

WHAT'S *Happening!*™

in Campbell County, Kentucky

Winter/Spring 2020

Gifts that keep on giving

Every child in Campbell County under the age of 5 can get a free book mailed to them each month. In fact, more than 2,000 local children already do, thanks to Campbell County Public Library's partnership with area schools and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

The partnership between the library, Campbell County Schools and Bellevue, Dayton, Fort Thomas and Newport independent school districts launched last fall. The Dolly Parton Foundation pays for the books and local partners pay the cost of shipping.

Children who grow up with books and having people read to them associate words with love. Help children develop a love of learning, improve kindergarten readiness and invest in our future. Cost to sponsor a child for an entire year is \$25.

Campbell County's Imagination Library is totally free to children from birth to age 5. To learn more, go to www.cc-pl.org/imagination-library.

See page 2 for more information about the Campbell County Public Library!



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Chef Lee — Live! A Signature Series first

Chef Edward Lee is a Brooklyn-born Korean-American chef who owns multiple restaurants, wrote the award-winning book *Buttermilk Graffiti* and is an Emmy-nominated host of *The Mind of a Chef* on PBS. He will demonstrate what's made him famous at a cooking demonstration at **7 pm Friday**,

February 7, at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch.

His melting pot technique that combines flavors of Korean and Midwest cooking brought him national recognition from his restaurant 610 Magnolia in Louisville. He recently announced plans to open a restaurant (not yet named) in the

new Kinley Hotel at Seventh and Race streets in downtown Cincinnati.

Chef Lee will autograph books after his presentation.

Free tickets are required. Call 859/781-6166, ext. 31 or register online. Thanks to Joseph Beth in Crestview Hills and to the Friends of the Library for their support.



Chef Edward Lee



Get your GED: *Start at the library; study at home*

Did you make a New Year's resolution to get your GED? The library is working with teachers from Campbell County Skills U to provide a comfortable and supportive setting for the assessment and enrollment of students who want to begin working on their GED.

Teachers are available from 1-2:30 pm Tuesdays at the

Alexandria Branch, and 5:30-7 pm Thursdays at the Cold Spring Branch. Times and dates may change, so see "GED: Start at the Library, Study at Home" listings at www.cc-pl.org/events for the most up-to-date schedule.

All testing and classes are free. To prepare to take the GED test, you can do online classes, traditional

classes or a mixture of both. Online classes may be accessed at home or through the many public computers available at all four locations of the Library.

For more information, call or text Kathy at Campbell County Skills U, at 859/653-8029 or call the office at 859/292-3056.

Underwear helps kids stay in class



Once again our kind and generous community helped us surpass our goal with a whopping donation of 10,612 pair of underwear and socks for area public school children. Several schools, preschools and churches collected items, the Mary Ingles Chapter of the National Society

Daughters of the American Revolution donated more than 700 pair, and a dozen individuals each donated more than 100 pair. Every package donated is so important. We appreciate the incredible support, year after year. THANK YOU for helping children and supporting schools in our community.

St. Thomas Preschool in Fort Thomas collected underwear for Drop Your Drawers. Kim Weyer, right, is the preschool teacher and director; Debbie Everhart, on left, is preschool assistant.



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Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch 1000 Highland Ave. • 859/572-5033
Newport Branch 901 E. Sixth St. • 859/572-5035
Alexandria Branch 8333 Alexandria Pike • 859/572-7463

Classes of crime

Recently, a reader asked about what types and classes of crime exist. A crime is an unlawful act that is punished by the Commonwealth. Crimes are divided into three types: felonies, misdemeanors, and violations. A crime is placed into that type based on the severity. Similarly, crimes of each type are further divided into classes. Below I will briefly overview each of the types and related classes of crime.

Violations

Violations are the least serious crimes a person can be charged with. People charged with violations are usually cited for traffic violations like speeding, improper lane usage, and careless driving. There are no classes of violations and they are heard in District Court. The maximum penalty for a violation is \$250 plus court costs. The Campbell County Attorney's Office handles approximately 6,000 violations each year.

Misdemeanors

Misdemeanors are divided into two classes (A and B) and are heard in District Court. Class A misdemeanors are the most prevalent and most serious. Class A misdemeanors include drug paraphernalia, assault, and bad check under \$500. Also, serious traffic offenses, for example, DUI, driving on suspended license, can be listed as Class A misdemeanors. Class A misdemeanors are crimes with a maximum sentence of no more than one year in jail and a \$500 fine plus court cost. The difference between Class A and Class B misdemeanors is that the maximum punishment is limited to 90 days in jail for Class B misdemeanors. The Campbell County Attorney's Office



Crimes are divided into three types based on the severity of the crime.

handles approximately 3,000 misdemeanors each year.

Felonies

Felonies are the most serious criminal offenses and each carry a maximum penalty greater than one year in prison. An easy way to distinguish a felony from a misdemeanor is to look at the penalty for the offense. If the penalty is for more than one year imprisonment, the offense is a felony. If the penalty is less than one year imprisonment, then it is a misdemeanor.

In Kentucky, felonies are divided into four classes (A, B, C, and D). Felony charges include murder, assault with serious injuries, armed robbery and grand larceny. Commonly, felonies are brought against people charged with drug-related offenses and other theft offenses. All cases that involve at least one felony are decided in Circuit Court. Each class of felony is based on the potential penalty. For example, Class A felony imprisonment is 20 to 50 years, or life, whereas Class

B is 10 to 20 years, Class C is 5 to 10 years, and Class D is 1 to 5 years. Generally, our office's involvement in felonies is limited to drafting the criminal complaint, search warrants and arrest warrants in certain cases. The Commonwealth Attorney's Office primarily prosecutes felonies.

Once a person is charged with a crime, most commonly by the police, the prosecution of the accused is a step by step process that can often be long, complicated, and confusing. Should you, a loved one, or a friend ever find yourself in such a predicament, you should contact

an experienced criminal defense attorney to help you.

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

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News from the County Clerk's Office

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is having a great New Year. There has been a lot going on at the County Clerk's office since my last column.

Election News

The general election was held on November 5. We had 31,693 voters for a turnout of about 41%. This was a much larger turnout than expected. Way to go Campbell County voters.

I would like to give a big thanks to my staff, Mike Jansen and the Sheriff's office, the Board of Elections, and our Fiscal Court. I especially want to thank all of our poll workers for their efforts in the election. Campbell County has 66 precincts with each staffed by at least four workers. They do a great job. We are always on the lookout for new poll workers. If any of you are thinking about becoming a poll worker, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, and are a registered Democrat or Republican, call Jen at our election office at 859/292-3885 for more info.

