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FAC SPOTLIGHT:
**Ky River Authority's
Work on Dam 8 near Camp
Nelson Nearing Completion**

Riversweep and RiverBlast events in June

Reconstruction of Kentucky River Dam 8 near Camp Nelson is nearing completion according to Jerry Graves of the Kentucky River Authority (KRA).

This \$12.7 million project involved the construction of a new low-head dam and grouting program to fill voids and leakage seams in the bedrock below the dam. This structure creates the pool of water that supplies water for Nicholasville and Lancaster. Construction, which began in 2013, should be completed this summer. It is the third major dam replacement performed by the KRA, which is administratively attached to the Finance Cabinet.

Recently Secretary William Landrum had the opportunity to meet with Jerry Graves and view firsthand the progress at Dam 8.

"I'm impressed with all the work the KRA has done over the last several years," said Sec. Landrum. "Water recreation is an important part of Kentucky's overall tourism. With the work KRA has done, boaters are now able to experience more of the river."



Jerry Graves (center) showing Sec. Landrum (right) all the work on Dam 8.

After completing work on locks 1 - 4 last year, boaters are now able to traverse the river all the way from Frankfort to the Ohio River for the first time in many years.

Locks 1 - 4 officially opened about two weeks ago on Memorial Day weekend. The locks are open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer, 10 am to 7:30 pm. There is no charge to take a boat through the locks.

Please visit the Kentucky River Authority's web page, <http://finance.ky.gov/offices/kra/Pages/default.aspx> for more

**CHFS Launches Summer Program
for Youth Aging Out
of Foster Care**

Young adults aging out of the foster care system now have the opportunity to access employment, job training and leadership skills through a collaborative program that places young people in entry-level positions in Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) offices around the state.

Governor Matt Bevin, First Lady Glenna Bevin and CHFS Secretary Vickie Yates Brown Glisson made the announcement recently in Louisville.

"The reason this program has come to fruition is because it is the right thing to do," Gov. Matt Bevin told the audience at the kickoff. "The program is a way to integrate these kids into other facets of state government, into the private sector and beyond. It's an opportunity for Kentucky to truly be the beacon of light on how this can work and should work in America. It's starting today. It's starting with this program, with these people."

Designed to help young people with skills and experience to prepare them for future employment, the summer youth program began June 1 and will run for 10 weeks

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**Riversweep
June 18**

Volunteers, river junkies, boaters, fishermen...and any others interested in the wellbeing of the Kentucky River are welcome to participate in the annual Riversweep on June 18. Many communities along the river are coordinating sweep up teams.

This is a fun way to volunteer and help clean up one of the best waterways in the state. Contact Sue Elliston at (502) 696-2830 for more information.

detailed operating hours, locking instructions, boat ramp locations and other information regarding the Kentucky River.

Navigation charts are also available for purchase from KRA.

Dam 10 is the next major rehabilitation project for KRA and already design of a new lock and dam is underway. Pool 10 is the City of Winchester's water supply. Design work for this project will take the remainder of this year with construction anticipated to begin in the summer of 2017.

RIVER BLAST ROCKS !!!

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**BEGINNING MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
LOCKS 1 - 4 WILL BE OPEN**



SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH

FRANKFORT RIVER BLAST

River View Park • 404 Wilkinson Blvd

- 3K Race * Paddling Races
- Live Music * Food * Beer Garden
- ART Market * Car Show * Kids Activities
- Boat Rides and Tours * Flotilla
- Fireworks * Fishing Tournament



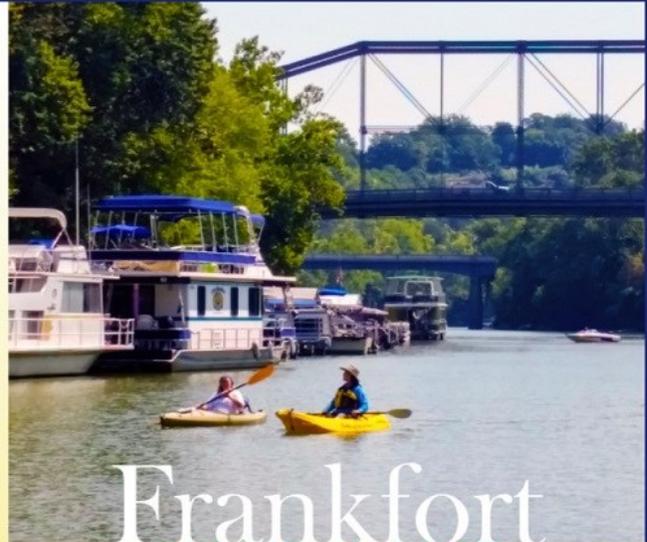
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Frankfort RIVER BLAST

Saturday, June 25, 2016

2nd Annual Frankfort River Blast

At River View Park

404 Wilkinson Blvd

\$5 Admission

(Children 12 & Under Free)

Proceeds Benefit Riverfront Development

7:00 am - 3:00 pm Fishing Tournament

8:00 am River Blast River Run 3K (Late registration at 7:00 am)

9:00 am Paddling Races Begin (Late registration at 8:00 am)

Gates Open at 11:00 am



11:00 am to 7:00 pm

ART Market * Children's Activities

12:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Food Vendors * Beer/ Garden

Noon to 10:00 pm Live Music on Stage

Featuring The Tim Clark Band * Caught Red Handed * The Wes Soard Band

Capital City Classic Car Club Auto Show featuring Dozens of Classic Cars

Coming Events in Frankfort

Sunday, September 11, 2016

JSP Fall Arts Festival

Josephine Sculpture Park

www.josephinesculpturepark.org

Fri - Sun, October 14 - 16, 2016

Days of Knights

Cove Springs Archery Park

www.thedaysofknights.com/



MEET ME AT THE RIVER !!!

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Congratulations to Jim Simrall, Audit Supervisor, at the Louisville Taxpayer Service Center, who celebrated 40 years of service with the Kentucky Department of Revenue on May 26.

Charles Wilder, Regional Manager, presented Jim with a certificate for his 40 years of service. The office celebrated with cake and balloons.

Jim's service, loyalty and dedication to The Kentucky Department of Revenue is most appreciated!



Jim Simrall

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...serving Kentucky's foster youth between the ages of 17 and 23.

"The summer youth program is a statewide pilot project placing young people in Office Support As-

stant positions in local DCBS offices. To participate, youth were required to complete a state application for interim employment and selection process prior to receiving their official employment and job assignment. Over 100 individuals are expected to be served by the program.

The goal of the summer youth program is to improve outcomes and build employment and skills for those who participate.

Program participant, Glenda Wright, also addressed the audience and encouraged young people to believe in themselves.

"Other people can motivate you and inspire you to be what you want to be in life, but do you know who my biggest motivator was? Myself. I'd like to say to every youth and every person in this room: You need yourself to motivate you to be a better you. Without that, you're never going to reach that goal," said Wright. "No matter what people have told you in the past, no matter what your story is, there's no limit to who you can be. You are your biggest motivator — so continue to be."

As of today, 8,180 children and youth are in the foster care system in Kentucky. Many of these young people will not be placed in permanent homes and, sadly, are not likely to have the support and skills needed to carry them to adulthood."

— CHFS Sec. Glisson

Participants in the summer youth program will work in the state's local DCBS offices. They will support Department staff through customer service, clerical duties and potentially offering peer support to other youth transitioning from the state foster care program. Program participants will be matched with mentors who will serve as role models in public service who can help navigate the network of state government and its partnerships.