

OPINION

Bluegrass Beacon

Leaner government? Treasure the thought



Bluegrass Beacon By Jim Waters

A chasm exists between anti-government zealots and those who believe in limited government.

One believes in anarchy. The other holds to the principle offered in a statement attributed most often to Thomas Jefferson: "government governs best which governs least."

Again, that "governs least," not "governs not at all."

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tant tasks of the office get done. I don't represent extremists? No one I know would characterize Georgetown's Sen. Damon Thayer as "anti-government." Yet, Thayer, a sequester for four years, recently filed a bill to get rid of the treasurer's office and its \$3.2-million budget.

Of course, characterizing as "anti" whatever those who stand up to Frankfort's status quo and offer new ideas comes at all.

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for their hard-earned buck. Thayer wants to do this at least on one issue. In his statement, announcing his pre-filed bill to eliminate the state Treasurer's Office, he said, "The money can be better spent on education, infrastructure or better services."

Whether you agree with Thayer, my point is it's an attempt to establish some priorities.

Determining that money should be "better" spent on "better" services suggests that Thayer gave some thought to which projects deserve attention immediately, which can wait and which should get scratched from the list altogether.

That's what most Kentucky families have to do when they put together their budget. Frankfort should try it, too. Doing so would result in leaner and "better" government.

Call me an "extremist" if you like, but that appeals to me.

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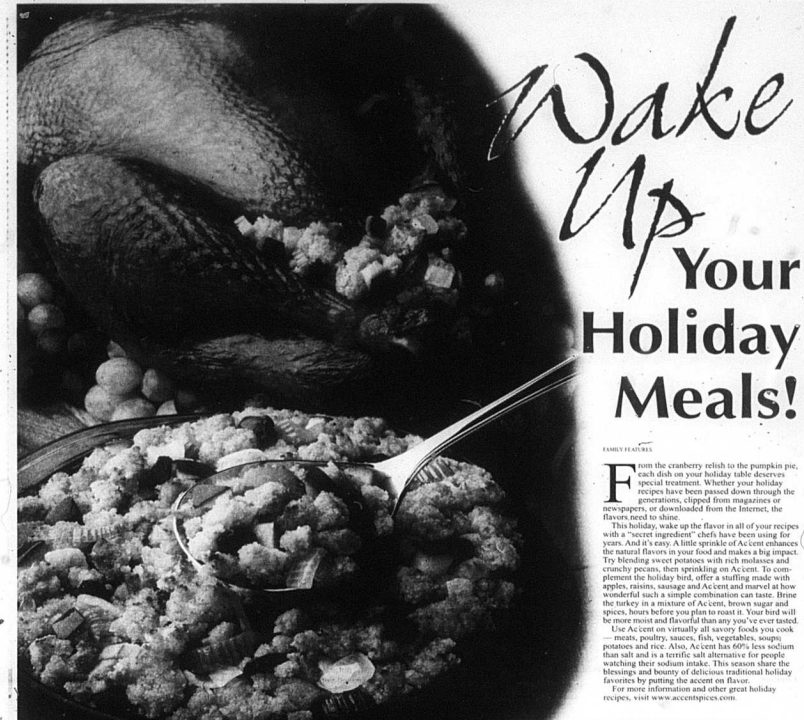
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Mashed Sweet Potatoes Serves 4 Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 25 to 30 minutes

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Sausage-Apple Stuffing Makes 2 cups Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 45 to 50 minutes

3 pounds sweet potatoes 1/3 cup Grandin's Melisses 1 tablespoon margarine or butter 1/2 teaspoon AcCent Flavor Enhancer 1/4 cup chopped pecans

1 cup AcCent Flavor Enhancer 1/2 cup chopped celery 6 cups dry bread crumbs 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh parsley

1 teaspoon AcCent Flavor Enhancer 1 1/2 cups poultry seasoning 1/8 teaspoon pepper 3 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted 1 1/2 cups peeled, cored and chopped apples 1/2 cup raisins

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