Don’t spend your winter scraping and chipping ice and snow from your car...

Try TANK!

If you’re like many people, the thought of winter weather driving is what you dread most about seeing snowflakes. Do you enjoy scraping layer after layer of ice and snow off of your car windows? Or shoveling the car out of your driveway? How about dealing with all of the slick roads, other drivers and unpredictable weather conditions?

Unless you answered “YES!” to any of these questions, maybe you should try something new this year.

TANK makes it easy to get to work by using the bus! There are two apps — available on iOS and Android platforms — that provide real-time bus information to you while you wait. Download Google Transit OR the Transit app, plug in your starting point and destination and the app does all the work. It can show you the best place for you to pick up the bus, how long your wait will be and if there is a park and ride location for you to use near your home.

Visit the Google Trip-Planner at www.tankbus.org and trade in your gas card for a bus pass.

So pile on an extra layer of clothing and a pair of snow boots and head to the nearest bus stop with that book you’ve been planning to read. Let a professional do the driving while you relax and enjoy the ride... you’ll be glad you did!
News from the Conservation District

About the 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 promoting the importance of conserving our natural resources.

Dates to remember!

- **Kentucky Association of Conservation District’s Scholarships** - Visit [http://conservation.ky.gov/Pages/Scholarships.aspx](http://conservation.ky.gov/Pages/Scholarships.aspx) for information. Applications due by February 23 to the Campbell County Conservation District office in Alexandria.
- **CAIP (County Agricultural Investment Program)** - 2019 is the next program year for CAIP. This program is part of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and stems from tobacco settlement funding. Watch for details from our website, social media, and eNewsletter; a public announcement will be printed two times in the Campbell County Recorder.
- **Camp Webb** - Deadline is April 15 to register for children in 4th-6th grades. Visit [http://fw.ky.gov/Education/Pages/Summer-Camps.aspx](http://fw.ky.gov/Education/Pages/Summer-Camps.aspx). The District sponsors one child to attend by paying up to $175 of the registration fee.
- **Backroads Farm Tour** - The Campbell County Conservation District’s Farmland Work Group annual Backroads Farm Tour is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 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.

2018 Cooperator Dinner

On November 15, we held our first annual Cooperator Dinner. We recognized the individuals and organizations below for their commitment in promoting the mission of the Conservation District.

- **2018 Tree Planting and Urban Forestry Enhancement Grant**: ReNewport, City of Silver Grove, City of Highland Heights, City of Cold Spring, NKUCFC/ReForest NKY
- **2017-18 Beginning Farmer Grants**: Chance Eisenman, Tim Lauer, Charles Krift, Melissa Decker, Kevin J. Bezold, Michael Breetz, Sharyn Jones
- **2017-18 Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Sponsors**: Grant’s Lick Veterinary Tree Planting Grant Recipients Jessica Spencer (NKUCFC) and George Henry (ReNewport); Absent cities of Silver Grove, Highland Heights and Cold Spring

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Farewell to District Board Supervisors Dennis Walter (left) and Pete Garrett whose terms expired on December 31. They dedicated many years of hard work to serving the citizens of Campbell County and will be greatly missed.

Welcome to new supervisors

**Dr. William (Bill) Landon**

is a native of Alexandria, KY. He grew up on a working cattle farm and took part in raising his family’s yearly gardens throughout his youth. Bill went on to pursue a B.A. in History at NKU (1998) and to receive his M.Sc. and Ph.D. (2003) from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He returned to Campbell County and is now a Professor of History at NKU and back to his farming roots. He and his wife Sharyn started a small family farm in Grants Lick (Pleasant Ridge Hamlets). Pleasant Ridge Hamlets is an organic farm specializing in the American Mule Foot Hog, a rare heritage breed.

**James B. Benton** was born and raised in Alexandria, Virginia. He apprenticed in residential remodeling and commercial new construction during the 1980s and completed a B.A. in psychology at Emory and Henry College in 1989. Moving to the New River Valley area in the summer of 1991, he worked as a carpenter for a local custom home builder for two years before starting Benton’s Building in March of 1993. He became a Certified Graduate Remodeler and held a Virginia Class A Contractor’s License. Jim moved with his wife Valerie to a farm in Campbell County in 2010 and promptly restored the two old farmhouses on the property (one built in 1905 and the other in 1890). He has been working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service of Kentucky, The Campbell Conservancy Inc., and the Campbell County Conservation District to conserve the land, reestablish forested areas, and return wildlife to the region. A long-time athlete, Jim has twice come in second in his division in the USARA Adventure Race National Championships (2013, 2016) and competed in the Adventure Race World Championships in Casper, WY, in 2017.

Supervised Agriculture Experience Spotlight!

Lauren Hull, Kennedi Kramer, and Faith Schmidt are Campbell County High school students participating in the SAE Placement Program with local horse farm, TC Farm. These girls have been working with Tom Curry for two years. They do the necessary farm work such as cleaning stalls, fixing fence, feeding, watering, and trimming feet. They also help Tom with basic training procedures for weanling and yearling horses. They have learned how to work together as a team to cooperate and problem solve along with understanding horse behavior. In addition the girls have learned leadership skills and how to educate others on different training practices. Tom has purchased a horse for the girls to train themselves and then resell after. We hope to follow up with the girls on their progress for the next What’s Happening.

Welcome to new supervisors James Benton (left) and William Landon

Bill and Sharyn are in their fourth year running the farm and consider everything they do as an experiment in old time farming techniques. That is, they aim to farm without the use of medications, vaccinations, herbicides and pesticides. They also raise heirloom produce and chickens.

