry with three

years of experience) and **Jonathan Gemmell**, (currently attending the 18 weeks of Police Basic Training).

Departmental awards

- **Donald Dornheggen** was awarded the Impaired Driving Detection and Apprehension Award with 18 arrests.
- **Geoffrey Lucas** was awarded the Safety Belt and Child Passenger Safety Restraint Enforcement Award with 103 citations.
- **Mary Hart** was awarded the

Speed Detection and Apprehension Award with 479 citations.

- **Joshua Johnson** was awarded the Patrol Related Drug Violation Award with 18 arrests.

Annual Report

Chief Hill is proud to share with you the accomplishments of the Campbell County Police Department included in the 2012 ANNUAL REPORT. (available at: www.campbellcountyky.org/home/services/public-safety/police.html).

Campbell County Fiscal Court



2013 Fiscal Court

Left to right:
Commissioner Kenneth L. Rehtin,
Commissioner Pete Garrett,
Judge/Executive Steve Pendery,
and Commissioner Brian Painter

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 4 – A.J. Jolly, Morscher and Pendery Parks open.

March 23 – Weather Spotter Class held by the County Office of Emergency Management. Visit www.campbellcountyky.org for more information.

April 12, 13, 14 – Campbell County Spring Cleanup. Visit www.campbellcountyky.org and click "Solid Waste" for more information.

April 20 – Campbell County Shred Day at the DAV. Visit www.campbellcountyky.org and Click "Solid Waste" for more information.

April 21 – Players for the Planet Electronics Recycling Event.

May 3 – Weekend camping opens at A.J. Jolly Park.

May 31 – 24/7 Camping open at A.J. Jolly Park.

July 27, 2013 – Campbell County Back Road Farm Tour.

August 17 – A.J. Jolly Park's 50th Anniversary celebration at A.J. Jolly Park.

September 2 – End of 24/7 camping at A.J. Jolly Park. Weekend camping still open.

September 7 – Dragon Boat Races at A.J. Jolly Park.

September 21 – Northern Kentucky Horse Network Trail Ride at A.J. Jolly Park.

October 25 – End of camping at A.J. Jolly Park.

November 30 – All parks close.

Solid Waste events for spring 2013

Spring Clean Up

When: April 12, 13, 14

Where:

- Penderly Park along Route 8 near Melbourne, KY
- Campbell Police Station at 8774 Constable Drive, Alexandria
- Campbell Transportation Center at 1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria

Time: F & S - 8 am to 5 pm

Sun - 8 am to 4 pm

The Spring Clean Up is a free trash collection event held twice a year for all Campbell County residents. It will take place at three locations across Campbell County. All locations will accept general trash and debris. However, only the Transportation Center will accept scrap metal, car batteries, appliances, electronics and tires (4-6) and propane tanks. For large items, please call in advance to 859/547-1802 (before the event) so arrangements can be made to accommodate you. Electronics recycling at Racetrack Road will not include TV's, however, they will be accepted for normal disposal. For an emergency on the day

of, please contact 859/663-8322. In addition, loads of tires over the limit must be called in advance. No paint (nor any liquid) will be accepted at the Campbell County Clean Up.

Shred Day

When: April 20

Where: Disabled American Veterans Headquarters (DAV), 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY

Time: Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm

The Campbell County Shred Day is a relatively new program in Campbell County's history. Sponsored by Campbell County Solid Waste, the DAV and the Campbell County Public Library, Shred Day is an opportunity for all Campbell County citizens to rid themselves of the private documents they've been too afraid of throwing out. On the day of, we will have two mobile shredding trucks supplied by Document Destruction to shred all your documents on site in a secure environment. If that isn't enough, you can even watch your documents be shredded before your very eyes! This

event only happens once a year, so be sure to mark your calendars!

Players for the Planet E-Scrap Event

When: April 21

Where: Newport Pavilion

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Campbell County Solid Waste is proud to be a part of a region-wide recycling effort called Players for the Planet. Each year, Players for the Planet hold a three-day electronics recycling event in the Cincinnati region. Part of the success of this program stems from the fact that each day of this three-day event is held at a different location. This year, on April 21, the Players for the Planet will be at the Newport Pavilion from 10 am until 3 pm. This event is free to all citizens in the region, however, donations will be accepted. You can expect the staff to be giving away up to 100 pairs of Reds tickets to the first 100 people. Please visit www.playersfortheplanet.com for more information on the event.

Trash for Cash

Are you part of a non-profit, community or school group that would like to raise some funding this year? The Trash for Cash program may be what you're looking for! Now in its 4th year, the Trash for Cash Program is a fund-raising opportunity to raise a maximum of \$1,000 per year by cleaning up Campbell County's vast stretches of roadsides. Once applications are processed, a date is set for your group's cleanup. Each member of your group receives bags, high visibility vest, gloves and litter grabbers (upon request). After the cleanup and post inspection, you receive compensation based on your total mileage cleaned up. Applications will be accepted starting in April. Please visit www.campbellcountkyky.org and click "Solid Waste" for more detailed instructions on the Trash for Cash program. **Please note that different groups who happen to share the same W9 are only eligible for three cleanups a year.**

Senior Center

Check out what's happening at the Campbell County Senior Center! Each month more than 20 different activities are offered, providing a wide variety of opportunities to get involved.

- Join us for a game of Euchre or Pinochle. New players welcome.
- Stretch, strengthen, and improve balance with our Tai Chi and Yoga classes.
- Join instructor Ginny Howard for our new W.O.W. exercise class that combines cardio, strength, flexibility, and bal-

ance training for a great whole body workout. Classes begin February 13.

Additional programs at the Center include line dancing, craft classes, monthly movies, BINGO, chair volleyball, Wii Bowling Leagues, bus trips, and the Diabetes Support Group. For more information call the Center at 572-4300 or visit www.campbellcountkyky.org. The Center is open 8:30 am to 3 pm, M-F. Members must be 60+ years of age.

Campbell Co. Conservancy

The Campbell Conservancy is pleased to announce the opening of a newly completed hiking trail located at the Northern Kentucky Mitigation Bank (NKMB). In the fall of 2012 the 2.5 mile hiking trail was developed as an Eagle Scout project by Michael McGinnis, a scout with Troop 70 in Ft. Thomas, KY. The trail is a mostly level, wooded loop that surrounds seasonal wetlands. Despite being under a conservation easement, the NKMB is on private property. The owners only open it to the public at selected times through the year. To maximize the opportunity, the

Campbell Conservancy invites you to join them on their next hike on the property. The event will be family friendly for all those over the age of 11. The hike, weather permitting, is scheduled for April 6 at 9 am and 1 pm. For additional information on the Conservancy or to get info on the hike and make an RSVP, please contact 859/636-9587 or email the Conservancy at Info@campbellconservancy.org. Reservations are required. Information on the hike is posted on the Conservancy website at www.campbellconservancy.org.

The Department of Housing's waiting list is open!

