

GENERAL NEWS



Youngsters are invited to write Santa, in care of The Mercury, telling what they want him to bring them for Christmas. Members and fathers may help toy size send along their wishes.

Grow-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.

Kerosene heaters are economical; safety stressed

By Heather Mathes  
Kerosene heaters can reduce heating costs if the right one for your size home is selected and used safely, according to a University of Kentucky Agriculture specialist.

There is a new breed of heater that not only may heat your home, garage, basement, sleeping porch and living areas, but one you and your family may feel safe and secure using.

Steady Smith, energy conservation specialist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, has suggested some safety tips for heating with the portable kerosene heater.

Smith warns, "Safety is important because if kerosene is used without proper precautions it can easily burn down a house or any other building that you choose to heat with kerosene."

Selection is the first step you must carefully consider before buying, Smith said.

Smith recommends buying only those which are tested and approved by national safety standards.

Others may not properly heat the area you want or overheat, causing fire hazards.

"The only fuel that can be used in the kerosene heater is K-1 grade. Just because kerosene is clear, does not mean that it is safe."

"If any other fuel is used in a kerosene heater it will certainly cause a fire," Smith said.

"Kerosene should be stored away from children, in a clearly marked container, and in a well ventilated room."

"Good ventilation keeps down the toxic fumes from compensating and causing a buildup."

"Ways to ventilate in the winter when most homes are very tightly sealed is to open a window or a door slightly," said Smith.

People with respiratory diseases such as asthma, or heart disease are especially sensitive to toxic gases given off into the atmosphere by the kerosene heater.

Those that are confined to a bed or always should not be left unattended with the heater and the heater should not be left unattended for the same reason of toxic gases.

Other safety tips for using kerosene heaters are:

- Do not move the heater while it is in operation.
- Do not cover the tank.
- Set the wick according to manual operation.
- Do not place the heater close to combustible material.
- Read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions.

The information provided in this article is from the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Extension Service.



The city of Carlisle's water project began construction Monday. Here, city worker Dale Faulkner helps lay pipe on the first line beside Old Paris Road. (City/Steve Pugh)

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BUSINESS PROFILES

Main Street business Lester's Family Store is just that - a family store

By Heather Mathes  
Lester's Family Store has been owned and operated by Carlisle and Blue Lester since the couple bought the establishment from Randy Babin on July 18, 1983.

"I bought the business mainly because I wanted to go into business for myself, and I took the plunge," said Lester.

But Lester was not always a budding entrepreneur.

"I worked as a supervisor in the cutting room at Bluegrass Industries for 19 years before making the decision to buy my own business."

"My wife still works at the factory and in August she will have been there for 29 years. She is a supervisor and in the sewing unit with 96 girls under her," Lester said.

"We also have women's and men's apparel by such names as

Lee, Wrangler and Glean. For the children at Christmas time we have stuffed animals and for the teenagers there is a whole line of costume jewelry," Lester said.

Lester's is now taking in always for Christmas with five percent in 15 percent down on the item, but they also provide other services.

"If I am out of a certain merchandise in some size that a customer needs then I will gladly order it and often do. We also have a 10 percent discount for senior citizens," said Lester.

Part-time employees for Lester's Family Store are Opal Kelly and Wanda Martin. Her Lester works on weekends and the store is also a holiday from her regular occupation.

The store has two children, Barry (Dabbie) Bask of Carlisle and Bobby (Pam) Jay of Lexington.

"We have merchandise for all ages of the family. Bread names about as Red Wings, Conover, and work boots of all types for the whole family are carried here," Lester said.

"We also have women's and men's apparel by such names as



Co-owner and proprietor of Lester's Family Store, Carlisle Lester stands displaying his wares. His merchandise covers those needs for all members, regardless of age for the whole family. - Heather Mathes Photo

Kentucky readers in survey believe published financial information of government business best

More than three-fourths of Kentucky newspaper readers believe it is the public's best interest that financial information and other areas of government business be published in newspapers.

An October survey by The Preston Group of Lexington, revealing that 77 percent of newspaper readers believe public notice advertising in the public interest and serves as a safeguard against mismanagement and

waste in public agencies, including school districts and city and county governments. Only 16 percent of those surveyed thought public notice advertising was unnecessary.

The Preston Group surveyed 802 Kentucky homes and 45 percent acknowledged that they read public notice advertising in their local newspaper.

Of greatest interest to Kentuckians is the publication of school district, and city and county

government financial statements. Eighty-nine percent of those surveyed said that publishing how schools spend tax money is either very important or somewhat important; 89 percent said that publishing local government financial statements is important.

By better than a 2-to-1 margin Kentuckians disagree with those who suggest that the law should be changed or abolished.

Eighty-three percent were against changing the law that requires public notice advertising,

while 24 percent believe a change to the state law is needed.

KRS 424 requires what government agencies must publish and requires the public's right to know by requiring government budgets to be published in Kentucky newspapers.

Of the 502 households surveyed, 86 percent read a daily or weekly newspaper, or both, on a regular basis, while 12 percent said they did not read any newspaper.

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