L-R Tom Curry, Lauren Hull, Kennedi Kramer and Faith Schmidt with the horse purchased for their training project.
According to Forbes Magazine, one of “America’s Best Colleges” is located in Campbell County. That same college has also been ranked as a “Best Value.” Are you used to thinking of NKU that way? If not, you need to adjust your thinking: NKU has arrived nationally. And actually, that happened quite some time ago.

There are now 65,000 NKU alumni from all 50 states and 45 foreign countries. 50,000 of them have stayed in our area, living within a 50 mile radius. Today, over 14,000 students are taking advantage of the opportunity to attend the University, with over half of the student body being drawn from Campbell, Kenton and Boone counties. In Northern Kentucky we are NKU.

NKU is the largest single employer in our county and with a budget of over $200 million, there is major secondary employment in firms that serve Northern and its mission. In the 50 years of its existence there have only been six University presidents. We are fortunate to have Dr. Ashish Vaidya as the latest. President Vaidya took over July 1 of 2018 and has already proven himself tireless and a worthy successor in a line of impressive presidents. Each president has had unique challenges to cope with, but with the help of the community has been able to build upon the successes of those that went on before. Given his background and the evidence of early returns on his tenure, Dr. Vaidya will take the University to new heights. He too will need the support of the community however. State financial support of college level education has dropped off significantly over the years at the same time expenses like pensions have risen dramatically. NKU is underfunded compared to older peer institutions around the state, an imbalance that can best be addressed by political clout wielded by the region Northern serves.

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New 9-1-1 emergency software will improve response time

The Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch Center provides emergency dispatching and 9-1-1 service for all police and fire agencies in the County. Each year our center receives around 125,000 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls from the public. We are currently in the process of implementing new software that will offer enhanced information to first responders, improving response times and the accuracy of 9-1-1 call locations.

New Smart 9-1-1® software will now give the public the option to enter information and/or special needs of residents and their family members into the Smart 9-1-1 database. Reasons people may want to register include those who have specific medical conditions, elderly parents, children or other unique personal information into the Smart 9-1-1 database to advise first responders during an emergency event. For example, one could register all underage children’s mobile phones so first responders have your contact information at the 9-1-1 center should something happen to your child. All residents’ information is protected, linked specifically to your phone number, and only used during emergency 9-1-1 calls. As an added feature, this information will be available in other areas of the country in the event of a 9-1-1 call where local dispatching centers utilize the Smart 9-1-1 database. Go to https://www.smart911.com/ to sign up for this service.

A second software enhancement will introduce Rapid SOS®, a product that will utilize the latest technology to more precisely locate 9-1-1 calls originating from mobile phones. The ability to quickly locate 9-1-1 calls from individuals located in a park, shopping mall or even a rural road is critical for first responders.

More information and the ability to better locate callers are critical factors to effective emergency response. Please be looking for more information in the very near future regarding opportunities to participate in this service and enable first responders to provide the best possible emergency service to your family and loved ones.

Lastly, we installed a product call PulsePoint® provided by St. Elizabeth Hospital that works through a smart phone application. This product alerts nearby registered individuals that know how to perform CPR and/or use automated external defibrillators in the event of a full cardiac arrest in a public area. If you are CPR and/or AED trained please download the PulsePoint® application at no cost to your mobile phone. If your place of business has an AED that is available to the public, contact the dispatch center to have it listed on the application. Go to https://www.pulsepoint.org/ for more information.

Think “Spring” at Campbell County Parks

Make 2019 the year you go “Glamping” in one of A.J. Jolly Parks furnished yurts. Each yurt comes equipped with two futons, a mini refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker and more! The only thing you will need to bring is your bedding. During your stay plan to try out one of our rentable watercrafts. There is something for everyone including single and double kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, canoes, and paddleboats.

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

- **February 4:** Picnic shelter reservations open
- **March 1:** A.J. Jolly, Beiting, Pendery, and Morscher Parks open, weather-permitting (Port-o-lets only)
- **March 25:** A.J. Jolly Park Ranger Station Opens, fees charged and bathrooms open
- **March 29:** A.J. Jolly Park Season Open
- **April 18:** Easter Eggstravaganza, Pendery Park
- **April 26:** A.J. Jolly Camping Season Open
- **April 27:** Season Kick Off Event
- **June - July:** Jolly Thursdays, A.J. Jolly Park
- **June 15:** Country Fest Music Festival, A.J. Jolly Park
- **July 13:** Sun Valley Bluegrass Festival, A.J. Jolly Park
- **August 10:** Festival on the Lake, A.J. Jolly Park
- **September 7:** Dragon Boat Festival/Arts in the Park, A.J. Jolly Park
- **September 19:** Senior Picnic, Pendery Park
- **September 28 - 29:** Great Outdoors Weekend
- **October 26:** A.J. Park camping season ends
- **October 26:** Jolly Thursdays, A.J. Jolly Park
- **December 2:** Winter access only at all county parks.

For details on these events and more follow us on Facebook or find us online at http://ajjollypark.com.
Upcoming Solid Waste events

Shred Day brought to you by 9 On Your Side and Furniture Fair

**When:** Saturday, April 6  
**Time:** 8 am-1 pm  
**Location:** Furniture Fair, 3710 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076  
**Cost:** Donations accepted: All donations benefit Channel 9 Crime Stoppers

- **Service:** Drug Take Back  
- **Items Accepted:** Over-the-Counter Medications, Prescription Pills  
- **Will NOT Accept:** Liquids, Ointments, Needles

- **Service:** Shred-It  
- **Items Accepted:** Paper, Notebooks, File Folders, Blue Prints, Rubber Bands, Staples, Alligator Clips  
- **Will NOT Accept:** Batteries, Metal Items, Hard Drive, Computers, Electronics, Hard Drive, Computers, Electronics, Plastic Bottles, Glass, Perishable Items, Food, Liquids

Spring Clean-Up Event

**When:** Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18  
**Time:** 8 am-5 pm

The Campbell County Clean-Up Event is an opportunity for Campbell County residents to dispose of unwanted trash, debris, and bulky household items free of charge (no commercial interests please). Residents must unload their own vehicle and have a valid Campbell County ID or some other proof of residency. Call 859-547-1866 with questions before the day of the event or check www.campbellcountyky.org for updates.