As a reminder, please be aware that the Campbell County Department of Housing's waiting list opened on January 2, 2013. The Department of Housing provides Section 8 Rental Assistance to eligible families in Campbell and Pendleton Counties (with exception of the city of Newport). Families whose sole adult household member is over the age of 62, or that have a disabled

household member, qualify for a preference on the waiting list, and all applicants are placed on the list based on date and time of application. Applications for Section 8 Rental Assistance can be submitted online at www.campbellcountyky.org (County Services -> Assistance Services-> Section 8 Housing). The Department of Housing is located at

1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY 41071, room 235.

If you are a property owner who would like more information about Campbell County Department of Housing's Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, please contact our office at 859/261-5200 to obtain a Landlord Information Packet.

Campbell County Department of Housing will make every reasonable

accommodation to assist qualified disabled persons in accessing available services. If there is a need for the Housing Authority to be aware of a specific requirement you are encouraged to contact the agency at 859/261-5200 or TDD/TTY 1-800/545-1833, Ext. 947 so suitable arrangements can be considered for the delivery of service.

New nationwide text message alert system in place

Have you recently had your cell phone make some curious sounds and found an emergency text message on the phone's screen? In just the last couple months America's wireless industry has rolled out a new nationwide text emergency alert system, called Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), which will warn you when weather threatens.

The text alert service is free and automatic — there's no need to sign up or download an app. As long as your cell phone is WEA-capable, you'll get wireless alerts for the most dangerous types of

weather from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) no matter where you are, just as soon as the new service is available in your area.

NOAA's NWS will broadcast warnings for weather emergencies that are most dangerous to life and property: tornadoes, flash floods, hurricanes, extreme wind, blizzards and ice storms, tsunamis, and dust storms. AMBER Alerts and Presidential Alerts during a national emergency will also be delivered through the WEA system. If you have a WEA-capable phone,

you'll receive alerts unless you opt out. (You cannot opt out of Presidential Alerts, however.)

The WEA system is "location-based," which means that you only receive alerts relevant to your physical location. So if you travel to another city, you'll receive alerts for where you are, not back home. For example, if a person with a WEA-capable phone from New Jersey happens to be in Southern California during and after an earthquake, he or she will receive an "Imminent Threat Alert" on their device from nearby cell towers. Those towers will broadcast the message much

like an AM/FM radio station, and cell phones within range will immediately pick up the signal — provided they are WEA-capable.

When your phone receives a message, it will alert you with a unique ring tone and vibration. The message will look like a text, but it's not a traditional text message most people are used to. This text message will automatically pop up on your cell phone's screen; so you won't have to open it up to read it.

Visit www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/wea.html for more information.

Looking forward to golf!

The A.J. Jolly Golf Course and staff are looking forward to the re-opening of regular play this spring. Although a date has yet to be determined, all 18 greens will be open for play.

Late last August, the County began re-grassing of all 18 greens. To help ensure a timely turnaround, the staff enlisted the help of a certified United States Golf

Association's (USGA) Agronomist. With this great resource helping out, new techniques have been implemented and the success can already be measured! However, weather will have much to do with spring green-up growth.

Please visit www.ajjollygolf.com for more details on the Course opening date and for the 2013 rates.

Historical Society

Rededication of Mary Boone Bryant Memorial

The Campbell County Historical & Genealogical Society is pleased to announce that on Saturday, April 20, at 1 pm, a rededication ceremony will be held for the Grant's Lick Salt marker located at US 27 and KY 1936. Additionally, a dedication ceremony will be held at the same time to dedicate a new historical marker honoring Mary Boone Bryant, the sister of

Daniel Boone. The general public is welcome to attend. Members of the Boone Society, an organization of descendants, genealogists and historians from across the country who share an interest in preserving our American pioneer history, will be in attendance.

Contact Information:

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Email: campbellhgs@gmail.com

The changing of faces

Just like every workplace, people come and go. Recently, the County has had several personnel changes to our team. Because of this, we would like to take a moment to acknowledge the accomplishments of those departing and those coming on board.

Departing faces



Jim Seibert-
In February we said good-bye to Jim as he entered retirement. A lifelong resident of Campbell County, Jim

worked at TANK as an Accounting Supervisor and then as an assistant manager with First Transit. Later in 2003, he joined the County as Fiscal Affairs Director until July 2012 when he became the Finance Director in the Sheriff's Department.



Richard Lucas-

On February 1, the Fiscal Court lost an integral member of our finance team. Richard Lucas

worked with the County for 20+ years before accepting the position of Finance Director at the Sheriff's Office. Previously he worked in finance for the Pepsi Cola Corporation. We wish Richard the best!



Ken Schultz-
Ken worked with the County for over 16 years as our Roads Supervisor, and retired on February 1 of

this year. Also a lifelong resident of Campbell County, Ken successfully

orchestrated many of the County's transportation goals throughout his career. With his time off he plans to spend more time with his family and 13 grandchildren, gardening and making wine. Thank you, Ken, for all your years of dedication to the roadways of Campbell County!

New faces



Matt Elberfeld-

As of December 3, the Campbell County Fiscal Court appointed Matt as the new Finance

Director. Matt is a resident of Dayton, KY and is a Certified Public Accountant. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Kentucky, and a Masters in Accounting from Ohio State University. In addition, he completed

training at the Government Finance Officers Association Accounting Academy. He currently serves on the Campbell County Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors.



Luke Mantle-

Luke has been hired as Campbell County's new Roads Supervisor and is a resident

of Fort Thomas. Previously, Luke worked as the Director of Public Works in Pierce Township, OH. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado with a B.A. in Physical Geography. While there he worked in a variety of public works positions for 10 years before moving to Campbell County in 2010. It is safe to say that he certainly knows a lot about snow removal!

Pack the Park/50th anniversary event

A.J. Jolly Park is marking its 50th anniversary this year! In honor of that, the Jolly Park Community Development Council (CDC) is hosting a Jolly Park 50th Anniversary Celebration on August 17. This celebration is a perfect opportunity for the whole family to enjoy the true beauty of the park and the many enjoyable recreational activities that will be available. As part of the celebration, the CDC plans to have a "Pack the Park" weekend that will include a wine festival, featuring several of our own local wineries, along with an all-day music festival, complimented with activities on the water featuring Thaxton's Canoe, Kentucky Fish and

Wildlife, and the Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers AND on land, featuring the Northern Kentucky Horse Network, EarthJoy and the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service. It will be a perfect day to spend at the park. As a follow-up from the community surveys, forthcoming open house meetings, and work by the Council, the Jolly Park CDC will also be unveiling their suggested Master Development Plan for the park and golf course. It will be an event you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars now and celebrate with us on August 17! For more details, follow us on Facebook (Jolly Park CDC) or contact us at jollyparkcdc@gmail.com. See you there!

Don't miss the A.J. Jolly Park 50th Anniversary Celebration August 17!



Kenton County Airport Board

The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport covers more than 11 square miles and resembles a city with its own police and fire departments, utilities, communication networks and road system.

The Kenton County Airport Board functions as a board of directors to set the policies by which this "Airport City" operates. The Board is, in effect, the landlord and governing body of the airport — ensuring that CVG remains a first-class facility for the traveling public and an economic catalyst for the entire region.

Throughout its history the board has included some of Greater Cincinnati's most prominent civic and business leaders — able to bring the knowledge and expertise needed to

oversee a facility of this complexity.

