

### State is concerned about July 4 traffic

Some motorists may be discouraged by high gasoline prices or low gasoline supplies. Other may be stopped by a holiday that falls in the middle of the week. But state safety officials are still concerned about the number of motorists who will take to Kentucky's roads on the July 4 holiday.

Since July 4 falls on Wednesday this year, there could be a reduction in accidents, according to Romeo Maffei, Kentucky Department of Transportation safety coordinator. Motorists might limit their traveling to short one-day trips rather than long journeys. But Maffei is cautious because "July 4 is traditionally a very family-oriented holiday. Children are out of school and many families plan trips around this date. People may take off Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday and extend the holiday over several days."

"We could have more accidents instead of fewer," Maffei said.

Last year 17 people died and 296 were injured in the 1,688 accidents reported on Kentucky roads during the July 4 holiday. This year, the holiday officially begins at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, and ends at midnight on July 4.

To have a safe holiday, Maffei offers the following suggestions:

Check your car thoroughly before starting out. Tires, brakes and the cooling and exhaust systems are the most important to check. But don't neglect to check the windshield wipers, head lights, brake lights and backup lights as well.

Drive 50 mph. You'll save gas, see more scenery and possibly avoid accidents at this speed. You'll also avoid the 500 new radar units that state police will have out on state and interstate roads to enforce the 50 mile an hour speed limit. According to state police, 400 state police officers will be patrolling state highways.

Don't drink while driving. Even a small amount of alcohol can slow a driver's reaction time. The coffee



sobering technique is just a myth. Only time can show the level of alcohol content in your blood.

Wear your seat belt. Studies have shown that using lap and shoulder belts can reduce the number of deaths and injuries by at least 20 percent. Wearing a seat belt is the best protection against injuries.

Place small children in federally approved child restraint systems. Relatively inexpensive restraints can reduce the chance of death to children by more than 90 percent and injuries by almost 80 percent, according to national reports. Approved seat restraints can be found in most department stores and new car dealerships, Maffei said.

Take frequent breaks. Drivers should stop at least every two hours at a rest area or let another person drive to avoid being hypnotized by the road, according to Maffei.

### '79 crop reports due by July 15

All Nicholas county Farmers are reminded that they need to report 1979 acreages of spring seeded grain crops to the county ASOS Office by July 15, 1979, Eugene Lecher, Chairperson, Nicholas County ASC Committee said.

Lecher stated that farmers who are participating in the 1979 wheat-feed grain program will also need to report acreages set aside or diverted from production of 1979 grain crops.

Lecher also emphasized that it is important for all farmers to report acreage to the crop acreage will be considered to be zero if no acreage report is filed.

"If you have questions regarding the feed grain program, contact the ASOS Office for additional information."

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### District dairy shows begin July 2 in Cynthiana

The Division of Shows and Fairs in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will begin its annual series of District 4-H and PFA Dairy Shows July 2 in Cynthiana at the 4-H Club Fairgrounds.

The shows, sponsored in cooperation with the Division of Agriculture Education and the University of Kentucky Extension Service, will feature 4-H and PFA youths exhibiting their animals in competition for some \$25,000 in premiums and awards.

The District 4-H and PFA Dairy Shows are designed to stimulate interest in dairying and promote the advancement of rural youth. They assist many boys and girls in evaluating their livestock as a part of the continuing education program conducted by agricultural extension agents and vocational agriculture instructors.

Nine classes comprise each show, in addition to a showmanship class. The showmanship class is divided into two divisions, Junior and Senior, in both 4-H and PFA.

Last year, 728 entries with 311 4-H and PFA youths exhibited their animals. Prizes are awarded on the Danish System, blue, red and white.

Judging this year's competition will be Garland L. Lexington, and Junior Harris, Columbia.

Other shows will be in Harrodsburg, July 3; Mercer County Fairgrounds; Shelbyville, July 5; Shelby County Fairgrounds; Campbellville, July 6; Taylor County Fairgrounds; Murray, July 9; Murray — Gateway County Fairgrounds; and Bowling Green, July 10. Southern Kentucky Fairgrounds. Persons needing further information should contact Mike Wilkinson, Division of Shows and Fairs, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Frankfort, KY 40601, or call (502) 564-4983; or contact local 4-H youth leaders or vocational teachers.

### Clark named

Emery Clark, Sr., has been named Nicholas County co-chairman for John V. Brown Jr. for Governor.

Clark will be joining Paul Pryor in directing Brown's campaign efforts in Nicholas County this fall. Pryor was named county chairman for Brown before the May primary.

"We are glad to have a person with Mr. Clark's knowledge and experience joining us for this campaign," Pryor said in making the announcement. "I know the Brown campaign headquarters is pleased that Mr. Clark will be working for John V. Brown, Jr. in Nicholas County."