**NOT Accepted:** Paint, Liquids, Hazardous Waste, Fluorescent Bulbs, Dirt, Concrete, Shingles

**Tire Limit:** Each resident may bring up to eight (8) tires for disposal

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Recycle your appliances year-round at the Campbell County Road Department

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.**

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Please Recycle These Items:

- **Plastic bags**  
- **Styrofoam**  
- **Medical sharps or syringes**  
- **Window or drinking glass**  
- **Coat hangers or scrap metal**  
- **Plastics that are not bottles or jugs**

Please do not Recycle:

Drop-Off Recycling Program expanded!

We are happy to announce that public drop-off recycling bins are now located at the following five locations:

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Avoid the HHW Collection Event line: Dispose of your latex or water-based paints at home

Nearly three out of every four vehicles that came to the NKY Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event brought cans of paint. Latex, or water-based paint is not a hazardous waste and should be disposed of at curbside with the rest of your household trash. You can follow the steps below to dispose of latex paint at home safely.

1. Remove the lids from cans that are no more than half-full and set out in a well-ventilated area away from children and pets.
2. To speed up the process, stir in an absorbent material such as kitty litter, sawdust, concrete mix, or even shredded newspaper.
3. Place cans with solidified paint at the curb with regular trash. Leave the lids off so waste haulers can see contents are completely dry and therefore acceptable.

Have fun while supporting the CC Animal Shelter

Make plans to attend one or all of the upcoming events to benefit the Campbell County Animal Shelter.

- The Campbell County Animal Shelter will be hosting the 2nd Annual Tails and Trails 5k Race on April 14. This is a moderately challenging fun run at beautiful A.J. Jolly Park. The course is a scenic out-and-back with a few hills. Feel free to walk or run. All of the proceeds go to benefit the animals at the Campbell County Animal Shelter.
- Golfers of all skill levels are invited to join us for the 3rd Annual Campbell County Animal Shelter Golf Outing on June 21! The outing is a four person scramble including light lunch, dinner and prizes. We hope to see you for a great day of golf at beautiful A.J Jolly Golf Course.
- Mark your calendars for August 24! Our Field Day Fundraiser is a fun day which raises money for Veterinary Expenses such as spay/neuter surgeries, emergency surgeries or care for the animals in the shelter. We’ll have food, raffles, local vendors, low cost rabies clinic, working dog demos and fun for the whole family. We’ll have a bounce house for the kids and lots of games and prizes!

For additional information about these events go to http://www.campbellcountyky.org/index.php/home/services/animal-shelter or visit the Campbell County Animal Shelter Facebook page.

2019 A.J. Jolly Golf Course Rates

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A new look for Campbell County in 2019

At the January 23rd Fiscal Court meeting Campbell County launched a new logo. Working with the creative team at The Think Shop in Newport, the logo was developed to give the County a fresh new look that corresponds to its diverse geographical landscape. Located along the river in Northern Kentucky, Campbell County stretches south, providing residents with both urbanized river cities and rural farmland. When designing the logo mark the goal was to convey this blend of terrain. The combination of a modern, contemporary san serif typeface with a classic serif typeface in the icon is a reflection of the merger between urban and rural. The connection between the two C’s is enlarged and highlighted to also convey the curves seen in the rolling hills and winding roads that run throughout the County. The blue and green colors used are light, soft, and communicate a subtle reference to the lush farmland and flowing river in a modern way. Ultimately, the new logo conveys this wonderful, unique mix that Campbell County offers its residents and visitors.

In addition to the logo creation, Campbell County is actively working on a redesigned, interactive website. This will be the first major design overhaul of the website in nearly 10 years. Staff is working hard on the redesign with plans to release in 2019. The site will contain several new features that will enhance the user experience through new content, ease of navigation, and a design that is accessible and usable to everyone. To stay up to day about the new website and all Campbell County news, subscribe to the monthly E-Newsletter at http://www.campbellcountyky.org/index.php/home/news-a-events-103.

Make new connections at the Campbell County Senior Center

Let us welcome you to the Senior Center during our Making Connections event on Monday, March 11 at 11 am. Join us to learn about the 20+ activities offered every month, including exercise classes, painting classes, line dance, bingo, card games, chair volleyball and more. You can also take a tour of the facility and find out how to become a member. Everyone 60 years and older is welcome! To register for this event or for more information please call 859/572-4300.

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 monthly E-Newsletter at http://bit.ly/CCFCenews.
Campbell County Community Celebration

On May 8, 1914, the Smith-Lever Act was signed into Congress to provide practical application of research knowledge, and give instruction and practical demonstration of practices in agriculture, (and other related subjects) to connect with individuals in communities, as an outreach of Agriculture research.

President Lincoln signed the Morrill Act in 1862 to give land for public colleges with focus on agriculture and mechanical arts. Kentucky has 120 counties and each provide research based information to communities from both Kentucky land grant colleges: University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University.

Recently, Extension celebrated its 150th anniversary as a land grant research college. After all of these years, Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service struggles with marketing its programs and services. To help bridge this gap, Campbell County has been hosting a free annual weekend event to help market and increase awareness to local residents about the Cooperative Extension Service. We hosted our third annual Community Celebration event held at our office in Highland Heights. Despite the cloudy skies, periodic downpours of rain, 300 people braved the weather to attend our event held on Saturday, June 23, 2018.

