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Video: Planning that holiday feast

If your business is food, Thanksgiving is probably a busy time of year. Last week our LexGo Eat video series paid a visit to Good Foods Co-Op to get the skinny on its Thanksgiving plans, as well as those of other are restaurants and stores. **Watch it at LexGo.com.**



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Promise Zone invests in the future of Eastern Kentucky

OBAMA PROGRAM TARGETS 8 COUNTIES

Eastern Kentucky needs help: Coal jobs are disappearing. People are leaving the region. Some counties are among the poorest in the entire country.

President Barack Obama has identified eight Eastern Kentucky counties as one of the first rural regions to benefit from the administration's Promise Zone program. The initiative partners federal agencies with local communities and businesses with the aim of creating jobs, improving educational opportunities, building private investment and improving public safety. This process is being coordinated and managed by Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp., of which Jerry Rickett is president and CEO. He shared details with Tom Martin.



Jerry Rickett

Martin: What is a Promise Zone?
Rickett: A Promise Zone is a program where the communities put a community-based strategy together, some federal agencies agree to partner and provide some priority on funding. And we are fortunate to have served a role together with the USDA and the University of Kentucky Extension program. We put together counties that are part of the Kentucky Highland service area that had been most adversely impacted

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Gracie Furnish fed the turkeys that students in Harrison County agriculture classes have raised since they were three days old and will send to market.

LEARNING ON THE FARM: IT'S ALL ABOUT TURKEYS



Students in Harrison County agriculture classes have been raising turkeys, but their work is almost done. The birds will soon become someone's Thanksgiving dinner.

HARRISON CO. STUDENTS RAISED BIRDS TO BE THANKSGIVING DINNER

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CYNTHIANA — Turkeys are not nature's most charming creatures.

This flock of 46 black and white birds babbles and chirps in its enclosure on the farm used by Harrison County middle and high school agriculture classes, unaware that the end is approaching.

On Nov. 20, they will be taken to Kentucky State University for processing and sold to customers in time for Thanksgiving.

The students in those classes — which include classroom instruction, as well as farm work — have been with these turkeys

More information

Harrison County public school system turkeys

Cost: \$60

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since early July, when they were hatched, their little balls of fluff, called poults.

The students taught them — remember, turkeys are not big on brainpower — to eat, drink and get grit into their diets. They clipped their wings to make sure they did not fly away. They provided them with clean bedding and made sure they stayed safe from roaming

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Renowned dress shop Bella Rose celebrates 35 years in business

Betty Spain grew up in Wolfe County, the eighth of 12 children in a family of little means.

"Never had a new pair of shoes until I was 12," she said. "I wore lots of hand-me-downs."

So it is with a mix of pride and amazement that Spain is celebrating her 35th year as the creator and owner of Bella Rose, a Lexington dress shop that has developed a national cli-



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entele for its stylish, sophisticated apparel.

Not that she has had time to celebrate. Spain said her shop at the corner of West

Maxwell and South Upper streets had strong sales during Keeneland and Breeders' Cup. Last week, some of her seven employees were busy decorating for the holidays, when Bella Rose does a big business with "wish list" suggestions many regular customers leave for the men in their lives.

Spain prides herself on being able to find the right dress for any woman, regardless of her age. Customers

include two and three generations of some families.

One big attraction is the shop's large inventory, which includes a basement showroom with more than 800 dresses by designers such as Nicole Miller, Kay Unger and Badgley Mischka.

"You go in so many specialty stores and they have a few items and you're afraid almost to touch them," Spain said. "For me, it's come in and kick off your shoes and stay awhile and let's get you in the right dress."

Spain, who travels to New York frequently to scout merchandise, does a big busi-

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Betty Spain, right, owner of Bella Rose, said part of her business's success has been its variety. She posed outside the shop with three generations of regular customers: Jan Marks, left; her granddaughter, Sophi Clarke, center; and their friend, Laura Adams. "Color, style I just have an eye for it," she said.

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