

WHAT'S

Happening!

in Campbell County, Kentucky

Spring/Summer 2009

Water District Wins National Award for Excellence NKWD Named One of Top Public Drinking Water Systems in Nation

The national Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) has recognized Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) with its prestigious 2008 Platinum Award. It is AMWA's top utility management award. NKWD is among 11 systems around the nation that have been singled out for utility excellence. This award recognizes water utilities for outstanding achievement in implementing the nationally recognized *Attributes of Effectively Managed Utilities*.

NKWD was selected based on its many programs that have turned the District into an effective, cost-reducing and quality-improving utility. Examples of improvements that have been implemented are a new water main relining and rehabilitation program that has greatly reduced complaints of discolored water, a continuously improving safety record due to increased safety training and in-house training, and a reduction of water treatment and energy costs that resulted from the staff's ideas.



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Ron Lovan
NKWD President and CEO

From Left to Right: Brian Ramaley, AMWA President; Joan Verax, NKWD Staff Member; Ron Lovan, NKWD President and CEO

"We are proud to accept this great honor and to receive the recognition for the hard work and innovation of our entire staff," said Ron Lovan, NKWD President and C.E.O. "NKWD is committed to providing a safe, clean and sufficient water supply through a reliable system at a reasonable cost to meet the needs of our current and future customers."

"AMWA's 2008 award winning water agencies are industry pace-setters, systems where management vision and employee commitment create sustainable utilities providing ample supplies of clean, safe water for their communities," said AMWA President Brian Ramaley, Director of Newport News Water Works. "These systems have implemented a full range of successful initiatives that address all of the industry-recognized attributes of effectively managed utilities."

A blue-ribbon panel of water and wastewater utility executives commissioned by the US EPA, AMWA and other water industry associations developed the *Attributes of Effectively Managed Utilities*. The attributes they identified include: product quality, customer satisfaction, employees and leadership development, operational optimization, financial viability, infrastructure stability, operational resiliency, community sustainability, water resource adequacy, and stakeholder understanding and support.

Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) serves approximately 80,000 customer accounts, or approximately 300,000 people in Campbell and Kenton Counties, portions of Boone, Grant and Pendleton Counties, and the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport. You can learn more about NKWD at www.nkywater.org.

AMWA is the organization for the nation's largest publicly owned drinking water utilities. Its members provide safe and clean drinking water to more than 130 million Americans. More information is online at www.amwa.net.

NKWD to Implement Automated Meter Reading *An Efficient Way of Collecting and Managing Meter Reading Data*

The Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) is in the process of installing an automated water meter reading system (AMR) for its customers. The new technology is an upgrade from the existing meter reading system because it will allow NKWD to gather usage information much more quickly and efficiently.

Over the next year, crews from NKWD and from our contractor, National Metering Service (NMS),

will be working in neighborhoods across Kenton and Campbell Counties to convert existing water meter equipment. Residents may notice these crews at homes and businesses performing installation of the new radio frequency devices that will allow NKWD employees to gather data by simply driving down the street. NKWD will send individual notices to customers when crews will be in their area.

For the safety and security of all NKWD customers, any installer or technician authorized by NKWD and NMS to perform this meter work will carry an official NKWD photo ID card.

“We are thrilled to be able to provide this modern, new upgrade to our customers,” said Mark Lofland, Vice President of Account Services and Billing for NKWD. “The new meter technology allows for a more cost

effective way to gather meter reads and will help us provide even better service to each of our customers.”

There is no charge to customers for the updated meter equipment and installation is generally completed within minutes. Anyone in the NKWD service area with any questions or who requires additional information should call NKWD at 859/578-9898.

Campbell County Upcoming Projects

- **Stonehouse Road, Oneonta Road and Washington Trace – Melbourne:** The District will be installing a new 12" water main on Stonehouse Road from Nelson Road to Oneonta Road. The water main will be installed on Oneonta Road from Stonehouse Road to Washington Trace. The water main will be installed on Washington Trace from Oneonta Road to Carthage Road. This project is intended as a hydraulic improvement to strengthen the surrounding area and provide more reliable water service and fire protection. The project should be completed in spring of 2009.
- **Stonehouse Road:** The District will be installing an 8" water main from Oneonta Road to Flag Springs Road. The project is currently under design.
- **3 Mile Road/Gibson Lane:** The District will be installing both 8" and 12" sized water mains from Bentwood Hills cross country main to the end of Gibson Lane. The project is currently under design.
- **4 Mile Pike:** The District will be replacing the water main from Poplar Ridge Road to 9 Mile Road with an 8" water main. This project is currently under design.
- **Ripple Creek Pump Station to Alexandria Tank – Phase II:** This is the continuation of phase 1 of the project that goes from the pump station to East Alexandria Pike. The water main will be a 24" transmission water main. The project is nearing the end of the design phase.
- **Ripple Creek Pump Station to Alexandria Tank – Phase III:** This project will begin at U.S. 27 near the Alexandria water tank, routed along Main Street to the intersection of East Main Street and Riley Road. The project is currently under design.
- **Ripple Creek Pump Station to Alexandria Tank – Phase IV:** This project will begin at East Alexandria Pike and will terminate at 4 Mile Pike. The project is currently under design.
- **Old U.S. 27:** The District will be installing a water main from Lickert Road to Riley Elementary School along old U.S. 27.
- **Fort Thomas Treatment Plant Pretreatment Facility – Ft. Thomas:** The District is constructing a new building to house chemicals that are fed to the reservoirs. The chemicals are used to continue the growth of algae in the reservoirs and to remove taste- and odor- causing compounds from the water.
- **FTTP – Gravity Thickener:** The District is constructing a second basin to thicken solids that are removed during treatment prior to disposal.
- **Winkler Drive – Highland Heights:** The District will be replacing the water main on Winkler Drive from Steelman Drive to the end of the street. The project is currently under construction.
- **North Miller Avenue - Highland Heights:** The District will be replacing the water main on North Miller Avenue from Renshaw to the end of the street. The project is currently under construction.
- **South Main Avenue, Savoy and Harrison – Highland Heights:** The District will be replacing the water main on South Main Avenue, Savoy and Harrison. Construction is anticipated to start in late spring of 2009.

Northern Kentucky Water District

Billing Questions:
859/578-9898

Public Service Commission Hotline:
1-800-772-4636

After Hours/Emergency Shut-off:
513/244-9016

Speaker Requests:
859/578-9898 (ext. 2047)

Bottled Water Requests:
**859/578-9898 (ext. 2109) or
email bottledwater@nkywater.org**

U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline:
1-800-426-4791



The Board of Commissioners' meetings take place the third Thursday of every month at 1 pm, 2835 Crescent Springs Road, Erlanger, KY 41018

www.nkywater.org

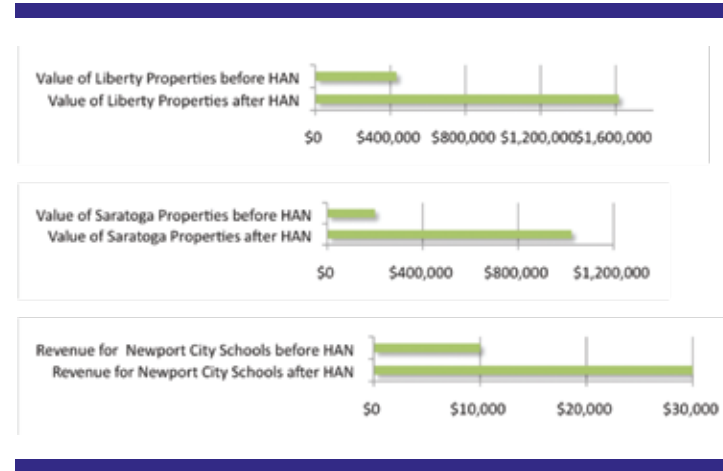
The Housing (R)evolution

Some call it community progress. Many call it architectural innovation. Others simply call it home. The Housing Authority of Newport has revolutionized the public housing sector and transformed the philosophy that goes with it. Intrigued? Read on.