After attending this event, some participants indicated on written evaluations that they will plant a native tree, increase physical activity, hike the trails at the Environmental Education Center, prepare a KY Proud recipe, introduce new foods into their menu, buy local, and sign up for Extension programs.

Participants shared after attending the Community Celebration, “I’ve lived here all my life, and now I’m excited to learn everything that you offer. I will be telling everyone I know,” “My kids learned so much about butterflies and making healthier eating choices, because of the Extension programs,” and “Extension programs have saved our family money.”

Campbell County Cooperative Extension will continue to host this annual event and continue to collaborate with local agencies to increase awareness and provide research-based information to residents. We plan to host the event in June 2019; the date will soon be decided. Please check by calling our office at 859/572-2600.

Newport High School Agriculture and Horticulture 4-H Club

How do you connect inner city youth to agriculture? During the fall of 2017, Sarah Stolz, Horticulture Agent; Don Sorrell, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent and Claire Linepensel, 4-H Program Assistant, offered Newport High School students the opportunity to visit local farms through a program we called Newport High School Agriculture and Horticulture 4-H Club. Through a series of farm tours, students learned about farm animals (horses, goats, beef cattle and chickens) and field crops such as fruits, vegetables and grain crops. According to the students, the most exciting and educational farm tour was Tom Curry’s horse farm. With this in mind we decided to offer a Newport High School 4-H Horse Club program during the fall of 2018.

This seven-week after-school program was coordinated by Don and Claire. Twelve students participated in the horse program that included horse farm tours and after-school classroom activities focusing on the importance of horses, breeds, horse health and what horses eat. During the two horse farm tours, the students had the opportunity to groom and ride a horse. Only two of the 12 students had ever ridden a horse before this program. Students also participated in an all-day field trip to the Kentucky Horse Park where they learned why Kentucky is considered the “Horse Capital of the World.”
Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service

The Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service is the most comprehensive outreach and engagement program at the University of Kentucky. Our mission, simply stated, is to make a difference in the lives of Kentucky citizens through research-based education. Jointly with our other land-grant partner, Kentucky State University, we take the University to the people in their local communities, addressing issues of importance of all Kentuckians.

See our website for all classes and program details: http://campbell.ca.uky.edu/

Tree Seminar Educates Urban Forestry Professionals

The Northern Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council is a regional non-profit organization with a goal to help communities realize the importance of trees. One goal of their strategic plan is to increase the education of public employees, organizations, and residents to appreciate the value of urban forests and understand how to design, establish, and maintain urban forests. The Council has asked the Cooperative Extension Service to lead this effort in regards to the annual Public Workers’ Tree Seminar.

The Campbell County Extension Agent for Natural Resources and Environmental Management, along with Extension Agents from Boone and Kenton County and representatives from the Urban Forestry Council, planned, promoted, implemented, and evaluated the March 9, 2018, Public Workers’ Tree Seminar. Educational topics were based on current issues such as tree failures, tree risk assessment, chainsaw safety, crabapple diseases, invasive species control, and how to engage the public in valuing trees and urban forests. Speakers were secured from the University of Kentucky; the Ohio State University; Davey Tree Experts; Great Parks of Hamilton County; and Cincinnati, Covington, and Lexington City governments. One hundred eight individuals participated in this program. I.S.A. Certified Arborists and commercial pesticide applicators earned continuing education units (CEU’S).

Forty-seven post program evaluations were returned. Participants commented on how they will use the information in the future. “Good review on chainsaw safety. I will use the info!” “Tree risk assessment – I will be better prepared to evaluate tree condition.” “How to evaluate trees to make my job safer.” “I learned about tree failures & species prone to such failure and how urban governments go about management of urban forests.” “These will help me better manage a 22-acre public facility.”

Those that have attended previous seminars also provided testimonials on how they have used the information in their profession. “Past seminars have helped me manage trees better in regards to diagnosing tree pest & disease.” “Assisting communities with program development and training.” “I have been to the chainsaw class and have used the safety techniques.” “More knowledgeable on the job – gives confidence when speaking with clients on the job most especially.” “Knowledge is the most important asset for the arborist’s ability to care for a tree. Please continue to provide these educational opportunities.”

The next Tree Seminar will be held Friday, March 8, 2019, at the Kenton County Extension Office and is open to the general public. For more details and to register visit www.nkyurbanforestry.org.

The Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service is a joint educational effort of the federal, state and county governments and is administered through the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University. Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.
Family & Consumer Sciences Programs
Like us on Facebook. Search for Campbell County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension.

Natural Resources and Environmental Education
For all events, children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

http://www.facebook.com/Campbell-County-Environmental-Education-Center-206106892274/

Horticulture Programs
Visit the Lakeside Commons Educational Gardens!
Most horticulture classes are free of charge. We will be collecting non-perishable food items or personal hygiene products. Your generosity will help people in our community. https://www.facebook.com/CampbellCounty-AgricultureandHorticulture/

Agriculture Programs

UK Ag Extension

Unless indicated, programs will be at the Campbell Co. Environmental Education Center (EEC) or the Campbell County Extension Office (CCEO)

4-H Programs

http://campbell.ca.uky.edu/
**Junior Master Gardener/Learn, Grow, Eat, Go: The Campbell County Approach**

From January through May, the Campbell County Extension Service collaborated with the Newport Intermediate School to conduct an after-school enrichment program using the Learn, Grow, Eat, Go curriculum in which 10 youth participated.

During the program, youth engaged in hands-on activities to learn about such topics as nutrition, garden science, physical activity, food preparation, and fresh vegetable and fruit tastings. Pre- and post-test surveys were given and post surveys revealed that 90% of the children could correctly name the basic needs of plants. One hundred percent could list the four parts of the plant that we eat and could name examples of foods in each food group on the MY Plate model. One hundred percent of the children could name the five senses when tasting foods, the Go, Slow, Whoa foods, and evaluated a One Week Meal Plan.