The 2020 primary election will be held on Tuesday, May 19. Election hours are 6 am to 6 pm. You will vote at your normal precinct location. Please note that the Fort Thomas C precinct that used to vote at Johnson Elementary School will now vote at the Highlands High School Athletic Fieldhouse until the new Johnson Elementary School construction is completed. If you have any questions about where to vote, or whether you are registered to vote, you can check it out at GoVoteKY.com or just call our election office at 859/292-3885.

The 2020 primary will have a lot of races on the ballot. They include the offices of President, US Senate, US House of Representatives,



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Kentucky House of Representatives, local school boards, and possibly some city council races. You can only vote in the primary if you are a registered Republican or Democrat and only for that particular party's ballot. The last day to change party registration and still be eligible to vote in the May primary was December 31, 2019. If you change party affiliation after January 1, 2020 you will not be able to vote in the May primary. The last day for a new voter to register to vote in the May primary is April 20, 2020.

If you are not able to make it to the polls on Election Day call our office at 859/292-3885 starting in March to get information on the process of voting by absentee ballot or to see if you are eligible to come to our office and vote early. We do everything within our power to make sure that every registered voter who wants to vote is able to do so.

Automobile registration

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 our website at campbellcountyclerkky.com. It's quick and easy and you get your tags in the mail in a couple of days. You can also call 1-887-885-3017 to do

renewals over the phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week or send in your renewal by mail to our office at 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY 41071.

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.

Campbell County Clerk

Newport

1098 Monmouth St., Newport, KY 41071

Hours:

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

Tues.-Fri., 8:30 am-4 pm*

Sat. (first and third of month), 9 am-noon

Motor Vehicle Dept.: 859/292-3850

Marriage Dept.: 859/292-3885

Real Estate Dept.: 859/292-3845

Alexandria

8330 W. Main, Alexandria, KY 41071

ph: 859/635-2151

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

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

Sat. (first and third of month), 9 am-noon



Jim Luersen
Campbell County
Clerk

TANK System redesign



For nearly 50 years, TANK's network has remained relatively the same, even as our community has changed in many ways. It's time to better align transit services for the Northern Kentucky of today and the future. The redesign has been underway for the last six months.

Recommendations and a proposal for how the system might look are now available. Visit www.tankbus.org/redesign to view

the proposed changes to the TANK network. The changes are not expected to go into effect until late in 2020, but all feedback should be sent in January 2020 for maximum consideration.

Please follow updates on TANK's social media outlets and website as we begin to work through the implementation of the plan. So far, we have had great feedback from all over the community.

Download the Transit mobile app for simple, reliable, real-time data to help you plan and pay for your next trip on TANK.

Grab and go.
Plan. Pay. Track.
All in one app.

Download Transit

TANK fare options:
 1-Ride Local (2 pack) \$3.00
 1-Ride Express (2 pack) \$4.00
 1-Ride CVD Exp (2 pack) \$4.00
 One-Day Pass \$3.50

Logos: TANK, crta, CVD, Connector

Campbell County TANK Routes

Local

- Southbank Shuttle
- #11 Ft. Thomas
- #12 Bellevue/Dayton
- #16 West Newport/NKU
- #25 Southgate/Alexandria (also serving NKU)

Express

- #25X Alexandria Express
- #35X East-West Express

Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

TANK is the public transit authority that provides bus service in Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties and downtown Cincinnati.

Contact us! Phone: 859/331-TANK (8265) • Web: www.tankbus.org

Connect with TANK!

- TANK (Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky)
- tankbus



The Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline

The Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy provides resources to individuals and families regarding substance use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline. The Helpline consists of trained, professional and compassionate staff who are knowledgeable in navigating local treatment services and resources to assist callers. Services offered by the Helpline include:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Treatment placement assistance
- Casey's Law support
- Linkage to recovery and reentry services
- Diversion and Quick Response Team (QRT) support

The Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline operates with the understanding that substance use disorder is a disease that affects individuals and families. It also impacts the community's health and public safety. According to the Mayo Clinic (2017), a substance use disorder is a disease that affects a person's brain and behavior, and leads to an inability to control the use of a legal or illegal drug, medication, and/or alcohol. Through this lens, the Helpline provides compassionate, trauma-informed, person-centered care to each caller, understanding that callers and their families have very complex barriers to substance use treatment and recovery.

The Helpline, through community partnerships, can assist callers with inpatient and outpatient treatment options, often for the same day. The Helpline also works to navigate other barriers callers face, including homelessness, employability, mental and physical health concerns,

broken family relationships, and incarceration. Above all, the Helpline believes there is **NO WRONG DOOR INTO TREATMENT.**

The Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline also serves as a regional hub for diversion programs, and provides outreach and support through Pre-Arrest Diversion and Quick Response Teams. Through this initiative, Helpline Care Coordinators partner with local first responders by visiting the homes of

those who have overdosed and their families, providing substance use treatment and other resources. These visits give the Helpline the ability to connect community members who are in need of treatment to same day detoxification and inpatient services.

The Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline is funded by Boone, Campbell and Kenton County Fiscal Courts, and St. Elizabeth Healthcare. Oversight of the Northern Kentucky Addiction

Helpline is provided by the Board of Directors, which is comprised of members from each of the funding entities, staff from the Northern Kentucky Health Department and the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force, and legislative liaison, State Representative Kim Moser.

If you or a loved one have questions and/or are in need of treatment services, please call the Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline at 859/415-9280.

Recovery is possible.
Speak to someone 24/7
about your treatment
options.

859/415-9280



Hepatitis C — Are you at risk?

The Northern Kentucky Health Department recently declared an end to the hepatitis A outbreak affecting our region; however, there is another kind of hepatitis causing concern in our region — hepatitis C. Acute hepatitis C rates in Northern Kentucky (NKY) are among the highest in the nation. NKY makes up 10.3% of Kentucky’s population, yet has 36.1% of the hepatitis C cases in the Commonwealth. In 2015, acute hepatitis C rates in NKY were:

- 3.5 times higher than the rate of the rest of Kentucky
- 11.9 times higher than the rate of the entire United States

Hepatitis C is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). Hepatitis C can range from a mild illness lasting a few weeks, to a serious, lifelong illness. Approximately 75%-85% of people who become infected with HCV will develop a chronic infection. The virus is spread by contact with infected blood. Today, most people become infected with HCV by sharing needles or other equipment to prepare or inject drugs. However, people born from 1945–1965 are also at increased risk for hepatitis C.

Liver damage from hepatitis C can be prevented by early diagnosis and timely access to care and treatment. Unlike hepatitis A and B, there is no vaccine to prevent hepatitis C; however, hepatitis C can be treated and cured!