The Housing Authority of Newport operates 373 housing and rental units in and around Newport and is in the process of building more. The newest properties — the Saratoga Street homes — have been generating a lot of buzz due to their beautiful appearance, energy efficient construction, and distinction. Aside from beautifying the city, Newport City Schools have enjoyed \$30,000 in revenue generated by HAN housing and continues to reap the benefits each year. This money is a direct result of the property taxes paid on homes purchased from the Housing Authority. New homes are planned for the 900 block of Hamlet Street, which will supplement the schools with another \$14,470 annually in property tax revenue.

These numbers are a far cry from what used to be. Before the Housing Authority revived the properties, Newport City Schools were receiving about \$10,000 a year (as opposed to the current \$30,000) from these properties. As the Housing Authority continues to rehabilitate and construct new homes, the benefit to Newport's schools will simultaneously rise.

The myths attached to public housing are many. There is a false presumption that subsidized housing will decrease property value, when in truth this idea is completely backwards. HAN's homeownership properties have actually increased property value; not only of the sites,



but of the surrounding properties as well. For example, the total acquisition price of fourteen properties for Liberty Row was \$432,874. After the Housing Authority's development, these properties were valued at \$1,616,700. Likewise, the eight Saratoga properties were acquired for \$199,430 and after construction they were worth a whopping \$1,024,000.

So, why the misconceptions? Long ago, public housing looked like military-style barrack complexes with unattractive, cold façades. Today, public housing could not be more opposite. Residences are bright, modern, attractive and clean. Residents and neighbors take pride in their homes and see property values increase as a result of these improvements. Replacing condemned or dilapidated property with beautiful housing drives property values up instantaneously, creating less condemned space, more money, and more community pride.

There is a well-defined set of requirements to become a resident through HAN. These qualifications make sure that residents are responsible, clean, and community-minded. Applicants cannot have had

any criminal activity for at least five years preceding their application date and must qualify within an income bracket, among other criteria. They are responsible, community-minded citizens with jobs and often families. HAN residents are good people and good neighbors.

The Housing Authority of Newport currently serves 373 families in the affordable housing units owned and operated by the HAN. They assist an additional 510 families through the Section 8 program. With so many families using the services, it begs the question: what would happen if we didn't have HAN? With so few similar programs in place, people would need to turn to friends, family or temporary shelters to provide a roof over their head.

“It’s a tough situation. What else is there to do when you’ve run out of options? These families and individuals are not destitute. They are trying to make ends meet with hard work, and it’s simply not enough.”

*- Linda Fields
HAN Deputy Director*

Amongst its many endeavors, the Housing Authority of Newport has seen the great success in its homeownership program. People aspire to independently own their own home, and HAN plans to continue its efforts in building homeownership opportunities. Rental properties are also an integral part of the housing initiative, and HAN is currently overseeing the new construction and rehabilitation of rental and homeownership properties in the area. With these and other exciting developments in the works, the Housing Authority will certainly continue to foster the community's success in the future.

Housing Authority of Newport

Neighborhood
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Pride in Home. Pride in Community.

HAN Newport Millennium

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St. Elizabeth and St. Luke Merger Completed

The merger of the St. Luke Hospitals and St. Elizabeth Medical Center is now complete. The new combined organization has one board made up of all the board members from St. Elizabeth and St. Luke.

Joseph Gross, President and CEO of the new healthcare organization said, "Completing the merger of St. Elizabeth Medical Center and the St. Luke Hospitals creates a wealth of opportunities that might not otherwise be available to the individual institutions. Merging the leading practices and resources from St. Elizabeth and St. Luke provides the new system with the tools, talent and organizational stability to deliver improved levels of coordinated care and access to our community."

The boards of St. Luke and St. Elizabeth announced intentions to merge the two organizations in February 2007, with the goal of combining the strengths of both to create an integrated, world-class health system for Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati. The new combined organization has one board and one management structure, sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of



The new combined health system has major facilities throughout Northern Kentucky. The merger creates a system with vast resources to serve the Greater Cincinnati area, including 1,068 licensed beds, more than 6,000 employees, 925 physicians with admitting privileges and 31 primary care office locations. The health system is sponsored by the Diocese of Covington, producing an estimated \$71 million in uncompensated care and benefit to the community in 2007.

Covington. The hospital facilities will retain their current names.

The new combined organization has launched a massive planning process to determine the best way to deliver and expand services and achieve cost efficiencies in the new system. Throughout the planning process, the first priority is to maintain excellent patient care throughout the entire system.

Gross has selected two senior executives to oversee day-to-day operations of the two St. Luke hospitals. Tom Saalfeld assumed responsibility for St. Luke East in Fort Thomas. Chris Carle is responsible for St. Luke West in Florence. Both individuals have been in key leadership positions for St. Elizabeth for more than two decades and are working closely with St. Luke leader-

ship to integrate the facilities into the larger system.

"We are gratified that this day has come and we are now one system," said Tom Saalfeld, Senior Vice President & COO for St. Luke Hospital East. "We can now focus on the future, and on integrating these hospitals to create a system that will become an industry benchmark for the highest levels of quality care."

St. Luke Skilled Nursing Unit Earns Five-Star Rating

Recognition demonstrates a measurable commitment to quality

The St. Luke Hospitals skilled nursing unit in Fort Thomas has earned a five-star rating by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The five-star rating is the highest that the agency can bestow. An updated web database gives consumers an expanded tool for comparing nursing homes throughout the United States. Nursing homes receive ratings in

five categories, including overall performance, resident satisfaction, quality of care, overall number of staff, and ratio of registered nurses to residents.

The Five-Star Quality Rating System was created to help consumers, their families, and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily and help identify areas that you may want to ask questions. This rating

system is based on continued efforts as a result of nursing home reform laws and recent quality improvement campaigns.

"The five-star rating system is a good place to start for people seeking long-term care options for a loved one," says Wendy Bauer, director of senior care at St. Luke Hospitals. "Our five-star overall rating is attributable to the strong emphasis on

helping residents regain their ability to perform activities of daily living. In addition, we have a very aggressive program to prevent pressure sores, a key quality-of-care measure on surveys."

Complete results and more information about the rating system may be obtained by going to www.medicare.gov.

St. Luke Installs Equipment Enhancements to Improve Patient Care

The St. Luke Hospitals installed a new Toshiba 64-slice CT Scanner to upgrade its radiology services. This represents one of the first immediate signs that the merger with St. Elizabeth is producing benefits by enhancing services.

The new 64-slice scanner delivers high-speed, high-resolution images, which allows physicians to capture precise images of any area of the body. This includes the rapidly moving heart and lungs, which frequently appear blurry when scanned by a traditional CT scanner. This fast-scanning capability allows important diagnostic information concerning the heart to be obtained within a single breath-hold for as short as 10 seconds, while a CT angiogram may be imaged within 15 seconds.

“These images enable physicians to clearly visualize the heart, its vessel walls and surrounding structures to detect the early onset of coronary heart disease and reduce the need for high-risk surgical procedures,” says Traci Dubuc, radiology supervisor.

Other enhancements include digital mammography and 3-D ultrasound equipment. Digital technology will be installed at both St. Luke East in Fort Thomas and St. Luke West in Florence by the end of March. Digital mammography uses the same technique as film screen mammography except that the image is recorded into a computer. The image may then be enlarged or highlighted and results can be reported to the patient immediately. Approximately 10% of breast imag-

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Senior Vice President and COO
St. Luke East*

ing centers throughout the country offer digital mammograms.

3-D ultrasound equipment will also be installed at both hospitals by

the end of March. This new technology can display a reconstructed image in five seconds. Its initial use will be in obstetrics as a method of providing enhanced diagnostics to access fetal abnormalities.

Tom Saalfeld, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at St. Luke East commented on the enhancements. “Once the merger of St. Elizabeth and St. Luke was finalized, we quickly identified the opportunity to enhance the CT, mammography, and ultrasound capabilities at St. Luke East in Fort Thomas. This investment in technology will speed testing and diagnosis for patients in Campbell County, without the need to travel to St. Luke West, St. Elizabeth South or Cincinnati.”

Diabetes Center Receives ADA Recognition

The St. Luke Hospitals Diabetes Center has received the prestigious American Diabetes Association (ADA) Education Recognition Certificate for a quality diabetes self-management program. The program was originally recognized in 1992. The ADA believes that this program offers high-quality education that is an essential component of effective diabetes treatment and management.

