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CATCH UP ON CHECKUPS AND ROUTINE VACCINES

As your family gets back to routines, it's important for your child to catch up on checkups and recommended vaccines to help protect their health now and in the future.

Many children missed check-ups and recommended childhood vaccinations during the past two years. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend children catch up on routine childhood vaccinations. In addition, it is very important to receive seasonal vaccines such as a flu shot and the COVID-19 Bivalent booster. The flu and other respiratory illnesses are spreading rapidly throughout the Northern Kentucky community. Routine vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines for children 6 months and older and flu vaccines for both children and adults, are available at many pharmacies as well as NKY Health's County Health Centers. To find a location near you, please visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/>. Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>

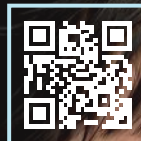
WELL-CHILD CHECKUPS ARE ESSENTIAL

- The doctor tracks your child's growth and development.
- You can ask the doctor questions about your child's health.
- Your child gets recommended vaccinations.

VACCINATION HELPS PROTECT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

- Routine vaccinations during childhood help prevent 14 diseases.
- Among children born from 1994-2018, vaccinations will prevent an estimated 936,000 early deaths, 8 million hospitalizations, and 419 million illnesses.

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Campbell County Fiscal Court and altafiber Partner to Provide High-Speed Wi-Fi Connectivity at Campbell County Parks

In 2021 Campbell County Fiscal Court and altafiber announced a partnership to offer gigabit Internet to every address in the county, a project that would benefit the community for years to come. Residents and visitors will realize one of those benefits next year, after the Fiscal Court approved an agreement in November with altafiber to provide public Wi-Fi within AJ Jolly Park and Golf Course and Penderly Park.

Under terms of the agreement, altafiber will deliver high-speed Wi-Fi connectivity in AJ Jolly Park and Golf Course, which includes a 200-acre lake, campground, disc golf course, multiple sports fields, walking and equestrian trails, and an Environmental Education Center. altafiber's Wi-Fi network is expected to be available at AJ Jolly Park and Golf Course and Penderly Park in Spring of 2023. "We are thrilled to offer residents

and visitors to our parks the opportunity to access free Wi-Fi as part of their recreational experience," Penderly said.

altafiber's Smart City organization, which is branded as UniCity, will oversee the installation and management of the Wi-Fi networks at AJ Jolly Park and Golf Course and Penderly Park. John Putnam, Sales Director for UniCity, said the agreement reflects altafiber's commitment to helping its partners leverage technology.

"altafiber's Wi-Fi network will offer thousands of AJ Jolly Park and Golf Course and Penderly Park visitors connectivity every day, but that's just part of the benefit," Putnam said. "By logging into the Wi-Fi network and agreeing to receive messages, visitors will be notified via e-mail of park amenities, specials, and upcoming events, further enhancing the visitor experience."



John B. Scola, Director of altafiber's Mobility Program, added that the infrastructure will allow Campbell County to eventually add a full range of connectivity options including sensors in the parks to monitor water levels and quality, air quality, and various equipment functionality.

In addition to the Wi-Fi network, altafiber will sponsor new signage at AJ Jolly Park, as well as the physical and digital maps provided to park visitors. An event is planned for Spring of 2023 to introduce these and additional upgrades at AJ Jolly Park.

AJ Jolly Park Improvements

Campbell County continuously strives to enhance the patron experience at AJ Jolly Park. Many improvements are a direct result of the feedback received from the annual park patron survey. 2022 was a noteworthy year for updates and developments. The Campbell County Fiscal Court authorized and completed several projects to support ongoing improvements at the park.



PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2022:

- Construction of a new bathroom facility near the Stapleton Pavilion to replace the aging bathroom near the Ranger Station
- Expansion of the existing shower house in the main AJ Jolly Campground to include eight individual restrooms with showers, two of which are ADA accessible
- ADA Accessible and Inclusive Playground near the Ranger Station
- Construction of a third Yurt
- Electric service added to campsites 1-15
- Automatic exit gate from the boat ramp area for safer and more efficient traffic flow
- New boat ramp which extends into the water, eliminating the steep drop-off.

PROJECTS TO BEGIN OR BE COMPLETED IN 2023:

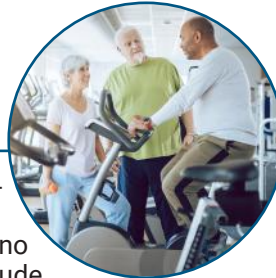
- Free Public Wi-Fi access will be available at AJ Jolly Park, AJ Jolly Golf Course, and Penderly Park.
- Fencing to be added around the ADA Accessible and Inclusive Playground.
- Two additional yurts will be added to complete AJ Jolly's Yurt Village in time for the 2023 camping season.
- Tent Pads will be constructed at seven existing sites, creating a level area for tent placement.
- Six Primitive camp sites will be added to the current camping options.
- Hammock-friendly hardware (i.e. post/hangers) will be installed in four designated campsites and additional sites that have appropriate natural features, such as hammock-friendly trees, will be identified as a hammock-friendly sites.
- Two additional shelters will be available for rentals in the 2023 season, giving the park a total of fifteen rentable shelters.

AJ Jolly Golf Course 2023 Season Pass Rates

Season Pass Notes	Golf Season Passes	2023 Rate
All prices include applicable taxes. • <i>Campbell County residents receive \$25 discount on passes; Premium Pass receives \$50 discount</i> • <i>Season Passes sold after July 1st subject to 40% discount</i> • <i>All players must pay \$1 player's fee at beginning of each round (Non-Premium)</i> Season Pass Definitions: <i>Couple: Spouses/Partners (same address)</i> <i>Senior: Age 60 or older</i> <i>Junior: Under Age 18</i> <i>Family: 1 or 2 legal guardians with dependents under the age of 18 (same address)</i>	Single	\$700.00
	Couple	\$900.00
	Senior (Age 60+)	\$600.00
	Senior Couple	\$800.00
	Junior (Under Age 18)	\$225.00
	*Family	\$1,400.00
	Premium	\$2,600.00
School (Weekdays Only) 12 Team Members	\$1,000.00	
	<i>Rates listed are for all seven days of the week unless otherwise noted.</i>	

Campbell County Senior & Wellness Center Celebrates 30 Years of Service in 2023!

The Campbell County Senior and Wellness Center is excited to celebrate 30 years of operation in 2023! The Senior Center is open to anyone sixty years or older, and there is no membership fee to join; however, some activities may include nominal fees. A membership packet can be obtained in person at 3504 Alexandria Pike in Highland Heights, or on the Campbell County Fiscal Court's website www.campbellcountyny.gov. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM- 3 PM.



The Center offers a variety of other recreational and health promotion activities, all of which are listed on the monthly activity calendar. You can view/download the calendar on the website, the Senior Center's Facebook page, or pick up a hard copy at the Senior Center during operating hours.

Please call 859-572-4300 for additional information about membership or activities, and a staff member will be more than happy to assist you.