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**Fish tales**

These fish were so big the picture weighed two pounds. Don't believe that? How about, these fish were so big they wouldn't fit in the boat. Won't late on that one? well, here's the straight story: Jim Ring is holding two of the 20-ounce bass he had mounted after his family had a "what-ifs" of a fishing trip last spring. One weighs 17 1/2 pounds, and the other 9 1/2; and not a one was less than five pounds—Mercury photo

### 'Bass Heaven' near at hand if you know where to go

By Jeff Kerr  
Walking through the door of Jim Ring's bait shop and seeing the fish wall is like dying and going to Bass Heaven. There they are, seven big bankers, all in a row across the top of the wall. Jim Ring says he's put his favorite chair in a prime viewing spot and when they cleaned the floor the other day and didn't replace the chair just so he gave 'em what for.

Paul Ring (who caught the biggest) says he's seen people look at the display for almost an hour, go outside and come right back to again.

"You didn't get tired of looking at 'em," he says, "but you don't."

After a particularly fruitful fishing trip this past spring, the Ring family found themselves with seven large-mouth bass that were so big they couldn't commit the sacrilege of eating them.

So first they stopped at Spavay's in Paris to see about mounting them. Eventually a man in Lexington did the job and last week the installation ceremonies were held.

Jim Ring gets a little faint when he talks about how much it cost to have the cats hauled from in the state of taking the bait but he admits the pleasure he and his family have received from LOOKING at those big boys was worth the expense.

"He did a real job of mounting 'em, looky," he says and looks skyward. Things are going to be tough for any crawling youngsters around the bait shop until the novelty of the display wears off, if it ever does. Most of the women and all of the men who come in invariably end walking around like they've got sore necks, never seeing anything below the tail of the smallest fish.

And, uh, just EXACTLY where did the Rings (Jim, Paul, Judy and Charles) catch these fish?

In true angler fashion Jim explains it. "Well, let's see, some we caught in Hankinson, some at Carleton, some in Fleming Creek, some in the river, a couple at Cave Run..."

"Well, you didn't think you'd find out, exactly where I believe I'd have to catch it a secret too..."

### Kentucky fishing report

Though unfavorable weather last weekend slowed main lake fishing, many tailwaters continue to provide good to excellent success for the angler. The lake-by-lake roundup, as compiled by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources:

**Cumberland:** White bass and crappie fair to good at night on the lower lake off deep banks; black bass fair on the lower lake and on surface lures in inlets and bays during the day and on deep runners off shallow points at night; white bass slow to fair in tailwaters on plunker and fly combination in upper; crappie slow to fair on the upper lake over submerged cover; in tailwaters, trout good; clear to murky to muddy, falling, one foot above the timberline and 79 degrees.

**Laurel:** Trout good on the lower lake at night under lights still and drift fishing nightcrawlers off deep banks; bluegill good off shallow banks; crappie fair at pool and 78 degrees.

**Kentucky:** Catfish good still fishing live balls of dry rag and gravel bars; sauger fair to good trolling deep runners and drifting minnows over main channel drop-offs; white bass good to excellent, sauger good; clear to murky to muddy, stable at pool and 79 degrees.

**Barkley:** Black bass slow on artificial nightcrawlers and crank baits in inlets and bays; crappie slow over submerged cover; clear to murky, stable; white bass slow;

**clear to murky, stable at pool and 80 degrees;** crappie fair over submerged cover; in tailwaters, trout fair; clear to murky to muddy, rising slowly, one foot above pool and 75 degrees.

**Barron:** Bluegill fair off deep banks; black bass slow to fair early and late on artificial nightcrawlers on the lower lake and on buzz baits, crank baits and artificial nightcrawlers on the upper lake off points; white bass slow to fair; main channel drop-offs; in tailwaters, trout slow to fair; clear to murky to muddy, stable at pool and 79 degrees.

**Nolin:** White bass fair at night over main river channel; bluegill fair in inlets and bays; in tailwaters, trout good; clear to murky, rising slowly, six inches above pool and 79 degrees.

**Dale Hollow:** Walleye fair trolling medium runners off deep banks; crappie fair day and night over submerged cover; clear, stable at pool and 78 degrees.

**Buckhorn:** Bluegill fair off points and shallow banks; black bass slow early and late on spinner baits off deep banks; in tailwaters, trout fair; clear to murky to muddy, rising, four feet above pool and 80 degrees.

**Herrington:** Bluegill fair off deep banks; crappie slow over submerged cover; clear to murky to muddy, stable, 11 feet below pool and 80 degrees.

**Rough River:** White bass slow on the north fork and slow and improving on the south fork on plunker and fly combination in jumps; bluegill slow to fair off deep banks and around stick traps; in tailwaters, trout good; clear, stable at pool and 80 degrees.

**Groves:** Crappie slow around stick traps; bluegill slow in inlets and bays; in tailwaters, trout good; clear to murky to muddy, falling slowly, three feet above pool and 77 degrees.

**Cave Run:** Musky slow casting spinner baits in timbered coves and trolling medium and deep runners over main channel drop-offs; black bass slow on artificial nightcrawlers in timbered cove; clear to murky to muddy, falling slowly; three feet above pool and 77 degrees.

**Dewey:** Two foot rise in water level, no activity; muddy, rising, six feet above pool and 71 degrees.



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