The association’s education recognition certificate assures that educational programs meet the national standards for diabetes self-management education programs. These standards were developed and tested under the auspices of the National Diabetes Advisory Board in 1983 and were revised by the diabetes community in 1994 and 2000.

Programs apply for recognition voluntarily. Programs that achieve recognition status have a staff of knowledgeable health professionals who can provide participants with comprehensive information about diabetes management. Education recognition status is verified by an official certificate from the ADA and awarded for three years. “The process gives hospitals a national standard by which to measure the quality of services they provide,” says David McClure, St. Luke cardiology services manager. “And, it assures the consumer that he or she will likely receive high-quality care and service.”

According to the ADA, there are 20.8 million people or 7% of the U.S. population who have diabetes. While an estimated 14.6 million have been

diagnosed, 6.2 million people are not aware that they have the disease. Each day approximately 4,110 people are diagnosed with diabetes. Many will first learn that they have diabetes when they are treated for one of its life-threatening complications — heart disease and stroke, kidney disease, blindness, and nerve disease and amputation.

The ADA is the nation’s leading non-profit health organization supporting diabetes research, advocacy and information for health professionals, patients and the public. Founded in 1940, the association has an area office in every state and conducts programs in communities nationwide.

The St. Luke Hospitals

St. Luke Hospitals

St. Luke Hospital East
85 North Grand Avenue
Fort Thomas, KY 41075

St. Luke Hospital West
7380 Turfway Road
Florence, KY 41042

Properties Reassessed in 2009



The PVA office has reviewed and reassessed the property in the cities of Melbourne, Mentor, Silver Grove, and the unincorporated portion of the county for the 2009 tax year.

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 portion of the county for the 2009 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 4, and continues until Monday, May 18. Please contact the office around mid-April to secure a conference time most convenient for your schedule. The PVA office will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am until 4:15 pm, and Saturdays from 9 am until 12 pm during the conference period.

Personal Property Tax Forms Available Online



In 2009, the Personal Property Branch will not be sending Personal Property tax returns out in the mail.

In order to save money during the state's budget crisis, the forms will be available online at <http://revenue.ky.gov/forms/09PTBF.htm>. The department will be sending a postcard notice to anyone who filed last year notifying them of the website to download the form. The Personal Property returns are due in the PVA office by May 15, 2009. Any returns filed late will be sent to the Personal Property Branch and assessed a late fee. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact my office.

Campbell County PVA



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Monday of each month, 4 - 6 pm;
first and last Saturday of each
month 9 am - noon)

Owner's Mailing Address:

The PVA office maintains the current owner's name and mailing address for all property. If you have any changes in your mailing address, please contact us by phone, fax or email.

*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.*

County's Mapping Website Getting Overhaul

Campbell County's computerized mapping website is undergoing a makeover. The Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission contracted recently with two consulting firms to upgrade the functionality and look of the site that serves Campbell and Kenton Counties. The Commission expects to put the new service online by mid summer.

"The website has been online for almost five years," said Dennis Gordon, FAICP, executive director of the Area Planning Commission. "We were online before MapQuest, Google, and other providers of online mapping popularized the Internet as the go-to geographic information source for the masses."

Gordon says the technology and marketing pursued by MapQuest and Google have been a mixed blessing.



"Our website gets more hits now exponentially than at any time in its history," he said. "It's rewarding to see so many more citizens using the service but frustrating to hear their comparisons of our site's functionality with what's being provided by the big guys. This makeover is intended to improve that."

According to Gordon, the two-county website has always provided more information in a more detailed form than that provided by the major online companies. This, he asserts, is due to the different goals of those providing online geographic information.

"MapQuest's and Google's primary goal is to help users find locations and to get from Point A to Point B ... and they do it extremely well," he said. "LinkGIS's primary goals are to serve the much more detailed needs of local, state, and federal governments and to provide critical data analysis for local utility providers, economic development officials, and schools."

Gordon points out quickly that LinkGIS will also help users find locations and get from Point A to Point B. It just does it in a much more detailed format.

"Our goal with this makeover is to give our citizens easy access to

much of the same detailed information that is used by their local governments," he concluded.

Campbell County's GIS information is available online at linkgis.org.

The Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission provides comprehensive GIS mapping services to Campbell County through an agreement with Campbell County Fiscal Court, SD1, the Northern Kentucky Water District, and the Campbell County PVA.

NKAPC

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Campbell County Detention Center

The Economy and Its Effects on a Jail

The economy has affected everyone including the County detention center. Everyday we see hundreds of people lose their jobs, but the employment at the detention center remains steady out of necessity. In the last two years the detention center has seen an increase of people being arrested for certain crimes. For example, we have seen a 150% increase in individuals being arrested for violating their probation, a 54% increase in persons charged with shoplifting, a 19% increase in flagrant non support, and a 15% increase for contempt. These are just a few of the increases. Simultaneously we saw a 2% decrease in the total number of people being arrested. This can be explained by the fact



An increase in arrests combined with cuts in funding, along with other factors, have had a significant effect on the County Detention Center.

that local police agencies are tightening their budgets either by not replacing retiring officers or pulling them out of special assignments (Criminal Investigations unit, Drug Unit, etc.) to cover the shift for patrol.

Another economic factor that the detention center has had to face in this tough economy is that the State

has cut some of the jail funding by 4% to offset shortfalls in their budget. Since May of 2008 the Kentucky Department of Corrections has released an estimated 2,000 inmates early. Of these, 75 were from the Campbell County Detention Center. This equates to approximately a \$500,000 cut to the detention center

budget over and above the 4% that was already taken.

We have also seen a decrease in payments for the booking fee, per day rate and other charges that individuals who are booked in are required to pay. The costs to house arrestees continue to increase due to regular inflation. With the high unemployment rate, individuals do not have the funds to pay on their bill. We are required by law to accept new arrestees brought in by the police agencies even when we are facing these shortfalls in our own budget.

For more information about the Campbell County Detention Center and general operation, please visit www.campbellcounty.ky.gov/ccdc or www.jail.campbellcounty.ky.gov.



New TANK Bus Stop Signs

In 2006, TANK was awarded a federal grant that would allow for system-wide Passenger Information Improvements. The project's first phase includes the installation of new bus stop signs at each of the 1,600 bus stops in Northern Kentucky and downtown Cincinnati. The new signs have detailed information

about the TANK service available at any given stop in the system.

Signs were also made for some of our specialized routes (such as the Airporter and Southbank Shuttle) to set these routes apart and make these stops easier for passengers to identify. The new signs are being put up now and will soon be at a stop near you.

Providing the public — both current and future riders — with accurate and up-to-date system information will increase the ease of use and accessibility of the TANK system and, therefore, increase ridership.

TANK Customers Can Plan Bus Trips Online

Getting from here to there on the bus is now just a Google away thanks to the next generation of online trip planning being unveiled by TANK, NKU, and Google. This partnership produced powerful new tools to help TANK riders get where they need to go more quickly and easily than ever before. TANK customers can now plan their trips anytime with the free, easy-to-use online trip planner from both the TANK website — www.tankbus.org — and directly from www.google.com/transit.

The new trip planner has been a year-long collaborative effort between NKU and Google Transit to provide free, web-based trip planning services to TANK customers. TANK is the first transit system in Kentucky and in the region to share schedule data with Google and tap into this powerful toolset. TANK's Google Transit web interface is simple to use and offers the convenience of personalized trip-planning anytime passengers need it from anywhere.

To use TANK's new trip planner, simply provide:

- Address, intersection or landmark where the trip will begin
- Address, intersection or landmark where the trip will end
- Date and time you want to leave or arrive



Google Transit uses this information to offer several travel options for your trip, each providing the bus stop, bus route, transfer information, fare, travel time, walking distance and a map.

By partnering with NKU and Google, TANK was able to provide this hi-tech information option at no cost. The service itself is free to transit systems that provide Google with information in their requested format. NKU's College of Informatics provided technology students, through the Infrastructure Management Institute, to transform all of the TANK schedule data into the Google format as well as to build customized interfaces to access the trip plans. This project is the 2nd phase of a four year research initiative funded by the FTA as a result of a Congressionally Directed Appropriation secured by U.S. Senator Jim Bunning for NKU's College of Informatics (informatics.nku.edu).

TANK's call center will continue to provide personalized bus information at 859/331-TANK.