Testing and treatment for hepatitis C

NKY Health has a new program which provides free testing, as well as referrals for those who need treatment. For a free hepatitis C test, call

NEARLY 2.4 MILLION AMERICANS ARE LIVING WITH HEPATITIS C*

1/2 MAY NOT KNOW THEY'RE INFECTED†

Visit www.cdc.gov/hepatitis for more information

*Among adults aged ≥18 years
†According to 2014 study: The Treatment Gap for Chronic Hepatitis C Virus Infection in the United States: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

to make an appointment at your county health center (below). For more information, a list of free community testing events, or to schedule a community testing event, call 859/363-2090.

Campbell County Health Center
1098 Monmouth Street
Newport, KY 41071
859/431-1704

For more information on hepatitis C, please visit <https://nkyhealth.org/individual-or-family/individual-health/addiction-response/hepatitis-c/> or <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/>.

NKY Health

Campbell County Health Center
1098 Monmouth Street
Newport, KY 41071
phone: 859/431-1704

District Office
8001 Veterans Memorial Drive
Florence, KY 41042
phone: 859/341-4264

Happy New Year from the Campbell County PVA

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 questions, suggestions, or comments you may have.

Staffing changes in the PVA Office

The end of 2019 saw several personnel changes in the PVA office. First, Susan Fessler was promoted to GIS Mapping Principle and has taken over supervision of the GIS Mapping Department. Paulina McNamara was hired to fill the vacancy and will assist Susan with the GIS/Mapping duties for the office. Maridee Robinson moved from her Customer Service position to fill a vacancy in the assessing department. Marie Mockbee was hired to fill the Customer Service Representative position. Although there have been several personnel changes in the office, the level of professional, courteous, and knowledgeable service to the public will continue. If you need to contact any member of the PVA staff, you can do so from our website under the "Contact Us" link.

Assessment reviews and appeals schedule

In keeping with the state requirements, the PVA office has reviewed and reassessed the property in the cities of Bellevue, Dayton, and Newport for the 2020 tax year. The state of Kentucky requires the PVA office to physically review all property in the County at least once every four years.

If there is a change in a property's assessment by the PVA, the property owner will receive a notice of assessment towards the middle of April at his mailing address of record. 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 or go online to check the valuation at pva.campbellcountykentucky.com.

The conference period this year, by state law, begins Monday, May 4, 2020, and continues until Monday, May 18, 2020. After May 18, we can no longer accept appeals to a property's value until the follow-



ing calendar year, and that current assessment will stand for the 2020 tax season. Appointments are not necessary during this time frame, but if you would like to schedule a meeting time that is amenable to your schedule, please contact the office around mid-April. The PVA office will be open Monday through Friday 8:30 am until 4:15 pm and Saturdays from 9 am until Noon during the conference period.

Homestead/ Disability Exemptions

Homestead Exemption (HEX) To qualify for the HEX, a homeowner must be or turn 65 anytime during 2020; you must also have resided at that location on or before January 1, 2020, and be listed as an owner/trustee/or retain life estate. Please stop by the PVA office with your driver's license or state ID (it must have your home address on it) and we will enroll you in the program. You do NOT have to wait until your birthday to apply; you can come in any time during the year that you turn 65! If you move to a new home, you will need to reapply for the HEX at that location.

Disability Exemption (DEX)

To qualify for the DEX, a homeowner can be ANY age, but must have 100% Social Security Disability qualification, (this includes Military, State, or Railroad Disability); you must also have resided at that location on or before January 1, 2020, and be listed as an owner/trustee/or retain life estate. Please stop by the PVA office with both your Social Security Award letter or BPQY (available online through SS Office) as well as your driver's license or state ID (it must have your home address on it) and we will enroll you in the program. The DEX does not have an age restriction applied to it like the HEX does. If you move to a new home, you will need to reapply for the HEX at that location.

The HEX/DEX exemption amount has gone up for the 2019 and 2020 tax years to \$39,300. This means that if your home is, for example, assessed at \$100,000, you will pay taxes based on \$60,700 in 2020. The extra bonus is that it applies to not only your County taxes, but to city taxes if applicable as well.

Please note that a person can only receive HEX or DEX at their primary residence, and that neither exemption applies to multiple properties.

Campbell County PVA



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office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:15 pm*
(*additional hours for motor vehicle questions:
last Monday of each month, 4 - 6 pm)

Campbell County launches innovative new website — CampbellCountyKY.gov

In December 2019 Campbell County completed the first major redesign of its website in over 10 years. The new and innovative website features a vibrant look with additional functionality and a mobile responsive design. Working with Egov Strategies, Campbell County's IT staff worked to streamline the navigation and make it easier for residents, visitors and businesses to find the information they need.

The new website features five areas of information: Live, Visit, Business, Government and Departments.

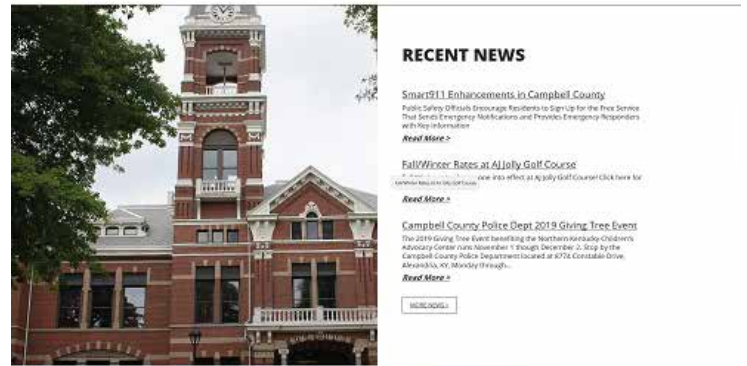
- The **Live** section provides citizens information on county services, cities, schools, health care, library and more.
- The **Visit** section gives visitors an idea about what the county has to offer, including attractions, events, golf courses, parks, camping and more.
- The **Business** section shares information for those looking to start or operate a business in the county, business license information and information about opportunities and bids with Campbell County Fiscal Court.
- The **Government** section focuses on our elected officials, boards and commissions, community organizations and transparency. Meeting Center access is also based here giving everyone access to several organizations' meeting minutes, agendas and meeting dates and locations.

- The **Departments** section consolidates all of Campbell County Fiscal Court's departments into a single area allowing visitors to easily search and access the content from each County department.

Other core enhancements were added to the website that will help improve navigation are:

- **Icon quick buttons:** Located on the home page, these quick buttons take you to high traffic pages that are easily accessible, giving user's access to Meetings & Agendas, Calendars, Document Center, E-Notify, Parks & Rec, Transparency and the Animal Shelter.
- **Document Center:** This is a central location for all documents, articles and more that can be accessed by type, department and year.
- **Meetings & Agenda:** This will give quick access to meeting minutes, agendas and meeting dates and locations for Campbell County Fiscal Court, Campbell County Planning & Zoning and the Campbell County & Municipal Board of Adjustments. In addition there is access to other boards & commissions.
- **E-Notify:** On this page you can sign up for Campbell County E-News, submit requests to departments, access county social media pages and County phone numbers.

