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## Local Ladies

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As Women's History Month comes to an end, the New Era would like to highlight a few local women who have made a name and a place for themselves in the community.



### Welcoming committee

Hopkinsville - Christian County Newcomers Club

When people move to the area some of the first people they meet are Maria Russell and Kitty Horn. As the president and publicity chair (respectively) for the Hopkinsville - Christian County Newcomers Club, they work to welcome people to the community.

"I joined for the friendship," said Horn. "Once you get your friends established you want to see them. We're all busy and this way we can get together at least once a month."

In Russell's free time: "I love to write. I write about my experiences living on a boat and hurricane Katrina



Russell

and traveling. I also spend time working for whatever event I have next signed up for which is the ladies half marathon. I'm training for it and doing some running, some walking and some biking."

Horn's other interests: "I have a side business called Wreaths to Ribbons and I make wreaths and centerpieces and I've done some cemetery flowers. I've always done my own thing around the holidays and I just thought I'd start my own business."



Horn

### Local leader

Kim McCarley - Councilwoman Ward 2 When the previous councilman had to step down and the position was opened McCarley thought she might be able to

do some good and went in for what she thought was a normal interview.

"It was before the city council and it was on TV," McCarley said. "Everyone else had speeches prepared and I just had a few notes. So I told them about myself, how I was a wife and mother and a concerned citizen. I let them know that though I might not be the sharpest tool in the shed I would do my homework so I would always understand the subject."

On her iPod: "I like to listen to Lisa Paige Brooks. She's a gospel singer. I heard her singing on the music channel, it was a song on how good God has been and it made me stop in my tracks."



McCarley

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## Lawmakers in final stretch of dull session

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — A contentious month-long debate over political redistricting left scant time for Kentucky lawmakers to tackle a long list of bills, many of which will likely fall to the wayside in the final days of the 2012 legislative session.

So far, four of the 786 bills filed this year have been signed into law by Gov. Steve Beshear. That includes a bill redrawing the state's legislative districts that the Kentucky Supreme Court has already declared unconstitutional.

With six days remaining, lawmakers have largely turned their attention to negotiating final terms of a two-year, \$19.5 billion state budget.

"I honestly have to say not a lot has been accomplished," said House Republican Whip Danny Ford of Mount Vernon. "Our time is very short. I hope that we can get a budget. I think the people expect that of us, and I hope we can meet those expectations."

Budget negotiators from the House and Senate are scheduled to begin talks today to hammer out final details of the budget that calls for massive cuts to agencies across state government. They hope to have an agreement before the end of the week.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said he is "very concerned" about the tight deadline lawmakers are working under to get the budget completed. He said Senate and House negotiators have to resolve all their differences by late Wednesday night.

House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, said he's confident the House and Senate will reach an agreement.

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House Republican Whip

## Sixth Street dreamers

### How a restaurant was created

BY JENNIFER P. BROWN  
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A red Coca-Cola truck pulled onto Sixth Street one day in early February and parked in front of a century-old brick building with white paper taped over the windows. The delivery guys, Doug and Sherman, lowered a tall drink cooler from the back of the truck. Heaving the dolly and cooler up onto the sidewalk, they grunted at the same time: "Ugh."

Myra Kaye Hancock, 50, stood inside and watched the men roll the cooler horizontally through the front door. It was tight. Toward the back of the building, into the open kitchen where Myra Kaye was already imagining lunch customers at a new counter, they tried

to wrestle the cooler upright. The ceiling was too low, so someone pulled out a tape measure. The cooler rested on its back like a coffin.

"Nothing fits," Myra Kaye said, worrying aloud to no one and everyone. She muffled a laugh, and a mischievous grin spread across her face. She pulled out a Virginia Slim and walked outside to smoke while her partner, Dean Place, 38, assured everyone, "It's just an issue. We'll figure it out."

The same thing had happened the day before. A stainless steel restaurant refrigerator arrived on a delivery truck in the back lot and was rolled in through the rear door. It seemed impossible. The



The Place's menu includes sandwiches, salads, soup, quiche, chicken pot pie and homemade chips. The restaurant is open for lunch weekdays and for dinner on Friday.

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### WHO WE ARE: Zach Ozburn, 15, Cadiz

For the past three years Zach Ozburn has been learning to play the guitar.

"I still can't play and sing at the same time," Zach said

Zach said he enjoys playing music genres such as post-grunge and electronica.

"I like Owl City and Creed. It's weird, I'm weird," he said. "I like it because sometimes the

hard stuff goes with how you're feeling and your mood but then sometimes you need the softer stuff too."

Zach said he sometimes thinks he wouldn't mind being a rock star but shies away



from the stereotypical lifestyle associated with the music industry.

"I think I would like to (be a rock star) but I won't want that to be who I am," Zach said. "I wouldn't want to lose myself in the fame."

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