

Checks presented to Fire Departments



Photo submitted

Green County Judge-Executive John Frank presented checks Oct. 29 amounting to \$1,500 to representatives from the county’s fire departments, their annual allocation from Fiscal Court. Pictured are, from left, Lawrence Gup-ton, Greensburg and Green County Fire Departments; Gorden Davis, Grab Fire Department; Arnold Matney, Exie Fire Department; David R. Milby, Summersville Fire Department; and Judge-Executive Frank.

Forcht Bank begins “Stick a Forcht in Hunger” food drive this Friday

On November 8, Forcht Bank will begin its annual “Stick a Forcht in Hunger” food drive. This is the fourth year the bank has held the food drive to collect non-perishable food items for local food banks. Last year, with the help of employees and customers, the food drive brought in 48,461 non-perishable food items, along with over \$5,000 in monetary donations, which were distributed in their respective communities. According to Tamara Sandberg, Executive

Director of Feeding Kentucky, in an interview with WKYT in May, there are still over 660,000 people still facing food insecurity in Kentucky. According to WKYT Knox County, in which Forcht Bank has several locations, has one of the highest rates of food insecurity in the state at above 20% of residents. “Giving back to the communities we serve is part of Forcht Bank’s core values. Over the past few years we have been able to help give a warm meal to children

and families who may not otherwise have it,” said Tucker Ballinger, President & CEO of Forcht Bank. “And that’s because of our amazing employees and customers. We truly have some great individuals who walk through our doors each and every day – and we thank them for their business and their donations to the community.” The food drive will be begin on November 8th, 2019 and go through December 19th, 2019. Each of the 24 Forcht Bank bank-

ing centers will have a donation box to collect the non-perishable food items during this time. During the six-week period, Forcht Bank will donate \$10 for every checking account opened. Forcht Bank is a Kentucky-owned community bank with approximately \$1.2 billion in assets and 24 banking centers in 13 counties - Fayette, Jefferson, Boone, Grant, Madison, Taylor, Pulaski, Laurel, Whitley, Knox, McCreary and Green. www.forchtbank.com.

Unemployment rates in September fell in 91 counties; rose in only 18

Unemployment rates rose in 18 Kentucky counties between September 2018 and September 2019, fell in 91 and stayed the same in 11 counties, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. Fayette, Oldham, and Woodford counties all recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 2.8 percent each. It was followed by Boone County at 2.9 percent; Campbell and Pendleton counties, 3.0 percent each; Cumberland, Henry, Kenton, Scott, and Shelby counties, 3.1 percent each. Harlan County recorded the state’s highest unemployment rate at 11.9 percent. It was followed by Magoffin County, 11.3 percent; Leslie County, 9.4 percent; Letcher County, 7.7 percent; Lewis County, 7.4 percent; Elliott County, 7.3 percent; Carter County, 7.2 percent; Lawrence County, 6.6 percent; Martin County, 6.5 percent; Bell County, 6.4 percent. Kentucky’s county unemployment rates and employment levels are not seasonally adjusted because of small sample sizes. Employment statistics under-

go sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. The comparable, unadjusted unemployment rate for the state was 3.8 percent for September 2019, and 3.3 percent for the nation. Kentucky’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was released last week and can be viewed at <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=EducationalCabinet&prId=358>. In that release, Kentucky’s statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are adjusted to observe statistical trends by removing seasonal influences such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. For more information regarding seasonal fluctuations, visit the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at https://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm#why. Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-

military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within

the past four weeks. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years. Learn more about Kentucky labor market information at <https://kystats.ky.gov/KYLM>.

Dollar Market to host Stuff the Cruiser Nov. 16

The Greensburg Dollar General Market and the Greensburg Police Department are holding a stuff the cruiser event to kick off the holiday season. The event will be held Saturday, Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT at the Dollar

General Market. Food and toys collected in the event will assist less fortunate children and adults in Green County. Everyone is encouraged to donate food and toys. Joe Creason will have food available on site.



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