Although many changes have occurred in the makeup and structure of the board over the years, the goals and purpose set by the original board have remained the same . . . the safe, efficient and economical operation of the airport.

The board accomplishes these goals without the use of local tax dollars. The airport is self-supporting and generates revenues from users to fund operating expenses and debt service.

The original seven-member board has been expanded to give Ohio and surrounding counties a greater voice in the operation of the airport. A 1964 executive order from the governor of Kentucky states: "Whereas, the airport serves the

entire Cincinnati metropolitan area . . . it is deemed advisable that the Kenton County Airport Board receive the counsel and advice of representative citizens of the Cincinnati metropolitan area."

Today's board represents a broad spectrum of the community on both sides of the Ohio River, with all members playing an integral role in overseeing airport operations.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

- **Chairman** — James Huff, Chairman Emeritus, Huff Realty
- **Vice Chair** — Larry Savage, Regional CEO, Humana Inc.
- Dorothy H. Air, Associate Senior Vice President, Entrepreneurial Affairs, University of Cincinnati
- Jeffrey E. Arnold, President, Med Care Pharmacy
- Mark G. Arnzen, Principal, Arnzen, Molloy & Storm
- James A. Berger, Executive Vice President, Chas. Bilz Insurance Co.
- Kevin W. Canafax, Vice President of Public Affairs-Midwest Region, Fidelity Investments
- Kathy Collins, Vice President Private Banking, Fifth Third Bank
- Melanie L. Healey, Group President—North America and Global Hyper-Super-Mass Channel, Procter & Gamble
- Franklin S. Kling Jr., CEO & Chairman, FK Holdings Inc.
- Timothy S. Mauntel, Retired Senior Vice President, Morgan Stanley
- James A. Miceli, Retired Air Traffic Controller, Federal Aviation Administration
- Joseph E. Michels, Vice President, Paul Michels & Sons Inc.
- O'dell M. Owens, M.D., M.P.H., President, Cincinnati State Technical & Community College
- Nathaniel G. Smith, Partner, SSK Communities
- Paul Verst, President & CEO, Verst Group Logistics
- Robert Zapp, President, Bank of Kentucky
- **Kenton County Judge/Executive** — Steve Arlinghaus

Campbell County Property Valuation Administrator

Happy New Year from the Campbell County PVA

Property reassessed

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 Melbourne, Mentor, Silver Grove and the unincorporated county for the 2013 tax year. If there is a change in a property's assessment, 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 6, and continues until Monday, May 20. 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, 2013, 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 has gone up for the 2013-2014 tax years to \$36,000.

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



Daniel Braun Property Valuation Administrator

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

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

4-H Camp 2013

When: July 22-26

Where: North Central 4-H Camp, Carlisle, KY

Cost: \$170

Activities:

Nature, Swimming, Waterslide, Zipline, Canoeing, Recreation, Archery, Challenge Course and MORE!



Shape Up and Go Green

Personal health and the environment are important issues to all Campbell County residents. Kentucky is currently ranked 6th in the nation for obesity and physical inactivity (Trust for America's Health and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2011). In order to promote physical activity and environmental awareness, the Campbell County Extension Agents for Natural Resource & Environmental Management and Family & Consumer Sciences (DJ. Scully and Kate Vaught) collaborated to provide a 6-week program called Shape Up and Go Green. The program took place at the Campbell

County Environmental Education Center. Weekly, individuals learned about environmental topics like energy conservation, green cleaning, reducing, reusing, and recycling and also health topics such as nutrition, portion distortion, and the importance of exercise. Participants walked at the weekly meetings and elsewhere through the length of the program. Pedometers were provided to track miles walked. 26 people walked a total of 3,716 miles. End of the program evaluations indicated that 58% lost weight, 85% are eating healthier foods, 85% are watching their food portions more, and 70%

reported being more physically active. When asked how this program had changed their environmental awareness, one participant said, "Recycling is becoming automatic. I haven't purchased manufactured cleaning products in two years; make my own. I have tried to influence others to recycle, cook differently, buy local, reduce, reuse, and recycle."

Shape Up and Go Green will be offered again on Mondays from April 8-May 13, 10-11:30 am at the Environmental Education Center. Please call 859/572-2600 for more information.

Teens On Wheels

The process of learning how to drive is an exciting time for teens and if you are a parent you know that this is a very scary time. The Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service is helping families ease into this stage of life for teens and their parents with a program called Teens On Wheels (TOW). TOW is an overall driver's safety program for teens (ages 16-19 years of age) and their parents or guardians. The Family & Consumer Sciences

program area of the Extension Service has been conducting TOWs since 2003 for 75 teens to each September's program. More than 30 community partners collaborate with the Extension Service, including: the Highland Heights Police Department, Central Campbell Fire Department, Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition, Kentucky Office of Highway Safety, University of Cincinnati Air Care, Cold Spring Police Department, Campbell

County Judge Karen Thomas, Attorneys Steve Franzen and Jim Daley, State Farm Insurance, American Automobile Association, Lions and Rotary Clubs and many more.

To register for this year's program, phone the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service at 859/572-2600.

TOW with participants at the UC Air Care helicopter



Lakeside Commons Educational Gardens



Completed in spring 2001, the Lakeside Commons Educational Gardens have proven to be an oasis on the busy corner of Alexandria Pike and Martha Layne Collins Boulevard. The original goal of the gardens was to teach the public about gardening through plant labeling, hands-on classes, and plant trials. But it has become so much more. A spring and summertime haven in which to rest

and reflect, a beautiful, flowering retreat from the hustle and bustle of city life and a safe shelter for wildlife.

True to its original purpose, the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Horticulture Department uses the gardens for adult and children's classes (17 in 2012), horticulture therapy groups (26 in 2012) and plant trials (3 in 2012).

A dedicated group of volunteers

meets weekly on Fridays (April-October) to plant, weed, water and nurture the 13 display beds and 26 vegetable plots.

The Lakeside Commons Educational Gardens are open to the public daily, sunrise to sunset. Horticulture staff is available Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4 pm to answer any gardening-related questions you may have.

Environmental Education Center Open



Make plans to visit the Environmental Education Center and view educational displays or take a nature walk.
 Wednesday - Sunday, April 1- September 30, 11:30 am - 8 pm;
 October 1 - March 31, 8:30 am - 5 pm.
 The EEC is located on A.J. Jolly County Park property with access via Race Track Road entrance.

Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service



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The following is a partial list of Campbell County Extension programs.

Pre-registration required for many programs.

Family & Consumer Sciences Programs



First Thursday of every month, 10 am - 11 am. Flower Buds- Flower Buds is a pre-registered class that meets monthly for a garden-themed story time, tours of educational gardens, a short theme related session for the caregiver, a fun, engaging activity for the child and caregiver to make together, and a light snack.

March 13, 9 am Building the Family Connection- Learn tips to strengthen your family connection while creating an interlocking puzzle of your family.

Natural Resources and Environmental Education

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

March 2, 10 am. Day Hike EEC

March 3, 2 pm. Nesting Wreath EEC

March 9, 2 pm. Build a Bird House EEC

March 10, 3 pm. Day Hike EEC

March 14, 7:50 am. Public Workers' Tree Seminar (General Public Welcome) Kenton Co. Extension Office.