The evaluation indicated that 100% of youth participants tried 16 different vegetables and fruits. Eighty percent stated that they had never tried bok choy and 50% had never tried Swiss chard, before the program. Seventy percent stated that they now love gardening.

Due to the interest and success of this program, the Campbell County Extension Service plans to conduct the Learn, Grow, Eat, Go Program at another after-school enrichment program again in spring 2019. One of the youth stated that she was glad the recipe that was sampled had a Spanish version so that she could share it with her mother.

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**Flowerbuds**

Many aspects play into building healthy relationships and strong families. According to the University of Kentucky’s publication, “Family Vitality: Characteristics of Strong Families,” relationships that include good communication skills, fun times, time together, involvement with friends and community, commitment, and a healthy lifestyle are some essential characteristics of strong families (Rupured and Quick, 1997). In order to build strong families and help foster these vital characteristics, the Campbell County Extension taught the series, Flowerbuds.

The Campbell County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent teamed up with the Horticulture Assistant to teach the Flowerbuds series, which provided educational family time for 12 pre-schoolers and 12 caregivers. Flowerbuds meets monthly for an educational story time, tours of the educational gardens, a hands-on activity for the child and caregiver, and a healthy light snack. The University of Kentucky’s Leap curriculum, Plate it Up recipes, the Nutrition Education Program recipes, and Keys to Great parenting lessons were utilized. End-of-the-series written evaluations showed that 100% of the caregivers said the series helped them bond with their child. Sixty-six percent said they learned new ideas on ways to interact with their child, and 78% said their child became more open to trying new foods. One hundred percent said their child’s knowledge about gardening increased. Some of the comments from the caregivers about the program were the following: 1) “I am able to refer back to the Flowerbuds program to get her to try new foods/activities!” 2) “This class puts us in a learning environment, and you can see success.” 3) “The lesson plans are perfect for her age. She soaks up everything. She loves all the activities and story time.” 4) “She can now explain how and why certain plants grow.” The 2019 series will meet on Thursdays from 10-11:30 am on the following days: February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 3 (Wednesday), August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5.

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**Make plans for 4-H Camp!**

**WHEN:**
July 22-26

**WHERE:**
North Central 4-H Camp, Carlisle, KY

**WHAT:**
Nature, swimming, waterslide, zip line, canoeing, recreation, archery, challenge course, and MORE!

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**Flowerbud participant, Aiden, prepares his own healthy pizza snack**

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The Hamilton Affair — Author featured at Library
February 22

Award-winning historian Elizabeth Cobbs will talk about the captivating and tumultuous lives of Alexander Hamilton and his wife Eliza Schuyler, subjects of her bestselling book, The Hamilton Affair. Her engaging novel captures the romantic beginnings of the unlikely pair to his duel on the banks of the Hudson River.

Amazon predicts The Hamilton Affair “will take its place among the greatest novels of American history ever written.”

Hear Ms. Cobbs at 7 pm Friday, February 22, at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch.

Copies of The Hamilton Affair and her newest book, The Hello Girls, will be available for purchase through the partnership with Joseph Beth Booksellers. Ms. Cobbs will be available for autographs. Register. Tickets are free but required. Call 859/781-6166, ext. 31, or register online at www.cc-pl.org/signature-series.

Thanks to Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Crestview, and Comfort Suites Riverfront for their partnership.

Phenomenal!

Drop Your Drawers, a campaign to collect underwear to help children stay in the classroom and learning, once again was an outstanding success. The generosity of donors this year was simply mind-boggling: 10,765 pair of underwear were donated — far surpassing last year’s total of 7,784. We simply can’t say thank you enough for the support you show to our children, the schools and the Library.

“This program exceeds our expectations every year,” said JC Morgan, director. “We love helping children and our schools, and we are happy to help educate people about a real need in our community.”

The campaign began in 2015 after the Library learned that Family Resource Centers in our schools needed underwear to help children stay in class, often providing up to 100 pair of underwear a month. Children need underwear for a variety of reasons, including accidents, illness, underwear not available at home, inability to wash clothes regularly, homelessness, children who dress themselves inappropriately, family issues, etc.

The Drop Your Drawers campaign collects the donated underwear, which is equally divided among 14 public elementary schools: Campbell Ridge, Cline, Crossroads, Grandview, Grant’s Lick, Johnson, Lincoln, Moyer, Newport Intermediate, Newport Primary, Reiley, Silver Grove, Southgate and Woodfill.

Thanks to everyone who contributed, and a special nod of appreciation to a few people who donated literally hundreds of pair! We also want to thank these organizations for their support: Bellevue Board of Education, Campbell County Drug Free Alliance; Campbell County Lion’s Club; Campbell County Rotary; Campbell County Board of Education; Cline Social Club; Cold Spring Mayor, city council, police chief and residents; Dayton Board of Education; First Baptist Church of Fort Thomas; Fort Thomas Board of Education; Hilltop Laundromat; Kiwanis Club of Campbell County; Leadership Northern Kentucky; Mary Ingles Chapter of the DAR; Museum of Anthropology and Student Anthropology Society at NKU; Newport Board of Education; Novolex Co.; Silver Grove Board of Education; and Southgate Board of Education.
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 about our office. See the box below for office hours and contact information.

**Assessment reviews & appeals schedule**

In keeping with the state requirements, the PVA office has reviewed and reassessed the property in the cities of Alexandria, Cold Spring, and Highland Heights for the 2019 tax year. The state of Kentucky requires the PVA office to physically review all property in the County at least once every four years. This only applies to property located in the incorporated portions of each city.