Leave the Driving to Us!



When the weather turns wintry, TANK is still a sure thing. With professionally trained drivers and routes near you, there's no reason to dig your car out of your snow and ice-covered driveway. Leave the driving to the pros. Visit www.tankbus.org and try out the trip planner to find a route near you.

TANK in Campbell Co.

Routes

- 11 - Ft. Thomas (NKU)
- 12 - Dayton
- 16 - Grand Towers/St. Luke East/Carmel Manor
- 20 - South Newport
- 23 - South Bellevue
- 25 - Alexandria (NKU)
- 25X - Alexandria Express
- 26X - Grant's Lick Express Southbank Shuttle

Park and Ride Locations

- Alexandria Park and Ride (25X/26X)
- Cold Spring (25, 25X, 26X)
- Grant's Lick Park and Ride (26X)
- Newport Shopping Center (16, 25)
- Village Green Shopping Center (25X, 26X)

TANK

Information Line: 859/331-TANK
www.tankbus.org



4-H Camp 2009

When: July 27-31

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

Cost: \$145

Activities: Nature, Swimming, Crafts, Fishing, Canoeing, Recreation, Archery, Riflery, Challenge Course and MORE!



Swimming is just one of many fun and enriching experiences to be had at 4-H camp.



Shape Up and Go Green

In order to promote physical activity and to increase environmental awareness, education, and action, Campbell County Extension Service Agents for Family and Consumer Sciences and Natural Resources and Environmental Management (Kate Vaught and DJ. Scully) collaborated on an 8-week program called Shape Up and Go Green during July and August 2008. Each week individuals participated in agent-led nature hikes and learned about various environmental topics (i.e. energy and water conservation, organic foods, green cleaning, and solid waste management). Incentives relating to improved physical activity

and environmental education were provided weekly (i.e. pedometers, green cleaning products, fluorescent light bulbs, etc.). Final evaluations showed that of the 29 participants, 76% of them reported being more physically active, 97% were conscious of the environment during decision making processes, and the total miles walked by all participants was 4,989. Sixty-nine percent of the participants lost weight. One participant stated, "This program has changed me a lot. I sure have been recycling, using natural cleaning products like soda and vinegar, and using

Shape Up and Go Green will be offered again from September 1- October 27, 2009.



compact fluorescent lights and green products." Shape Up and Go Green will be offered again from September 1- October 27, 2009. Old topics will be revisited, and new topics will be introduced. Please call 859/572-2600 for more information.

Mommy and Me ... in the Kitchen

Mommy & Me ... in the Kitchen is a series of classes that helps parents, grandparents, or guardians and their children (ages 6-8) to see how important it is to make good food choices. Parents and children will together be ac-

tively involved in the food production process by planting, observing maturity, and harvesting food which will then be used to prepare yummy recipes. The class will emphasize cooking skills, literacy, math, and science through hands-

on experiences in the kitchen. Registration is required.

Space is limited to 15 child/parent teams. Classes run from February - September.

Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service

The Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service is a joint educational effort of the federal, state and county governments and is administered through the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University.

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 am - 4:30 pm

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Joyce McDole, Secretary
Marilyn Lauer, Secretary
Linda Hanses, Secretary
Diana Kasirosafar, Secretary

See Blue ... Go Green

Going green. In today's society "green" is used to describe everything from products to communities to blogs. But what does "green" really mean? "Green" equates to environmental responsibility. Routine decisions, such as which household cleaner to purchase or when to water the garden, can affect our environment. Understanding how these daily choices can impact our environment is key to conserving and preserving our natural resources, and ensuring a healthy environment for present and future generations.

Visit www.ca.uky.edu/gogreen for information regarding environmentally green topics.

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This site provides information for Kentuckians regarding environmentally "green" topics such as air, conservation, energy, soil, toxic/hazardous waste materials, water,

waste reduction, wildlife, travel, garden, and work. For more information, contact DJ. Scully, Campbell County Extension Agent for Natural Resources and Environmental Management.

Campbell County Nominee for the 4-H Centennial Hall of Fame — Pam Seibert



Campbell County Extension 4-H agents pose with Centennial Hall of Fame nominee Pam Seibert. Left to right: Sherri Sullivan, Sherri Farley, Pam Seibert, Owen Prim

Kentucky 4-H celebrates its Centennial in 2009. A 4-H Centennial Birthday Bash was held February 21 in Lexington. As part of the celebration, each county could nominate one volunteer for the centennial who had made a significant impact or contribution to the 4-H program. Campbell County's nominee/honoree was Pam Seibert.

Pam Seibert served as a 4-H Volunteer in Campbell County for 43 years. She served as leader for the St. Mary's 4-H School Club for eight years and then as the 4-H Teen Club

Leader for eight years. She fondly remembers her clubs' Variety Show Club Acts winning county, area and state competitions.

For 25 years the highlight of her summers was serving as an adult leader for 4-H Camp. For most of these years she taught cooking classes at camp. She also attended 4-H Week on the UK Campus for nine years and served as dean of women one year. She went to the 4-H Leadership Forum at Rock Eagle, GA for three years. In 1978 she served as chaperone for 4-H Older Youth

Conference in Washington, DC.

Pam served on the County 4-H Council for 25 years and during this time served in each officer position: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. She also served as a delegate to the Northern Kentucky 4-H Council and served as vice president and as one of the delegates to the State 4-H Council in Lexington.

Over the years Pam served as judge at numerous 4-H Events on the county, area and state levels. These events include county fairs, variety shows, speech and demonstrations and record book competitions.

Pam has been recognized as an outstanding volunteer on the county, area and state levels. In 1980 she received the Conrad Feltner 4-H Leadership Award. Presently she continues to be a 4-H Award Donor each year for the Alexandria Fair and works with her grandchildren on their 4-H projects and activities.

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

Family & Consumer Sciences Programs



Natural Resources

Environmental Education Assistance to the general public, schools, and businesses. FREE school programs and field trips are available, too. Questions can be directed to DJ Scully at 859/572-2600 or djscully@uky.edu

Horticulture Programs



Agriculture Programs



4-H Programs



Spring 2009 Calendar of Programs and Events

list of upcoming programs of the Campbell County Extension Service. Unless indicated, all programs will be held at the main 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 or Race Track Road.

Pre-registration required for all programs by calling 859/572-2600.

At least eight participants required for each class to be held

Mommy and Me...in the Kitchen
Feb. 25, March 25, April 15, May 27, June 17, July 22, Aug. 26, Sept. 23 (series – attend all sessions), 5:30 pm

Basket Making Class March 9, 1:30 pm

Clutterbugs United March 24, 10 am, Boone Co. Ext.; March 25, 1 pm, CCES

Convection and Induction Cooking March 31, 6:30 pm

Laundry Basics April 23, 6:30 pm, Boone Co. Ext.

Clutterbugs United April 28, 10 am, Boone Co. Ext.; April 29, 1 pm, CCES

Clutterbugs United May 26, 10 am, Boone Co. Ext.; May 27, 1 pm

Shape Up and Go Green
Sept.1 - Oct. 27, 10 am-Noon (meets every Tuesday), EEC

Teens On Wheels Sept. 17, 5-9 pm, Highland Heights Civic Center

Tree Seminar March 12, 8 am-3:30 pm, Southgate Community Center

Arbor Day/Earth Day Event (Come Plant a Tree) April 25, 10 am, St. Anne Convent, Melbourne KY

Greening Spaces May 6, 7-9 pm
Learn who can help you with environmental issues at home, work, classroom.

Tree Identification Walk June 4, Southgate Community Center

Environmental Education Center Building open to the Public. July
Come see our interactive displays and hike the trails.

Tree Identification Walk August, EEC

Shape Up and Go Green (Walking/Hiking and Environmental Awareness Program) Sept.1 - Oct.27 (Tuesdays), 10 am-Noon, EEC

Northern Kentucky Sports Turf Workshop March 10, 9 am-3 pm (co-hosted by the Campbell County Extension Service and the KYSTMA) *Covers all aspects of proper care. Includes equipment demonstrations and discussions. Free*

Tree Fruit Pruning Demonstrations
March 14, March 21, 9 am - Noon, CCES

Green Gardening March 16, 6:30-8:30 pm *Teaches options that are less damaging to the environment, while maintaining balanced and reasonable systems to ensure crop yields.*

Growing Small Fruits in the Home Garden March 24, 6:30-8:30 pm *Small fruits include: blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, and grapes. Learn which cultivars perform best in our area, as well as how to prune, spray, and control pests.*

Best Trees and Shrubs for Campbell County April 7, 9-11 am
Based upon the research done by statewide specialists and the "hands-on" experience of local growers.

