

Top Ten Needs, Concerns and Assessments
Final Quarter 2014

1. Production has resumed at Honeywell's Metropolis plant. Honeywell Spokesman Peter Dalpe said in a press release that the plant resumed production Thursday morning after an investigation into the Oct. 26 leak of UF6 at the facility.
2. Paducah Power System is not a candidate for bankruptcy according to financial experts. Paducah Power director of community relations Andrea Underwood says financial and legal experts with Chapter 9 bankruptcy experience this week told PPS that it does not qualify for bankruptcy because the company is solvent.
3. The McCracken County Fiscal Court voted Monday night to begin investigating how much it will cost to build a new Animal Shelter, basically rejecting an offer from the McCracken County Humane Society to re-combine their efforts.
4. Parkway Regional Hospital in Fulton will end inpatient and emergency department services early next year and focus resources on outpatient services. Parkway will stop operating inpatient and emergency department services on March 31, 2015.
5. More than 100,000 Kentuckians have applied for health care coverage or renewed their current plans through kynect during the first 30 days of open enrollment.
6. West Kentucky Community and Technical College will become a tobacco-free campus beginning in August. The campus' tobacco-free policy will include all forms of tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vaporizing devices, electronic cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products.
7. The National Labor Relations Board has dismissed an unfair labor practice charge filed last month by union workers over the work stoppage at Honeywell's Metropolis plant. Members of the United Steelworkers Local 7-669 union at Honeywell had filed a charge with the NLRB claiming the company illegally locked out the union, among other things. The NLRB ruled in the company's favor on Tuesday.
8. Two large underground coal mines in western Kentucky will be idled, putting about 670 miners out of work. The Henderson Gleaner reports Patriot Coal Corp. will halt operations at its Highland No. 9 mine and Dodge Hill No. 1 mine in Union County.
9. The Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors voted Tuesday to add additional air pollution controls on Units 1 and 4 at TVA's Shawnee Fossil Plant in McCracken County.

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11. Two more Kentucky counties located along the Tennessee border have approved right-to-work laws. Media report that officials in Simpson County and Fulton County voted separately on Tuesday to pass the measures, which would ban requiring workers covered under the National Labor Relations Act to join a union or refrain from joining a union as a condition of employment

