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As soon as the Common Core Standards were published, words began. Critics pointed out that the English standards failed to include writing of classic form, and Standards of mathematics failed to include the function of algebra. It was the modernization of these, the only modernization on the validation committee for the Math Standards, refused to sign the final version, calling it “a large measure a political document.”

Thence came the science standards that include almost no actual science study (they do not even mention minerals, fish, birds, supplies or inclusions). Now we have the new national Social Studies Standards, standards which the Franklin Institute, a national education watchdog group termed, “dead of all content.” Newcomers in to 108 pages still you find Abraham Lincoln, the Declaration of Independence, Martin Luther King (or Martin Luther), a map of the United States, or the concept of supply and demand. You won’t find anything that you might think children should actually learn about history, geography, civics or economics.

Leave it to our educational establishment to think that lowering the amount of knowledge our children should be expected to remember will really be an education to us. The traditional purpose of education is to pass on our civilization to the next generation. But, every time we hear about the newest education reform effort (and this happens about every 25 years) we get another wake-up call that our educational establishment not only does not see this as their purpose, but that it is, in many ways, fundamentally opposed to it.

The assumption behind the new Social Studies Standards is that there is no body of knowledge about our history and culture that children should learn. Not the founding of our country, not the conquering of the frontier, not the great inventions made by great Americans, not the sacrifices made by those who gave their lives in war—and certainly not in Christian heritages.

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A dispute between Kentucky Downs and Turfway Park over the issue of Instant Racing slot machines.

It’s “alternative gaming,” which is defined, in part, as non-pari-mutuel wagering. And they were engaging in Instant Racing, which, they argued, was alternative gaming.

Some would have liked to have had to read the courtroom scene in Alice and Wonderland, but I do not believe that children should actually learn about history, geography, civics or economics.

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The controversial machines show videos of old horse races on a 2 inch by 2 inch screen, but are essentially indistinguishable from regular slot machines, which are illegal in Kentucky. Study shows voters are trying to persuade the Kentucky Supreme Court to find horse Racing legal, based on comments with The Family Foundation, which has argued before the state’s highest court.

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In a separate court case between race tracks, Kentucky Downs argues that Instant Racing IS, in fact, “alternative gaming.”

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The Affordable Care Act continues to come to Kentucky

Historically, the Family Foundation's Carol Coy, a health care advocate, regularly publishes in the Kentucky monthly Kentucky Health, and covers all aspects of health care reform. More of the perspective. Greg can be contacted or called 502-371-7116.

Q What will be the biggest policy issue with Obamacare and the impact on Kentuckians?

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Court attacks on marriage amendment simmering

Since the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on marriage, gay activists are using the courts to re-frame marriage. Kentucky is no exception.

Across the U.S. gay activists have fomented an assault on traditional marriage using the gay rights and fair-same agenda. A U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Windsor decision.

The gay community has been filled with many gay activists that cannot pass the test of right or wrong by the legislature but can be rubber-stamped by sympathetic judges.

If so, call or email

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Mike McManus

In addition to the community covenant signing, the strength of McManus’ approach is in the training that churches can do with marriage savers and others within each church. These church mentor couples are trained to share the leadership of their parishes in each of the five areas of focus: 1) Marriage “preparation” (includes marital counseling preparation); 2) Marriage enrichment (annual events to encourage existing marriages); 3) Marriage marriage (seminars); 4) Preparations for marriage (for those entering marriage); 5) Protection for marriage (for those experiencing divorce). “Marriage Savers” offers five training events for church leaders and marriage mentors. The envisioning of church leaders in the marriage movement and the sharing of the marriage message. Many churches are asking for materials to prepare for marriage when the outcomes are ready.

Williams added, “We would like to see continued support so that this momentum builds, which will result in more(series of seminars).” Williams added, “Without doubt, I feel the audience has been better than the content of McManus’ message.”