The new website can be found at: <https://www.CampbellCountyKY.gov>



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A message from Campbell County Judge/Executive Steve Pendery

At the national and state level, there is certainly no shortage of division and dysfunction in politics these days. Believe it or not, in Northern Kentucky things are different. Here it is still possible for people to work together across political, jurisdictional, and organizational boundaries. The creation and operation of the Northern Kentucky Scholar House proves this point emphatically.

In case you're not familiar with it, the Northern Kentucky Scholar House provides the support necessary for low income single parents to complete their college educations, leading to educational success, employment and self-sufficiency that benefits us all. Support includes affordable housing, child care, and other services, with the goal being to remove many of the barriers single parents face in realizing their academic and financial dreams.

The Scholar House opened in August of 2016 in a purpose-built building at 430 W. Sixth Street in Newport. It contains 48 two- and three-bedroom apartments where the families in the program are housed, along with an on-site, star rated child development center, so that while parents are out pursuing their educational goals, their children are cared for right in the building where the families live. High quality care is available for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old.

Northern Kentucky Scholar House improves outcomes for single parents as they navigate in their multiple demanding roles as guardians, students, heads of household, and future employees.

"It's transformational," said Tammy Weidinger, president and

chief executive of the Brighton Center. The Brighton Center partnered with Neighborhood Foundations, a housing agency in Newport, the City of Newport, the Campbell County Fiscal Court, Newport Millennium Housing Corporation, BB&T and the Kentucky Housing Corporation in order to sell the concept, raise money for the project, and see it through to completion. The project cost \$9.1 million to develop and all of the

organizations just mentioned were pivotal in the effort.

Given the investment required from concept to completion, the success of this one of a kind project really demanded a powerful coalition of backers; and impressively, unanimous support was won from our business and charitable organizations, and yes, even the entire political leadership of our community.

See what we can accomplish when we work together!

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Kentucky Scholar House is encouraged to attend an information session on the 1st Wednesday or 3rd Tuesday of the month or call 859/491-8303 ext. 2801 to set up an appointment.

Steve Pendery

Campbell County Judge/Executive



**NORTHERN KENTUCKY
SCHOLAR HOUSE**
PAVING THE WAY FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



A closer look at the Northern Kentucky Scholar House project partnerships:

- Campbell County Fiscal Court provided a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant for the Daycare
- City of Newport supplied land in order for Scholar House to be built
- Newport Millennium Housing Corporation III secured \$739,166 in low income housing tax credits from Kentucky Housing Corporation and provided \$110,000 in private grant funds
- Brighton Properties, Inc. secured \$425,000 in private grant funds for the development and Brighton Center, Inc. secured \$201,500 in private grants for start-up costs
- Kentucky Housing Corporation provided \$300,000 in Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- BB&T provided \$5,200,000 in construction loan dollars

Upcoming Solid Waste events

Campbell County Spring Clean-Up Event

When: Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25

Time: 8 am-5 pm

The Campbell County Spring Clean-Up Event is an opportunity for Campbell County residents to dispose of unwanted trash, debris, and bulky household items free of charge (**no** businesses). Participants must have a valid Campbell County ID or some other proof of residency, and are required to unload their own vehicle. We will only accept items on designated clean-up event days and times.

NOT Accepted: Liquids, Concrete/Rocks/Dirt, Hazardous Material including Paint, Fluorescent Bulbs, Chemicals, Mercury-Containing Items, Cylinders (Fire Extinguishers, Helium Tanks, etc.)

Tire Limit: Each resident may bring up to eight (8) tires.

Propane Tanks: We can only accept standard 20-pound propane tanks. No other sizes or cylinders are accepted.

Contact the Campbell County Solid Waste Coordinator at 859/547-1866 or email SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov with questions before the day of the event. Be sure to check www.campbellcountyky.gov for updates.

Location	Address	Items Accepted
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	4051 Mary Ingles Hwy, Melbourne	Furniture/ Mattresses* Trash/ Debris Yard Waste
Campbell County Transportation Center	1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	Appliances (Freon OK) Car Batteries (All types) Electronics (LIMIT 1 television) Furniture/ Mattresses* 20 lb. Propane Tanks Scrap Metal Tires (LIMIT 8 ; Rims OK) Trash/ Debris Yard Waste

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

Shred Day/ Prescription Drug Disposal

When: Saturday, March 28

Time: 8 am-1 pm

Location: Cold Spring Furniture Fair, 3710 Alexandria Pike

Service	Items Accepted	Will NOT Accept
Drug Take Back	Over-the-Counter Medications Prescription Pills	Liquids Ointments Needles Pens Gels or Creams
Shred-It	All Paper Notebooks File Folders Blue Prints Rubber Bands, Paper Clips, Staples, Alligator Clips	Batteries Metal Items Hard Drive Computers/ Electronics Plastic Bottles Glass Perishable Items/ Food Liquids

Recycle large 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.

Participants are required to unload their own vehicle.

Location	When	Items Accepted Year-Round
Campbell County Transportation Center 1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	Monday – Friday 8 AM – 3 PM Please check in with the receptionist by entering the set of doors by the flagpole.	Refrigerators (Freon OK) Freezers (Freon OK) Air Conditioners (Freon OK) Ovens Hot Water Heaters Washers/ Dryers

Campbell County Fiscal Court



2020 Fiscal Court

Commissioner Brian Painter
Commissioner Tom Lampe
Judge/Executive Steve Pendery
Commissioner Geoff Beseker



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

Administrative Offices: 1098 Monmouth St. • Newport, KY 41071
phone: 859/547-1803 • TTD/TTY: 1(800) 545-1833, ext. 947

AJ Jolly Park

Come out to AJ Jolly Park in 2020 and try out some of our new features. Test out the new EZ Launch kayak dock. It makes kayaking a breeze! Also new for 2020 is an additional rentable Private Picnic Area with a brand-new shelter, playground equipment, fire ring, and grill.

Our park season calendar is loaded with festivals, events, and programs for the entire family. Be sure to save the following dates:

February 3: Picnic shelter reservations open

March 2: AJ Jolly, Beiting, Penderly, and Morscher Parks open, weather-permitting (Porto-lets only)

March 23: AJ Jolly Park Ranger Station opens, fees charged and bathrooms open.

March 27: AJ Jolly Park RV Campground open.

April 24: AJ Jolly Park camping season open.

April 25: Season Kick Off Event

June - July: Jolly Thursdays, AJ Jolly Park.