March 16, 10 am. Nesting Wreath EEC

March 17, 3 pm. Build a Birdhouse EEC

March 23, 2 pm. Day Hike EEC

March 24, 2 pm. Build a Bat House EEC

April 6, 1:30 pm. Scavenger Hunt EEC

April 7, 5 pm. All about Deer EEC

Mondays, April 8-May 13, 10 am. Shape Up, Go Green- This walking program focuses on physical fitness and environmental awareness. EEC

Horticulture Programs

Visit the Campbell County Farmers' Market!

See Our Website for Details:
<http://campbell.ca.uky.edu/>

March 5, 10 am. Seed Starting for Beginners
 Come enjoy a fun hands-on class where you'll learn how to start flower and vegetable seeds at home. Space is limited! Registration Required!

March 27, 6 pm. Perennials for the Landscape- Perennials add beauty to the landscape year after year. Learn how to select and maintain perennials that create year-long interest in your landscape.

Agriculture Programs



Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 6:30 pm. Northern Kentucky Horse College (series)- Program Topics/Evening Sessions: Nutrition, Horse Health, Facilities and Tack and Equipment. EEC

March 20, 9 am-3pm. Pond Management Workshop- Program topics will include: aquatic weed ID and control, role of aeration in ponds, managing tips for maintaining water quality and fish production. EEC

4-H Programs



March 1-3. Kentucky Beef Expo Louisville

March 9. KY 4-H Achievement Program, Good Interviews Lexington

March 12. County Talk Meet Finals St. Mary School

ng/Summer 2013 Calendar of Programs and Events

ist of upcoming programs of the Campbell County Extension Service. Unless indicated, all programs will be held at the 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).

quired 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.)

March 19, 6 pm. Kentucky Vacations In Our Own Backyard- Learn about the more than 50 Kentucky state parks, including historic sites and recreation areas.

March 26, 6 pm. Simply Vegetarian- What is vegetarianism? Who are vegetarians? Why are people vegetarians? What are the health concerns? What are the health benefits? These questions and more will be addressed during the class.

Mondays, April 8-May 13, 10 am. Shape Up, Go Green- This walking program focuses on physical fitness and environmental awareness. *EEC*

May 16, 6 pm. Menopause- Are you experiencing the signs of menopause? Do you know the symptoms? Do you feel as though you are going crazy at times? Do you feel like anyone is listening to you? Come learn from a medical professional about peri-menopause and menopause.

June 4, 6 pm. Glamping - "Glamour + Camping" = "Glamping"- Glamping is a type of camping focusing on more luxurious accommodations. Come have fun in this class learning about how to get away and have fun either with family or friends using more comfortable resources and facilities. Join in on the fun as we step up the camping experience by joining together the rugged and the pretty.

September 5, 5 pm. Teens On Wheels- See article for more information.

April 13, 5 pm. Build a Bat House *EEC*

April 20, 2 pm. Reforest Fort Thomas
Rossford Park

April 20, 6:30 pm. All about Deer *EEC*

April 21, 5 pm. Scavenger Hunt *EEC*

April 27, 5 pm. Scavenger Hunt *EEC*

April 28, 1:30 pm. All about Deer *EEC*

May 4, 4:30 pm. Snake I.D. *EEC*

May 5, 12:30 pm. Day Hike *EEC*

May 11, 1:30 pm. Birding *EEC*

May 12, 5 pm. Crafts *EEC*

May 18, 12:30 pm. Snake I.D. *EEC*

May 19, 4:30 pm. Birding *EEC*

May 25, 4:30 pm. Crafts *EEC*

May 26, 1:30 pm. Day Hike *EEC*

June 1, 4:30 pm. Aquatic Ecology *EEC*

June 2, 5 pm. All about Beaver *EEC*

June 8, 8:30 pm. Night Hike *EEC*

June 9, 1:30 pm. Tree I.D. *EEC*

June 15, 10 am. River Sweep *Pendery Park*

June 15, 1:30 pm. All about Beaver *EEC*

June 16, 1:30 pm. Aquatic Ecology *EEC*

June 22, 8:30 pm. Night Hike *EEC*

June 23, 4:30 pm. All about Beaver *EEC*

June 29, 4 pm. Tree I.D. *EEC*

July 6, 4:30 pm. Build a Bird House *EEC*

July 7, 4 pm. Wildflower I.D. *EEC*

July 13, 1:30 pm. All about Deer *EEC*

July 14, 1:30 pm. Wildflower I.D. *EEC*

July 20, 4 pm. Wildflower I.D. *EEC*

July 21, 5 pm. Mammals of Campbell County
KY EEC

July 27, 1:30 pm. Wildflower I.D. *EEC*

July 28, 5 pm. All about Deer *EEC*

August 3, 8:30 pm. Night Hike *EEC*

August 4, 4:30 pm. All about Squirrels *EEC*

August 10, 5 pm. Day Hike *EEC*

August 11, 1:30 pm. Birding *EEC*

August 17, 1:30 pm. Build a Birdhouse *EEC*

August 17, 8:30 pm. Night Hike *EEC*

August 18, 1:30 pm. Day Hike *EEC*

August 24, 1:30 pm. Birding *EEC*

August 25, 4:30 pm. Birding *EEC*

August 31, 4 pm. All about Squirrels *EEC*

May 22, 6 pm. Container Gardening- Is your garden space limited? You can still create beautiful flower displays using containers. Learn how to grow and maintain plants that are suited for growing in containers.

May 29, 6 pm. Made in the Shade: Selecting Plants for Shady Site- Turn that shady site into a beautiful garden. Learn about trees, shrubs and flowers with vibrant colors and appealing textures that will bring interest to your landscape. Weather permitting we will tour our shade garden. Dress accordingly.

Thursdays, June 6-July 25 (excluding July 4), 10 am. Kids Garden Club (Ages: 9-12 years)- Does your child have an interest in gardening? The Kids Garden Club will have a variety of education topics and fun garden activities. DRESS FOR A MESS! For a portion of our meeting, we will be doing hands-on work in our display gardens. *Registrations begin April 22.*

July 9, 11:45 am. Brownbag Series – Vertical Gardening- Limited on gardening space? Come see examples of ways to grow UP!!

July 16, 11:45 am. Brownbag Series – Rock/Alpine Gardening- We will discuss and tour the newest garden area in the Lakeside Commons Educational Gardens.

July 23, 11:45 am. Brownbag Series – Using Annuals in a Perennial Bed- Discussion about the most prolific blooming annuals to add color to your perennial borders.

July 30, 11:45 am. Brownbag Series – Lunch from the Garden- We will supply lunch today – fresh from our gardens! Recipes will be included.

April 4, 6:30 pm. Buying Locally Produced Foods- Learn about local farmers' markets and direct marketing of farm products such as fruits, vegetables, eggs, beef, pork, wine, breads, honey, jams and jellies

April 16, 6:30 pm. Backyard Poultry Production- Learn what it takes to establish a small poultry flock (chickens) for egg production on your farm or back yard. We'll cover breeds, brooding, feeding, health care, facilities and much more. *EEC*

July 27, 9 am - 5 pm. Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour- Participants will have the opportunity to visit beef, horse, horticulture, vineyard and grain farms and learn about farm life and how your food is produced. Farm fresh products such as fruits, vegetables, honey, wine, breads, meat and jams and jellies will be for sale as a part of the farm tours.

