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#### ABOUT THE SPEAKER

By F. Douglas Scutchfield

AL CROSS is director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, which helps rural news media define the public agenda in their communities and report on broader issues that have local impact but few local sources. The Institute is based in the University of Kentucky's School of Journalism and Media, where Cross is a professor in the Extension Title series, meaning that most of his work is directed off campus. He is the only full extension profes-



sor outside the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. He is in the College of Communications and Information and is a member of the college faculty council and the University Senate Council.

Cross helped organize the Institute, which has academic partners at 25 universities in 17 states. He became its director in 2004, after more than 26 years as a reporter at The Courier-Journal, the last 15½ as chief political writer. He writes a political column about twice a month for the Louisville newspaper and is a KET election commentator.

His awards include the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame (2010), the media award of the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation (2006) and the Kentucky Psychological Association (2013), the James Madison First Amendment Award of the Scripps Howard First Amendment Center at UK (2015), and a share of the 1989 Pulitzer Prize won by The Courier-Journal staff for coverage of the nation's deadliest bus and drunkdriving crash. He shared an investigative reporting award in the Southern Journalism Awards for a 1987 series on surface mining, including some of the first comprehensive stories on mountaintop-removal mining.

In 2011 he received the Wells Key, the top honor of the Society of Professional Journalists, the nation's oldest, broadest and largest journalism organization. He was national SPJ president in 2001-02, and has received awards for his work from SPJ's Louisville Chapter.

He is often quoted nationally on Kentucky politics and has appeared on PBS's "Washington Week in Review" and other television programs. His most recent

#### **NOVEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Place: Hilary J. Boone Center, UK Campus

Social Time: 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.

Program 12:30 p.m.

Speaker: Al Cross

"The Election and its Aftermath" Topic:

Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

#### **NOVEMBER 13 LUNCHEON MENU**

Caesar salad with parmesan, white anchovy, croutons Seth's shrimp and grits with Andouille sausage gravy

Weisenberger cheese grits Trinity vegetables and scallions

Carrot cake with citrus cream cheese icing and candied ginger

Choice of beverage

Substitutions are possible only for dietary allergies or religious/lifestyle restrictions.

**Note:** The Staff of Hilary J. Boone Center appreciates efforts of UKAEF members to carpool when possible. If you require transportation, please note your need on the luncheon reservation form, third page.

book chapter is "Trump and non-metropolitan America: An urbanite saw a rural base where pollsters and journalists didn't," in The Trump Presidency, Journalism and Democracy, published by Routledge in February 2018. He authored the Kentucky Encyclopedia article on Gov. Wallace Wilkinson and was a major contributor to the second edition of *Kentucky's Governors*. He and his brother David, an Albany attorney, co-authored "Republican Redoubt: The Politics of Kentucky's Upper Cumberland," a chapter in People of the Upper Cumberland (University of Tennessee Press, 2015). He is secretary of the Kentucky Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee, a non-profit, non-partisan organization.

Cross is a graduate of Western Kentucky University. He wrote for the Clinton County News and was an announcer at WANY in Albany. He was editor of The

Reporter in Monticello in 1975; assistant managing editor of The Logan Leader and The News-Democrat at Russellville in 1975-77; and editor of the Leitchfield Gazette and the Grayson County News-Gazette in 1977-78. He established The Courier-Journal's Somerset bureau in May 1978, moving with it to Bardstown in 1979, when it became the Central Kentucky Bureau. He covered legislative sessions from 1980 to 2004. In Louisville in 1984-86, he covered education, transportation and politics. He joined the C-J Frankfort Bureau in 1987 and became political writer in 1989.

He is married to Patti Hodges Cross, a Grayson County native and independent designer/editor of publications. They live in a 1907 home in historic South Frankfort, near the state Capitol, with their West Highland White Terrier, Henry.

#### AVOID A COMMON MISTAKE

By Michael Tearney

I had the opportunity to visit with Lucy Wells, RPh, who is with our University Prescription Benefits Program and she told me about a mistake many retirees make each year which results in a problem both for the retiree and the Pharmacy Benefits folks. I asked Lucy to write up something for our newsletter regarding the problem and that appears below.

