

## For many Kentucky hunters... Deer to be main topic this weekend

By Tom Jones  
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CARLISLE — Thousands of hunters across Kentucky will take to the fields this weekend as the firearms portion of deer season opens. Officials with the Fish and Wildlife Department and the Kentucky Hunter Education Association stress safety first for all hunters this season. "Hunting is safe compared to other activities," Marie Halpin, a certified hunter safety instructor said last week. "But we want to make it even safer."

Halpin, noting hunters often receive negative publicity from the media and the hunting public, feels it is essential for hunters to be informed on promoting ethics and firearms safety, the instructor said. "The public needs to see the hunter as a reliable and responsible person in the field," she added. The Hunter Safety course

Halpin and Alexander teach is governed by the Fish and Wildlife Department. It is a ten-hour course and is free of charge. Students are required to take the entire 10 hours, Alexander noted. "We teach the safe handling of firearms, how to identify game and how to clean and care for game." Continued on Page 15.

## Nicholas in Zone Four

Nicholas County is a zone 4 county again this year. The season will last from November 10-19 and the 19th will serve as a "doe" day in which deer of either sex may be harvested. Deer are hunted by the white tag hunters who should receive a copy of the guide when purchasing deer tags at sporting goods and other stores.

Yellow tag may be used for antlerless deer only on the 19th and is not to be used from November 10-18. Any additional questions can be answered by reading the 1990-91 Kentucky Deer Hunting Guide. Every hunter should receive a copy of the guide when purchasing deer tags at sporting goods and other stores.



While accidents are few and far between, officials note, the number of hunting accidents has increased through the state since the hunter safety course is even fewer in number. A report from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife noted only one hunter education graduate had been involved in a fatal accident since 1975. This is out of a total of 9,800 graduates.

Kentucky has made hunter education mandatory for all hunters here after January 1, 1975. What this means is everyone born after this date who wishes to purchase a hunting license must go through the free 10-hour course given by Fish and Wildlife officials.

"Carelessness is the biggest fault of hunters," Butch Alexander, a certified hunter safety instructor from Carlisle noted. "People don't pay attention to what they're doing. They hurry across fences and across creeks. They sometimes shoot themselves or someone else," Alexander added.

### THE 10 COMMANDMENTS OF SHOOTING SAFETY

1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun. This is the cardinal rule of gun safety.
2. Guns carried into camp or home must always be unloaded, taken down or have actions open; guns always should be open until reaching the shooting area.
3. Always be sure that the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
4. Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble. Keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.
5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.
6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.
7. Unattended guns should be unloaded; guns and ammunition should be stored safely beyond reach of children and careless adults.
8. Never climb a tree or a fence with a loaded gun.
9. Never shoot at a fall, hard surface or the surface of water.
10. Do not mix gunpowder and alcohol.

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## FIRE SCHOOL

By Ken Metz  
The Carlisle Mercury Staff  
CARLISLE — Nicholas County firefighters had the opportunity last weekend to brush up on their skills. The Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc. sponsored a training course aimed at refreshing the firefighters on the skills needed for their volunteer job.

Tommy Crawford, Carlisle Assistant Fire Chief, said the course was more formal than the training the departments usually have. Wendell Bond, field training specialist with Kentucky Tech Bluegrass Region 15 Fire Rescue Training Division, said the course has three purposes.

He said the objectives are to promote knowledge of safe driving skills and rules, provide a regulated course that must be driven by all participants and to help firefighters become more familiar with their own equipment.

Boyd said the course is beneficial because the firefighters have the opportunity to promote knowledge of safe driving skills and rules, provide a regulated course that must be driven by all participants and to help firefighters become more familiar with their own equipment.

## Deer the topic .....

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The course also stresses the responsibilities of hunting. "A lot of people don't understand the hunting series," Halpin noted. "We don't call them hunters we call them sportsmen." The "sports" are disrespectful of land and other hunters. "The sports" are disrespectful of land and other hunters. "The sports" are disrespectful of land and other hunters.

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## Local departments attend training sessions held in Carlisle last week

Carlisle Mayor Frankie Hughes attended the weekend session. He said the insurance companies recommended a formal degree in driving training for the firefighters. Mark Hughes said, "It should make the insurance rates go down."

The weekend course qualifies as 20 hours of training, according to Crawford. He said volunteer firefighters are required to complete 20 hours of training to be certified. He added 20 hours of additional training must be completed each year.

Hughes said driving through the course will give participants the feeling that if they can get through this course, they can manage anything in the county.

This course is just to get everyone familiar with all the vehicles," he said. "It hands them the opportunity to promote knowledge of safe driving skills and rules, provide a regulated course that must be driven by all participants and to help firefighters become more familiar with their own equipment."

## Bath residents upset

By Ken Metz  
Bath County News Outlook  
Special to THE MERCURY  
DOWNSVILLE — Since the proposal to locate a medical waste incinerator in Bath County has been presented to the community, residents have had little trouble making up their minds about how they feel about such a project in the county.

Don Harker, co-director of Land Governance Project said it was critical that the public be involved and share in the decisions. He said there is no way state government can guarantee protection cause these regulations are too lax and not always enforced.

Several hundred residents filled the community room and the halls to voice feelings about the proposed medical waste incinerator. "The crowd might be expected the state and local officials to defend the incinerator proposal by promoting the economic aspects of such a project, but that wasn't the case."

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