March 27. Kentucky Equine Festival *KY Horse Park, Lexington*

May 3. 4-H Market Hog, Lamb and Goat Weigh-in/Tag Day *Falmouth*

May 25. NK District 4-H/FFA Beef Show
Alexandria Fairgrounds

May 31-June 2. District 4-H Horse Show *Frankfort*

June 9-14. Campbell County Saddle Up 4-H Horse Camp *Alexandria Fairgrounds*

June 10-13. 4-H Teen Conference *Lexington*

July 6-13. State 4-H Horse Show *Louisville*

July 22-26. 4-H Resident Camp *North Central 4-H Camp, Carlisle*

August 15-25. Kentucky State Fair *Louisville*

August 29-Sept. 2. Alexandria Fair and Horse Show, *Alexandria Fairgrounds*

Campbell County Extension Outstanding Volunteers

The Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service annually recognizes individuals who help make a difference for its programs and who contribute to making our county a better place to live and work.

David and Tina Boschert are the Outstanding Extension Volunteers for 4-H. They have been 4-H volunteers for nine years. Both started volunteering for 4-H when their daughter, Sadie, joined 4-H and started attending 4-H Horse Camp. David and Tina have been married for 27 years and have three children: Sadie, Owen and Simon. The whole family has been involved in 4-H.

David and Tina are active volunteers for the Saddle Up 4-H Club, fund-raising committees, horse shows and horse camp. Both have helped with 4-H project nights and the Kindred Hearts 4-H Club. Tina is a member of the Campbell County 4-H Council and serves as secretary. In 2012 she served as chairman for the miniature division at the District and State 4-H Horse Shows. David serves as an announcer at 4-H horse shows, helps with the Sharp Shooters 4-H Club and serves as chairman of our 4-H Safety Night and Bicycle Safety Rodeo.

The Outstanding Extension Volunteer for Family and Consumer Sciences is **Juanita Mitchell** of Cold Spring. Juanita has been part of the Campbell County Extension Homemakers since 2008. She was asked two years ago to serve as county president and she has done a remarkable job. As president, she has successfully led the homemakers with their annual meeting, holiday show, and kickoff. With her talented and artistic skills, she created and organized a nature ornament class. Always conscious of the community, Juanita led the homemakers in sending cards, mak-



(left to right, front to back): Jim Krift, Jack Scott, Judy Ihrig, Chris Geiman, Donna Mader, Josh Kuebbing, Juanita Mitchell, Tina and Dave Boschert, Joe Bergman

ing dolls, and collecting food items for military members and their families. She has also served as president of Licking Valley Quilters and Women's Club. She is very active in her church, Highland Avenue Baptist Tabernacle. In her spare time, she is an avid quilter and loves spending time with her two children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Josh Kuebbing is the 2012 Outstanding Extension Volunteer for Natural Resources and Environmental Management. Josh is a local Eagle Scout that organized projects to eradicate non-native, invasive plants, install native trees, and monitor the ecosystem for changes. This project took place on three acres at the Campbell County Environmental Education Center. He recruited hundreds of volunteers that contributed thousands of dollars of volunteer service. Josh earned William T. Hornaday Awards for these projects. These U.S. Scout Service Project awards are for distinguished service in natural resources conservation.

The **Campbell County Extension District Board** is the 2012 Outstanding Extension Volunteer for Community and Economic

Development. Members **Kathy Jones, Chris Geiman, Judy Ihrig, Jack Scott, Don Girton, Jim Krift, Steve Pendery, Chris Sapp, and Nick Blankenship (deceased)** received this award for their efforts in long-range planning for the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service. The board involved the public throughout the project. Goals were set to increase facility space to add staff that would expand and develop new educational programs and services. The Extension office will be enlarged by 86% allowing for at least 10 new office spaces, additional meeting rooms, and a demonstration kitchen. Additional staff may be added as soon as the 2013-2014 fiscal years.

Joe Bergman, of Independence is the Outstanding Extension Volunteer for agriculture. Joe has managed the Alexandria Southern States since 1986. If you mention the name Joe Bergman to any Campbell County farmer you are going to get a smile on their face. This is because of Joe's positive attitude, dedication service and the respect that everyone has for him.

Over the years, Joe has allowed the Extension Service to borrow supplies and donated door prizes for numerous educational programs and field days. He presently stores and rents the Tye no-till drill, livestock head gate and fertilizer spreader to local farmers. Joe supports the 4-H livestock program with a rewards program called Club Master and through the purchase of livestock animals. Joe also supports the programs of the Campbell County Cattle Association. Thanks, Joe, for all you have done and will continue to do for the Extension Service and the farming community.

Donna Mader is the honored Horticulture Extension Volunteer of the Year. Donna was born and raised in Ohio, moving to Ft. Thomas at 21 years old. She married, raised three children and five grandchildren while teaching in the Newport Public Schools for 34 years. After 16 years of retirement in Missouri, Donna returned to Kentucky.

Donna volunteers extensively throughout Northern Kentucky. Some of her endeavors include: The Giving Fields, Campbell County Library, Newport Primary School, St. Paul's Church Alexandria, Campbell County Retired Teachers, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, DAR, Charlie's Angels and Hats Off to Kentucky Women. For us, the most important place she volunteers is the Lakeside Commons Educational Gardens! She is a faithful, hard-working member of the "Fridays in the Garden" team — deadheading, planting annuals, or weeding young vegetable plants. We know whatever the weather Donna will be here with a smile!

Even though she was born a Buckeye, Donna says she's a Kentuckian by heart and soul.

Retain the rain and help protect local waterways

As the cold months come to an end and the rainy spring season approaches, consider investing in a rain barrel for your home. Rain barrels help prevent pollution of our creeks and rivers from storm water runoff by keeping storm water onsite. You can connect a rain barrel to your downspout, collect the storm water that flows off your roof and use it

to water your lawn and garden. By retaining and recycling storm water on your property, you can help SD1 reduce water pollution and flooding while also reducing your water bill.

To learn more about the benefits of rain barrels and SD1's Rain Barrel Program, visit us on the web at www.sd1.org/rainbarrelprogram.

Don't drain your wallet: Tips for safe disposal

Did you know that what you flush or pour down your drain can potentially harm your home's plumbing, the sanitary sewer system and the environment? By following these tips, you can prevent costly repairs to wastewater pipes and protect the health of the community and local streams:

- Properly dispose of household grease from meat fats, lard, baking goods, butter and margarine, cooking oils, food scraps, sauces and dairy products by collecting these substances in a container and throwing them in your garbage can.
 - Fats, oils and grease can build up in pipes, preventing your wastewater from making its way through the sewer pipes to SD1's treatment plant. When your wastewater is unable to move through the sewer pipes, raw sewage can back up into your home or yard or overflow into local streets and streams.