Every year there are retirees who inadvertently enroll in another plan causing the UK Retiree Rx and Medical plans to be ended. Once it is determined that this was not the retiree's intent, then efforts are made to get the retiree reinstated in the UK retiree medical and Rx plans. Much easier for all involved if this exercise can be avoided. Should a retiree intentionally choose to leave the UK Medicare Rx plan, the Medical benefit will also be ended. In this case an eligible retiree is encouraged to complete a form to defer the UK retiree medical coverage (one time only option). Your University of Kentucky Medicare Rx prescription benefit is a Medicare Part D plan. Medicare only allows participation in one Medicare Part D benefit at a time. The annual open enrollment period for Medicare Part D plans begins October 15th and runs through December 7th. You will no doubt, see numerous advertisements on TV, print ads though the mail, and solicitations from vendors at the pharmacy. Keep in mind that there is NO ACTION required on your part to remain enrolled in the UK Medicare Rx Part D drug plan. You will receive mailings from Express Scripts in October with the details about the 2019 plan year which also includes this messaging. Should you enroll in a different Medicare Part D plan, this will result in you being disenrolled from BOTH the UK Medicare Rx Part D plan AND from your UK Retiree Health benefit.

Bottom line....If you want to remain in the UK Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, there is no action needed on your part. Your current UK Medicare Rx benefit will automatically rollover.

# UK HR BENEFITS OFFICE SECOND LOCATION

You will still find UK Benefits Officers in 112 Scovell Hall. Add to that location a second one: the second floor of the UK Federal Credit Union on Export St. Parking is convenient. Once inside UKFCU visit the Information desk and tell the attendant you are visiting the Benefits Office. Take the elevator to the 2nd floor. Signs will point you to the Benefits front desk.

Appointments may be made with the administrative team and retirement officers at both locations:

Benefits Office hours:

115 Scovell Hall 8 am - 5 pm

Export Street 8 am - 9 am by appointment only Export Street 9 am - 5 pm front doors open

## REMINDER ABOUT UKNOW KEEPING US IN TOUCH

UKNow, pronounced UK now, is the University's official news website. It is updated daily and offers subscribers all of the latest news regarding campus activities and events, the arts, UK Athletics, professional and staff news, awards, student life, advances in health care by UK clinicians and the latest research news coming from UK. Stay in the know by subscribing to UKNow.

Here is a link you may want to check if UK's massive infrastructure transformation intrigues you and makes you want to experience it. As a teaser, in the last few years, some \$2.4 billion has been invested in new residence halls, state-of-the-art classrooms and research laboratories, athletic facilities, playing fields and green spaces that help create and foster a special community. Use the following site to "view" the UK Campus. The virtual tour is updated as new buildings under construction or renovation come online.

https://uknow.uky.edu/campus-news/virtual-tour-allows-experience-uks-campus-transformation-anywhere

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### UK Opera Theatre (tickets 257-4929):

Silent Night, SCFA, Nov. 9-11, 2018 Alltech Holiday Celebration of Song, Victorian Square, Dec. 9, 2018, 3:00pm

#### **Lexington Singers:**

Brahms Ein Deutsches Requiem, Calvary Baptist Church, Nov. 4, 2018, 4:00pm Handel's Messiah: A Christmas Story, SCFA, Dec. 7, 2018, 7:30pm

### **UK College of Fine Arts:**

UK Symphony Orchestra with Cincinnati Orchestra, SCFA, Nov. 11, 2018, 7:30pm Collage: A Holiday Spectacular, SCFA, Dec. 1 & 2, 2018

#### IN MEMORIAM, April-July 2018 \*Member, UKAEF

- Holly Buckner Salisbury, Founding Director of Singletary Center for the Arts
- Elizabeth (Betty) Stoll Sands, Spouse of Donald E. Sands, Chemistry, UK Administration
- Dorothy Sutton, Spouse of Willis Sutton, Sociology
- William D. Weitzel, MD, Psychiatry

"Good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal."-Jesse Stuart

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<u>Mail form and check to</u>: UKAEF, c/o Casie Clements, 4812 Trillium Pl., Lexington, KY 40514-1410

(call or email if close to deadline) 859-523-3460 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:casie.ukaef@gmail.com">casie.ukaef@gmail.com</a>

Note: Deadline for making reservations or to cancel reservations is Friday, November 2, 2018.



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