July 11: Sun Valley Bluegrass Festival, AJ Jolly Park.

August 8: Festival on the Lake, AJ Jolly Park

September 12: Dragon Boat Festival/Arts in the Park, AJ Jolly Park.

September 23: Senior Picnic, Penderly Park.

September 26-27: Great Outdoors Weekend

October 24: Halloween Spooktacular, AJ Jolly Park

October 31: AJ Jolly Park camping season ends.

December 7: Winter access only at all county parks.

Check out the new EZ Launch on the kayak dock (left), or the new private picnic shelter (right).



2020 AJ Jolly Golf Course Rates



Spring/Summer 2020	Rate
9 Holes	\$16
9 Holes w/ Cart	\$26
18 Holes	\$32
18 Holes w/ Cart	\$50
9 Holes Riding Friday after 5 pm	\$16
Weekend Twilight Rate (Unlimited play includes cart)	\$25
Senior Rates	
9 Holes Senior	\$13
9 Holes w/ Cart Senior	\$23
18 Holes Senior	\$24
Senior Special 18 Holes w/ Cart	\$30
Cart Rentals	
Cart Fee 9 Holes	\$10
Cart Fee 18 Holes	\$18

- All rates include imposed State Sales Taxes.
- All concessions, including alcohol, must be purchased at the golf course.
- Shotgun Starts are available for groups of 100+ golfers.
- Season pass options also available.
- Private lessons are available for \$75, call the pro shop at 859-635-2106 for additional information or email BLambdin@campbellcountyky.gov.

Campbell County Police Department

The Campbell County Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of two new employees to our team! Ashley Tate graduated from the Police Academy at the Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond, KY in September of 2019. He is now completing the Department's Field Training Program, where he is assigned to ride with a veteran police officer. Upon completion of the FTO Phase, Ashley will advance to the solo phase of his training.

Robert Boody joined the Campbell County Police Department in November of 2019. Robert came to us from the Bracken County, KY Sheriff's Office. Prior to becoming a police officer in Bracken County, Robert retired from the Florida Highway Patrol, and also served as a police officer with the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department.



Officer Ashley Tate



Officer Robert Boody

Campbell County Phone Directory

Fiscal Court Offices

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

County Offices

Circuit Clerk.....	292-6314
Circuit Clerk:	
-Newport Driver's License.....	292-6311
-Alexandria Driver's License.....	635-5240
Circuit Court.....	292-6314
Commonwealth's Attorney.....	292-6490
County Attorney.....	491-7700
County Attorney:	
Child Support.....	431-0522
County Attorney: Criminal.....	581-8015
County Clerk:	
-Alexandria	635-2151
-Newport.....	292-3845
-Auto Registration.....	292-3850
-Real Estate Title and Tax.....	292-3845
-Voting, Marriage License.....	292-3885
County Coroner.....	441-8800
County Dispatch	
(Non-Emergency).....	292-3622
County Jailer.....	431-4611
County Sheriff.....	292-3833
Detention Center.....	431-4611
District Court.....	292-6305
Master Commissioner.....	441-2700
Property Valuation	
Administrator.....	292-3871

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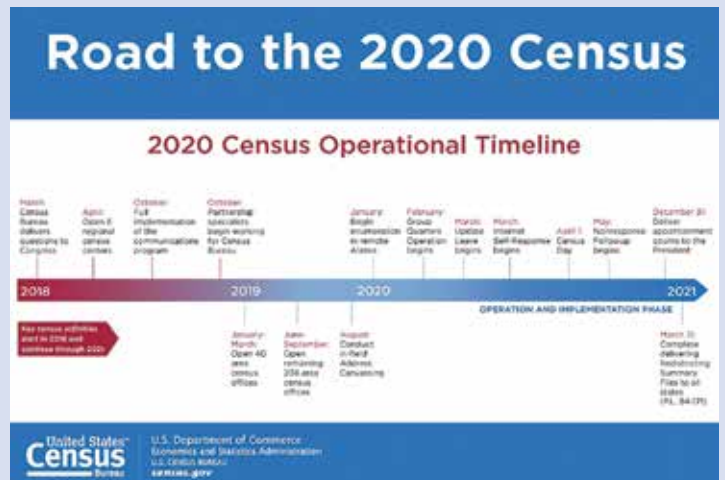
2020 Census

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task: counting all the people residing in the United States. This count affects the allocation of funding for our community's public resources (e.g., roads, hospitals, schools), how we plan for the future, and our voice in government.

In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online and by phone, but you can still respond by mail if you prefer. Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or

publish any census information that identifies an individual or business. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives.

The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party. To make sure you and your community are counted, learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting <https://2020census.gov>.



Campbell County School Board lowers tax rate and approves sweeping facility improvements

Over the past few months, the Campbell County Board of Education has both lowered the local property tax rate and approved a significant number of facility improvements that have been on our district facility plan and internal needs assessment plan for several years.

Property assessments have increased in the past two years, therefore increasing the bonding potential of the district, while allowing the Board to lower our overall tax rate. In the fall of 2018, the approved tax rate was 65.7 cents per \$100 of property value which equated to \$657 of tax on a \$100,000 of property value. This September, due to the financial position of the district, the Board of Education **REDUCED** the tax rate to 64.2 cents, or \$642 for every \$100,000 of value. Hopefully you have noticed this reduction on your monthly county tax bill!

Campbell County Schools will start the new year off with sweeping improvements to existing facilities. The Campbell County Board of Education has been very fiscally responsible over the course of recent years and is now able to dedicate funds to improve district facilities.

Members of the CCS Board of Education engaged in a walk-through of facilities in June, evaluating needs and possible projects for investment, based on recommendations from the administration and our architect. Discussions occurred during succeeding months. At October's business meeting, the Board approved the following projects and funding:

Campbell County High School Flooring – The board approved the Campbell County High School Flooring Replacement. Carpet in

the building is original to the high school construction in mid-1990s. Areas requiring replacement are in the library and administrative offices. The indoor walking track carpet will be removed, and the concrete will be polished.

Campbell County Middle School: Front Entrance/Plaza – A new entrance/plaza will improve ADA accessibility through the installation of new entrance ramps. It will also improve safety and security through the replacement of door frames, doors, windows and hardware. It will allow the building to have a more secure vestibule with improved access controls. We will replace/add entrance sidewalks and steps, a weather canopy and signage.

Campbell County Middle School Stadium Renovation – This project consists of renovation, installation, and replacement of multiple items:

1. Bleachers – This will include the installation of a new retaining wall and drainage system
2. Track – We will repair asphalt issues, replace the rubber track surface, and remark the running lanes.
3. Field Lighting- This project includes an update of the electric service to the lights and the installation of new LED lighting that is more energy efficient.
4. Football goal post – We will replace both football goal posts.