2023 Campbell County Parks Calendar of Events

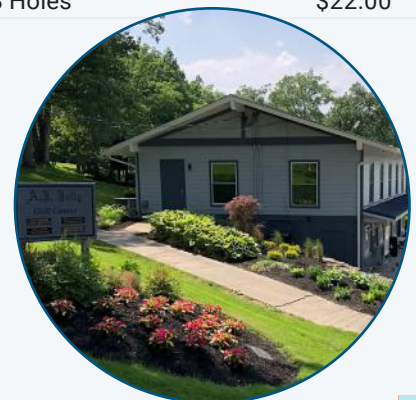
All events take place at AJ Jolly Park unless noted otherwise. Visit www.ajjollypark.com for details.

Date	Event
March 24	RV Camping (Flatwood sites) Open
April 21	All Camping Open
June – July	Jolly Thursdays at 10 AM every Thursday
June 3	Music Night @ AJ Jolly
July 15	Sun Valley Bluegrass Festival 4:00 - 10:30 PM
August 19	Festival on the Lake 4:00 - 10:30 PM
September TBD	Music Night @ AJ Jolly
September 9	Dragon Boat Festival 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
September 27	Senior Citizens' Picnic at Pendery Park
October 21	Halloween Spooktacular 12:00 – 2:00 PM
October 28	All Camping Ends
December 1	Winter-Access Begins at all Campbell County Parks

AJ Jolly Golf Course 2023 Daily Rates

Please call AJ Jolly Golf Course at 859-635-2106 or visit www.ajjolly.com for special promotions, book your tee time, and experience our nationally ranked staff friendliness for yourself. All prices include applicable taxes Juniors (Under Age 18) play free with paying adult any day of week. Off season dates subject to the Golf Professional's discretion.

In Season Rates	2023 Rate
9 Holes Walking	\$18.00
9 Holes Riding	\$30.00
18 Holes Walking	\$37.00
18 Holes Riding	\$57.00
Friday – Sunday Twilight	\$20.00
Weekday Senior Special	2023 Rate
9 Holes Walking	\$15.00
9 Holes Riding	\$27.00
18 Holes Walking	\$27.00
18 Holes Riding	\$35.00
Junior Rates	2023 Rate
9 Holes Junior Walking	\$5.00
18 Holes Junior Walking	\$10.00
Off Season Rates	2023 Rate
9 Holes Walking	\$16.00
9 Holes Riding	\$27.00
18 Holes Walking	\$33.00
18 Holes Riding	\$47.00
9 Holes Senior Walking	\$13.00
9 Holes Senior Riding	\$25.00
18 Holes Senior Walking	\$25.00
18 Holes Senior Riding	\$32.00
Cart Fees	2023 Rate
9 Holes	\$14.00
18 Holes	\$22.00



Winter Driving Tips from the Campbell County Road Department



Even during the cold winter months, people need to be out and about on the roadways. Take a moment to prepare both you and your vehicle for traveling during inclement weather by using the driving tips below provided by the National Safety Council. Visit www.nsc.org for more information.

Ask yourself – Is this trip necessary?

- Increase following distances by 8-10 seconds.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly.
- If visibility is so bad you cannot see, pull off the road to a safe

place. The shoulder of the road should only be used in an emergency. Remember if you cannot see, other drivers may not be able to see you on the shoulder.

- Check to see if your vehicle tires, battery, windshield wipers and all lights are all functioning and in good working order. Wiper fluid should be rated for -30 degrees.
- Keep you gas tank at least half full.
- Things to keep in your vehicle – jumper cables, properly inflated spare tire, small tool kit, flashlight with spare batteries, First Aid kit.

Stay Informed with the Campbell County E-Newsletter

Do you want to know What's Happening in between deliveries of the "What's Happening in Campbell County Kentucky"? Sign up for the Campbell County E-Newsletter by scanning the

QR code below or visit www.campbellcountky.gov. Click on the Contact Us button on the homepage to register your email address.



OEM Trainings

Campbell County Office of Emergency Management offers FREE training opportunities, as well as Train-the-Trainer options for various courses. Topics range from:

Surviving an Active Threat
(March 11-12)

All-Hazards Preparedness, Planning for Debris Management (April 14)

Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals (May 16-17)

Many courses are classroom-based and designed to provide skills related to a specific topic. Each training opportunity is described (including intended audience, signup information, and course objectives) on the OEM Training Calendar, available at www.campbellcountky.gov. Contact OEM staff for additional information:

William R. Turner, OEM Director
wturner@campbellcountky.gov

Greg Buckler, OEM Deputy Director
gbuckler@campbellcountky.gov

James Sparks, OEM Deputy Director of Operations
jsparks@campbellcountky.gov

Campbell County Job Opportunities

Spring is right around the corner and Campbell County Parks and Golf Course are accepting applications for a variety of seasonal and part time positions for the 2023 season. Please visit the Human Resources Page on the County website at www.campbellcountky.gov to learn about our seasonal and part time positions.

Current career opportunities with Campbell County Fiscal Court, Police, and Detention Center may also be found at www.campbellcountky.gov or by calling Human Resources at 859-547-1872.



Joshua Wilhoit

New Faces at the Campbell County Police Department

The Campbell County Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of our newest sworn police officer and the hiring of three recruit police officers. Joshua Wilhoit

(pictured in uniform) came to us as a certified police officer from the City of Dayton, KY. Having completed his field training with CCPD, Officer Wilhoit is presently working patrol duties on first shift.

Sam began the police academy in December, while both Nicholas and Jacob will graduate police academy in January. After graduation the recruits will begin the field training program with an experienced police officer.



Three recruits pictured from left to right: Samuel Broomall, Nicholas Kendall, and Jacob Smith.

Animal Services

The mission of Campbell County Animal Services is to safeguard public health and safety while promoting responsible pet ownership, to provide humane sheltering and care for animals, to protect the community's animals from abuse and neglect, and to end euthanasia of healthy, adoptable animals. That mission grew a little larger on October 19th when the Campbell County Fiscal Court approved an inter-local agreement between the County and the cities of Bellevue, Cold Spring, Dayton, Fort Thomas, Highland Heights, Melbourne, Silver Grove, Southgate, and Wilder for animal control services. At the same meeting the Fiscal Court approved a resolution changing the name of the Campbell County Animal Shelter to Campbell County Animal Services to better reflect the full range of services performed by the department throughout Campbell County.

When the long-term animal control employee who previously serviced these cities resigned in August, the cities agreed that Campbell County Animal Services should take over animal control. Consolidating the majority of the county's animal control services under one umbrella will provide more unified and efficient services for the community.

Procedures for residents living in Bellevue, Cold Spring, Dayton, Fort Thomas, Highland Heights, Melbourne, Silver Grove, Southgate, Wilder, and unincorporated Campbell County will not change. Animal Control will respond



to calls during business hours and can be reached by calling 859-635-2819. Regular business hours for Animal Services are Monday through Friday from 10AM to 4:30PM and Saturdays from 9AM to 1:30PM. After business hours, residents with an emergency should call Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch by dialing 859-292-3622. Dispatch will refer emergency calls to an Animal Control Officer. Examples of an after-hours emergency could be:

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

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

For more information about Campbell County Animal Services, microchipping, dog licensing, TNR trapping, animal adoption, or volunteering, please visit www.campbellcountyky.gov or call 859-635-2819.