If there is a change in a property’s assessment for any reason, 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 6 and continues until Monday, May 20. After May 20, we can no longer accept appeals to a property’s value until the following calendar year, and that current assessment will stand for the 2019 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 4:00 pm and Saturdays from 9 am until Noon during the conference period.

**Freddie Freeroader Program**

We receive many complaints about vehicles owned and operated by Kentucky residents that are registered out of state — these folks are called “Freeroaders.” This has become an increasing issue, and it surprisingly affects all of us. Registering your vehicle through the County Clerk’s office is required by law within 15 days of an address change. The taxes raised through registration help to fund schools, libraries, road maintenance, police, and fire departments. “Freeroaders” are expecting you to shoulder more of the burden for these services by not paying their fair share of taxes. Kentucky requires that new residents get their KY licenses within 30 days, and be either a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident.

The “Freedy Freeroader” program was set up in the Commonwealth to help citizens anonymously report these cases. To file a report, you need the license plate of the vehicle. If you have the name and address of the offender, that is also helpful. You can report these “Freeroaders” by contacting the Freddy Freeroader program by calling toll free at 1-800-882-8990 or by going to www.freeroader.ky.gov for more information.

**Homestead/Disability Exemptions**

**HEMESTAD EXEMPTIONS (HEX):** To qualify for the HEX, a homeowner must be or turn 65 anytime during 2019; you must also have resided at that location on or before January 1, 2019, 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, 2019, 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 driving 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 DEX at that location.

The HEX/DEX exemption amount has gone up for the 2019-2020 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 2019. 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.
When parents hear “private school,” or “alternative school,” it’s easy to equate those words with prestige. But here in Campbell County, it’s our public schools that produce some of the region’s brightest graduates, top athletes, largest scholarship awards, and consistently high national rankings.

This spring, as you weigh your options for fall enrollment, be careful not to overlook the unbeatable value of Campbell County’s public elementary, middle, and high schools.

Capturing national attention

U.S. News & World Report named CCHS among the Best Public High Schools in the Nation for the fourth consecutive year — an honor CCHS previously earned from the Daily Beast in 2014 and Newsweek in 2013. From 2014 to 2017, CCHS was also named one of Washington Post’s Most Challenging High Schools in the Nation.

Meanwhile, administrators at CCHS and CCMS, along with Cline, Reiley, Campbell Ridge, Grant’s Lick and Crossroads Elementary Schools continued to drive school counseling programs to the next level as practicing members of the American School Counseling Association’s Recognized Model Program (RAMP).

Beyond the rankings

National publications aren’t the only ones recognizing exemplary talent in Campbell County. In 2017-18, CCHS students were honored for dozens of achievements in athletics, academics, arts, and other activities, with college-bound grads receiving nearly $5.1 million in scholarships to help them on the pathway to success.

■ ATHLETICS In total, 22 seniors signed college letters, with four teams qualifying to compete at the state level. CCHS took home regional championships in tennis, bowling, basketball, cheerleading, baseball, and soccer. District championships were awarded in basketball and soccer.

■ ACADEMICS From the 2017-18 graduating class, 10 CCHS students were selected as Governor’s Scholars, while 21 juniors scored 30 or above on the state ACT exam. Both the varsity and junior varsity Math Teams placed #1 in the John O’Bryan Math Tournament, and World Language teams earned 22 medals at the National Spanish Exam competition.

■ ARTS Visual artists, singers, and instrumentalists had an incredible year as well, with students selected for the Governor’s Scholars for the Arts Program in multiple categories. 2017-18 was also the fourth consecutive year showing a 100% pass rate for AP Studio Art, and five students were selected for the Kentucky All-State Choir along with four All-State Band Members, among many other achievements.

■ OTHER Four students from CCHS enlisted in military service, with one joining the U.S. Air Force Academy, while 115 students passed a KOSSA Assessment. Future Business Leaders of America, Future Farmers of America, and other career-focused clubs at CCHS competed at the regional, state, and national levels.

The 2017-18 school year was one of tremendous success for Campbell County Schools. As we look to another exciting year, we will continue living up to our mantra of doing “Whatever It Takes” to achieve college and career readiness for all, and celebrating the achievements of our truly exceptional students. Stay tuned!
SD1 recently received the largest combined federal and state disaster relief in its 72-year history for its effective response to historically high Ohio River levels earlier this year.

The District received reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and the Kentucky Emergency Management Association (KEMA) for overtime labor, equipment usage and contracted labor totaling $104,971.61. Working in 8-hour shifts, and working around-the-clock to operate the region’s flood pump stations.

“We’re excited to receive this federal and state disaster funding because it allows us to better serve our customers and our region,” said SD1 Executive Director Adam Chaney. “This is the largest disaster relief reimbursement the District has ever received, and it is a testament to not only the outstanding work done in the field by our flood response team, but also the effectiveness and efficiency of our data tracking system.”

Since 1995, SD1 has owned and operated 15 flood pump stations that were primarily built in the 1950s by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Campbell and Kenton counties.

The flood protection infrastructure was designed to activate different pump stations at predetermined Ohio River levels. During this year’s flooding, 14 of the 15 SD1 flood pump stations were activated.

Between February 13 and March 5 of 2018, the Ohio River reached historically high levels, cresting at 60.5 feet and causing extensive damage along the river cities of Northern Kentucky.

SD1’s flood protection infrastructure was designed to prevent the sewer systems of Covington, Dayton and Newport from becoming overwhelmed by elevated river levels, which would result in overflows and basement backups.

An SD1 flood response team of seven individuals was activated when the Ohio River reached 44 feet on February 13, and that team, working with up to 30 other staff members across SD1 departments, remained in continuous operation – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – until March 7. Working in 8-hour shifts, and working with outside contractors when needed, the team was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the flood pump stations.