Cline and Reiley Gym Floors – This project consists of removing the gymnasium floors at both Reiley and Cline Elementary schools, which are original to their construction. Each floor will be replaced with new

synthetic flooring and striped to accommodate both curricular and extracurricular programs. This project also includes the replacement of the existing bleachers at both schools.

Cline Elementary Elevator – Cline Elementary school is a 2-story building without ADA accessibility to the 2nd floor. The installation of an elevator on the backside of the building will provide the necessary ADA accessibility for the building. It will also assist staff with moving equipment to and from the 2nd floor.

Reiley Gymnasium Air Conditioning – The gymnasium in Reiley Elementary does not have air conditioning. This project will require the installation of a unit on the gymnasium roof. The project also includes all structural and electrical modifications that may be necessary.

Grant's Lick Elementary – We are working within the design phase for the new school which will be situated on the property recently

purchased from Plum Creek. We are hopeful to be able to break ground within the next two years, depending on our bonding potential and any state assistance that we may receive.

We know there are other projects to consider and more investments to make. We see the addition of a middle school being the next big project after Grant's Lick, but it will likely be another 6-8 years out before the bonding potential will be available to move forward. Meanwhile, we continue to make improvements to the current middle school such as those recently approved and the \$300,000 in new furniture which had been allocated last year and put into service during the last six months.

Ultimately, we are excited about our continued work to improve the instruction, learning and co-curricular environment across the district. We continue to work, doing **Whatever It Takes** to provide a world-class education and opportunities for our students.

Campbell County School District



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Avoiding pipe problems caused by invasive plant species

By **Mike Madden**
SD1 Asset Planning Technician

You probably know that trees and other plants require water and nutrients to grow, but did you know that when the ground lacks moisture, their roots will seek out any other available water source? This can result in roots infiltrating and causing damage to leaking or defective sewer pipes or joints.

Some trees, bushes and plants have a more invasive root system than others, so it's important to know what's growing near private or public sewer infrastructure. Soil condition can also affect how far roots will travel.

A number of factors can help determine if you might have a root issue. First and foremost: the age of the pipes. Sewer systems installed in the early 1900s were typically clay pipes in 3-foot sections mortared together at their joints. Over time, the mortar begins to crack and fall apart. In the 1960s, plumbers began using rubber gaskets when putting pipes together, but that didn't address all root issues. It wasn't until the arrival of PVC that root issues started



to diminish. But even PVC isn't fool-proof — root problems can surface if the pipe was installed incorrectly or the joints aren't glued correctly.

Recommended trees and bushes

Regardless of how old your sewer infrastructure is, it is a good idea to stick with trees and bushes that don't have aggressive root systems if planting near sewer infrastructure. The following tree species could pose problems: ash, sweetgum, poplar and cottonwood, oak (usually lowland varieties), locust, willow, basswood, tulip tree, sycamore, and many acer species (red, sugar, Norway, silver maples, and boxelder). The following

bush species also have aggressive root systems: boxwood shrubs, holly bushes and shrubs, and ivy plants.

Trees that are typically recommended near pipes include Amur maple, Japanese maple, dogwood, redbud, and fringetree.

Locating water or drainage lines

Of course, before you can determine the best option, you will need to figure out if there are any water or drainage lines on your property. The first thing you can do is survey your property for manhole covers, water meter covers, and cleanout caps (used for inspection and access points for sewage lines). If you suspect you may have some pipes in areas near trees, you can request a map from public utilities or call 811 to have utilities marked. You can view a map of SD1 infrastructure at <http://www.sd1.org/CustomerService/GISMaps.aspx>.

If you suspect your pipe could be affected by roots, you can have a plumber run a camera through the pipe to inspect for trouble areas. This service usually costs between \$200

and \$300, which may seem pricey, but keep in mind that if you wait until there is a problem, you may end up with two inches of water in your basement and spend thousands on cleaning and restoration.

A service line inspection will tell you where your line goes and what condition the line is in. This helps to avoid surprises and lets you address small issues before they become big issues.

So to recap — the best way to avoid root issues is to:

- Know where your pipes are and what condition they're in
- Replace old pipes
- Plant trees and bushes that don't have aggressive root systems near pipes, and make sure they have plenty of room to grow.
- If installing new pipe, consider using solid barriers such as plastic, wood, or metal. Chemical barriers such as sulfur, sodium, zinc, borate, salt, or herbicides can also create barriers around pipe.
- If you prefer faster-growing trees and plants, plan to replace them every 8-10 years.

SD1 recognized for innovative collaboration

SD1 has received a Leaders Innovation Forum for Technology (LIFT) Intelligent Water Systems Challenge Award from the Water Environment Federation and Water Research Foundation for supporting innovative excellence in intelligent water system practices and promoting meaningful opportunities for fostering the adoption of smart water technologies.

The award was the result of an international research competition

in which SD1 partnered with APTIM, Covington-based technology firm Global Quality Corp. (GQC), the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSDGC) and Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

The team, led by GQC President Dr. Sudhir Kshirsagar, evaluated how next-generation telemetry communications, 3-D printing and sensors found in household appliances can be combined with cloud computing to provide wastewater utilities with

low-cost remote sensing alternatives to monitoring sewer overflows and water quality conditions during wet weather events.

The prototype sensors developed by the team are being refined by GQC based upon the team's initial findings and will be tested in real sewer conditions in the near future by SD1. In the meantime, the research will be presented by Dr. Kshirsagar at the World Environmental & Water Resources Congress in May 2020.

SD1



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University of Kentucky College of Medicine welcomes inaugural class

The University of Kentucky College of Medicine welcomed its first class of medical students who will pursue education at its new Northern Kentucky Campus. The College of Medicine gathered 35 students this school year for the inaugural class's White Coat Ceremony, an annual event that commemorates the beginning of medical training. UK partnered with St. Elizabeth and Northern Kentucky University, to make this expansion possible.

"These three institutions are working together to transform health science education and better prepare future healthcare workers," said Steven Haist, MD, associate dean for the Northern Kentucky campus. "Through this partnership we can help advance medical education and access to health care within our state."

The Northern Kentucky site comes one year after the UK College of Medicine opened a campus in Bowling Green, Ky., through a partnership with Med Center Health and Western Kentucky University.

The four-year medical school campus in Northern Kentucky will complement the educational programs offered at the UK College of Medicine's sites in Lexington,



The University of Kentucky College of Medicine welcomes medical students at its new Northern Kentucky campus during the inaugural class's White Coat Ceremony.

Morehead, and Bowling Green. Onsite faculty will have UK College of Medicine appointments, teach in small groups and provide simulated and standardized patient experiences with live-streamed lectures delivered from the Lexington Campus.