CAMPBELL COUNTY PHONE DIRECTORY

FISCAL COURT OFFICES

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

COUNTY OFFICES

Circuit Court	292-6314
Commonwealth's Attorney	292-6490
County Attorney	491-7700
County Attorney, Child Support	431-0522
County Attorney, Criminal	581-8015
County Clerk, Alexandria	635-2151
County Clerk, Newport	292-3845
County Clerk, Auto Registration	292-3850
County Clerk, Real Estate Title and Tax	292-3845
County Clerk, Voting, Marriage Licenses	292-3885
County Coroner	441-8800
County Dispatch (Non-Emergency)	292-3622
County Jailer	431-4611
County Sheriff	292-3833
Detention Center	431-4611
District Court	292-6305
KYTC Driver Licensing	502-564-1257
Master Commissioner	441-2700
Property Valuation Administrator	292-3871

CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT



COMMISSIONER BRIAN PAINTER
COMMISSIONER GEOFF BESECKER

JUDGE/EXECUTIVE STEVE PENDERY
COMMISSIONER TOM LAMPE

Regular meetings of the Fiscal Court are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Visit www.campbellcountyky.gov for information about meeting times and locations.



CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
1098 MONMOUTH STREET # 301, NEWPORT, KY 41071
PHONE: 859.547.1803
TTD/TTY- 800.545.1833, EXT. 947

CAMPBELL COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Campbell County Spring 2023 Clean-Up Event

DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 28 & SATURDAY, APRIL 29 TIME: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

The Campbell County Clean-Up Event is an opportunity to dispose of unwanted trash, debris, and bulky household items free of charge. This two-day event is for Campbell County residents only. Businesses, including junk/construction removal, or automotive businesses, are prohibited. Participants are required to unload their own vehicle. Limited assistance is available.

Participants must have a valid Campbell County ID or some other proof of residency. Be sure to check www.campbellcountky.gov for updates. Contact the Campbell County Solid Waste Coordinator with questions (prior to the day of the event) by calling 859-547-1866 or email SolidWaste@campbellcountky.gov.

NOT ACCEPTED: Paint, Liquids, Hazardous Waste, Fluorescent Bulbs, Junk Vehicles, Concrete/Rocks, or Fill Dirt.

Location	Address	Accepted Items
Campbell County Police Department	8774 Constable Drive, Alexandria	Furniture & Mattresses, Trash & Debris, Yard Waste
Frederick's Landing	KY 9-AA Hwy, Wilder	Furniture & Mattresses, Trash & Debris, Yard Waste
Pendery Park	4113 Williams Lane, Melbourne	Furniture & Mattresses, Trash & Debris, Yard Waste
Campbell County Transportation Center	1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	Appliances (Freon OK), Batteries, Electronics (Limit 1 TV), Furniture & Mattresses*, Propane Tanks, Scrap Metal**, Tires (Limit 8 Tires; Rims OK), Trash & Debris, Yard Waste

*Furniture/Mattresses do NOT need to be plastic wrapped.

**Remove fluids (oil & gas) from equipment.

Recycle Your Appliances Year-Round at the Campbell County Transportation Center

Campbell County residents can recycle the following items year-round at the Campbell County Transportation Center. Only the items listed below are accepted year-round. All other items are accepted at County Clean-Up Events only. The Transportation Center is not a year-round dump site for general garbage. Participants are required to unload their own appliances.

Campbell Co. Transportation Center
1175 Racetrack Rd, Alexandria
Monday-Friday, 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

ITEMS ACCEPTED YEAR-ROUND:

- Refrigerators (Freon OK)
- Freezers (Freon OK)
- Air Conditioners (Freon OK)
- Ovens
- Hot Water Heaters
- Washers/Dryers



Campbell County Public Drop-Off Recycling Bins

Campbell County offers six convenient locations for residents to drop-off common household recyclables. You can help keep our recycling bins free of contamination by referencing the lists of acceptable and non-acceptable items below. All items should be clean, dry, and placed loose in the bins. Please do not place your items inside plastic bags.

For a complete list of service days by location visit the Drop-Off Recycling Program page at www.campbellcountky.gov.



Location	Address
Campbell County Animal Shelter	1989 Poplar Ridge Road, Melbourne
Campbell County Clerk's Office	8330 W Main Street, Alexandria
Campbell County Senior Center	3504 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights
Morscher Park	4800 Mary Ingles Hwy, Silver Grove
Pendery Park	4113 Williams Lane, Melbourne
Southern Campbell Fire Department	1050 Racetrack Road, Alexandria

Product Type	Yes, Please (Accepted)	No, Thanks (NOT Accepted)
PAPER	Junk mail, magazines, newspapers	No wrapping paper, napkins, or paper towels
CARDBOARD	Clean, flattened boxes	No wet or soiled cardboard
METAL	Aluminum or tin cans	No pots/pans, batteries, auto parts, fencing, or hangers
PLASTIC	Bottles, jugs, tubs, cups, yogurt/fruit cups OK, Reattach lids	No plastic bags, hangers, or Styrofoam
GLASS	Bottles and jars Remove lids	No broken glass, mirrors, windows, lightbulbs, or drinking glasses
CARTONS	Remove straws and lids	Plastic straws and lids

If a recycling site is full, please take your items home and come back another day. It is a Class A misdemeanor to litter at a recycling site (County Ordinance O-13-20)—leaving your items on the ground is littering! To report illegal dumping or other issues at a drop-off location, please call 859-547-1866 or email SolidWaste@campbellcountky.gov.

A Message from Campbell County Clerk, Jim Luersen



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year. It's been a busy time at the County Clerk's office since my last column. The general election was held last year on November 8th. We had 36,079 voters for a turnout of 44%. In the 2018 general election we had 34,654 voters for a turnout of 46%. This was the first general election where early no excuse voting was available for three days (the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the election). 5,163 voters took advantage of this in one of our three voting center locations. This proved to be popular with voters of both parties. As of this writing, it will continue with this year's elections.

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

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

In 2023 we will conduct the elections for state offices. These are the office of Governor, Attorney General,

Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, and Commissioner of Agriculture. The primary is Tuesday, May 16. You can only vote in the Republican races if you are a registered Republican. You can only vote in the Democratic races if you are a registered Democrat. As of this writing there will be no race for a Third Party or Independent registered voter to cast their ballot. If you change your party affiliation on or after January 1, 2023 you will not be able to vote for any of the races. The last day to register to vote in the primary is April 19, 2023. A seventeen year old can register to vote in the primary as long as they are eighteen by the general election date of November 7. Of course, any registered voter can vote in any race in the November General Election.

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

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

Customer service is our number one goal.



