

Frankfort Report...

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State Senator



This month's Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Environment was a high-profile one with an overwhelming committee room. The topic was discussion of the Bluegrass Pipeline with representatives from the company itself, the Kentucky Oil & Gas Association, state agencies, and the Kentucky Resources Council which represents landowners. The pipeline project will carry natural gas liquids from the northwest part of Kentucky through the central south portion on its way toward the Gulf of Mexico. It promises new investment with new dollars but there are significant private property concerns.

The Bluegrass Pipeline is a joint project by Williams, an energy infrastructure company, and Boardwalk Pipeline Partners. Representatives discussed the importance of the pipeline for jobs and energy independence

and stressed their safety record and rigorous safety standards. They estimated that Kentucky schools would benefit from \$136 million in new tax revenue over the first 10 years. They said they were committed to work with landowners and be respectful of property rights. The pipeline would be buried underground. The company will be hosting a series of town-hall meetings throughout the state to make sure information is relayed to communities.

The Public Service Commission discussed the limits of their power to oversee natural gas liquids. They stated that it would take legislative action in the form of the new statute for them to have the power to regulate the pipeline.

Tom Fitzgerald of the Kentucky Resources Council, an environmental group, warned against the dangers of the pipeline questioning the routing as well as oversight of the project.

Finally, Secretary of Energy Len Peters spoke to the committee. He bluntly explained that the lawyers in his cabinet do not think that

Bluegrass pipeline developers can invoke imminent domain which is the concept that organizations, usually public utilities but in this case a private company, can use land for an express public purpose.

During the last few days of special session on redistricting, the Senate passed a resolution urging the pipeline companies to make every effort to work with landowners without using eminent domain. As chairman of this meeting, I wanted to make sure all sides had a platform to present their perspectives. I feel that the meeting was successful and laid the groundwork for future discussions prior to session.

This was a great informational meeting which I see as one more way we can educate our constituents about this important issue that will surely also play a large role in the 2014 Session. Please call me with any questions, comments, or concerns at 502-564-8100 or toll-free at 800-372-7181. If you miss watching the proceedings on KET, meetings are archived at www.ket.org.

York participates in Circuit Court Clerks Summer College

Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk Eliza Jane York recently participated in the 2013 Circuit Court Clerks Summer College in Frankfort. The Administrative Office of the Courts provided the judicial education program June 4-5 for the state's circuit court clerks. (Please see the list below for the name of your local circuit court clerk who attended the college.)

The circuit clerks attended sessions on driver licensing, accounts receivable and the process for handling court filings by people seeking to have someone deemed disabled or court ordered to get treatment for alcohol and/or drug abuse. Susan Stokley Clary, clerk of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, was the keynote speaker for the college.

The college also included an overview of legislation passed by the 2013 General Assembly and House Bill 308, which took effect in 2011. HB 308 requires Kentucky to notify the FBI when a court finds an individual mentally incompetent. The FBI adds the person's name to the National Instant Crime Background Check System, which federally licensed gun dealers use to screen their customers. Fed-

eral law prohibits the sale of guns to anyone adjudicated as mentally defective or who has been committed to a mental institution.

"In this era of technology, it's important for circuit court clerks to look for ways to improve our processes," said Boone County Circuit Court Clerk Dianne Murray, who was elected president of the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks during the college. "The college provided training on the rollout of electronic reporting on HB 308, which will ensure that the FBI knows when a court has made a decision that impacts a person's ability to purchase firearms. We also got a chance to discuss tips for running a successful office, including how to keep up morale during these tough budgetary times."

The circuit clerks received an update from the Trust for Life program during the program. The KACCC sponsors Trust for Life to promote organ and tissue donation through driver licensing and the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry.

The college included eight hours of continuing education credit for the circuit clerks.

Money Tips for Students

Time to start repaying loans

If you finished college in May and have student loans, it's almost time to begin repaying them. These tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) may help.

One of the smartest things you can do is pay more than your scheduled payment amount. The extra is applied to the principal, so you will pay less interest over the life of your loan.

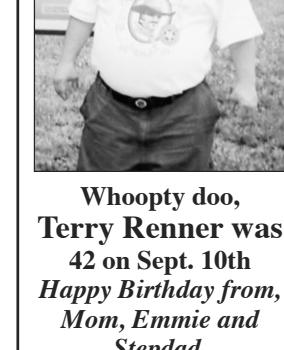
You should let your lender know if you change your name, address or phone number; if something changes your status, such as going back to school; or if you have problems making your payments.