Lawn Care for the Cheap and Lazy April 7, 6:30-8:30 pm *Tips on how to plant and maintain a home lawn with minimal labor and cost.*

Growing Vegetables Organically April 21, 6:30-8:30 pm *Ways to control weeds, improve your soil, recycle waste into compost and much more.*

The Frugal Gardener April 22, 6:30 -8:30 pm *Ways to reduce your spending for gardening supplies, seeds, plants, etc.*

The Joy of Herbs April 28, 10 am
We'll help you get started growing herbs by identifying which ones work best in any given situation.

Growing Vegetables in the Home Garden April 29, 6:30-8:30 pm *Save money by growing the majority of the vegetables your family will need this summer.*

Annie's Project (Women in Agriculture Business Series)
March 5-April 9 (Thursdays), 5:30-9 pm, Kenton County Extension Office
For women who want to take a more active role in the business side of the farming operation. Program includes dinner. \$50 registration fee.

Rotational Grazing Basics
March 10, 7 pm, EEC *Covers fencing and water considerations, grazing management and laying out a rotational grazing system.*

Beef Cattle Niche Marketing
March 23, 6:30 pm (meal), 7 pm (program), EEC *Grass-fed vs. grain-fed beef. Direct marketing freezer beef to local customers.*

Basic Horsemanship Series
March 24, April 21, May 19, 7 pm, Locations TBA *For beginning or first time horse owners.*

Managing Nuisance Wildlife and Developing a Hunt Leasing Program April 16, 7 pm, EEC *This program will address reducing wildlife damage and the opportunity of developing a hunt leasing program on your farm.*

Developing an Agri-Tourism Business May 4, 7 pm, EEC
Program speakers will discuss potential agri-tourism businesses and what is needed to develop such a business.

Back Roads Farm Tour July 18, 9 am-5 pm *Great opportunity for the general public to see and touch farm life. Call our office for a tour map.*

KY Beef Expo March 6-8, Louisville

4-H Demonstration Contest
March 10

KY 4-H Horse Leaders Workshop
March 21, Lexington

Multi County Communication Day
March 28, Carroll County

NK 4-H/FFA Beef Preview Show
March 28, Location TBA

4-H Fashion Show April 24, 7 pm

4-H/FFA Lamb, Hog & Goat Weigh In Tag Day April 25, Kenton Co. Fairgrounds

District 3 4-H Horse Show
May 29-31, Frankfort

NK District Beef Show May 30, Alexandria Fairgrounds

4-H/Red Cross Babysitting Clinic
June 6 (must be registered), CCES

4-H Horse Camp June 7-12, Alexandria Fairgrounds

4-H Teen Conference June 8-11, Lexington

State 4-H Horse Show June 28-July 4, Louisville

4-H Day Camp June 30-July 2, 9 am-3pm, CCES

State 4-H Communications Event
July 11, Lexington

4-H Camp July 27-31, North Central 4-H Camp

Kentucky State Fair August 20-30, Louisville

Alexandria Fair & Horse Show
Sept 2-7, Alexandria Fairgrounds

Outstanding Volunteers Recognized

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.

Jeff and Susan Schultz are active 4-H volunteers who are also active parents of 6 children. Jeff volunteers as a counselor at 4-H Camp and teaches the Fishing class. He is also a volunteer chaperone at 4-H Teen Conference. He especially enjoys these activities because he gets to share them with his sons. Jeff has volunteered in 4-H for the past five years.

Susan was a co-leader for St. Mary 4-H Club for two years during which time she organized a Christmas visit to area nursing homes. Susan also planned and implemented a successful 3-day 4-H Culture Day Camp last summer at the 4-H office. She has volunteered with Campbell County 4-H for six years.

Jeff and Susan feel fortunate to have such an active 4-H program in Campbell County; they enjoy their volunteer time and look forward to more fun with 4-H in the years ahead.

Tom Hounshell of Claryville is the Outstanding Extension volunteer for Agriculture and Natural Resources. Tom and his wife, Donna own and operate a 64-acre beef and forage farm in the Claryville area. Tom has participated in numerous Extension Service programs and is a graduate of the Master Cattleman and Master Grazer programs. During the fall of 2008 the Hounshells hosted the county's annual Beef/Forage Field Day. Tom is a member of the Board of Directors of the Campbell County Cattle Association. He helps to develop and carry out beef cattle and forage programs. During the fall, Tom helped teach the beef and dairy section of the 5th grade agriculture awareness program called Grow It, Eat It Wear It.



“Volunteers are the strength of the Extension Service.”

Bob Schack of Camp Spring is the Outstanding Extension Volunteer for Community Development. Bob is a member of the Campbell County Extension District Board and the Campbell County Extension Council. Bob and his family are regular cooperators with the Extension Service, hosting numerous horticulture and agriculture field days, demonstration and farm tours. Bob played a major role in the development of the Campbell County Cattle Association and the Campbell County Farmer's Market. With his persistence in working with state legislators and KY Department of Agriculture personnel, he was able to bring WIC (Women Infant and Children) and Senior WIC funding to Campbell County. He was instrumental in bringing about policy changes that allow for value-added products to be introduced into local farmers' markets. He is past president of the Campbell County Cattle Association and is currently president of the Campbell County Farmers' Market.

Bob is an avid volunteer for his community, serving on the Camp Spring Fire Department, Campbell County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and is a past Director of Southern States. Bob has supported the Camp Spring Initiative which is a group of community leaders that is engaged in rural, farm and economic development.

Bob is always ready to help the Extension Service, a neighbor, his

church or any member of the community. As his daughter Stephanie recently said, “Dad (Bob) is a super father, grandfather and neighbor.”

The Kindred Hearts 4-H Club is the recipient of the 2008 Natural Resources and Environmental Management Outstanding Extension Volunteer Award. Since 2002 the club has performed service learning projects at the Campbell County Environmental Education Center. The families involved in the club (Myers, Spaulding, Boschert, Foutch, Pikar, Geiman, Barbian, Toon, and Keller) collected 100 pounds of litter and planted 10 native trees and 25 native wildflower plants. This service has improved the beauty and general environment of the center.

Anita McCormick of California is one of the Family and Consumer Sciences Outstanding Extension Volunteers of the year. She has been a member of the Campbell County Extension Homemakers since 2002. Since that time, Mrs. McCormick has been an outstanding leader in the organization, first as Valley Homemakers Club President and then furthering her role as the Campbell County Extension Homemaker President in 2007. As president, she has successfully led fundraising efforts in a local quilt show and holiday craft event. She also organized a showcase event where each homemaker club displayed their talents and community service activities. Mrs.

McCormick has extended Family and Consumer Sciences Extension by helping with the County Wide Baby Shower (an educational event to aid pregnant teens) and raising awareness about Extension at the Campbell County Fair. She and her husband, Ron, also serve on the Campbell County Extension Council. Always concerned for the community, she has donated her time to help the homeless through the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Zachary Lones has been named one of the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service Outstanding Extension Volunteers for 2008. Zach lives in Cincinnati, OH with his wife, Theresa. Zach began volunteering for the Family & Consumer Sciences program area in 2005. Zach's personal tragedy made him a knowledgeable speaker for both the Teens On Wheels driver's safety program and the In the Driver's Seat Court Mandated program. He is now a critical part of the delivery, impact, and overall success of both programs.

Barbara Burkhard, 2008 Outstanding Extension Volunteer for Horticulture, came to volunteer in the Lakeside Commons Educational Gardens through her husband, Alan. Alan is a senior automation engineer who had an interest in our railroad garden. The train portion of the gardens was in desperate need of technical expertise. Alan volunteered to work on the trains and brought Barbara with him. Barbara expressed an interest in working with our volunteer crew and quickly became a wonderful asset. She loved to tackle the more difficult and less glamorous garden jobs and did so in last summer's relentless heat. Barbara came about her interest in gardening from her mother. Living in Oklahoma and Houston, she developed an interest in improving her landscape. Today she not only works on her landscape but grows a portion of the vegetables used at home. She, like an ever increasing number of people, seeks local and healthy food choices.

