

BUSINESS

Hometown beauty shop offers community variety of services

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Patricia Dickens working on customer's hair style in the new Patricia's Cut Above. Since Patricia's Cut Above was bought from the previous owner Dickens has found Christmas as the busiest time of year. - Heather Mathes photo.

Produce items' prices continue steady decline

A broad-based decline in prices on meat, eggs and produce items led to a sharp drop during October in the state's food price index, according to Kentucky Farm Bureau marketbasket survey.

It was the seventh monthly decline in food prices since the month of May.

A 48-item selection of food items cost shoppers an average \$130 less in October than in September, a 2.4 percent reduction.

The October index stood at \$1,57, down from \$1,67 the month before.

A year ago, the marketbasket cost was \$167, 11 percent below the current level.

Most prices set the pace for the marketbasket index last month. Eight of thirteen selected items had lower prices, reflecting an average drop of 2.8 percent. Those steaks dropped 36 cents a pound, selling for \$4.24.

Two pork cuts were lower. Loin chops sold for \$2.73, down 14 cents a pound, and bacon prices averaged \$1.50, 18 cents a pound lower than the September level.

Eggs were also bargain in the latest survey. Extra large eggs dropped 11 cents a dozen, selling for 77 cents average. Large eggs were down 8 cents, at 69 cents a dozen.

Fresh produce prices moved down 5.5 percent, despite the advent of cooler weather. New harvest potatoes were priced at \$2.19 for 10 pounds, the lowest price in a year since last fall.

"While most supplies are way up," says Hall, "I look for a very competitive price situation on all items for the next 60 to 90 days at least. At the most, it should be a buyer's market."

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Business has dropped off for many of the beauty shops located everywhere in Dickens' view. She said, "A year ago this time I was really busy. Since everyone has learned to do their own hair, business has dropped off a lot."

"But, then again doing your own hair is much easier. There are still the loyal customers that come every week, but these are not really customers they're merely friends."

"Hopefully, next weather conditions will prevail throughout the remainder of the fall fire season as well as winter."

George Parks plants a Norwegian Norway Spruce in the lawn of the Nicholas County Courthouse. The Carlisle Mercury will again publish letters to Santa this Christmas season.

Youngsters are invited to write Santa, in care of The Mercury, telling what they want him to bring them for Christmas. Mothers and fathers may help tiny tots word along their wishes.

Green-ups are encouraged to participate by sending in their remembrances of Christmas past, or whatever might be appropriate during the holiday season. Letters will appear in the issue prior to Christmas. Deadline for letters to Santa is December 14.

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GENERAL NEWS

Kentucky forest fires damaged 113,000 acres

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