ALEXANDRIA OFFICE

8330 W. MAIN, ALEXANDRIA KY 41071

HOURS:

M, T, W, F 8:30 AM - 4 PM
FIRST AND LAST THURSDAYS 8:30 AM - 6 PM
FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS 9 AM - NOON
PHONE: 859.635.2151

NEWPORT OFFICE

1098 MONMOUTH ST, NEWPORT KY 41071

HOURS:

1ST AND LAST MONDAYS: 8:30 AM - 6 PM
TUES - FRI 8:30 AM - 4 PM
1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS: 9 AM - NOON

KEY PHONE NUMBERS - NEWPORT OFFICE:

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPT: 859.292.3850
MARRIAGE DEPT: 859.292.3885
REAL ESTATE DEPT: 859.292.3845

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1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

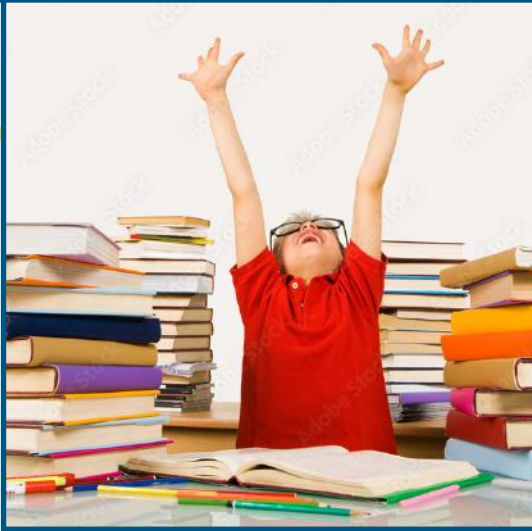


The Campbell County Public Library's (CCPL) 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program aims to boost your child's brain power through reading. Open to all children from newborn to age five, the concept is simple: Pick up a 100-book log at any branch and fill in a circle for each book read, even if it's the same book that your child wants to hear again and again. Books children hear at the library's programs, child care center or preschool, or with a friend or family member, all count toward the goal. Participants can also track reading digitally via the Beanstack app.

For the first 100 books read, children will receive a special passport and a sticker. Receive a prize for every additional 100-book log completed. Once readers hit 1,000 books, they'll receive a certificate and a free book! Do you have a voracious reader on your hands? Children can complete the program multiple times. **Learn more at www.cc-pl.org/1000-books-kindergarten.**

Join a Book Club

Connect with others over a shared interest in reading by joining one of the library's 12 book clubs. Clubs range in subject, age range, dates and branch location. From mysteries to young adult and general fiction, there's something for everyone in the family. New this year is Carrico/Fort Thomas' Must Read



Romance, which is held at 7 pm every first Thursday of the month. Members can choose books based on rotating themes rather than an assigned book. Attendees will be able to choose a free romance novel to keep!

All book clubs operate on a drop-in basis. Come when there is a particular book that you are interested in or join in every month. **Find the right book club for you at www.cc-pl.org/book-clubs or ask for a brochure at your branch of choice.**

Sign Up for a Library Card



Sign up for a library card to get full and free access to CCPL's large collection of books — both physical and digital — for all ages, genre preferences and interests. A library card also allows patrons to use the

branches' public computers, internet and access research materials. Borrow ebooks, audiobooks and digital magazines through Libby, the one-tap reading app. All you need is a library card!

Stop by any CCPL branch with a valid photo ID and proof of your current address to complete a library card application, which is available in English and Spanish. Is your card lost or worn out? It's the perfect time to replace it: CCPL rolled out new designs last fall. Swing by any branch to replace it for free.

For more information, visit www.cc-pl.org/library-card.



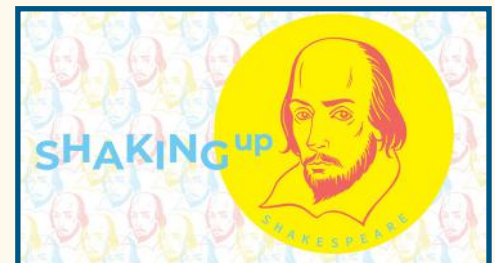
Shaking Up Shakespeare

Celebrate the 400-year anniversary of Shakespeare's First Folio with a year-long series featuring the Bard's timeless works through classroom-style discussions led by Northern Kentucky University faculty, theatrical performances and screenings of modern movies inspired by the plays.

The First Folio was published in 1623, seven years after Shakespeare's death. It's estimated that nearly half of his plays had never previously been in print. Without the First Folio, 18 of the Bard's works might have been lost forever to history.

The series will explore four of Shakespeare's most beloved works: *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Sonnets*, *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Macbeth*. Patrons can expect one program per month, all of which take place on Wednesdays at 6 pm from January to December. January-March, for example, will cover *Romeo and Juliet*. On Jan. 18, enjoy a lecture about the star-crossed lovers from Dr. Parmita Kapadia, a professor of English at NKU. Follow it up on Feb. 15 with a performance of select scenes by Kentucky Shakespeare and close it out on March 29 with a screening of Steven Spielberg's 2021 Oscar-nominated film adaptation of the play.

See the full lineup at www.cc-pl.org/shaking-up-shakespeare.



CAMPBELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES:

COLD SPRING BRANCH	859.781.6166
CARRICO/FT. THOMAS BRANCH	859.572.5033
NEWPORT BRANCH	859.572.5035
ALEXANDRIA BRANCH	859.572.7463





What Makes TANK Stand Out From Other Employers?

At TANK, we want to help you get behind the wheel of a great career. You're not just driving a bus, you're also an integral part of keeping NKY moving, and supporting those who need our services. TANK bus operators receive paid training, excellent benefits, retirement program, and a supportive and positive work environment. TANK bus operators earn up to \$52,000 in their first year and \$62,000 in their second year. Many of our bus operators have been a part of the TANK team for over 15 years and counting.



What other benefits does TANK offer?

We offer an extensive benefits package to our employees. Everyone has the opportunity to take advantage of one or all of them depending on your needs. We offer a Pension and 401K, Life Insurance, Paid Vacations and Holidays, Free Primary Care Center, Free Mental Health Services, Free Life Counselors, Free Gym Membership and more! We see the value in investing in our employees.

Do you have to know how to drive a bus to apply for a career at TANK?

TANK offers extensive training to all new hires. CDL Permit or License (Class B with passenger and air brake) is preferred, however applicants do not need a CDL to apply. Qualified applicants will receive fully paid training through the CDL process. Our trainers will walk you through the entire process to ensure you feel comfortable safely operating any of our buses.

If someone was interested in starting their career at TANK, what should they do?

Applying to drive with TANK is simple. Visit Careers - Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (tankbus.org/careers) to apply online now.



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Campbell County Schools by the Numbers



**Campbell County High School
Has Received Numerous
National Accolades as
One of the Best And
Most Challenging
Public High Schools**

*Washington Post
Newsweek
US News and World Report*

**1st Place Overall
Region**

**2nd Place Quick Recall
Region**

**1st Place for Future
Problem Solving at
Region**

**5th Place at State for
Quick Recall**

(Campbell County High School Academic Team)

5,209

Students Serviced by Eight Schools

21

Different Career Pathway
Destinations Currently Available

16th Highest (of 169)

District ACT Composite Score in KY

954

Dual Credit College Hours Earned
in 21-22

\$6.7 Million

In Scholarships Earned By the Class
of 2022

903

AP College Credit Hours Earned in
21-22

2

FCCLA State Award Winners

Only District

In the Commonwealth with all
schools RAMP certified by the
American School Counseling
Association

5

All State Choir Members

5th Highest

District ACT Composite Score
By a County District

7

All State Art Show Winners

17

Cappie Nominations with
7 winners

4

All State Band Members

14

Students Chosen for the
Governor Scholars Programs

31st

Campbell County Band of Pride in
Bands of America Grand Nationals
BOA Regional Reserve Grand
Champion

