Frankfort Report...

By Jared Carpenter, State Senator

We began what is called the "interim" last week. The

interim is the period from June to December between the regular legislative sessions that begin in

January. During the interim, committee meetings are held to discuss and weigh potential legislation that could be introduced during the regular sessions. These committees are made up of both Senate and House members. In addition to chairing the Natural Resources and Energy Committee, I also serve as Vice-Chair of both the Banking and Insurance Committee and the Special Subcommittee on Energy. I am a member of the Education Committee -- all high-profile committees. I meet with both advocates and regular citizens on issues we cover. There is also staff available to research topics when appropriate.

The Joint Interim Natural Resources and Energy Committee received testimony from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources on sport-fishing below dams owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as well as a discussion on boating safety. We also heard about the toll of invasive and/or exotic plant and animal species. Invasive plants and animals can cause extensive and costly damage to farmers, homeowners, city and county government budgets, and tourism. For example, the bushy honeysuckle has created a big mess for farmers and landowners. Those purple traps hanging from trees are for the emerald ash borer.

A two-year moratorium on boating restrictions

planned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers both above and below dams on the Cumberland River recently took effect, restricting boater access to popular fisheries on Lake Cumberland and Lake Barkley. The moratorium is part of the Freedom to Fish Act, sponsored by Senator Mitch McConnell, which was signed into law by the President. The ban took effect immediately, preventing planned "full-time" restrictions while a permanent solution to the Corps of Engineers' concerns is worked out. During the 2013 Session, I supported Senate Resolution 112 which opposed the proposed restrictions. As you can imagine, I was very pleased to see the results.

The Education Committee also met. The committee heard testimony from several groups and individuals regarding the Common Core Standards adopted by the Kentucky Department of Education after the passage of Senate Bill 1 in 2009 which directed the department to revise academic standards for the state. Common Core standards only pertain to English and math. There appeared to be some disagreement over how strict the standards are and how they might apply in Kentucky. I will continue to monitor and assess the situation during this interim.

While it is the interim and I will be working primarily from home, I still maintain an office in Frankfort which is staffed. The interim will be chock-full of issues including the budget, agriculture, energy, education and everything in between. 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.

Two local students graduate from National College

National College in Richmond and the American National University online program conferred degrees for the class of 2013 in a graduation ceremony on Friday, April 19th at First Baptist Church.

The following graduates received their degrees and diplomas: Serra G. Mills of Mount Vernon - Diploma; and Kayla M. Quinley of Orlando - Associate Degree - Double

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61. Home county of ACROSS 15,000 acres of Fort Knox Military Stray pet Barkley or Herrington The "L" of XXL Reservation 62. Meter reading 14. Stare at 63. Between ports 15. Balanced 64. Kind of tube 16. Hilo hello

65. Headliner 17. Stretched out 66. Animal shelter 18. Reddish-brown gem 67. Ivan and Nicholas 19. Breathing sounds 68. Cry over spilled Kentuckian milk 69. Bergman in immortalized at the Iwo Jima flag raising "Casablanca"

23. Springs in Johnson Co., Valley in Wayne DOWN or black gold Carter Co. area, or 24. Dinka subgroup canine 25. Wale Food thickener 29. Luau dish Hipbones

31. Dry-as-dust

35. Poetic Muse

Kentuckian, singer.

costar in "White

Christmas"

42. Baseball's Mel

44. Fit for a king

45. Call letters of

47. Mamie's man

48. Hardly ever

network

49. KET's parent

Outfield surface

Kentuckian, Troy

Gentry's musical

Kentucky's first

commercial radio

station (Louisville 840-AM)

43. S-curves

36. Weighed

38. Ruckus

2002 Nobel Prize 50. Lager and ale winner, Kentuckian 51. Guitar attachment Home county of Thousandsticks,

Be of use to "Show Boat" composer

57. Place to shop Wraps up 59. Bridle part Abraham Lincoln's native Kentucky 60. Place to play county

Kentucky has more SOLUTION TO KY587 miles of running streams than any state but this one

Restaurant freebie 12. Indian butter

13. "No problem"

22. Bay window 25. Goat antelope

21. Beach Boys hit

27. Bob Marley fan 28. Downed a sub, say

29. Check recipient

Perfect

34. Dish holder

36. Long hike

37. Southern

30. Tolkien creatures32. Kitchen appliance

constellation 40. Elderly's concern

46. Web spinner, or a Knox Co.

48. Kentucky's US 5th

Representative

52. Give off, as light

53. Family rooms

54. Comic Carvey

58. Biblical twin

55. Foreign service

56. Defense acronym

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"The Rockcastle County Little League finished its season on Saturday, June 8. Championship Saturday included ceremonial first pitches by Judge Buzz Carloftis, Magistrates Lee Earl Adams and Gary Burdette, Mayor Walter Cash, and Donald Carpenter. The league presented the court with a thank you banner signed by all the players for the court's support in improving the two baseball fields with dirt, drain tiles, and bases. The season ended with an exciting championship tournament. Congratulations to the Major League Reds, Minor League Nationals, and the Coach Pitch Reds. Following the last game, all players and their families enjoyed a league picnic with great food and drinks. An awards ceremony followed the meal where all 220 players received awards for an outstanding season. Finally, everyone enjoyed a spirited battle ball game featuring coaches vs. players. A special thanks goes to all the players, coaches, parents, and board members for a successful season. The league missed its long time announcer and biggest fan, "Diamond" David Brock. We are praying for a full recovery and a return back to the ball field."





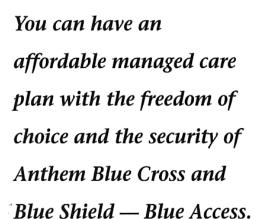
<u>At Quail Firehouse</u>

4th of July Celebration

Western Rockcastle Fire ent will be holding their annual 4th of July celebration on Saturday, June 29th. starting at 6 p.m. at the

Quail Firehouse on Hwy 70. There will be food and drinks for sale and also live music from Level Green and also Julie Hines and Jennifer Bishop White. Come on out and enjoy lots of fellowship and good times. There will also be door prizes to give away.

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