You have several repayment plans from which to choose. The standard repayment plan calls for equal monthly payments over 10 years. The minimum monthly payment is usually \$50. Other options include:

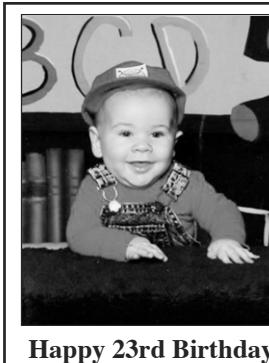
•Graduated repayment, which starts with lower repayment amounts that get higher over the maximum 10-year period.

•Income-sensitive repayment, with monthly payments based on gross income.

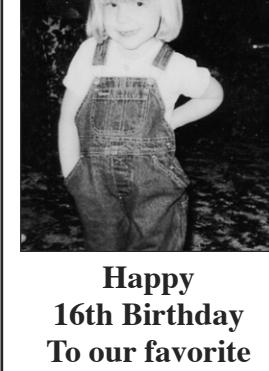
To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.



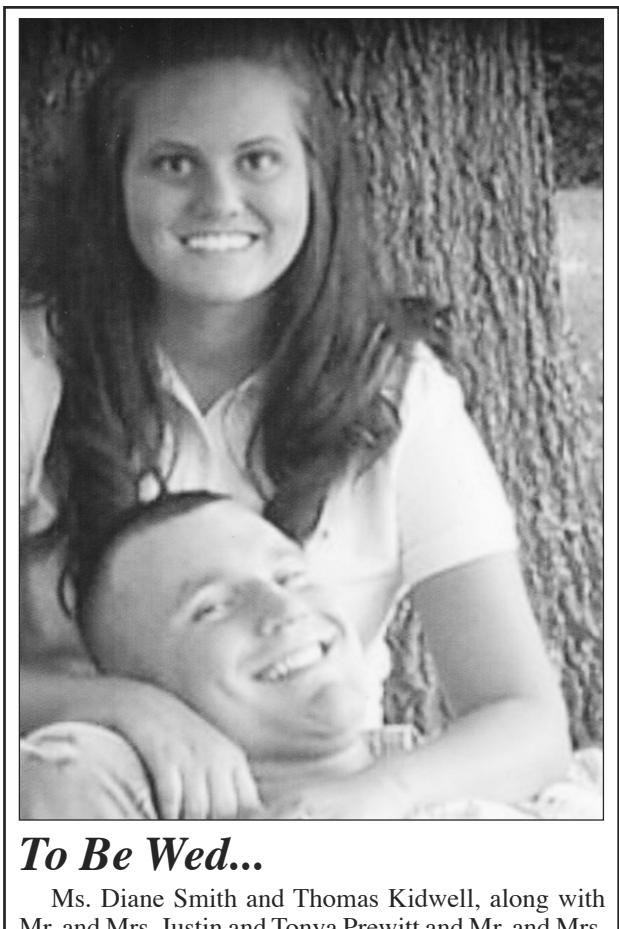
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Happy
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on
September 17th
Pappaw and
Mammaw



To Be Wed...

Ms. Diane Smith and Thomas Kidwell, along with Mr. and Mrs. Justin and Tonya Prewitt and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and Anna Robinson, would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Megan Rachelle Kidwell and James Robert Prewitt.

The wedding will take place at Calloway Holiness Church on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. A reception will follow. All family and friends are invited to be present as our children join in holy matrimony.

Email the Signal at mvsignal@windstream.net

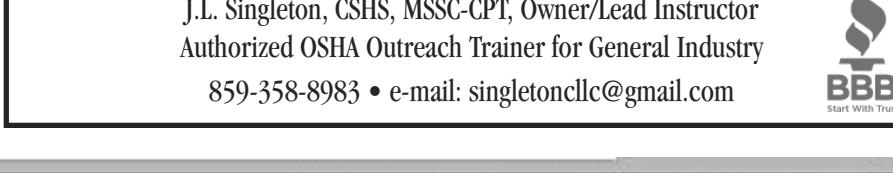
OSHA 10-Hour for General Industry

Course Dates: September 28th & October 5th • 8 am to approx. 1 pm

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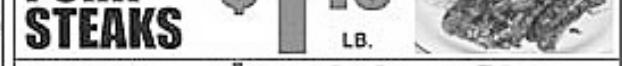


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