18

Students scored 30 or higher
on their ACT



14 Skills USA State Competitors with 3 1st place winners

33 Career Industry Certifications Earned in 21-22

14 State FBLA Winners

52 Regional FBLA Winners

22 Superior FFA Ratings at Regionals

231 Daily Bus Routes (over 1 Million Miles Driven Annually)

16 National Board Certified Teachers

1,025,611 Meals served during the 21-22 school year

763 Employees

Campbell County High School Athletics

16 Individual Athletic State Qualifiers

11 Individual Athletic State Placers

8 Athletes were chosen for All Region

3 Athletes were chosen for All State

5 Regional Champions

2 Regional Runner Ups

8 Seniors Signed College Athletic Letters In 21-22

Campbell County Schools First in Region to Offer Telehealth Services

The Campbell County School District remains at the forefront of school districts across the nation for their innovative approaches to serving the needs of all students and families, and their newest addition to school-based services continues to set them apart. Campbell County Schools, in collaboration with St. Elizabeth Health, is excited to announce virtual school-based telehealth visits – the first in Northern Kentucky - for students starting this school year. Telehealth visits can be set up for students who present non-emergent health issues and can be seen by a physician via the computer (aka. telehealth visit) while the student is at school.

With parent permission, the school health provider will determine if the student's health issue is appropriate for a physician telehealth visit and initiate the process. Next, the parent will be contacted and have the option of participating in the telehealth visit with the physician. Parents will ALWAYS be contacted prior to a potential telehealth visit. As with any healthcare visit, all telehealth visits remain CONFIDENTIAL in nature.

Should any prescriptions be needed as a result of the telehealth visit, these can be called into the family's pharmacy. Each telehealth visit would be treated and billed exactly as a medical office visit, and insurance will be billed by St. Elizabeth. Any co-pay requirement, or non-insurance coverage will be billed to the parent.

If a child's primary care physician is not affiliated with St. Elizabeth, they can still participate in the telehealth visit program with St. Elizabeth by completing a registration form found at www.stedocs.com/schoolhealth. Only registered students are eligible to participate in the virtual telehealth visits.

"Children learn best when they are healthy," said Dr. Shelli Wilson, Superintendent. "We hope that families find that this innovative approach provides a convenient option to keep their child healthy and learning."

Parents should contact their child's school if they need additional information about the telehealth program. This telehealth program is also available for all Campbell County Staff.

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WHY WORK FOR NKY HEALTH? WHAT DOES PUBLIC HEALTH DO?

While conventional health care traditionally treats diseases and injuries, the role of public health is to prevent diseases and injuries before they happen. NKY Health performs numerous mandated services and works with community partners, including health care organizations, to determine the community's needs and identify priority health issues. Every position at NKY Health plays an important role in the health of Northern Kentucky.

Public health plays a critical role in the community, positively impacting the lives of many. The field is constantly evolving in response to the needs of the people, making it a dynamic career choice. In order for public health to be effective, it requires a unique blend of skills, therefore, people who choose a career in public health are from many different disciplines with a variety of different backgrounds. This enables organizations, like the Northern Kentucky Health Department, to develop long-lasting, innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for everyone.

What are 5 Great Reasons to Choose a



Public Health Career?

- 1 Variety –**
A career in public health means you'll have the opportunity to work in a lot of different roles in numerous areas of study.
- 2 Improving the Health of Your Community –**
Your efforts in public health will impact the health of your community, which includes your friends and family.
- 3 It's Interesting –**
The amount of research and data involved in public health is not only interesting. It can be very exciting. Some of the world's biggest health breakthroughs like vaccinations have roots in the public health field.
- 4 Career Evolution –**
Public health careers typically evolve and can take your career to new heights.
- 5 Leave a Legacy –**
The work you do in public health literally changes the lives of so many people. There is great satisfaction in knowing that you made a difference in your community, the nation and even the world. You can be proud of the work you do and the many things you will accomplish from a career in public health.

What are the Reasons to Work for



NKY Health?

It's exciting to be part of an award-winning team focused on making a difference.

- Work/life balance is part of our culture. (M-F 8-5 are our usual work hours).
- New challenges are always coming our way.
- We are established, stable and credentialed.
- Our fringe benefits (including continuing education) are competitive.

A career in public health can be a rewarding experience. Help us improve the lives of all Northern Kentuckians. Check our website at <https://nkyhealth.org/careers-at-nky-health/> for the current list of opportunities.

Source: <https://mphprogramslist.com/50-great-reasons-to-pursue-a-public-health-career/>

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. CREATE A HEALTHIER NKY.

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What is Substance Use Disorder?

We all handle stress differently in our lives. When you experience a stressful or traumatic event and decide to consume an alcoholic beverage, tobacco product, or illegal substance (ex: marijuana or opioids), the only thought is to forget the stress you are experiencing in an attempt to numb your pain. This coping mechanism can lead to harmful behaviors. Some people's brains are more vulnerable to unhealthy behaviors that can lead to a substance use disorder (SUD).

SUD is a treatable, chronic disease that can affect any race, gender, ethnicity, income level or social class.

A person with a SUD often has an underlying diagnosis or issue related to stress, trauma or mental health issues. Some individuals may develop a SUD after misusing opioids prescribed following surgery. Opioids can include pain pills, heroin and fentanyl. Regardless of the type of substance used, over time, it's easier to become addicted by flooding the brain's reward system, leading to intense cravings and continued use.

Overcoming SUD is not as simple as resisting temptation or changing friends, since it affects the brain.

SUD is a chronic condition; therefore, treatment should be tailored to the person who needs care. Treatment may include medication to assist with cravings and withdrawals as well as different forms of therapy. No single treatment method is right for everyone, recovery is possible, and help is available for individuals with SUDs. Treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD) may include medications e.g. methadone, buprenorphine and naltrexone. Medications for OUD lower the risk of return to use and even death. A person seeking treatment for OUD is at increased risk for opioid overdose as their tolerance level has decreased, no matter the amount used.

A person with SUD may not seek treatment even when they know their behavior is harmful,

as they do not want to bring guilt or attention to themselves or their loved ones. If you know someone who is using substances and may be addicted, it can be helpful to actively listen to the individual and show empathy, respect and dignity. You can encourage and remind them their treatment and recovery is possible and that resources are available to help.

When talking with someone about their substance use, the words used, and tone are important.

Below are examples of supportive and positive language

Instead of saying...	Use...
Addict, Druggie, Junkie, Alcoholic	<i>A person with substance use disorder</i>
Clean	<i>In recovery</i> <i>Not actively seeking or using drugs or alcohol</i>
Dirty	<i>Return to use</i> <i>Actively seeking illicit substances</i>

that can be used to foster and nurture recovery.

Practicing active listening, empathy and non-stigmatizing recovery language fosters an environment that is accepting to individuals who are open to treatment and recovery from substance use disorders. Treatment and recovery is a process that allows a person to be the healthiest version of themselves.

Someone who is not using substances may relapse days or years after their last use of a substance. This indicates their recovery plan may need to be modified. If you know someone who is in active use or recovery, it is important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose and to have naloxone on hand in case of an emergency.