"Seeing the first cohort of medical students welcomed into the UK College of Medicine is an important moment on our campus," said NKU President Ashish Vaidya. "The col-

laboration with UK and St. Elizabeth to establish the Northern Kentucky medical school campus addresses the physician shortage in the region and aligns with our commitment to serve the needs of the area and address a critical population health issue."

"We are thrilled to partner with the University of Kentucky and Northern Kentucky University to invest in the future of health in our community," added Garren Colvin,

President and CEO of St. Elizabeth. "With this partnership we will be able to provide additional benefits to both organizations as well as the region by directly assisting in medical school support and recruitment for the Northern Kentucky Campus. Together, this is another step to help lead Northern Kentucky to become one of the healthiest communities in America."

St. Elizabeth Healthcare



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Williamstown, KY 41097
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St. Elizabeth and Reds introduce new ball field at Bellevue Vets Complex

As part of the Red's 150th anniversary celebration, St. Elizabeth teamed up with the Cincinnati Reds and the Reds Community Fund on their Legacy Field Project, which renovated a baseball field at the Bellevue Vets. More than 200 St. Elizabeth associates were on hand volunteering their time landscaping, painting, and more this past summer.

The new baseball field, which will be home to the Bellevue High School baseball team and also used by youth in the community is now named St. Elizabeth Healthcare Field at Bellevue Vets Park. As part of the new makeover, the complex features

a synthetic turf infield, new dugouts, a press box, fencing, and a new playground. St. Elizabeth associates painted and landscaped alongside volunteers from Duke Energy and the Cincinnati Zoo.

This project gives kids in Campbell County a much-needed upgrade to the ball field which is modeled after the original Reds ballpark — the Palace of the Fans, and further promotes exercise, teamwork, health and wellness. The field amenities include a new synthetic field to help avoid rain delays and rain outs, a new scoreboard, dugouts and fencing.



More than 200 St. Elizabeth associates volunteered to renovate the new Bellevue Vets ball field complex in conjunction with the Reds Community Fund.

St. Elizabeth receives all A's in Hospital Safety Grade

St. Elizabeth was awarded all A's from *The Leapfrog Group's Fall 2019 Hospital Safety Grade*. The designation recognizes St. Elizabeth Healthcare's efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in America. The Leapfrog Group is a national organization committed to improving health-care quality and safety for consumers. The Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to hospitals throughout the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms among patients in their care. St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas, Florence and Edgewood all received A grades.

"We work relentlessly to deliver the high quality healthcare services and evidence-based medical care to our patients. This fall, those

efforts were recognized when all three of our qualifying hospitals received an "A" from Leapfrog," said Garren Colvin, President and CEO of St. Elizabeth Healthcare. "This honor is based on the important steps we take every day to protect our patients from harm, and our "A" grade acknowledges these efforts. Patients at St. Elizabeth Healthcare know they're being cared for at three of the safest hospitals in our region."

"Leapfrog's Hospital Safety Grades recognize hospitals such as St. Elizabeth that focus on advancing patient safety. This ranking provides an important resource for patients, and a benchmark for hospitals, to determine how care at one hospital compares to others in a region," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Hospitals that earn an



A Hospital Safety Grade deserve to be recognized for their efforts in preventing medical harm and errors."

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully

transparent, and the results are free to the public.

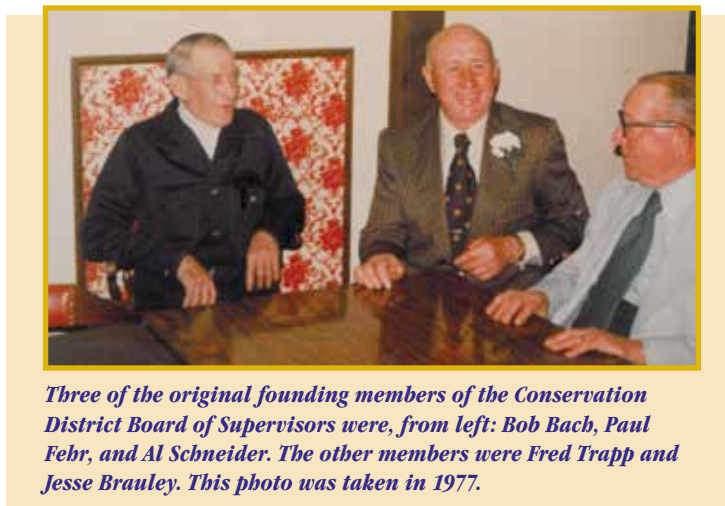
St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas, Florence and Edgewood were three of 823 hospitals throughout the United States awarded an A in the Fall 2019 update of grades. To see St. Elizabeth Healthcare's full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org.

Celebrating 75 years!

In 1945, a group of Campbell County farmers interested in soil and water conservation took the initial steps required to form a Conservation District in the County. Campbell County Conservation District was chartered in February, 1946, with Robert Bach, Jesse Brauley, Paul Fehr, Albert Schneider, and Fred Trapp serving as the first Board of Supervisors. In the ensuing years, 43 other people have served as supervisors with 18 of them serving 10 years or more.

Early work to reduce soil erosion concentrated on improving farming practices. Conservation farm plans were developed, terraces and diversion ditches were constructed to slow down water and protect soil, and farm ponds were built to provide water for livestock. To encourage farmers to participate in the conservation programs, several field days were held in the early 1950s to demonstrate sound conservation practices. Kentucky set up the State Equipment Revolving Loan Fund program to help local operators purchase bulldozers and other earth moving equipment to install conservation measures. Now, farmers are encouraged to practice no-till farming to help with soil erosion and to keep the soil healthy.

The District has encouraged participation in the NACD Stewardship Week, sold tree and wildlife cover seed packets, held pond clinics and forestry field days, sponsored students to attend forestry leadership camp, hosted a booth at the Alexandria Fair, purchased 4-H and FFA animal projects at the Alexandria Fair, sponsored the 4-H Forestry Award at the Fair, and participated and manned exhibits at malls and public functions. A supervisor from the board has served as Area Direc-



Three of the original founding members of the Conservation District Board of Supervisors were, from left: Bob Bach, Paul Fehr, and Al Schneider. The other members were Fred Trapp and Jesse Brauley. This photo was taken in 1977.

tor of the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) and several supervisors have served on state association committees. In the 1970s, a very active Junior Conservation Board proved to be a valuable asset in the District's work.

The District was instrumental in forming the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Conservation Council (OKI-RCC). Conservation Districts of nine counties in the tristate region comprise the Council. It provides an opportunity for the Districts to share ideas and concerns and work together to protect and manage the region's natural resources.