- Throw diapers and personal hygiene products in your garbage can. Do not flush these items down your toilet.
 - Bulky items like diapers and hygiene products can also clog pipes, causing backups and overflows of sewage into streets, homes and streams.
- Never flush or pour household chemicals like cleaners, medications, auto fluids, used motor oil, paint or lawn care products down a drain. Contact your county's Solid Waste Coordinator or visit www.nkyhhw.org for information on how to properly dispose of these items.
 - Hazardous chemicals can cause significant damage to sewer pipes and diminish the effectiveness of the wastewater treatment process. Pesticides, solvents and other cleaning materials can corrode plumbing and release toxic fumes through the sewer system. In addition, chemicals and contaminants that are not removed from the wastewater during the treatment process will be released into local streams along with the treated wastewater.



Properly dispose of household grease.

SD1 receives award for Western Regional Conveyance Tunnel Project

At the 2012 New Civil Engineer (NCE) International Tunneling Awards ceremony on Nov. 29 in Toronto, Canada, SD1 was awarded Environmental Initiative of the Year for their \$110 million Western Regional Conveyance Tunnel Project.

The award ceremony celebrates the most successful and innovative tunneling projects and companies in the global tunneling industry and was sponsored by New Civil Engineer, Ground Engineering, the International Tunneling and Underground Space Association (ITA-AITES) and the Tunneling Association of Canada (TAC).

Environmental Initiative of the Year is awarded to projects in the tunneling industry that allow a company, project or series of projects to provide their customers or clients with improved performance in respect to sustainability, the environment or carbon reduction. This award was bestowed upon SD1's Western Regional Conveyance Tunnel Project over two other internationally-recognized tunneling projects, including construction of an underwater gas transmission pipeline across Singapore's West Jurong Channel.

"The fact that SD1 has been internationally recognized for our efforts to protect the community's water resources is obviously a great honor," said David Rager, Executive Director at SD1. "It is always SD1's goal to

provide the most efficient and effective services possible while upholding our pledge to protect the health of the public and the environment."

At 32,610 feet long and 8.5 feet in diameter, the Western Regional Conveyance Tunnel is the largest capital project in SD1's history. The tunnel carries sewage from customers in Boone and Kenton Counties by gravity to SD1's newest wastewater treatment plant, Western Regional Water Reclamation Facility. It also provides 14 million gallons of storage capacity, paving the way for future population growth and drastically reducing the amount of sanitary sewer overflows in which, during heavy rains, raw sewage spills out into streets, yards and local streams, threatening the health of the community and the environment. In addition, the tunnel's energy-saving gravity design has allowed for the elimination of 14 older pump stations, improving system efficiency and reducing facility maintenance costs.

"SD1 is committed to providing our customers with safe and efficient services," said Rager. "The Western Regional Tunnel project will prevent nearly 60 million gallons of sewage annually from contaminating local streams and communities with harmful bacteria and other pathogens."

For more information on the tunnel, visit www.sd1.org.

SD1



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Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Doing “whatever it takes” for our community



Superintendent Glen Miller celebrates the great things happening in Campbell County Schools with members of the Class of 2025.

The mission of the Campbell County School District, in partnership with students, staff, parents, and community, is to do “**whatever it takes**” to ensure our students’ success in college, career, and life. Guaranteeing a commitment of excellence to the Campbell County community, we take great pride in the services we provide for our students and families in support of our mission.

Family Resource and Youth Service Centers

Campbell County School District proudly offers three family resource centers and two youth service centers within our district. The primary goal of our centers is to remove nonacademic barriers to learning in order to enhance student academic success.

Each of our five centers offers a blend of programs and services in

support of the needs of the population they serve. Whether through services such as family literacy training, health referrals, substance abuse education or providing basic resources for those in need, our FRYSCs have established a record of success by creating an atmosphere that empowers our youth and their families.

21st Century Community Learning Centers

New for the summer of 2013 and the 2013-14 school year will be the addition of four 21st Century Community Learning Centers to be established at Campbell Ridge Elementary, Cline Elementary, Crossroads Elementary and Campbell County Middle School. Campbell County School District received four out of forty-one 21st Century Learning Grants awarded

state-wide consisting of \$1.8 million dollars to be dispersed over the course of three years to fund the four centers. The centers are designed to provide academic, artistic and cultural enrichment opportunities for children in order to meet state and local standards in core academic subjects; to offer students a broad array of activities that can complement their regular academic programs and promote youth development; and to offer literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children. In addition to programming, each of the centers will provide a nutritious, free breakfast and lunch during the summer months as well as free, nutritious snacks once the after-school program begins in August.

Each program will offer summer learning and after-school academic services aligned with the District’s curriculum in the core subject areas as well as services to provide parental education related to employability skills, parenting skills, literacy, and college and career pathways. Further, each center will offer positive youth development and fitness activities in addition to service learning opportunities throughout the community.

Professional school counseling services

Each of our schools employs the services of certified school counselors

who maintain an intensive focus on the continuous development of hope, engagement and well-being among all of our students. With a wide-range of services afforded to our students in such critical areas as personal/social, academic and career development, the students at Campbell County Schools receive intentional supports along their journey to becoming integral members of our community.

Giving back

Campbell County staff and students embrace the philosophy of “to whom much is given, much is expected.” In support of this philosophy, Campbell County students are exposed to a variety of service learning opportunities throughout their school career. From book drives, to adopting troops, to designing projects to benefit local residents, our students are learning the importance of civic responsibility and character development on a regular basis.

Our belief that students who attend schools rooted in a sense of community support and service will develop into successful caring adults propels our desire to serve our great community. We are committed to providing stellar academics, state-of-the-art facilities, and enhanced supports and services for all students. We are Campbell County Schools... doing “whatever it takes” for YOU!

Campbell County School District



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Superintendent: Glen A. Miller
Associate Superintendent: Dr. Shelli Wilson
Assistant Superintendent of Operations: Kerry Hill
Finance Director: Susan Bentle
Director of School Improvement and Community Education: Connie Pohlgeers

Show your support for breastfeeding mothers

Let's help make sure breastfeeding moms stick with it. In Kentucky, 59 percent of mothers start out breastfeeding, but the number drops to 27 percent after 6 months. Why? Because breastfeeding can be challenging.

Some suggestions to remove obstacles to breastfeeding:

- Set mom up for success. Moms should get breastfeeding

education before the baby is born. Classes are available at local hospitals and the Health Department. Grandparents and fathers may also benefit. Moms should ask about breastfeeding support when choosing a hospital.

- Give mothers the time and flexibility to breastfeed. Friends, families and neighbors can offer

to help around the house. Federal law requires employers to offer women break time and a private place to express their milk.

- Encourage moms to ask for help when needed. Many programs are in place locally, including the Health Department's WIC breastfeeding peer counseling program.



For more information, visit <http://www.nkyhealth.org/breastfeed> or call 859/363-2113.

Moving forward despite obstacles

It's important for tax-supported agencies to share information about their programs. One way we do this at the Health Department is with an annual report. Our most recent one, covering July 2011 through June 2012, is now posted at <http://www.nkyhealth.org/annualreport>. The report details how, even in the face of a second year

of significant budget cuts and reductions in staff, the Health Department:

- Launched an initiative to expand access to oral health care
- Improved childhood immunization rates by as much as 23 percent
- Responded to a tornado outbreak

Northern Kentucky Health Department

Campbell County Health Center: phone - 859/431-1704
District Administrative Office: phone - 859/341-4264



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www.nkyhealth.org

Campbell County Clerk

Tips to help you save time and money

It's frustrating to take the time and effort to renew your vehicle or to title one in your name and find out you are missing some important documents to complete the deal. Hopefully, this will help you through registration or titling and save you some time and money.