Signs and Symptoms of Opioid Overdose:

- PINPOINT PUPILS
- STRUGGLING TO BREATHE OR NOT BREATHING
- BLUE/GRAY NAILS OR LIPS
- SKIN PALE, CLAMMY
- EXTREME SLEEPINESS, INABILITY TO AWAKEN VERBALLY OR BY STERNAL RUB, LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

If you think someone has overdosed, it is vital to call 9-1-1, administer naloxone (if available), and follow opioid overdose response guidelines.



Smoke-Free in Campbell County



Take a deep breath and slowly blow it out.

Feels good, right?

Breathing clean air should feel good.

So, how do you ensure you breathe clean air?

We know that air quality is affected by many items, including secondhand smoke. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals. Hundreds of those chemicals are toxic and 70 can cause cancer.

There is no safe or risk-free level of tobacco smoke, even brief exposure is unhealthy. The CDC reports that secondhand smoke exposure causes close to 41,000 deaths per year. Of those deaths from secondhand smoke exposure each year, approximately 7,330 are due to lung cancer and 33,000 are due to heart disease. Secondhand smoke causes numerous health problems including heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer as well as problems in infants and children.

To improve the health of the public in NKY, it is important to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and the number of people smoking. One way to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and the number of people smoking is to implement smoke-free policies. Research shows that smoke-free policies are effective in protecting individuals from exposure to secondhand smoke. One study found a smoke-free law in Lexington resulted in a 32% reduction in adult smokers and \$21 million per year saved in healthcare costs. Smoke-free policies protect employees, residents and children from the dangers of secondhand smoke inside workplaces and public spaces.

On November 6, 2022, the City of Dayton became the 33rd Kentucky city and the first Campbell County city to implement a comprehensive city-

wide smoke-free ordinance. Smoking and vaping is completely prohibited indoors in any Dayton building or place of employment where the public is invited or permitted, such as offices, hotels, factories, churches, bars, restaurants, bingo halls, bowling alleys and stores.

“We are very pleased that city council responded to the need of our community to take positive steps for health,” said Karen Finan, CEO and President, OneNKY Alliance. “We applaud and thank the Dayton City Council for their vote to protect the health of all Dayton employees by making workplaces smoke-free.”

Working in a smoky place for 6-8 hours is the equivalent of smoking nearly a pack of cigarettes. Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings does NOT eliminate exposures of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke.

Due to the health effects of secondhand smoke, LiveWell NKY, OneNKY Alliance, Breathe Easy, community members and organizations across Campbell County are dedicated to changing the norm when it comes to lung health in our region. “There is no safe level of smoke exposure! As a Respiratory Therapist for over 25 years I have seen the damage smoke (in any form) can do to a person’s body. Smoke-free laws protect our hearts, lungs and lives.” says Thomas Cahill.

If you smoke or vape and want to quit, there are organizations and aids to help you stop.

Free Nicotine Replacement, such as gum, patches, and lozenges are available for adults at fourteen local

pharmacies throughout Northern Kentucky. For more information regarding pharmacies distributing free nicotine gum, patches and lozenges, scan the QR code or visit <https://nkyhealth.org/tobacco-use-e-cigarettes-smoking/>.

1-800-Quit Now for adults and My Life My Quit for youth are quitlines available for confidential and free resources that can help one quit smoking or vaping. Each quitline will connect you with a quit coach. Call 1-800-Quit Now or youth can text “Start My Quit” to 36072.

Start your journey today.

**FOR ADULTS:
1-800-QUIT-NOW**



**FOR TEENS:
MYLIFEMYQUIT.COM**

MY LIFE MY QUIT

#MYLIFEMYQUIT FREE HELP,
JUST FOR TEENS



Help Save Lives. Carry Narcan.

A record number of Americans are dying because of a drug overdose. Between April 2020 and April 2021, drugs took the lives of more than 100,000 of our sons and daughters, loved ones, and neighbors.

This rise in overdoses across the U.S. is largely due to illicit fentanyl contaminating street drugs. The state of Kentucky and Campbell County are not safe from this crisis. Illicit fentanyl took the lives of 1,639 Kentuckians in 2021, a 14.5% increase compared to deaths in 2020.

Pharmaceutical fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is FDA-approved and prescribed as a patch or lozenge for the treatment of severe pain. Most recent cases of fentanyl-related harm in the U.S. are linked to illegally made fentanyl that is mixed into drugs like counterfeit painkillers, benzodiazepines, heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine. There is no way to tell if a street drug is 100% free of fentanyl. This means that someone may use a product that they believe their body can tolerate, but it may be much stronger than they expect due to being contaminated with fentanyl. As little as 2 mg of fentanyl, an amount the size of a pencil tip, can cause a fatal overdose.

Upcoming HCS projects include:

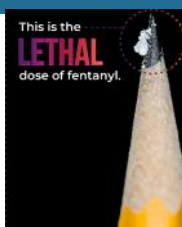
- Partnering with local agencies to distribute naloxone to populations at high risk of overdose,
- Working with treatment providers to increase access to medications for opioid use disorder and support for people with opioid use disorder,
- Providing safe medication disposal options.

It's easy to feel scared or discouraged in the face of such news, but hope is growing in Campbell County. Organizations including the Northern Kentucky (NKY) Health Department, Campbell County Drug Free Alliance (CCDFA), NKY Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, NKY Office of Drug Control Policy, and many others have worked for years to address drug use in our community. These agencies now have additional support with the launch of the HEALing Communities Study (HCS) in July 2022. This University of Kentucky led study, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), aims to test what combination of proven approaches will lead to the fastest and most effective reduction in opioid overdose deaths. A coalition of dedicated stakeholders who live and work in Campbell County drive the decision-making and implementation process. Sarah Olliges, CCDFA Director and HCS coalition member, said "HCS will bring new outreach, programs, and access to treatment to thousands of Kentuckians. This partnership allows for an expansion of CCDFA's existing opioid prevention initiatives and brings to Campbell County additional expertise, insight, and best practices to impact the opioid epidemic."



FENTANYL OFTEN CONTAMINATES OTHER DRUGS, INCLUDING:

- Cocaine
- Heroin
- Methamphetamine
- Xanax
- Percocet



Assume overdose risk no matter what drug you're using.

CALL 911... AND GIVE NALOXONE/NARCAN IF YOU ENCOUNTER SOMEONE WHO HAS:

- Difficulty staying awake or unconscious
- Slow, shallow breathing
- Choking sounds, or snore-like gurgling noise
- Discoloration of lips or fingernails



As we enter a New Year, here are three steps everyone can take to help HEAL Campbell County.

1 ORDER NALOXONE BY MAIL.

Naloxone is an FDA approved medication that can reverse an opioid overdose. The NKY Health Department is offering FREE overdose education and naloxone training online. After you watch a short video, you can get FREE naloxone mailed to your home. Learn more at: nkyhealth.org/savealife/.

2 REQUEST EDUCATION AND NALOXONE FOR YOUR CHURCH, BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION, OR NEIGHBORHOOD.

HCS team members can provide education on recognizing and responding to an overdose, how to administer nasal naloxone, and free naloxone (Narcan®) to community members in a wide range of community settings. To request free training and naloxone, contact Gabi Deaton at gabrielle.deaton@uky.edu or send a Facebook message at [facebook.com/kyhealcampbell](https://www.facebook.com/kyhealcampbell).

