

Legislative Update

State Rep. Danny Ford

Making money less of an obstacle in the race for a better education

Although Election Day is not quite behind us and we don't know what the future holds for either presidential hopeful, we do know that the future holds a lot of promise for Kentucky. To make the most of our future we need to focus our efforts on ensuring that future generations have the greatest possible opportunity to succeed.

Over the past decade we have accomplished a lot along those lines. During the past two sessions the General Assembly has focused specific attention on higher education, specifically how to make college or technical degrees more affordable. We placed the emphasis there because at a time when a college or technical school education is essential for a successful future, paying the tuition bills should be as small an obstacle as possible.

For those of you with young children we created the Commonwealth Postsecondary Education Pre-paid Tuition Trust Fund. This plan will allow anyone - parents, grandparents, family and friends - to lock in today's tuition rates and begin paying for a child to attend college tomorrow. The pre-paid tuition credit can be used at institutions both inside and outside of the state.

We created the Commonwealth Merit Scholarship Program to provide scholarships for students based on their high school grade point averages (GPA) and ACT scores. The Merit Scholarship can be applied to the tuition at any Kentucky college, technical school or university and are renewable if the student maintains at least a 3.0 GPA. A student with a GPA above 2.5 can receive scholar-

ship funds and at least a 15 on the ACT to qualify for scholarship money based on the exam. For example, a student with a 4.0 high school GPA and an ACT score of 28 or above can earn a Merit Scholarship of \$2,500 a year and a total of \$10,000. To find out more about the program, contact your high school guidance counselor or the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. (KHEAA), toll-free at 1-800-928-8926.

There are many other ways to pay for college education. Most, but not all, financial aid is based on financial need you will need to figure out whether or not you and your family qualify for assistance by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The forms are available from high school counselors, college financial aid offices or by contacting KHEAA. Contact the student advisor or financial aid office at the school or schools being considered for additional information.

Here are just a few types of financial aid available:

- **Work study:** Part-time employment either on or off campus that allows students to earn money to help pay the cost of education.

- **Loans:** Money borrowed to cover the cost of education. Loans must be repaid with interest.

- **Military benefits:** Financial assistance to individuals (or their dependents) who have performed military service. Another option is the National Guard, an organization that offers the best of both worlds with weekend training and educational benefits.

- **Grants:** Assistance that usually does not have to be repaid. Grant awards are usually based on financial need.

- **Scholarship:** Assistance that

doesn't have to be repaid. Scholarship awards are usually based on skill, ability, talent or achievement.

Waivers: Arrangement offered by some institutions to forego specific higher education costs for students who meet unique qualifications. Contact the schools you are considering to find out what specific waivers they offer.

Library News

By Kristiana Burk

Happy Holidays! With the recent snowfall, this certainly put us all in the Christmas mood. We have been busy "decking the halls" and pulling books and materials that you might find helpful to curl up to this winter season.

The Library will be doing a few special things for the month of December and we would love your support! First of all, as a thank you to all of the community and our wonderful patrons, the Library will be having an Open House with dessert, finger foods, special tea, coffee and more. Also, for the kids, Santa Claus will be there that night waiting to listen to Christmas wish lists. In the Children's section of the Library, our Children's Librarian, Ms. Kathy, will be doing crafts and Christmas Story times for children of all ages. Please come out December 21st from 5 to 8 p.m. and celebrate the Christmas Season with your friends and family at the Library.

Something else that the Library will be doing this Holiday Season is a campaign called "Give the Gift of Reading." We will have a Christmas tree here at the Library that will be decorated with the titles of books that the Library needs to make its collection more valuable to the community. This is a time that you can encourage the freedom to read and give access to a wider variety of materials for everyone in the community. For every Book Title you choose to pull

into the library, we will purchase a book and put your name of someone you love and want to the book to be in memory of in the front of the book. This way, your giving spirit in support of reading and Rockcastle County will be remembered forever. This is your opportunity to make a difference in our community each and every day!

I want to quickly remind you of the services that we always have available for the community. Remember, the Library Card is FREE, access to resources, books, and entertainment. We have videos, audiotapes, computers, computer games, Internet access, a new Career Center with over a hundred career, college, SAT and ACT materials, and much more. Don't forget that we also have education toys, games, and more for children of all ages. Also for those in the community who are unable to use the Main Library building because of transportation or other reasons, we have Bookmobile Services available, also free of charge. Just give us a call and ask to speak to Pam Chalfit, our dedicated Bookmobile Librarian. She will be happy to assist you.