SD1 Pump Station Manager Matthew Van Doren coordinated the FEMA request, which has been a months-long process. He said the key to receiving federal reimbursement is documentation, and he credited SD1’s efficient work order process for allowing the District to gather everything it needed to request the federal aid so quickly.

“We track everything through our work order system from work time to equipment usage to the ordering of parts,” Van Doren said. “This is a great example of how the data we regularly collect through work orders can be used to improve operational efficiency and provide value to our customers.”

While this is the largest disaster relief aid in SD1 history, it is not the first time the District has received federal and state disaster relief. Dating back to 2005, the District has been reimbursed for costs associated with HAZMAT cleanup, underground tank removal and its response to Hurricane Ike and Hurricane Hugo, among other things.

**Tips for buying and applying de-icer**

**Snow and ice removal is an annual winter chore. As snow piles up, the first line of defense is simply to shovel paved areas to keep them clean and prevent ice from forming.**

**When ice does form, it is common to use salt and other chemical deicers to clear walkways and driveways. While these can make travel conditions less hazardous, they can also impact local waterways, landscaping, pets and wildlife.**

Here are some tips to help you buy and safely apply de-icers this winter without harming our environment.

**Tips for buying a de-icer**

- Traditional rock salt and some chemical de-icers can injure a pet’s paws, damage cars, prematurely age cement and asphalt, and pollute local streams. There are some equally effective alternatives that have less of an impact.

  - Look for alternative de-icers like calcium chloride and calcium magnesium acetate.
  - Try using de-icers that contain alternative ingredients such as beet juice.
  - Avoid using de-icers that contain urea.

**Tips for applying a de-icer**

- Before applying, manually remove as much snow and ice as possible. De-icer works best when it is applied to thin layers of ice.

  - Follow the directions on the container. Using more than what is recommended will not make the ice melt faster, but can pollute our local streams.
  - When possible, avoid using salt and other de-icers near trees, shrubs and grasses. The salty water can severely harm or kill your home’s landscaping.

If you have questions, visit SD1.org or email info@SD1.org.
Helping ourselves and family members stay safe and healthy during wintertime

The Northern Kentucky Health Department (NKY Health) works daily to prevent disease, promote wellness and protect against health threats. This everyday work includes informing and educating people about health issues and empowering people with actions to take to avoid health hazards. With the arrival of snowy weather and colder temperatures, NKY Health is reminding all residents of the steps you can take to help you and your family members stay safe and healthy this winter season.

Staying healthy

- Make sure you (and your family) are up to date on your immunizations. This includes the seasonal flu shot which is readily available at health care providers and many community pharmacies and clinics.
- Wash your hands often, with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds before you eat, after you use the bathroom, or when caring for sick individuals.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Never cough or sneeze into the air or your bare hand—use your upper sleeve or elbow. To see how to do it the right way, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2jbEetZ8G4.
- Contact your health care provider if you are having flu like symptoms such as fever, chills, sore throat, cough and body aches.
- Stay home from work, school or community events if feeling ill. Don’t spread your germs to others.
- Use antibiotics only when prescribed by doctors and take all of the medicine completely. Don’t save some for another illness.
- Eat healthy and find ways to be physically active in the winter to help fight off illnesses, such as the cold or flu. Don’t let yourself get run down.
- Plan your meals for the week by writing out all of your meal ideas for each day of the week. This includes snacks, lunch meetings, and dinners with friends.
- Plan exercise sessions ahead of time by writing them down, making it more likely you’ll do them.
- Find healthy ways to deal with stress—talk to someone, get enough sleep, manage your time.

Staying safe

- Wear outdoor clothing appropriate to the weather conditions: layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and waterproof boots.
- Avoid using alternative heating sources (such as portable generators, kerosene heaters, propane gas stoves and ovens heated with gasoline) indoors because this can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- When planning travel, be aware of current and forecasted weather and road conditions.
- Always wear your seatbelt and buckle up children in car seats, booster seats, or seat belts on every trip, no matter how short.
- Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded (such as blankets, first aid kit, food and water, & flashlight). For more information, go to https://www.cdc.gov/features/winterweather/index.html.
- Check on family and neighbors who are especially at risk from cold weather hazards: young children, older adults and individuals with special needs or living with a long-term illness.
- Work slowly when doing outside chores.
- Be sure that sidewalks, porches, steps and pathways are clear of snow and ice.
- Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector; and test batteries monthly.

By following these tips, individuals will be prepared to beat winter-time hazards and more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall. For more information on how you can better plan for winter, visit www.cdc.gov.
News from the County Clerk

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.

Election results

The general election was held on November 6. We had a 46% turnout. Wil Schroder, Joe Fischer, Dennis Keene and Kim Moser were reelected to the Kentucky legislature. Steve Pendery was reelected Judge Executive while Geoff Besecker will join returning members Brian Painter and Tom Lampe on the Fiscal Court. Reelected to their respective offices were Michelle Snodgrass, Commonwealth Attorney; Taunya Jack, Circuit Clerk; Dan Braun, PVA; Mike Jansen, Sheriff; Jim Daley, Jailer; Mark Schweitzer, Coroner; Ginger Paul, Kathy Pinelo and Bud Wilson, Justice of the Peace; Dan Zalla, Circuit Court Judge; Karen Thomas and Cameron Blau, District Court Judge; and yours truly, County Clerk. Nicholas Warden was elected Magistrate and was joined by returning Magistrates Ken Warden and Jim Peluso. There were also city races and school board races too numerous to set forth in this article.

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes with an election and this year was no different. Jennifer McGrath Free heads our election office. Her experience, knowledge and dedication are invaluable. Suzanne McGrath and Sharon Schwartz help out at elections. Mike Jansen and the Sheriff’s office work a long day to ensure that everything runs smooth. The local Board of Elections, which consists of me, Chief Deputy Ken Fecher, Jack Snodgrass and Terry Flynn, 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 with each staffed by at least four 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 Jen at our election office at 859/292-3885 for more info.