3 DISPOSE OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS. KEEPING LEFTOVER OPIOID PAIN

MEDICATION IN YOUR HOME CAN HAVE SERIOUS RISKS.

CCDFA provides resources for the disposal of and securing of prescription medications. Resources related to disposal include increasing access to medication drop box locations, distribution of medication disposal pouches and promotion of Take Back events. Securing of prescription medications is made possible through the distribution of medication lock boxes.

Contact Us:

Campbell County Drug Free Alliance
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CampbellCountyDFA@gmail.com.



CAMPBELL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Campbell County Conservation District was established in 1945 by a vote of the citizens of the county. The Kentucky Conservation Districts are Special Purpose Government Entities, organized under Kentucky Revised Statute 262. Conservation Districts are responsible for protecting our soil, water, and other natural resources. Services offered through the Campbell County Conservation District are funded through local tax dollars, grants, donations, and volunteer work. With your help, we are able to continue financial and technical assistance for our county's landowners and promote the importance of conserving our natural resources.

Farm Preservation Seminar

On Thursday, January 12, 2023, we continued our Farm Preservation Series with David Marrison with Coshocton County Extension and Ohio State University at the Campbell County Public Library, Cold Spring location. David talked about farm preservation, farm succession, and family communication. To continue our series, we will have Steve Isaacs with the University of Kentucky to discuss the skills of continuing the family farm on February 21, 2023. See our website for more information.

Farewell to Our Hardworking and Dedicated Supervisors!

As we enter the 2023 year, we bid farewell to two Board Members: **Bill Landon and Jim Benton**. Bill has served on our Board since 2019 leading community awareness as Chair of the Farmland Work Group. Through his passion, he was able to educate the community about natural resources and the future of southern Campbell County.

Jim Benton has served the Board since 2019 monitoring the budget as the Secretary/Treasurer, chairing the Land Use Committee promoting awareness of the sustainability of our natural resources, and chairing the Hawthorne/St. Anne Advisory Team managing the conservation of our Heritage properties.

The Conservation District Supervisors and Staff would like to thank Bill and Jim for their service to the Conservation District.

Welcome to Our New Supervisors!

We'd like to welcome our new supervisors as of January 1, 2023, C. Kevin McCormick, Kirsten Hill, and Larry Schadler.



Kevin McCormick is a retired teacher/administrator in the Newport School System. He is currently a full-time farmer and the 4th generation on the family farm in California, KY. Along with a family tradition of farming, he will be the 3rd generation to serve on the conservation district board. Seeing the work that his father, grandfather, and uncle have done during their terms on the conservation district board, it is important to him to continue this work to help the farmers and residents of Campbell County.



Kirsten "Kirt" Hill believes we are deeply connected and influenced by our environment. She is a director for an analytics company, providing data and consulting to manufacturers who make the products we use daily. She completed the Campbell County Citizens Academy in 2022 and is a member of the Newport Sustainability group. She lives with her husband in Newport's East Row District with their three cats. Kirt enjoys nature via hiking, farmer's markets, animals, and farm-to-table restaurants.



Larry Schadler is a life-long Campbell County resident and a graduate of Newport Catholic High School and Northern Kentucky University. He worked as an insurance agent for forty-five years. He spends his time now enjoying his cattle farm in southern Campbell County where he lives with his wife Susan.

We look forward to working with Kevin, Kirt, and Larry; their background and experiences are a great addition to the Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

Campbell County Landowners Expos

On April 29, 2023, we will have our first Campbell County Farm Expo at the Alexandria Fair Grounds. This will be an opportunity for our local community to acquire knowledge of agricultural products, equipment, and services from exhibitors. As we are now in the planning stages, visit our website in late March for more information!

On November 5, 2022, we had our first Landowner Expo providing these resources to our landowners: Agriculture Sales Tax Exemption Number, Agriculture Property Tax Exemption, Local, State, & Federal Cost Share Programs, Grants Available, Agriculture Water Quality Plans, Farm Serial Numbers, Nutrient Management Plans, and Marketing Opportunities. Our partners were: The Campbell Conservancy, Inc., Campbell County Extension, Campbell County FFA, Campbell County Planning & Zoning, Ky Department of Conservation, Farm Service Agency, and NRC

CAIP (County Agricultural Investment Program)

CAIP is being administered in Spring 2023. Ag water quality plans are required at the time the application is submitted. Any questions please call the office at (859) 635-9587 or email us at cccd@campbellkyconservation.org.

Christmas Farm Shop Hop

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





Annual Backroads Farm Tour Recap

The Campbell County Conservation District held the 2022 Backroads Farm Tour on Saturday, July 16, 2022. This year, there were 10 farms participating: equine, cattle, vineyards, and horticulture operations. The Farm Tour is just a glimpse of these county farmers' work. We hope you were able to join us; but if not, be sure to check back with us for the Backroads Farm Tour on Saturday, July 15, 2023!



Farm to Fork Dinner

On September 29, 2022, the Campbell County Conservation District gathered at Seven Wells Winery with many community members for a Farm to Fork dining experience. Chef Renee Schuler of Eat Well took us on a delicious and memorable journey through Campbell County farmland and each bite recalled an image of local producers working to provide quality, ethically raised, and grown products for our guests' enjoyment. Dinner conversation focused on enhancing awareness of Campbell County agricultural enterprises, Stewardship and Conservation, access to quality local foods, and current challenges affecting the economic viability of Campbell County farms. The evening provided guests with a better understanding and appreciation for the assets the Campbell County farming community brings to the table. Working together we can enhance the awareness of our local food network and help ensure our county's food security, public health, environmental viability, and future vitality.



Cooperator Dinner

On Thursday, October 20, 2022, we gathered at South Wind Farm, LLC to honor our Campbell County FFA Chapter for their volunteer work with the district, our grant & cost share recipients, 2022 Backroads Farm Tour Hosts, Young Farmer of the Year- Jonathan Neltner, Cooperator of the Year- Michael Breetz, Licking Valley Cattle Co., and Master Conservationist- Kevin & Lisa Rust.



It was a chilly night but warm and cozy in the barn!

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

SD1 Takes Customer Engagement Online, Saving Time and Money in the Process



Over the past five years, Sanitation District No. 1 has made significant efforts to improve the customer experience, particularly for those who conduct business online.

In addition to launching a new website in 2020 and implementing a new customer billing system this year, SD1 has developed more than 50 online forms, ranging from requests by developers to tap into the public sewer system to customer inquiries about the location of SD1 assets on or around their property.

“We’re constantly looking for ways to improve our processes,” said SD1 Director of Information Technology Doug Wells. “Our IT team works closely with the District’s various business units to find automation and integration opportunities that improve service levels and reduce waste.”

The move toward enhanced online services began when SD1 started tracking all its project information in Lucy, an enterprise asset and maintenance management software used by municipal agencies and local governments across the country.

While this improved processes somewhat, SD1 staff still had to manually enter data into the system, which slowed down the process and introduced opportunities for errors. That’s where another software, Laserfiche, entered the equation. Laserfiche is the leading provider of intelligent content management and business process automation.