Education has always been a major focus of the District. In 1989, together with Boone and Kenton County Conservation Districts, the position of Conservation District Coordinator was established to help promote conservation education and the work of the conservation districts. This move has been a valuable asset, evidenced by awards received for KACD Outstanding Conservation District for Conservation Education, KACD Teacher of the Year, and other awards from the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education and Environmental Quality Commission. In May 2015 the District

split from Boone and Kenton County Conservation Districts and hired their own District Coordinator. Education efforts have expanded to include our District Coordinator as a KAEE (KY Association of Environmental Education) Facilitator for Project Wet, Project Wild, and Project Learning Tree. For the past 10 years, the District has sponsored one or more Envirothon teams from Highlands High School.

Each year the District, in conjunction with the Kentucky Farm Bureau and KACD, sponsors a Jim Claypool art and conservation writing contest based on an environmental topic. The County's public, private, and home schools participate each year.

To help educate people on where their food comes from, our first Backroads Farm Tour was held in July 2009 and continues annually on the third Saturday in July. Our hosts open their farms to the public to talk about their farm operations and explain the economic impact farming has on the community. Our Farm to Fork events have been a great success as well, and we have held four of those; the first one was at the Northern Kentucky University in August 2007.

The District offers college scholarships to qualified students pursuing education in the fields of natural resources conservation, agriculture, biology, or related areas. Conservation Education Grants are offered to all schools in the County. This has resulted in outdoor study areas which include gardens and weather stations and a variety of innovative conservation projects. Tree Planting and Urban Community Beautification Grants are offered annually for projects on public lands and are used primarily for tree plantings in city parks and roadway sites. As times have changed, so has the focus of the Conservation District. While agriculture related services are still an important part of our work, time is also spent providing assistance to those involved in commercial and residential development and planning and zoning commissions. In recent years the District added a Backyard Conservation Grant for possible projects such as rain barrels, Monarch waystations, raised garden beds, certified backyard wildlife habitat, invasive plant removal, rain gardens, composting, native grass and tree planting, and others.

These accomplishments, and others too numerous to mention, would not have been possible without technical assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and technical assistance now provided from our Division of Conservation field representatives.

Traveling the back roads of Campbell County today, a person might wonder what these Kentucky hills would look like if some very dedicated people had not had the foresight and determination to form a Conservation District in Campbell County. Thanks to all who have served in any capacity.

Cooperator Dinner

On November 14, we held our annual Cooperator Dinner. We recognized the individuals and organizations below for their commitment in promoting the mission of the Conservation District.

2018-19 Tree Planting and Urban Forestry Enhancement Grant recipients Sue Neltner, City of Alexandria and Supervisor Susan Ortlieb-Turner



Cooperator of the Year Alan Abrman with family



SAE Sponsors Alan Abrman (Casson and Abrman Farm), Barry Racke (Bar IV), Tom Curry (TC Farm), and Sbaryn Jones (Pleasant Ridge Hamlets). Not Pictured: StoneBrook Winery and Cork N Mane



Master Conservationist Randy Haas with CCCD Chairman Ron McCormick



Young Farmer Award Recipient Chad Bezold with Supervisor Bill Landon and Susan Ortlieb-Turner



Beginning Farmer Grant recipients Jonathan Neltner, Chad Bezold, Charlie Krift, Tim Lauer, & Cheryl & Steve Myers. Not pictured: Tammy Webster, Keith Bezold, Jason Dobbs, Curtis Bezold, Tyler Huck, Michael Breetz, Andrew Schultz, Adam Rust, and Kirk Painter



Farm Tour Hosts Casson & Abrman Farm, Neltner Farm, TC Farm, Sonlight Ridge Farm, and Pleasant Ridge Hamlets) Not pictured: Misty Ridge Farm, Camp Springs Vineyard and Winery, StoneBrook Winery, Little Rock Farm, 12 Mile Creek Winery, Seven Wells Vineyard and Winery, and Awesome Place Farm



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

- **Kentucky Association of Conservation District's Scholarships** - Visit <http://conservation.ky.gov/Pages/Scholarships.aspx> for information. Applications due by February 21, 2020, to the Campbell County Conservation District of-fice in Alexandria.
- **Backroads Farm Tour** - The Campbell County Conservation District's Farmland Work Group annual Backroads Farm Tour is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2020, from 9 am to 3 pm. The annual Tour presents a great opportunity to experience local Campbell County agriculture first-hand while learning the importance of Campbell County's farmland. Check our website for more updates.

Campbell County Conservation District

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Jolly Park Community Development Council

So much to do at AJ Jolly Park!



Working on your New Year's resolution to be more active?

AJ Jolly Park and Golf Course has lots of ways to enjoy the outdoors and exercise! At 1,000 acres, it is one of the largest county parks in the state and in 2018 was named one of the 7 Best Secret Parks of Cincinnati by *Only In Your State*.

- 18-hole award winning golf course
- Repaved and expanded walking/biking path
- 20+ miles of equestrian trails (also open to hikers)
- Environmental Education Center with beautiful nature trails
- All sizes of reservable picnic shelters along with the Joseph J. Stapleton Pavilion
- Several swing and playground areas
- Single and double kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals with new dock and kayak launch
- Canoe and paddleboat rentals
- Bicycle rentals

- Boat dock (200 acre no-wake lake)
- Fishing Pier (handicap accessible)
- 18-hole disc golf course
- Tennis and pickleball courts
- Basketball and sand volleyball courts
- Baseball and soccer fields
- 12-site large RV/equestrian campground with adjacent horse stables
- Primitive tent sites (some with lake front views)
- Improved campground sites (some with lake front views)
- Group camping area with picnic shelter
- Two fully furnished rentable Yurts



Of the 19 trees planted in the fall of 2018, only three trees remain as part of the AJ Jolly Golf Course Tree Dedication Program special rate of \$250 (\$350 for large engraved boulder). Interested in one of the remaining trees? Contact Jolly Park CDC at JollyParkCDC@gmail.com for more information.

AJ Jolly Golf Course is ranked among the top 10 places to play golf in Kentucky!



Jolly Park Community Development Council is a 501c3 charitable organization formed for the benefit of AJ Jolly Park and Golf Course. Donations are tax deductible and will be used to improve or create new amenities at the Park and Golf Course while preserving its rich natural resources. **To donate:** <http://www.jollyparkcdc.com/Donate/>

Coming in 2020: Jolly Park CDC updated website, Park Master Plan update, tree planting along Race Track Road/walking path as part of the continuing Tree Dedication Program. In addition, fundraising continues for the Large Picnic Pavilion to be built on the hill overlooking the lake and park.



Proposed large picnic pavilion overlooking the lake at AJ Jolly Park