Finally, remember that Story Hour is every Tuesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. with refreshments, stories, games, songs and crafts. We will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day for the Holidays. Season's Greetings and all the best for you and yours in the New Year from all of us here at your Library!



Farm News

By: Tom Mills
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for Agriculture
Grain Byproducts
Can Be Used As
Feeds For Calves

similar to, or greater than, starch-type supplements such as corn.

The soyhulls are also palatable to calves and less likely to cause founder or acidosis than grains. When available at prices competitive with corn, these products can be excellent feeds to use when forage utilization is a priority. Soyhulls are the seed coats on soybeans left from the processing of soybean meal. Corn gluten is a byproduct of the wet milling process.

Farmers across Kentucky, and particularly in western Kentucky, are feeding more and more soyhulls. The hulls fed with forage are a good source of feed for cattle while saving farmers money.

The key to successful use of the byproduct feed is to ensure that it contains 13 percent protein to provide the needed protein for the calves development. It may require mixing of products such as a combination of soyhulls and corn gluten to attain that level.

For more information contact the Extension Service at 256-2403.

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1998 Nissan Altima GLX, Auto, loaded. Only \$13,900.	1997 Chrysler Sebring JOL Convertible, leather, loaded. \$14,900.	2000 Chevy Camaro, Very low miles, sharp. \$16,900.	1997 Chrysler Town & Country, 4 captain chairs, loaded. \$14,900.	1997 Dodge Grand Caravan SE, 4 captain chairs, loaded. \$14,705.	1997 Chevy Blazer 4x4 V-6, auto, local trade. \$16,795.
1999 Chevy Silverado 4x4, 1-cab, V-6, auto, new arrival.	1997 Ford Taurus, Automatic, V-6, 1-cab, just arrived. \$12,900.	2000 Toyota Tundra 1-cab, V-6, auto, 4.2, loaded. \$22,700.	1999 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 1-cab, Low miles, new arrival.	1998 Toyota Tacoma 4x4, 1-cab, Loaded, new arrival.	2000 Toyota Tacoma 4x4, One owner, automatic.
1997 Toyota Camry 4x4, Air, certified. \$14,900.	1998 Toyota Camry 4x4 SR5, V-6, auto, 1-cab, new arrival.	1997 Toyota 1-cab 4x4, Auto, V-6, certified. \$15,900.	1997 Nissan Pathfinder 4x4, Auto, leather. \$16,900.	TWO TOYOTA 4 RUNNERS AS LOW AS \$14,475.	1997 Blazer 4x4, Leather, loaded, just arrived. \$15,900.

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1993 Chevy 4x4, Auto, air, local trade. \$7,950.	1995 Ford Contour, Sunroof, all power, new. \$6,900.	1995 Toyota Tercel, 5-spd, air, local trade. \$5,850.	1995 Nissan 4-cyl, V-6 5-spd. \$8,900.	1996 Dodge Aries, Auto, loaded, only \$3,000 miles. \$6,900.	1995 Nissan Quest GLX, Loaded, V-6, auto. \$9,900.	1996 Mazda 626, Auto, air, loaded, new owner. \$9,885.	SIX JEEP CHEROKEE'S AS LOW AS \$9,800.	1995 Pontiac Firebird, Auto, air, only 55,000 miles. \$8,975.
1996 Dodge Dakota 1-cab 4x2, Auto, leather, loaded. \$11,900.	1996 Nissan Sentra GLX, Auto, air, loaded. \$10,970.	1996 Pontiac Grand Am GLX Loaded, with low miles. \$10,350.	1993 Pontiac Grand Am V-6, auto, only 63,000 miles. \$5,335.	1990 Lincoln Town Car 7-yr Series, Auto, leather. \$4,900.	1998 Ford Taurus SE, Auto, loaded, local trade. \$8,950.	1997 Toyota Camry, 5-spd, air, certified. \$10,830.	1997 Ford Ranger 4x2 1-cab, V-6, auto. \$10,900.	1998 Dodge Dakota 4x2 5-spd, air, only 19,000 miles. \$10,900.
TOYOTA COROLLA'S AS LOW AS \$8,000	1996 Pontiac Grand Prix SE, Fully loaded, great condition. \$10,350.	1998 Taurus, V-6, auto, loaded. \$11,900.	1996 Mazda Protege, Auto, air, low miles. \$11,900.	1995 Mercury Sable, 4-cyl, Captan's Chair, local trade. \$10,900.	1993 Ford Econoline, 9 passenger van. \$6,800.	TOYOTA CAMRY'S AS LOW AS \$9,900		

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