

**FAC Spotlight:**  
**Office of Broadband's Brian Kiser Flies High**

*Uses drone with camera to capture amazing perspective*

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Since he was 10 years old, Brian Kiser has embraced a variety of hobbies, including learning about mechanics and electronics.

"I've always been a person that tinkers," he said.

When he was 11 he saved his money and bought a hobby grade radio controlled truck that he put together.



"That's really what started it all ... learning about mechanics, electronics and radio controls."

Since then he has had an interest in photography, building cars and most recently flying drones.

Back in the fall he purchased a Syma X5 drone with which he practiced flying.

"It's neat because it will bounce off the walls," he said.

In the beginning, he said the drone was hard to learn to fly.

"You can't treat it like a video game and jerk it around," he said. "It's hairline movements."

After purchasing a couple of other cheaper drones including one with a small camera on it, he finally decided to spend the money on a DGI Phantom Vision I. The Phantom's price range is from \$400-\$10,000. The one he purchased was \$800. He chose that drone because of the HD video and 14-mega pixel camera.



**March is National Colon Cancer Awareness Month.**

Each week, the [Colon Cancer Prevention Project](#) is sharing information about colon cancer prevention.

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**Signs and symptoms of colon cancer**

The drone can fly at a max speed of 40 mph and has the capability of flying up to 4,000 feet, but legally he can only fly it at a maximum height of 400 feet.

**2 hobbies in 1**

"It's two hobbies in one," he said.

Aerial photography has been a process for Kiser to learn. He said he's been having fun experimenting with taking photographs from different angles.

"I think aerial photography puts a whole new perspective on things ... it gives it a whole new beauty."

During winter storm Octavia, which hit Franklin County on Feb. 16, Kiser took aerial photos and videos of the Capitol encased in the fresh snow.

He shared the pictures and videos on Facebook and Twitter and received numerous shares and retweets. His photos grabbed the attention of area media outlets including The State Journal, LEX18 and WKYT-TV where they were used in news coverage. The Weather Channel also came across his photos and shared them on national television.

"A friend in Florida called me and said he saw (my photography) on CNN," he said.

**Numerous uses**

Kiser believes drones have numerous uses. He attended the University of Kentucky's Engineering Day where experts talked about the devices and how they could be used to document landslides, tornadoes and earthquakes. The experts also discussed how farmers could use them to check on crops and cattle.

"This is the ground floor ... I think there's a huge value to them."

Kiser said they could also help law enforcement with surveillance and even be used to find marijuana fields.

With the numerous uses for the devices, Kiser thinks laws and regulations need to be put in place.

"There should be a classification of what's a toy and what's a tool," he said. "There should be a certification for higher grade drones."

Although drone is the popular term for the devices, Kiser says it's the "bad word." The official term, he said, is Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (or System).

"(Drone) conjures up war, surveillance, snooping around ..."



Despite the negative sides of drones, Kiser thinks the devices are here to stay.

"Some people like them, others don't," he said.

"It's almost like the gun argument 'guns don't kill people, people kill people' ... drones don't spy on people, people spy on people."

So far, Kiser hasn't experienced any negativity from the public while flying the drone ... only positive comments, he said.

Another idea he wants to pursue with his drone is taking pictures of running events downtown, golf tournaments at the country club and he wants to take it with him when he goes on vacation.

"I've had more fun with this than any of my boats or cars," he said.

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## PERSONNEL MOVES

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Roy Terry has been appointed as Executive Director, Office of Enterprise Technology replacing Janet Lile. He's served COT in several critical roles including managing the Service Desk, establishing and managing the Division of Business Relationship Management, and director of implementation for the I.3 program. Prior to joining state government, Roy worked for the Rite Aid Corporation in Harrisburg, PA as senior human resource manager and regional HR director for Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and North Carolina.

Roy is also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force . He lives in Frankfort with his wife Christy and is the father of three boys.

## **Don't Forget: March 31 Deadline for Substantiation Documentation for FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (FSA) and HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT (HRA)**

WageWorks is the new FSA/HRA administrator. If you still have claims that need to be submitted, you need to send them to WageWorks – not Humana. Even if you used your Humana Access debit card for a purchase in

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2014, you need to send your claims and any documentation to WageWorks.

The deadline to submit claims and paperwork WageWorks is March 31, 2015. The forms are available on the Finance Intranet site under the January 15 edition, at <http://intranet.finance.ky.gov/newsletter.htm>.

## **Early colon cancer often has no symptoms.**



### Colon Cancer Prevention Project

**Do not wait for symptoms to occur. If there are symptoms, they may include:**

- Changes in your bowel habits, such as bowel movements that are either more or less frequent than normal.
- Constipation (difficulty having a bowel movement or straining to have a bowel movement).
- Diarrhea.
- Intermittent (alternating) constipation and diarrhea.
- Bright red or dark red blood in your stools or black, dark colored, "tarry" stools.
- Stools that are thinner than normal ("pencil stools") or feeling as if you cannot empty your bowels completely.
- Abdominal (midsection) discomfort, bloating, frequent gas pains, or cramps.
- Losing weight and you do not know why.
- Anemia (low blood count).

**Use this information to empower yourself! If you are having an issue before 50 or in between screenings, talk to your doctor and ask about getting a colon test!**

To contact the Colon Cancer Prevention, [click here](#).