Campbell County Phone Directory

Fiscal Court Offices

County Judge/Executive.....	859/292-3838
County Commissioners.....	859/292-3838
A.J. Jolly Golf Course.....	859/635-2106
Assistance Program.....	859/292-3819
Emergency Management.....	859/635-1111
Fiscal Affairs.....	859/292-3898
Housing.....	859/261-5200
Human Resources.....	859/292-3838
Human Services.....	859/292-3838
Lakeside Terrace.....	859/441-5166
Occupational License.....	859/292-3884
Parks and Recreation.....	859/547-3680
Planning and Zoning.....	859/292-3880
Police (Non-Emergency).....	859/292-3622
Police (Administration).....	859/547-3100
Senior Center.....	859/572-4300
Solid Waste/Blight.....	859/292-3838
Transportation.....	859/635-9100

County Offices

Circuit Clerk.....	859/292-6314
Circuit Clerk – Newport Driver's License.....	859/292-6311
Circuit Clerk – Alexandria Driver's License.....	859/635-5240
Circuit Court.....	859/292-6314
Commonwealth's Attorney.....	859/292-6490
County Attorney.....	859/491-5843
County Attorney – Child Support.....	859/431-0522
County Attorney – Criminal.....	859/581-8015
County Clerk – Alexandria.....	859/635-2151
County Clerk – Newport.....	859/292-3845
County Clerk – Auto Registration.....	859/292-3850
County Clerk – Titles and Tax Real Estate.....	859/292-3845
County Clerk – Voting, Marriage License.....	859/292-3885
County Coroner.....	859/441-8800
County Dispatch (Non-Emergency).....	859/292-3622
County Jailer.....	859/431-4611
County Sheriff.....	859/292-3833
Detention Center.....	859/431-4611
District Court.....	859/292-6305
Master Commissioner.....	859/491-7700
Property Valuation Administrator.....	859/292-3871

Justin Verst Retires



In December, County Attorney Justin Verst (left), retired after 31 years of serving Campbell County. Because of his efforts, he helped make the County a better place to live. He is succeeded by James Daley, who brings a combination of criminal and municipal law experience to the Attorney's Office.

2009 Important Dates

March 27-29	“Spring Litter Abatement and Clean-up” from 8 am - 6 pm at the Campbell County Police Department, Pendery Park, and the Campbell County Transportation Center. The Transportation Center will accept scrap metal, appliances, car batteries, tires (4-6), and empty propane tanks with valves removed. If you have more than 4-6 tires, please call before the event or you will be turned away (in addition, have your Driver's License ID number handy). Liquids will not be accepted at any site. Please call 859/547-1802 for additional information.
March 30	Pendery, Morscher, and Beiting Sports Complexes open
April-November	“Going Out on a Limb Tree Climbing” at A.J. Jolly Park (contact Shelly at 859-653-2907)
April 6	A.J. Jolly Park opens
April 10	Spring Break – All Fiscal Court Offices closed
May 1	Weekend camping opens at A.J. Jolly Park Spring Adopt-A-Thon at the Animal Shelter from 9 am-3 pm
May 20	Primary Election Day- All Fiscal Court Offices closed
May 22	All-week camping opens at A.J. Jolly Park
May 25	Memorial Day - All Fiscal Court Offices closed
June 6-7	Free Fishing Weekend A.J. Jolly Park (contact Dennis at 859/547-3632)
July 3	Independence Day Holiday - All Fiscal Court offices closed

Campbell County Fiscal Court



2009 Fiscal Court

Left to right:
Commissioner Mark T. Hayden,
Judge/Executive Steve Pendery,
Commissioner David E. Otto, and
Commissioner Kenneth L. Rechtin

Administrative Offices

24 West Fourth Street • Newport, KY 41071 • phone: **859/292-3838**

For up-to-date information, visit our website and subscribe to our eNews by clicking on the “Get the eNewsletter” tab: www.campbellcountyky.org

Coming This Year! County Administration Center Will Provide One-Stop Venue for Most County Services

By fall of this year, Campbell County citizens and businesses will have a new, modern facility in which to conduct business and obtain valuable County services. The three-story building is under construction at Eleventh and Monmouth Streets in Newport.

The new Administration Center will be a true one-stop facility, housing the following offices:

- County Clerk (Auto License, Land Records, Voter Registration, Marriage License)
- Drivers License
- Sheriff (Property Tax Office)
- Property Valuation Administrator (PVA)
- Local Health Clinic
- Human Services Assistance Program
- County Housing Department
- Planning, Zoning, and Building Inspection Services
- County Occupational License Office
- Fiscal Court Administrative Offices

In addition to these offices, the building will have a multi-purpose meeting room that will be used for



The new County Administration Center, scheduled for completion in fall of 2009, will consolidate offices currently located in four separate buildings in Newport.

some Fiscal Court meetings and offer a convenient forum for other government and community gatherings. There will be convenient, off-street parking adjacent to the building.

The new Administration Center will consolidate offices currently located in four separate buildings in Newport. These buildings are not easily accessible to people with disabilities, are not energy efficient, and lack sufficient parking space for customers. The new Center will eliminate all of these problems, and

provide one convenient location for citizens and businesses to access essential services.

Fiscal Court has been collaborating with other agencies to plan this Center since 1998. The local Board of Health partnered with the Fiscal Court to include new space for their Health Clinic. The offices of the County Clerk, Sheriff, Drivers License, and PVA will be relocated out of the historic Courthouse in Newport to make way for renovation of that building as part of a new

high-security Justice Center which will house District, Circuit, and Family Courts.

Although the offices in Newport will be consolidated into one Center, the Fiscal Court will continue to provide offices in Alexandria so that citizens and businesses in the southern part of the County have a convenient location to do business. In 2006, the County Clerk and Drivers License Offices were relocated to a new building on West Main Street in order to provide adequate parking and sufficient space. The historic Alexandria Courthouse was no longer suitable for customer services because of its insufficient size, landlocked site, and lack of parking facilities and accessibility.

Judge/Executive Steve Pendery looks forward to the fall 2009 completion of the Administration Center, stating, "For too long we have had a scattered network of offices, making it difficult for businesses and citizens to access services in the County. The new Center will allow us to consolidate our efforts in Newport while also maintaining essential services in Alexandria."



Let's Golf! A.J. Jolly Golf Course Information

A.J. Jolly Golf Course is located on U.S. 27, 18 miles south of Cincinnati. The 18-hole golf course spans 6,210 yards and offers a par of 71. Labeled by *Golf Digest* as a "beautiful course with lots of water," A.J. Jolly brings in golfers from all around Greater Cincinnati. The golf course also includes a clubhouse and banquet facilities for groups of up to 220. Additionally, Season Passes are now available.

For additional information, visit www.ajjolly.com or call 859/635-2106.

Rates for the 2009 season are as follows:

9 holes	\$14.50
18 holes	\$24.00

With reduced rates for seniors

Understanding Your County Property Tax Bill

Taxpayers are encouraged to review their County tax bill each year to see where their funds are going.

Although the bill that is sent from the Sheriff's office is called the County tax bill, the Fiscal Court receives only about 12% of the funds that are collected. The largest share of the funds go to schools, and the state, fire districts, library district, extension service, health district, and soil conservation service all take a share.

In 2008, Campbell County Fiscal Court set the property tax rate at 11.6 cents per \$100 of valuation. This means that the owner of a \$100,000 house paid the County \$116 for County services. This rate produced a 4% increase in revenue over the 2007 rate of 11.2 cents per \$100.

Most taxpayers in the northern part of the County saw a tax reduction in 2008 because the taxing authority of the Campbell County Court House Commission was eliminated

by action of the Kentucky General Assembly. In 2007, the Court House Commission imposed a tax rate of 0.882 cents per \$100, or \$8.82 for a \$100,000 house.

The law that eliminated the Court House Commission's taxing authority also relieved the Commission of their responsibility to house the offices of the County Clerk, Sheriff, and PVA. This responsibility was assigned to the Fiscal Court, without any provision to pay for these offices.

