



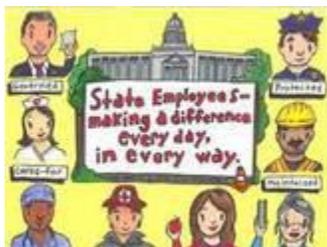
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Employee Connection

News for the state government workforce

October 2013

Thanks for All You Do!



Celebrating YOU during Public Service Recognition Week: Oct. 7-13.

Poster, shown left, by Sunny Podbelsek, Highland Middle School, winner in the 10-13 age group. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events

Plan Your Vacation Now!

Use your Commonwealth Connection to take advantage of great rates on lodge rooms and cottages at your state parks Nov. 1 through March, 2014. [Learn more.](#)

KECC - We need your help today!



There are only four weeks left in the KECC, and we need your help today to make a difference for struggling families across the state. While times are tough for everyone, things continue to get harder for Kentucky's families who are most in need. [Read more.](#)

Health Insurance Open Enrollment, Oct. 1-31

The Kentucky Employees' Health Plan (KEHP) Open Enrollment for the 2014 plan year is Oct. 1 – 31.

This year's enrollment is a **mandatory, active enrollment**, meaning all eligible members must enroll in a health plan or waive coverage. [Learn more.](#)

National Save for Retirement Week



Celebrate National Save 4 Retirement Week, Oct. 20-26 and set your goals. [Read more.](#)

Save the Date - Governor's EEO Conference

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013
University of Louisville,
Shelby Campus, Louisville,
Ky. For more information,
call 502-564-8000.

Think Pink, Save Green!



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Shop with Compass and qualify for cash awards. [Learn how.](#)

State Library's October Offerings

View a [calendar of classes](#) in October. All state government employees are eligible to attend these classes. These classes are free, but registration is required.

More Headlines

Kentucky Leads Nation in Energy Management System, Receives Awards

The Commonwealth Energy Management Control System (CEMCS) recently received two more awards and recognition. CEMCS is an enterprise software system designed to monitor, analyze, control, and optimize energy utilization. Since being piloted in 2011 in 43 state buildings at 23 sites across the Commonwealth, CEMCS has saved approximately \$2.85 million for the state. [Read more.](#)

Gladecress, a State Endangered Species, Found Only in Kentucky

The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) recently purchased their first addition to the Apple Valley Glade State Nature Preserve in Bullitt County.

The Apple Valley Glade State Nature Preserve (SNP) is a unique limestone glade and woodland system with many rare plant species, especially for its size. The rarest of these, the Kentucky gladecress, a state endangered species, grows only in a small area along the Salt River and nowhere else in the

Around the Commonwealth

Find fun things to do in October. [Read more.](#)

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Employee Recognition

Read about Beth Shields, Sarah Butler, Charles Vice, Singer Buchanan, Joseph Meko, Robert Taylor, Zach Goins and Nick Laracunte; Carl D. Perkins Celebrating 40 Years of Service; 'Spare Time' Success Story: Jessica Jones. [Read more.](#)

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