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Time's Running Out...Don't Forget...



Nominate a co-worker who has significantly & positively impacted the lives of others today!

Deadline is Aug. 31, 2016
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FAC SPOTLIGHT:
Kentucky Division of Surplus Property Sends Helpful Items to Louisiana for Flood Relief

Air mattresses, boots, dog collars, insect repellent and other items sent

As soon as Keith McNeil saw the news about the flood ravaged areas in Louisiana, he knew the Kentucky Division of Surplus Property (DSP) had items that would be useful for helping flood victims and cleanup efforts.



Keith McNeil loading a pallet of items onto the truck.

"I'm thankful we were able to help the folks in Louisiana," said Dewey Blevins, Director of Kentucky Surplus Properties. "State surplus property agencies throughout the country are a pretty tightknit group and we always try to help each other. I applaud Keith for reaching out and am happy that all our staff worked quickly to pack and ship these items."



McNeil, a program coordinator with DSP, emailed a list of items to his counterpart with Louisiana State Surplus, but did not hear back from anyone for nearly a week. When Louisiana State Surplus staff were finally able to return to work, they responded they needed all sorts of equipment and other items.

DSP packed a truckload of items and shipped them out late last week. Items included tarps, gloves, respirators, flashlights, batteries, air mattresses, boots, dog collars, dog tie out cables, insect repellent and more.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone in Louisiana who's been impacted by this flood," said Secretary William Landrum. "I'm glad we were able to assist and stand ready to help again if we can."

Chelsey Bizzle Named New Executive Director of School Facilities Construction Commission

Chelsey recently joined the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) as Executive Director.



Prior to joining the SFCC, Chelsey began her career at Meridian Wealth Management as an executive assistant before transitioning into public finance with Southwest Securities. While at Southwest she worked to provide project support for school districts and local governments in facilitating the issuance of taxable and tax-exempt debt.

The SFCC provides an equitable distribution of state funding for school construction and technology based on the unmet needs of Kentucky's 173 school districts.

Chelsey is a graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor's degree in Finance. She holds the Series 7, 63 and 65 FINRA registrations.

The truckload of items was valued at just under \$68,000. The items were federal surplus property that Kentucky picked up and made available to



local governmental agencies and certain non-profits engaged in healthcare or education work. They were remaining items that DSP knew would be put to good use in Louisiana.

Left: McNeil with the shipping company truck driver.

Thanks to Scott Patterson, Facilities, for Going Above & Beyond!!!

Anita Collins with EEOC couldn't believe her lamp that she's had for more than 25 years—and moved to every office she's ever been in—didn't work. She'd even pointed out to Sec. Landrum during his visit a few months ago, that she was doing her part to save the state money by using the same lamp for years.

One day several Facilities staff were working in the EEOC office and heard Anita mention her lamp no longer worked. They said that a

coworker, Scott Patterson, a building superintendent for the Dept. for Facilities Operations Branch, could fix it. So off went the lamp to be fixed.

Using his lunch hour the next day, Scott repaired the lamp and returned it to Anita.



Anita Collins showing Sec. Landrum her lamp.

"What a wonderful surprise," said Collins. "I so appreciate Scott fixing my lamp. He didn't have to, but what a generous gesture."

David Carter Named New Chief Information Security Officer for COT



Congratulations to David Carter as he takes on new responsibilities as the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Carter has served the Commonwealth of Kentucky in several roles since he joined state government in 1989. Initially he was employed as a Child Support Enforcement Specialist with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHR

at the time), while attending classes at Cumberland College and Kentucky State University in pre-engineering programs.

In 1997 he decided to pursue a new career path in information technology, joining a Frankfort based firm that supported 700 clients located across the United States including many Fortune 1000 companies. After 10 years in the private sector developing skills and knowledge across a wide range of technologies, David returned to state government in 2007 as team lead in the COT Security Office and subsequently was promoted to branch manager.

In 2013 David was appointed as the deputy information security officer for COT.

Photo below: Branch Manager Joel Benoit (left) presented an "Above and Beyond" Certificate to Scott Patterson



Don't Forget to Nominate Someone for the Governor's Ambassador Award Deadline is Aug. 31

Do you know of a co-worker or another state employee who has significantly and positively impacted the lives of others? If so, then be sure to nominate that person today for the Governor's Ambassador Awards.

The esteemed annual awards highlight stories of public employees going above and beyond to help others.

Any state government employee can be recognized for contributions in the area of customer service, courage, leadership, professional achievement, teamwork (two or more employees), or community service and volunteerism. They may be a co-worker or they may be someone who helped you or others through a situation.

Award recipients will be honored at a special ceremony in October during Public Service Recognition Week, and will have a personalized brick placed along Ambassador Avenue outside the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History to memorialize their award.

Current employees or employees who have served within the past 12 months are eligible. All three branches of government are included.

It's easy to nominate

Find nomination forms [here](#), or contact the Personnel Cabinet at (502) 564-5954.

Nominations may be made by an employee or private citizen.

The deadline to submit a nomination is Aug. 31.

For more information, including a list of last year's winners, visit the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet [website](#).



2016 COT GOLF SCRAMBLE FOR KENTUCKY EMPLOYEES CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN (KECC) September 9 @ Duckers Lake Golf Course

**TEE TIMES @ 8AM & 1PM
LUNCH PROVIDED AT NOON
PRIZES FOR 1ST & 2ND PLACE
TEAMS, CLOSEST TO THE PIN, LONG-
EST DRIVE, DOOR PRIZES, ETC**

**CONTACT KIM MEYER AT
502-564-6824 OR
KIM.MEYER@KY.GOV
TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM
BY AUGUST 26
\$50/PERSON**



Money Tip from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority

Federal government offers student loan forgiveness programs

The federal government may forgive all or part of your student loans if you meet certain requirements. The forgiveness options for federal student loans, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), include:

- **Teacher loan forgiveness.** To qualify, you must teach at least five full years in a low-income school in an eligible district. Depending on your field, you may have up to \$17,500 in student loans forgiven.
- **Public service loan forgiveness.** You must work full time in a public service job and make 120 monthly payments to qualify. You also have to be working in public service when you make the 120 payments and when you apply for loan forgiveness. All of your remaining loan balance may be forgiven.
- **Nursing loan forgiveness.** You must be at least a registered nurse and agree to work two years in a critical shortage facility at least 32 hours per week. If you fulfill your agreement, 60 percent of your loan balance will be forgiven. Another 25 percent will be forgiven if you work a third year.



For complete details on these and other programs, visit www.ed.gov.

One thing to remember is that the Internal Revenue Service counts the amount forgiven as income. You should talk with a tax professional to understand the impact it may have on your taxes.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). The agency also provides financial literacy videos at <http://itsmoney.kheaa.com> and free copies of "It's Money, Baby," a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at publications@kheaa.com

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. 6-7214.