These changes enacted by the General Assembly create a funding challenge for the Fiscal Court. Over \$300,000 per year is needed to fund the offices of the Clerk, Sheriff, and PVA, and these funds must now be taken from existing revenues.

If you have any questions about your tax bill, please call Fiscal Court at 859/547-1803 and we will provide more information.

Free Tax Preparation!

Brighton Center is offering free tax form preparation and filing. IRS-trained volunteers will assist citizens and file the tax forms electronically. Simply bring your tax information to Newport Middle School, 30 West 8th Street, Newport on Saturdays ONLY. Dates and times are as follows: March 7, 14, 21, 28, from 11 am to 3 pm; April 4 and 11, from 11 am to

3 pm. Simply bring the following items: W2s; Children's social security cards; amount spent on child/dependent care, plus provider's Employer ID Number or Social Security Number; Statement(s) showing public benefits or child support received.

For more information, call 859/491-8303, ext. 2325.



Police Department Update

Congratulations

Patrolman Nicholas Heiert received the 2008 "Governor's Award for Impaired Driving Enforcement for Outstanding Achievement in the Apprehension of Impaired Drivers."

Sergeant William Bertke was awarded the "Campbell County Police Outstanding Achievement Award" for delivering a baby girl on US 27 on September 6, 2008.



Judge/Executive Steve Pendery (left) and Chief Keith Hill (center) awarded Sergeant William Bertke (right) with the "Campbell County Police Outstanding Achievement Award."

Promotions

Sergeant Thomas Nitschke was promoted to Sergeant on August 6, 2008.

Officers Graduated

Lieutenant Colonel Todd Straman graduated from the "School of Strategic Leadership," an executive educational leadership school for law enforcement professionals, consisting of five graduate-level college courses.

Patrolmen Matthew Meyers

and Adam Moeves graduated from the 399th Law Enforcement Basic Training Class at the Department of Criminal Justice Training.

Grant Awards

A \$23,500 Highway Safety Grant was awarded to the Police Department. The Federal Overtime Money will focus on enforcement of police traffic services on the AA Highway and US 27, to increase police presence, reduce speeding and traffic violations, and reduce accidents.

How Is the Police Department Doing?

Citizens, weigh in! The Campbell County Police Department is conducting a survey to assess the public's perception of the Police Department and to reach out to the community for its input. Citizen input will be utilized as an aid in the Department's strategic planning process. Data gathered will provide valuable information that guides planning decisions, training needs, and operational functions of the Department.

To provide your valuable feedback, complete the survey online. Please go to www.campbellcountyky.org/survey/pd.htm

Adopt a Cat or Dog!

To adopt a dog or cat, visit the Campbell County Animal Shelter: 1989 Poplar Ridge Road, Camp Springs, KY 41059 Phone: 859/635-2819

Dog Adoptions: \$70

Cat Adoptions: \$50

* Includes checkups, first set of shots, micro-chipping, etc.

On the Web:

www.campbellcountyky.org, click on "Animal Shelter." To view all animals available for adoption go to the "Petfinder" link.

Hours: M-F - 10 am - 4:30 pm

Sat. - 9 am - 1 pm

Celebrating Ten Years of Serving Our Community!

Campbell County has a valuable media resource through the Campbell County Community Media Center. The Media Center offers all the video production tools you need to make exciting, entertaining, and educational cable television programming — all at no cost. The Media Center is celebrating our tenth year of operation and what better time to make new and exciting changes to better serve you? The Media Center continues to offer great hands-on workshops in editing, graphics, camera operation, studio production, truck production and Adobe Photoshop. Coming this spring, the Media Center will offer NEW workshops in Adobe Premiere, Adobe After Effects and Photography. We will also launch a new and

improved website this spring. Campbell County Community Media is a fun place to get involved. It is available to residents, not-for-profit organizations, students, and educational facilities. We teach you the valuable skills to make your own show. Each year a “Volunteer of the Year” award is given out at our annual “Thank You” dinner. 2008’s Volunteer of the Year Award winner is Larry Alexander. Larry is a valued volunteer and producer. We have many wonderful program producers that are available to network with and share ideas and so much more. You can tune into our stations on cable channels 16 (Government), 17 (Religious), 20 (Variety), and 21 (Your TV). Stop by and check out all we have to offer!



Volunteer of the Year Award winner Larry Alexander



Richie MacKnight, Youth Producer

Campbell County Community Media



Jennifer Teipel, Executive Director
Email: Jennifer@campbellmedia.org 859/781-3495, ext. 12

www.campbellmedia.org

Campbell County Clerk

Motor Vehicle Licensing

The Motor Vehicle Licensing Department is the most widely used service of the County Clerk’s office. Other services include Voter Registration, Elections; Land Records, and Marriage Licenses.

The County Clerk’s office has a website to assist the public in these services. Hopefully many of your questions can be answered

there. Please visit our website at www.campbellcountkyclerk.org for assistance.

On the website there is also a link to the State website for Internet Renewals for Motor Vehicles. You can either use the link or visit <http://mvl.ky.gov/MVLWeb/>

In order to renew online, the vehicle must be currently insured with a company that is registered with the Kentucky office of Insurance. If you have obtained your insurance within the last 45 days your information may not be in the database yet. This could prohibit you from renewing your vehicle online. The vehicle being renewed must also

have an unexpired registration, and the owner cannot have any overdue property taxes on any other vehicles.

Only standard passenger plates can be renewed online. Leased vehicles and vehicles with special plates, truck plates or motorcycles cannot be renewed online at this time. In addition to registration renewal you can also check personalized plate availability, review license plate designs and download frequently used forms.

A convenience fee of \$5.00 will be charged for each vehicle being renewed, and payment can be made using Visa or MasterCard.

Please visit the website for additional information about online renewals or contact the Motor Vehicle Department at 859-292-3850.

Campbell County Clerk

Jack Snodgrass
Campbell County Clerk

Newport
340 York Street, 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.



New Billing Procedure Effective This July for Residential Customers

Beginning in spring 2009, SD1 will base all residential wastewater bills on water consumed during the winter months (October 1 through April 30).

Basing customers' bills on their winter water usage allows SD1 to more accurately bill for the water that enters the sanitary sewer system. It takes out of consideration water used for activities such as washing a car or watering a lawn, while still be-

ing able to capture water usage that typically takes place year-round such as washing clothes, taking showers and washing dishes.

This winter usage billing method will provide customers with a consistent, level billing that will allow them to budget more precisely for their quarterly sanitation bill. It also ensures that customers will be fairly billed for the amount of water used in their homes.

Protecting the Environment Award

This year, SD1 and Wal-Mart have partnered to present the 2009 Protecting the Environment Award program. Students and teachers will be recognized for environmental efforts and selected winners from Northern Kentucky schools will share over \$2,500 in cash and prizes!

As in previous years, teachers may nominate an outstanding student who has gone above and beyond to protect the environment and/or water resources.

New this year, teachers may come up with a class project that they would like to receive funding for and submit a Project Proposal Application.

For more information about this award, please visit the website at www.sd1.org/education/award.asp.



SD1



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

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

Stop the Clog, Say NO to FOG



FOG refers to fats, oils and grease from food preparation and kitchen clean up. When FOG enters the sewer system (as a result of being poured down a drain) it will begin to stick to and build up on the insides of the sewer lines. Over time, the FOG buildup can block the entire line. A partial or total blockage of a pipe can cause floor drains, sinks and dishwashers to back up or not work properly.

Buildup in pipes can also cause significant problems in the sanitary sewer system and at wastewater treatment plants.

For more information on what you can do to help prevent the buildup of FOG, visit www.sd1.org.

Be a Part of the Solution!

This spring, SD1 will be launching a pilot rain barrel program. Rain barrels collect and store rainwater from your roof for use in dry weather to give thirsty gardens, flowers and trees a drink.

Rain barrels help keep excess storm water out of the sewer system. They also help prevent rain from picking up pollution and carrying it to the nearest body of water.

During the months of February and March, SD1 customers will be able to order the "Raintainer." The "Raintainer" is a 55-gallon rain barrel that has an aesthetically pleasing appearance and includes a connection for a hose, making it possible to draw water from the barrel. The lid of the "Raintainer" can be used as



Save money, water and energy and help protect local waterways by ordering a "Raintainer" this spring.

a self-watering planter. It can also be easily removed, making cleaning the inside of the barrel simple.