Registering your vehicle

You must have recent proof of insurance and your current registration. All delinquent taxes on that vehicle — and any other vehicle you own — must be paid before you can renew. **STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOUR INSURANCE MUST BE CURRENT NO MORE THAN 45 DAYS FROM RENEWAL!** Most insurance companies have that information in the State system, but if your company

has not updated its list with the State, you will be required to get a current and updated proof of insurance from your insurance company. **THIS IS STATE LAW. THE CLERK'S OFFICE CAN NOT RENEW YOUR VEHICLE.**

Selling your vehicle

In state: The plate stays with the vehicle and any liens on such must be released. The back of the title must be signed by the owner (owners) and notarized.

Out of state: The seller (sellers) sign the back of the title and have it notarized. **REMOVE THE PLATE AND RETURN IT TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE.**

If property taxes have not been paid for the current year, you will receive a notice to pay within 45

days and they must be paid within 30 days.

Buying a used vehicle

You must bring the title and proof of insurance for the vehicle in the name of the new owner into the clerk's office. If it is an out-of-state vehicle, you must have it inspected by the Sheriff's office before coming to the Clerk's office.



Hopefully, these tips will help you save some time and money when registering or titling your car.

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.*

There's a new Sheriff in town!

Hello, my name is Jeff Kidwell and I am your newly elected Sheriff. Some of my duties are the collection of property taxes, providing security for our court system as well as security of our County Building at 1098 Monmouth in Newport.

It is also the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office to fund taxing districts like school systems throughout the County with property taxes collected from the citizens.

My agency also provides service of court documents, warrants, vehicle inspections and concealed carry deadly weapons permits. We also provide general countywide law

enforcement and inspection of liquor establishments

These are just a few of the services that the Sheriff's Office provides. It is my goal to provide the best services to our citizens for the lowest possible cost.

We will be making many improvements and providing new additional services for the citizens of Campbell County. You will be able to read about them here in *What's Happening!* in Campbell County. If you would like to contact me, my office number is 859/292-3833 or my email address is JKidwell@CampbellCountyKy.org



November 8, 2012, newly elected Sheriff Jeff Kidwell was sworn in by Judge Karen Thomas in Fiscal Court Chambers located at 1098 Monmouth Street in Newport.



**Jeff Kidwell
Campbell County Sheriff**

New stuffed animal program

On January 28th Sheriff Kidwell instituted a program in the Sheriff's Office that all road deputies are required to carry a plastic container in their cruiser with stuffed animals to give to children when we come in contact with them during traumatizing situations like vehicle accidents, domestic violence, etc.

When the announcement was made on the newly developed Sheriff's office facebook page, the notice went "viral" and was shared and seen by over 23,000 people!

The program was initially funded personally by Sheriff Kidwell but will be sustained by donations of stuffed animals from individual people, businesses, etc. This program is NOT funded with any taxpayer funds.

If you would like to donate stuffed animals to this program, please contact our office manager Elizabeth Kendall at our office by phone at 859/292-3833 or email at ekendall@campbellcountyky.org



New Alexandria office

The Sheriff's Office will be opening a satellite office in Alexandria by mid-March. The office will be located at 8330 West Main St. in Alexandria in the same building that contains both county and circuit clerk's offices now. The new office will provide vehicle inspections, concealed carry deadly weapons permits and fingerprint processing.

Sheriff's office on social media

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office has launched three new social media sites to better provide information and interaction with our citizens.

The Sheriff's Office website contains valuable information for Campbell County citizens. The newly updated site will be kept up to date, and can be reached by going to www.campbellcountysheriffky.org.

Facebook, Twitter, YouTube

Our new Facebook, Twitter and YouTube sites have updates on the goings on within the agency and provide a forum for citizen feedback and ideas.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube by going to the addresses below.

Campbell County Sheriff



www.facebook.com/campbellcountysheriff
www.twitter.com/campbellsheriff
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Media Central has something for everyone!

Have you checked out Media Central lately? Here are some of the latest hot topics:

- Media Central sports coverage
- *Trivia Time* game show
- *New Muscle Pump/Target Ten* workouts
- New episodes of *The Pulse of Campbell County*
- New episodes of *Monday Night Movies*
- And of course, Media Central keeps you in touch with what is happening in local government, through CGOV, the Campbell County Government Channel (Ch. 16 on Insight and Ch. 806 on Cincinnati Bell).

Media Central has been covering high school football and basketball in Campbell County. Look for some



If you would like to be a contestant on the Trivia Time show, go to the Media Central website and learn how.

baseball, softball and other sporting events coming in the spring.

Trivia Time, Media Central's new game show is looking for contestants. If you would like to be a contestant on the show, go to the Media Central website, www.campbellmedia.org and learn how. Campbell County, show us what you know!

Spring is just around the corner. Have you been lying around all winter? Tune into *Muscle Pump* daily and shape up, just in time for summer.

Get informed on the topics and organizations focused in on your

community. Jim Hamberg, host of *The Pulse of Campbell County*, interviews many interesting guests covering topics you need to know.

Do you want to create a show? Maybe you want to learn the techniques of video editing or studio directing. Media Central is a great

resource, offering all the tools and training you need to document an event or produce your own show, free of charge! Contact us and learn how you can get started. Media Central also is a great place to bring your scout troop, civic club, school group or just some friends and learn about how television is made.

Stay in touch by following us on Twitter, Facebook, our website and, of course, our cable channels.

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Campbell County Detention Center

Detention Center employees are appreciated

It takes a unique type of person to work at a correctional facility. Staff is outnumbered by inmates in a negative environment. Imagine being locked behind doors 12 hours a day with individuals who may be very aggressive, agitated, and manipulative and with a "devil may care" attitude. Then there is the other extreme of being locked with individuals who are scared and suicidal. Jail employees must be able to maintain unbiased opinions and provide a safe and secure facility, following strict jail standards. Jail employees generally do not have a lengthy employment history due to the stressors involved.

The Campbell County Detention Center has been fortunate to have many employees with extended

lengths of service. We would like to acknowledge those employees who have managed to figure out how to cope with employment in a corrections atmosphere.

Employees with 10 or more years of service of continuous employment include:

Melvin "Bill" Stull: 18 years

Marilyn Clarridge: 17 years

Carol Smith: 15 years

Joyce Steers: 15 years

Gracy Nagel: 15 years

Greg Buckler: 14 years

Tillie Dawn: 13 years

Henry Webber: 12 years

Beverly Hartig: 11 years

Jason Farris: 11 years

As of this submission, of the 102 jail employees, there are 33 employees with more than five years

of service. We want to offer our gratitude for all our employees at the Campbell County Detention Center.

