

Bam Carney, former state representative, receives honorary doctorate from Campbellsville University

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Bam Carney, who served as state representative for the 51st District from 2009 until his death in July 2021, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from Campbellsville University. Members of Carney's family accepted the honorary degree on his behalf during a ceremony in the Betty Dobbins Heilman President's Home. Carney graduated from Campbellsville College in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. In 1997, he earned his teaching certificate for grades 9-12 from Campbellsville University. Dr. Joseph Hopkins, who arrived as Campbellsville University's 12th president in Feb. 2022, never had the opportunity to know Carney. But, Hopkins said Carney's lega-

cy "is so rich that I feel like I know him." "Clearly, our community is better and stronger because of Bam Carney," Hopkins said. "This University is grateful for his service to Campbellsville, Taylor County, and the Commonwealth, and we are privileged to recognize his achievements in this way." Carney served as Majority Leader and chair of the House Education Committee. Carney was an educator, having taught in the Taylor County, Campbellsville and Washington County school systems. His brother, Mark Carney, who serves as Taylor County clerk, said, "We were very proud of Bam and continue to be proud of the legacy he has left behind. Our family appreciates very much the way in which Campbellsville University chose to honor Bam's commitment to our community.



Former State Representative Bam Carney, who passed away in July 2021, is posthumously awarded an honorary an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from Campbellsville University. Members of Carney's family accepting the honorary degree on his behalf are, from left, Shane Carney (brother); Amy Farmer (sister); June Carney (mother); LaDonna Willis (sister); and Mark Carney (brother).

"This special recognition is a very special way to carry on the legacy of Bam and his service." Campbellsville University is a widely acclaimed Kentucky-based Christian university that offers over 100 programs including doctoral, master, bachelor, associate and certificate programs. The website for complete information is www.campbellsville.edu.

Taylor promoted



City of Campbellsville Police Officer Elliott Taylor was recently promoted to Sgt. Elliott Taylor.

KSP investigates fatal collision November 8 in Taylor County

On November 8 at approximately 2:02 p.m., Kentucky State Police Post 15 Troopers responded to a two-vehicle injury collision on Lebanon Avenue, near Miller Park, in the city limits of Campbellsville. The preliminary investigation revealed that Janet Burton, age 84 of Campbellsville, was traveling north on Lebanon Avenue in a 2005 Toyota Solara when she crossed the centerline of the roadway and entered the southbound lane of travel. Ms. Burton then collided with a 2017 Infiniti QX50 traveling south on Lebanon Avenue. The Infiniti QX50 was operated by Janis Atwood, age 60 of Campbellsville. Ms. Burton was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Taylor County Coroner. Ms. Atwood was transported to the University of Louisville Hospital with serious injuries. KSP Post 15 Troopers were assisted at the scene by the Campbellsville Police Department, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, Campbellsville Fire and EMS, Campbellsville Rescue Squad, and Taylor County Coroner. The collision remains under investigation by Senior Trooper Weston Sullivan.

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Nov. 13-17 declared Crash Responder Safety Week

In an effort to protect those who protect us, Gov. Andy Beshear is declaring Nov. 13-17 Crash Responder Safety Week in Kentucky. "Every day on our roadways, emergency responders and public safety personnel put their lives at risk to protect Kentuckians across the commonwealth," said Gov. Beshear. "Please slow down and move over to help keep these dedicated heroes safe as they work to make Kentucky a safer place for all of us to call home." Kentucky passed its Move Over law in 2003 requiring motorists to move over to the adjacent lane when approaching an emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle with flashing lights (KRS 189.930). If changing lanes is impossible or unsafe, motorists must slow down and use caution. Failure to do so can result in fines, jail time or both (KRS 189.993 (8)). "While some drivers may believe that moving over is just a

courtesy, it is not – it's the law," said Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Jim Gray. "Remember to stay alert, slow down and move over." The law protects all first responders, including law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, safety service patrols and towing vehicles. "Our first responders do heroic work as vehicles sometimes pass by at hair-raising speeds," said Secretary Gray. "The least we can do is help them help us by slowing down and remembering to drive alert." Unfortunately, first responders are injured or killed every year by drivers who fail to move over. In Kentucky over the past three years, crashes involving emergency vehicles in response to an incident resulted in more than 1,000 collisions, more than 360 injuries and five deaths. All 50 states have enacted "Move Over" laws.



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