For more information please call the Storm Water Hotline at 859/578-6745 or visit www.sd1.org/rainbarrels.

Don't Miss Out on Great Offerings @ Your Library

Have you visited the Library recently? Your Library is a great way to save money and enjoy things you love. Check out music CDs, video games, movies, or past issues of favorite magazines. Send and receive faxes, use the computers, make color copies (for just 30 cents a page), plus access databases and other information online through our website. And of course, there are hundreds of books perfect for all ages and reading tastes.

Celebrate National Library Week April 13 - 18

The week in April designated as National Library Week first began nationally in 1958 to increase public awareness of libraries. To have fun and illustrate how libraries connect with your world, we're offering ways to win prizes, just for using your Library. When children check out library materials that week, they can spin the big wheel to win a prize. When adults and teens check out items, they may enter random drawings for either dinner and a movie for four, or a family pass to a nearby entertainment activity. Drop by often



April 13-18 to increase your chances of winning! See how the Library connects with your world!

El Día de los Niños April 26 at Price Hill

Mark calendars now for Sunday, April 26. El Día de los Niños/ de los Libros (The Day of the Child/Books) is a celebration that advocates the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Six public library systems in Kentucky and Ohio jointly sponsor this event, which offers free books for children, multi-cultural craft tables, face painters, piñatas and a Story Telling tent showcasing international story tell-

ers and the Oxford Gourd and Drum Ensemble. This year the event will take place from 1 - 4 pm at the Price Hill Branch of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, 3215 Warsaw Ave. in Cincinnati. El

Día will be held outdoors on the grounds of a beautiful Carnegie Foundation Library built in 1909. Come learn salsa dancing and enjoy an afternoon of great family fun!



Summer Reading Clubs June 6 - August 1

Are you ready? Summer is a busy and fun time at the Library. The themes for 2009 are built around the sights and sounds of summer, being creative and expressing yourself, which all add up to weeks and weeks of wonderful and entertaining programs for all ages. The summer reading kick-off event is Saturday, June 6, at all three branches. Free food, live music, face

painting and henna tattoos are just part of the fun activities planned. The first 150 children who register for the Summer Reading Club

will receive a T-shirt, plus a reading log to keep track of how much time is spent reading to earn more prizes throughout June and July. The first 150 teens who register will receive a cool gift as well. To encourage everyone (even adults!) to read, each branch will have weekly drawings for gift cards and other neat prizes. The more you read, the more you can enter. Don't miss out on a great summer full of exciting programs and fascinating books!



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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
Reference: www.askwhyky.org
Storytelling: 859/572-5039



Health Department Annual Report Now Online

The Health Department's fiscal year 2008 annual report has gone high-tech and low budget. To save on printing costs, the report—which covers activities from July 2007 through June 2008—will only be available online.

Highlights from the year include:

- The hiring of Steven R. Katkowsky, M.D., as District Director of Health
- A partnership between the Health Department and Vision 2015 to conduct a health and social needs assessment

- A contest to promote flu vaccination in child care centers
- A research study on how environmental changes at a worksite can impact health
- An effort to educate the community about prevention of bed bugs
- An increase in revenue of more than \$1 million, or 7.3 percent, bringing the Health Department's annual revenue to slightly more than \$15 million

To read the report, please visit <http://www.nkyhealth.org/annualreport>.



The Health Department provides many community programs each year, including this dog safety presentation at Crescent Springs Child Care Center.

WIC Can Help Your Family

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) supplemental nutrition program is a federal program that provides vouchers to help families purchase nutritious foods during pregnancy and up until the child reaches 5 years of age. The program also includes regular nutrition counseling.

The WIC program is available to pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers of children up to 1 year of age and children under age 5.



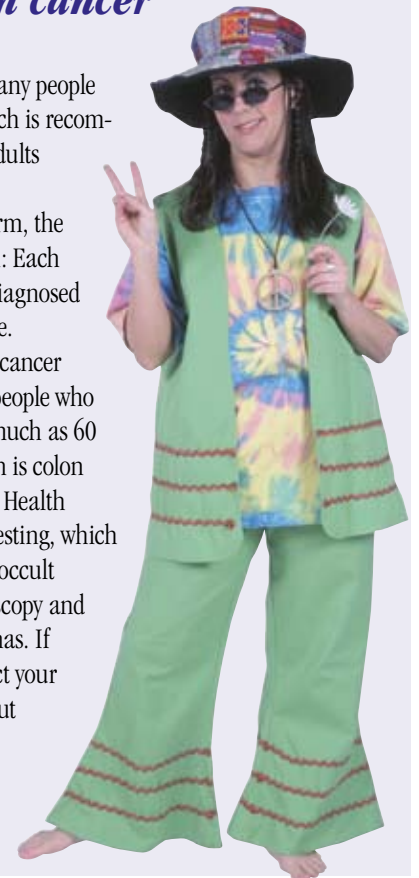
Family income must be at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level (currently \$39,220 for a family of four) and the family must be residents of Kentucky.

For more information on WIC, please call the Campbell County Health Center at 859/431-1704.

Flashback: If this is a blast from your past, it's time to get tested for colon cancer

A right of passage that many people dread is the colonoscopy, which is recommended every five years for adults over age 50. While the testing methods may make you squirm, the danger of colon cancer is real: Each year 2,500 Kentuckians are diagnosed with colon cancer and 840 die.

Routine testing for colon cancer can decrease the number of people who die from colon cancer by as much as 60 percent. During March, which is colon cancer awareness month, the Health Department is encouraging testing, which includes colonoscopies, fecal occult blood tests, flexible sigmoidoscopy and double contract barium enemas. If you are over 50, please contact your health care provider to find out which screenings are recommended for you.



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“Winning Beginnings” Plan Awarded Over \$107,000

Campbell County's continuing efforts to ensure that its children are ready for school took a giant step forward last week when its Winning Beginnings plan was awarded \$107,078.

The news is due in part to an extensive effort led by Judge/Executive Steve Pendery, Human Services Director Pat Dressman, and the United Way's Amy Neal, who worked on the plan with all Campbell County school districts and numerous agencies. Months ago, the group set out to address the fact that approximately 35% of Campbell County children are not ready for kindergarten. With an understanding that every early experience frames a child's social, psychological and intellectual development, the group tailored a plan specifically directed at helping Campbell County children.

Winning Beginnings will increase the quality of the home environment for children 0 to 3 years of age through a home visitation program. The program aims to help parents create a nurturing, healthy environment for their children. Additionally, “Winning Beginnings”



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-Steve Pendery, Campbell County Judge/Executive

will improve the quality of childcare by educating and supporting selected providers not currently in the STAR system. “STARS” is a Kentucky program that rates participating childcare facilities based on the extent to which they provide school readiness and age-appropriate social/emotional development activities. Of 42 licensed child care providers in the County, 31 do not participate in Kentucky STARS. This part of the plan will support and train child care providers that do not currently have or use the STAR rating.

Although this is just a first step to ensuring school readiness, the plan should have a significant impact on Campbell County. Applauding the award, Judge Pendery stated, “Winning Beginnings sets out to ensure that our County's children are successful. By carrying out this plan, we can begin to place an emphasis on helping them be prepared before they reach kindergarten. The additional instructional support will help to ensure that our children never have to play catch up with their peers.”

State-of-the-Art Fitness for Seniors

Campbell County's Northern Kentucky University recently awarded the Senior Center a \$1,000 Grant from the Mayerson Foundation. The award was used to begin a Nintendo Wii Bowling League. The addition of Wii games to the Center adds to the already extensive mix of fitness activities, including Yoga, Tai Chi, and “Fitness Friends” Exercise Group.

The Wii Bowling League is another collaborative effort in an ongoing relationship between the Senior Center and NKU. Students assisting with wellness assessments at the Center were so impressed with its existing activities and new Nintendo Wii that they applied for the Mayerson Grant to organize the Wii Bowling League. As part of the League, teams will compete within the Center, as well as with the Boone County and Independence Senior Centers.

The Center is open 8:30 am to 3 pm, Monday - Friday. Members must be over 60 to join, and there is no membership fee. For more information regarding programs offered at the Senior Center, call 859/572-4300.