Pastors and laymen work to register voters

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1) Young people who have never registered;
2) Married women who changed their name but never re-registered; or
3) Those who have moved and need to register anew. And, there are some who may wish to change parties. The Foundation’s code is that no matter what political party you support, we are ALL children of God, and it is very possible that this effort will register as many as 40,000 new voters because most churches are already part of the electoral process because Christians share their Godly perspective at the ballot box in future elections. Clearly, if more Christians voted it would be a huge VOTE for God’s will! The Foundation is providing simple Voter Registration Kits that will help citizens register their members. The IRS fully encourages churches and non-profits to register their members. Their only “restriction” is that no one be forced to register. Or go to: www.votekentucky.us

“Kentucky Wins” focused upon casino gambling

If their plan actually does “win,” it will mean that everybody else in Kentucky must lose . . . and lose BIG.

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If at all possible, an agency group called KentucKY WINS hopes that Registered and lobbyists will all change their at one outcome in 2014. The legislature named in Kentucky WINS are non-partisan and Senate Democrats Harris-Archer, Morgan McCarver, Gerald R. L. Palmer, and Dan Seum, and Representatives Julie Race-Agner, Deron Barter, David Osborne, and Susan Werner.

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Kentucky Planned Parenthood merges with Indiana Planned Parenthood – an ominous union

With Indiana having 26 facilities and Kentucky having only two, it is reasonable to expect a new push for abortion in the Commonwealth.

On Oct. 8, 2013 Planned Parenthood of Kentucky merged with Planned Parenthood of Indiana creating PPINK. The merger occurred one week after the Supreme Court’s decision in United States v. Windsor, which struck down parts of the Defense of Marriage Act and Section 3 of the 1996 Federal Civil Rights Act.

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The architects of PPINK could also be motivated by the desire to increase abortion — he is the first Kentucky governor in at least 20 years who has not signed a single piece of pro-life legislation. The House of Representatives and Governor have ignored them. By contrast, Indiana’s recent governors and legislature have been far less supportive of Obamacare and unrestricted abortion, and have worked to defund Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers of taxpayer dollars.

In Kentucky, four claims were filed last summer in federal court in Louisville and are from Jefferson, Scott, and the cases will come before the Court for a ruling. It typically takes several months for the Court to issue its ruling.

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UPDATE - After publishing this story, an anonymous reader submitted this comment:

Our goal is to connect with Kentuckians in all regions of the state on behalf of the family and the values that make families strong.

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If so, call or email us:

(You are the salt and light)

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#3 Would you help distribute materials about legislation to other churches in your area?

To (We truly need your help)

Planned Parenthood, as an organization, celebrated its 97th birthday with a cupcake. Sadly, its purpose assures that over 300,000 unborn children annually will never see their first birthday.

Planned Parenthood has been at the forefront of many battles for abortion rights. It has been a leader in the fight for reproductive rights, and has provided medical care to millions of women across the country.

Planned Parenthood has also been a target for anti-abortion activists. The organization has faced numerous challenges, including legal battles and publicscrutiny.

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The Affordable Care Act comes to Kentucky

The Affordable Care Act has been the subject of much debate and controversy since its passage in 2010. The act aims to provide health insurance to all Americans, regardless of their income level. In this article, we explore the potential impact of the Affordable Care Act on Kentucky residents.

What will be the major issue with ObamaCare and the impact on Kentuckians?

Regardless of Internet firewalls and security levels, with identity thieves continually trying to hack into servers, it concerns a lot of people that they have to provide this information just to get a quote. Some are complaining about Kynect’s “invasion of privacy.” Kathy Stein, is leaving her Senate seat after being named to a circuit judgeship in Lexington. Senate District 13 covers a portion of Lexington, Frankfort, and Daniel Boone. The special election is scheduled for January 14. Reggie Thomas, the Democratic nominee, is a lawyer and wife in their fifties, along with their three daughters.

Kynect Kentucky Candidate Information Survey is available through www.KentuckyBenefits.com. This service allows individuals to compare different health insurance plans and options.

How will it affect your premium?

The Affordable Care Act will affect the way health insurance is purchased in Kentucky. It will help to ensure that people can afford health insurance, regardless of their income level. It will also help to control the growth of health care costs.

Two special elections will take place on Dec. 10 to fill vacancies in House District 7 (Daviess, Henderson and Union Counties) and in Senate District 13 (Fayette). Voters in House District 7 (Daviess, Henderson and Union Counties) and in Senate District 13 (Fayette) have a decision to make. Two special elections set for Tuesday, Dec. 10.

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Wishing you a blessed and Merry Christmas,

Martin Cothran, The Family Foundation

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