Jailer Greg Buckler retires



Greg L. Buckler

We wish to express our gratitude to Greg L. Buckler, Jailer, who has retired after 12 years as the elected Jailer. Under Jailer Buckler's leadership, the jail has increased in size to current capacity of 549 beds necessary to accommodate our increased jail population, maintain an employment capacity of our current staffing number of 102 and provided community service to non-profits throughout Campbell County.

Signature Series: Dead Sea Scrolls talk is March 8

Thanks to everyone who has made the Library's new Signature Series incredibly popular events! The Signature Series provides enriching cultural and educational experiences to the community with thought-provoking speakers, performances and best-selling authors. From the kickoff in November with *New York Times* best-selling author Jeff Shaara; to Falcoln Theater's drama based on authentic Civil War letters; to the performance of John Carter Cash, Library audiences have been at maximum capacity for these events.

The next Signature Series event is at 7 pm Friday, March 8, at the Newport Branch. Dr. Steven Bowman, lecturer, author and professor of Judaic Studies at the

University of Cincinnati, will reveal the significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls in his talk, "The Dead Sea Scrolls are Not Dead."

Free tickets are required for Signature Series events. Request tickets online at www.cc-pl.org or call 859/781-6166, ext. 31.

Come hear intriguing insights into the Dead Sea Scrolls, which have been called the most significant archeological find of the last century. This presentation is in conjunction with The Cincinnati Museum Center's current exhibition, "Dead Sea Scrolls: Life and Faith in Ancient times," open until mid-April. For information about that exhibit, see www.cincymuseum.org.

photos courtesy of Cincinnati Museum Center

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Minecraft Survival Brawl March 15

Join the fun! Play Minecraft Survival Brawl at any of the library branches, or from home, at 7 pm Friday, March 15. Prizes awarded to the first 30 teens (ages 11-18) who

attend the Library events. Like the Library's Facebook page ([campbellkylib](https://www.facebook.com/campbellkylib)) to find out the server ID for the event. Register now! This event is part of Teen Tech Week March 10-16.



MORE FREE PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES @ YOUR LIBRARY!

Let's Talk About It Northern Kentucky University professors lead four book discussions focusing on mysteries for the 2013 spring Danny Miller Memorial Let's Talk About It series. All book discussions begin at **6:30 pm Tuesdays, March 5, March 19, April 2 and April 16** at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch. This series is sponsored by the Friends of the Campbell County Public Library. For details, call 859/572-5033.

National Library Week With the theme of Communities Matter, the Library will be partnering with local retailers to give away \$25 gift cards all week! A new drawing will take place each day **April 14-20**. Adults and teens get an entry form for every item checked out. Plus, there will be a grand prize drawing for a Nook HD! On **Saturday, April 20**, Llama Llama will visit each branch for pictures and a story with children – plus they get a chance to win a *Llama Llama Red Pajama* book and stuffed animal. See Llama Llama at 11 am at Carrico/Fort Thomas; 1 pm at Cold Spring; and 3 pm at Newport.

El Día de los Niños Day of the Child is a celebration of libraries and reading in all languages. Join us from **noon-3 pm Saturday, April 27**, at Cold Spring to hear stories in different languages, and experience crafts and foods from around the world.

Family Literacy Fair The annual Family Literacy Fair will be from **1-4 pm Saturday, May 11**, at Newport. Join us for fun events, free books and more.

New! Regional History Series Look for more information in the coming months about four exciting programs in the new Regional History Series. The new line-up includes dynamic speakers on topics such as The Untold Story of the Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire (**May 21**); Frank Duveneck and Cincinnati artists of the 19th Century (**June 5**); The Green Line: the Cincinnati, Newport & Covington Railway (**June 20**); and Stone Structures of Campbell County's Camp Springs: A Rich Heritage of Germanic Influence & Architecture (**July 3**). All programs in the Regional History Series will begin at **7 pm** at the Newport Branch. Thanks to the Friends of the Campbell County Public Library for sponsoring this exciting new series.

Summer Reading – programs and prizes for all ages The kickoff and first day of registration for Summer Reading is **9 am-5 pm Saturday, June 1**. A "bounce house" and carnival games will be at all the branches, plus hot dogs at noon, live music, and fun times. The first 200 children to register for the summer will receive a free drawstring backpack. Teens will receive an incentive to register and earn a free book for every 30 hours of reading. Don't miss great programs for adults and teens during this "Summer of Discovery." Adventure Club programs for kids in 1st-5th grades will be 4 pm Mondays at Carrico/Fort Thomas, 2 pm Tuesdays at Newport Branch, and 4 pm Thursdays at Cold Spring. Thanks to the Friends of the Campbell County Public Library for their generous financial support of Summer Reading.

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Campbell County Attorney

Heroin — a deadly problem in Campbell County

The use and abuse of heroin in our county has exploded in recent years. I cannot emphasize enough how serious this problem has become in Campbell County and what a terrible threat this hideous drug is to our citizens, especially our young people. Independent studies show that heroin is one of the most harmful drugs because of the physical and mental dependence a user suffers after just brief encounters with the drug. Most users of heroin inject the drug directly into their blood stream, other forms of administration are smoking, suppository, insufflation and ingestion.

Since 2009, heroin usage and related criminal charges have continued to rise in Campbell County. Until this past year the rise has been minimal to moderate. However, in 2012 usage has exploded by 300% to the point of an epidemic:

Campbell County heroin criminal charges:
2009- 23
2010- 53
2011- 126
2012- 388

Moreover, by conservative estimates, heroin-related crime has increased in the past year by 156%.



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According to Commonwealth's Attorney, Michelle Snodgrass, at any given time this past year, there are over 30 cases before the grand jury awaiting disposition for heroin-related crimes. In 2010 Campbell County coroner, Mark Schweitzer reported five deaths caused by heroin. In 2011 eight deaths were reportedly caused by heroin. In 2012 that figure more than tripled to 28 deaths. Sadly, these death totals are only those where the primary cause is heroin and does not include deaths where there is a mixture of other drugs or causes. Although Campbell County has about 11% of the population of Hamilton County, Ohio, we have

50% of the amount of heroin-related deaths-Campbell County has one death per 3,248 people related to heroin whereas Hamilton County has one death per 14,292 people.

The heartbreak caused from this evil drug is immense. I have met with many families who have a loved one afflicted with heroin addiction. Their stories are both frightening and gut wrenching. If you want to hear firsthand stories of heroin and its tremendous addictive powers, simply ask anyone in law enforcement or our medical community. The tales of young people pleading for help to escape the firm grasp of heroin addiction can move you to tears.

The Campbell County Attorney's Office, the Campbell County Fiscal Court, the Commonwealth's Attorney, and several local cities in Campbell County have teamed up to aggressively pursue those who traffic in heroin and vigorously prosecute and seek treatment for the users of heroin and its related theft crimes. The Campbell County Attorney's Office can assist families with heroin users needing treatment through the involuntary hospitalization process if the family is willing and able to pay the treatment cost.

Heroin is a deadly problem affecting the whole community. To resolve and reduce this problem, we must work together to increase deterrence through criminal prosecution and decrease reliance on heroin through different treatment options. Should you encounter suspicious behavior that may indicate illegal drug use or drug trafficking, please contact your local police department.

Respectfully submitted,



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