Laserfiche allows SD1 to create smart forms that adapt based on what

information a user inputs, making forms shorter and easier to use. But that doesn’t mean building the forms is easy.

“The first thing we do is sit down and meet with the people who own the form to get a better understanding of the goals of the form and what it’s supposed to do,” Wells said. “This is important because we know what we can automate, and a lot of times automation isn’t even on the form owner’s mind – they’re just thinking about how they can collect the right information.”

With Laserfiche, SD1 could streamline processes and collect information more efficiently than ever before. But the data still had to get into Lucy somehow.

“We had two different silos,” Aman said. “Lucy with our data and Laserfiche as our collection platform. Our IT staff had the foresight to say, ‘Hey, we can make these things talk.’ So we developed a process where we can collect data through Laserfiche and then push that information directly into Lucy.”

That connection opened up a wave of service enhancements that continues today. Processes became more seamless; data became more reliable; and without the need for data reentry or tracking down missing information, staff members were freed up to focus their attention on more important tasks.

“We have very talented and smart people and a lot of challenges that need to be looked into with sanitary sewer design, stormwater management or projects – things that are complex and require more time to review and approve and solve,” Aman said. “If you’re sitting there doing data entry, that’s just a waste of someone’s talent. They can be using that talent to solve bigger problems.”



The user feedback has been extremely positive, and Wells said as SD1 continues to move customer interactions online, the next level of enhancements will be giving customers the ability to pay fees virtually. The District already partners with a third-party vendor to allow customers to pay their SD1 bills online, but other stakeholders do not currently have access to that service for other kinds of fees, such as for tapping into the public sewer system.

“We’ve learned a lot over the past few years,” Wells said, “and with the implementation of a new billing system, we expect to be able to integrate online fee payment in 2023.”

A Quick Reminder About De-Icer

Winter is here and that means snow and ice are coming to Northern Kentucky. A quick reminder that salt and other chemical de-icers can impact local waterways, landscaping, pets and wildlife. Check de-icer labels to find an option that is safe for your pet, property and the environment; shovel as much snow and ice as possible and apply de-icer only to thin layers of ice; and avoid using salt and other de-icers near trees, shrubs and grasses.



*A Message from the County Attorney's Office
By Steven J. Franzen, Campbell County Attorney*



Elder Abuse

While the elderly are wise, they still need protection. Our loved ones do not stop aging, despite us wishing that they would. As they get older, they may require greater care, understanding and compassion from friends and family. These needs are often provided by primary caregivers, such as a spouse, a child or a trained employee of a care-giving institution. However, despite having these caregivers, the elderly are still susceptible to abuse. My office is dedicated to protecting these abused individuals.

Because we have such a beautiful community, people from all over Kentucky are attracted to Campbell County. A portion of these individuals are the elderly. As our population grows from the influx of residents, combined with the residents already in Campbell County, the number of incidents of elder abuse will rise. From July 2019-June 2020, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services received over 7,000 calls of abuse, neglect or dependency. According to the World Health Organization ("WHO"), 1 in 6 people over the age of 60 experienced abuse. WHO also reported that the number of elders abused increased during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Kentucky, a person who knowingly abuses or neglects an elderly adult is guilty of a Class C felony. If the person wantonly abuses or neglects an elderly adult, they will be guilty of a Class D felony. In Kentucky, a Class C felony

can result in imprisonment for no less than five (5) years nor more than ten (10) years. A Class D felony can result in imprisonment for no less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years. Both felonies provide the possibility for the Courts to assign fines.

Kentucky also requires that anyone (physician, law officer, friend) suspect-



ing neglect of an elderly person is to report this belief. The person making the report will provide: the name of the neglected elder, the age of the elder, the nature of the abuse or neglect, the identity of the perpetrator, the complainant and any other helpful information. If the person knowingly or wantonly violates this requirement, the person will be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. Class B misdemeanors can be punished with up to 90 days in jail or a fine of no more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

The signs of elderly abuse can manifest themselves in several ways. Some indications include extreme withdrawal, dehydration, untreated bed sores, poor personal hygiene, unclean living quarters, or bruises and cuts. These signs can go unnoticed until it is too late.

The County Attorney's Office has in the past and will continue to prosecute cases involving elder abuse. However, our senior citizens cannot be protected through the judicial system if cases of abuse are never reported. If you suspect someone you know to be a victim of elderly abuse, contact the local Cabinet for Health and Family Services at (859) 292-6733 or the adult abuse hotline at 1-877-597-2331. *I hope you have found this information helpful. If you have any topics you would like to have covered in this column, please contact my office by e-mail at countyattorney@campbell-countyky.gov, by phone at 491-7700 or by regular mail addressed to 319 York Street, Newport, Kentucky 41071.*

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At NKU, Learning Doesn't End at Graduation

Many working professionals want the chance to grow and develop their skills without slowing down. Actively seeking educational opportunities not only helps employees continue to climb the ladder and adapt to an ever-changing workplace, but also allows companies to hold onto their most talented employees longer.

Northern Kentucky University (NKU) is committed to providing those pathways for learners of all ages—whether it's for enjoyment, industry certification or career advancement.

"People often look at non-university programs or consultants for professional training and don't realize they have a resource in their community," says Carmen Hickerson, NKU's Assistant Vice President of Economic Engagement and Government Relations.

NKU offers a wide variety of opportunities that allow learners to continue their education and develop new skills—or sharpen existing ones. There are more than 22 advanced degree programs to choose from, in fields like business leadership and data management, that can enhance employability.

NKU also offers more than 30 micro-credentials, all of which are aligned with relevant industry standards. These for-credit courses allow learners to easily build on their career and demonstrate their mastery of relevant workplace skills, abilities and competencies more quickly. Many micro-credentials can be stacked as a pathway toward a degree.



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Learners have the option to enroll in NKU's self-paced classes that can be accessed online anytime, anywhere. These courses, which provide practical skills training, are taught by industry leaders and are curated by NKU faculty. Courses cover a variety of areas, including data literacy and management, technology, leadership and project management.

Additionally, NKU partners with local companies in the region to upskill their employees, which prepares them for a modern, ever-changing workplace, by providing a variety of customized training courses.

"Employees want opportunities to grow; employers want to retain their best workers. It's a win-win situation," Hickerson says. "Organizations get to keep their employees as they develop their skills—skills that they'll then use to support the business."

Why NKU?

At its core, NKU is committed to learners of all ages and backgrounds and to moving the region forward. Through online, in-person and hybrid learning opportunities, NKU offers flexibility and pathways that fit busy lifestyles.

Pursuing professional development opportunities at NKU gives learners the chance to engage with respected, experienced instructors and training facilitators who provide practical, cutting-edge training.

No matter which path learners take, NKU offers a vast catalog of courses, which is based on what our world needs now. Learners leave with tangible skills and knowledge that not only make them highly marketable but can transform their industries and make an incredible impact where it matters.

"Our goal at NKU is to give all students—whether they're recent high school grads or mid-career professionals—the learning experiences they need to succeed in their careers." Hickerson says. "We're proud to help them on their way."

Learn more about how NKU's professional development and continuing education offerings can move you or your business forward by visiting nku.edu/pdce or call 859.572.5236.



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