In 2019 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 21. 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. At this point 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, 2019, you will not be able to vote for any of the races. The last day to register to vote in the primary is April 22, 2019. Of course any registered voter can vote in any race in the November General Election.

Automotive Department

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 online you can go to our website at campbellcountyclerkky.com. It’s really quick and easy and you get your tags in the mail in a couple of days. You can now do personalized plates online.

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.
Ft. Thomas and Florence achieve Magnet recognition

St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas and Florence achieved Magnet recognition as a reflection of their nursing professionalism, teamwork and superiority in patient care. The American Nurses Credentialing Center’s (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program® distinguishes organizations that meet rigorous standards for nursing excellence. St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas and Florence join a global community of Magnet-recognized organizations. Of the 5,534 American Hospital Association registered hospitals, approximately eight percent are Magnet designated.

“We are deeply honored to be recognized as one of the top nursing programs in the country,” said Vera Hall, Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive at St. Elizabeth Healthcare. “To earn Magnet status is a tremendous accomplishment and a great source of pride for our nurses. Magnet status is further proof of our entire staff’s commitment to work together to meet the healthcare needs of our community. This designation confirms what we have known for a long time — St. Elizabeth nurses are the best, and that helps set us apart from other hospitals.”

Research demonstrates that Magnet recognition provides specific benefits to healthcare organizations and their communities, such as:

• Higher patient satisfaction with nurse communication, availability of help and receipt of discharge information.
• Lower risk of 30-day mortality and lower failure to rescue rates.
• Higher job satisfaction among nurses.
• Lower nurse reports of intentions to leave their positions.

Magnet recognition is the gold standard for nursing excellence and is a factor when the public judges healthcare organizations. U.S. News & World Report’s annual showcase of America’s Best Hospitals includes Magnet recognition in its ranking criteria for quality inpatient care.

Newest generation of robotic surgery technology

St. Elizabeth Healthcare became the first healthcare system in Greater Cincinnati to acquire and use the 4th Generation daVinci Robotics System, the most advanced surgical robotic platform available on the market.

St. Elizabeth now has seven daVinci systems overall, including four of the 4th Generation known as da Vinci Xi spread throughout its Edgewood, Ft. Thomas, and Florence campuses. Robotic surgical technology helps surgeons move patients from open procedures to minimally invasive procedures that require smaller and fewer incisions.

“St. Elizabeth now holds the most advanced and largest fleet of robotics surgery technology in our area and one of the most impressive in the country,” says Susan McDonald, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, St. Elizabeth Edgewood, Covington, and Grant.

“St. Elizabeth has enhanced its cancer treatment services at Ft. Thomas with the addition of the TrueBeam™ Radiotherapy System. TrueBeam technology was engineered to deliver powerful cancer treatments with pinpoint accuracy and precision.”

“TrueBeam enables us to treat even the most challenging cases with tremendous speed and precision,” said Dr. Lauren Castellini, Radiation Oncologist at St. Elizabeth. “This system will make it possible for us to offer fast, more targeted treatments for cancers — even those that move when the patient breathes, such as lung, esophageal or breast cancers.”

The TrueBeam system incorporates “intelligent” automation that helps reduce treatment time. In many cases, patients can be in and out of their cancer treatment in as little as 20 minutes per day over a course of care. Simple treatments that once took 15 minutes or more can be completed in less than two minutes once the patient is positioned for treatment.

The TrueBeam system targets tumors with tremendous precision made possible by the system’s sophisticated architecture, which synchronizes imaging, beam shaping and dose delivery. It also performs accuracy checks every ten milliseconds throughout the entire treatment. Critical data points are measured continually as a treatment progresses, ensuring that the system maintains a “true isocenter,” or focal point of treatment.

“With TrueBeam, we can select the optimal treatment for every type of cancer,” said Dr. Castellini. “This will enable us to provide a wide spectrum of advanced radiotherapy treatment options for our patients.”

For more information, please call 859/572-3298.
St. Elizabeth Healthcare

St. Elizabeth breaks ground on new Cancer Center

St. Elizabeth broke ground for its new Cancer Center in Edgewood in August. During the event, Dr. Doug Flora was named Executive Medical Director of Oncology Services. The groundbreaking represented the first milestone in St. Elizabeth’s goal to expand cancer prevention, genetic screening, precision medicine, clinical research and treatment options in Northern Kentucky. The Cancer Center will open its doors to the public in 2020.

“We are excited to begin the building process for this premier Cancer Center that will enable St. Elizabeth to provide advanced cancer care right here in our community,” says Garren Colvin, President and CEO of St. Elizabeth. “The Center is a key component in fulfilling our ongoing vision to lead Northern Kentucky to become one of the healthiest communities in America.”

The Cancer Center will lead the way in personalized cancer care by bringing the latest technology and research together in the hands of experienced clinicians. The Center will feature:

- Precision medicine and genomic health, utilizing cutting edge science and technology to assure delivery of the right drug, at the right dose, at the right time.
- Increased education, screening and prevention services in Northern Kentucky, helping to identify cancers sooner, and save more lives.
- Clinical research with access to more clinical trials, sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and members of the NCI National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN), and conveniently located in the area.
- Multidisciplinary oncology expertise, including medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, oncology surgeons, nurse navigators, research nurses, genetic counselors and many others conveniently located at the Center, so patients can receive the care they need all in one place.
- The most advanced technology in the region, allowing St. Elizabeth doctors to catch cancer sooner so it can be diagnosed at an earlier stage and increase survival rates.

Visit www.whats happeningnews.com for all the news in Boone, Kenton, Campbell and Oldham counties