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FAC Spotlight:
Public Service Recognition
Week, Oct. 5-11

Everyday I am made aware of the many wonderful things Finance employees do. From going above and beyond in your daily tasks, to taking on special projects to volunteering and giving back to your communities—I applaud your dedication to a job well done.

While the Finance Cabinet’s role in state government is somewhat different from other state agencies—primarily the support agency for state government—our work impacts more than state government. Information technology, procurement, financial controls, asset management, facilities, local government support, tax revenue collections and more, as Finance Cabinet employees you are committed to providing services in the most professional, efficient and transparent man-

ner to client agencies and to the citizens of Kentucky.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the work you do every day. We continue to be challenged by budget constraints, all while continuing our service to citizens and other government agencies. I truly believe we have the best employees and cabinet in state government. I am glad to serve as secretary.

The week of Oct. 5 is Public Service Recognition Week in Kentucky. A national celebration that began in 1985, the week is set aside to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees.

And the \$500 Gift Card Winner is...



L-R: Corey Buckman, Secretary’s Office, presents gift card to Tracey Norris.

Congratulations to Tracey Norris, Office of Facility Development and Efficiency, for winning the \$500 gift card by donating to KECC! To be eligible for the drawing, Finance employees had to pledge at least \$5 per pay period or give a one time donation of \$100. 238 employees were in the drawing.

WE WANT...

Your old Cell Phones For Hopeline

Proceeds Fund Domestic Violence Prevention Programs

Gov. Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear joined Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson and Madeline Abramson, chair of the Kentucky Commission on Women (KCW) in kicking off the KCW Statewide HopeLine® Drive that runs from Oct. 1-31. The goal is to collect 3,500 used cell phones and accessories, one for each night that an adult or child spent in a domestic violence shelter in Kentucky last year.

If you have any old no longer used phones—from any carrier—you are asked to drop them off in HopeLine® boxes that are located in buildings throughout state government facilities. Accessories such as cases and cords can also be donated.



KCW is partnering with Verizon Wireless, which will turn the devices into a cash grant for WorkSafe, which provides domestic violence prevention training for Kentucky businesses.

Homicide is the second leading cause of death for women at work, and more than one in five full-time employed adults are victims of domestic violence," said Gov. Beshear.

“Nearly one in four women, one in seven men and more than 3 million children in the United States are abused by

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their partners," said Lauren Love-Wright, president of Verizon Wireless for Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan.

"Hopeline from Verizon is one way virtually everyone can help reduce these numbers. In addition to turning these donated phones and accessories into cash grants for domestic violence agencies, Verizon donates phones to shelters for survivors to use. The phones help survivors feel safer and less isolated, and give them a way to call emergency or support services, employers, family and friends. And the best part is that devices donated locally benefit survivors within the same geographic area."

Gov. Proclaims October as Cyber Security Awareness Month

Governor Steve Beshear has declared October as Cyber Security Awareness Month in Kentucky. The proclamation encourages citizens to make sure they take necessary precautions while online and provides resources for them to obtain more information about cyber-crimes.



"Technology continues to impact our lives in so many different realms," said Gov.

Beshear. "For state government, we must meet the need to secure data we gather and share with our citizens, government, business and local agencies across the state."

The Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign, a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations and academic institutions, aims to increase understanding of cyber threats and empower the public to be safer and more secure online.

The Commonwealth Office of Technology is a partner in this nationwide effort. Other partners include the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers.

"Unfortunately cybercrime can hit anytime, anywhere," said Katrina LeMay, chief information security officer with the Commonwealth Office of Technology, an agency of the Finance and Administration Cabinet. "We continually monitor system integrity and invest in the latest security program technology."

Training and awareness at all levels of an organization is important. To bolster state government employees' understanding of cybercrimes and preventions, the Commonwealth Office of Technology has scheduled several seminars and events throughout October.

The proclamation can be found online at <http://technology.ky.gov/ciso/Pages/CyberSecurityAwarenessMonth2014.aspx>.

ColorFall 2014 Helps Public Track Leaf Changes in Kentucky

Fall has arrived, and with it the 2014 edition of the ColorFall program touting peak foliage viewing areas and exciting autumn events around Kentucky. ColorFall is designed to aid public enjoyment and media coverage of autumn in the Bluegrass State.



ColorFall features a website (www.kentuckytourism.com/seasons) that provides a variety of information about the state's beauty at this time of year, including reports on stages of leaf changes from naturalists at parks throughout the Commonwealth.

Besides tips on timing trips to parks, forests and arboretums for peak color, ColorFall website visitors will also find listings of special fall events and an Instagram hashtag for uploading digital photos of your own fall travels. The program, including the website, runs Oct.1-Nov. 9.

Many variables contribute to the degree of foliage color in any given fall season.

"The greater the frequency of crisp, sunny days with no evening frost, the more brilliant our colors," notes Dean Henson, the park manager at Big Bone Lick State Historic Site and a former naturalist.

Coordinated by the Kentucky Department of Travel and Tourism and the Kentucky Department of Parks, ColorFall is now in its 29th year.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Fleet Auction

State Fleet Auction

Oct. 14, 2014

Oct. 13: pre-register/inspect vehicles, 1:30-4 p.m.

Oct. 14: pre-register/view vehicles, 8 -9:50 a.m.; Sale starts 10 a.m.

513 Barrett Street, Frankfort, KY

[Click here for vehicle listing](#)

Check out pictures for the week on Page 3.

KY Housing Corp Takes Ice Bucket Challenge...Brrrrr

Challenges Sec. Lori Flanery

Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) staff gathered outside their 1231 Louisville Road office to watch executive management take the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Kathy Peters, executive director of KHC, received the challenge from Robert Kucab, executive director of [North Carolina Housing Finance Agency](#), and hopes participation will bring more awareness to the fight against [Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis \(ALS\)](#).



Ice-cold water dousers (L-R): Sherri Woods, Rita Kirtley, Veronica Nichols, Jeanette Rheeder, Pam Simons, and Melissa Corbett.
Executive Management (L-R): Kevin Field, Kathy Peters, Rob Ellis, Amy Smith, Lisa Beran and Jim Statler.

ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord and is often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease."

To help raise money for ALS, KHC staff purchased chances to be named one of six ice water dousers. Chances were \$1 per entry and names were drawn right before the challenge began.

Kathy stated, "We would now like to challenge Secretary Lori Flanery, vice chair of KHC's Board of Directors, to take the ice bucket challenge in support of ALS."

Pics from
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 PIE IN THE FACE GAME**



Bert Becker gets pied from LeeAnn Warren



Barbara Barnes takes a pie from Latonia Dooley.



Steve Crawford takes a pie in the face from Arthur B. Lucas Jr. (Personnel Cabinet).

Sec. Flanery Accepts Challenge

Recruits staff in Secretary's Office



Before...

Ice-cold water dousers (L-R): Kim Moore (Controller's Ofc), Glenna Goins (OSBD), Joyce Brewer (COT), Jane Driskell (State Budget Director, OSBD), Geoff Pinkerton (OSBD), Ed Ross (Controller's Ofc) and Sam Ruth (Facilities).
Secretary's Office (L-R): Donna Duncan, Corey Buckman, Robin Kinney, Lori Flanery, Steve Rucker, Pamela Trautner and Geri Grigsby.



Below: Joel Benoit, Dept. for Facilities & Support Svcs, prepares the ice water buckets.



Thanks to all the Facilities staff for set up and clean up!

[Click here for live action video.](#)