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Across Nicholas County

Lewis County man injured in motorcycle crash

By KIM HAMILTON
News Editor

A 32-year-old Lewis County man sustained injuries in a one-vehicle motorcycle wreck on Monday, July 2, around 10:20 p.m., police said. Kentucky State Police said Jerry A. Underwood Jr., of Vanceburg, was operating a 1983 Honda Shadow motorcycle eastbound on Quicks Run Road, when the vehicle left the right side of the road, struck a tree, reentered the road, traveled a short distance and came to a final rest on its side. Underwood was admitted to the University of Cincinnati Hospital for multiple injuries and was listed in critical condition on Tuesday morning, police said. He was not wearing a helmet in the accident, which occurred about 5.2 miles north of Tollesboro. Trooper Toby Gardner is investigating.

Announcements

Federal tax rebates not state taxable

In response to numerous inquiries, the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet announced that federal individual income tax rebate checks to be mailed to Kentucky residents under the Federal Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Act of 2001, are not taxable for Kentucky state income tax purposes. "This is because federal income tax is not deductible on the state income tax return," said revenue Secretary Mike Hayden. According to the IRS, 1.2 million checks are expected to be mailed to Kentucky residents beginning in July.

State property tax rate set at 13.6 cents

Kentucky Revenue Secretary Dana Mayton today announced that the 2001 state real property tax rate is 13.6 cents per each \$100 of assessed value. The rate is reviewed by the revenue cabinet and adjusted each year to ensure that, as assessments go up, the rate comes down to a level that limits any revenue increase to no more than four percent.

Veterans representative to be in Carlisle

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs will be at the Nicholas County Courthouse in Carlisle on the third Wednesday of each month, from 9 a.m. to noon. Veterans and their families may receive counseling and assistance in applying for state or federal veterans benefits. For details or to answer questions, call 1-866-376-0308. Leave a message if office staff are unable to answer.



Denver Brown photo
A member of the US Forest Service welds part of the addition of the Longbow Lake Boat Ramp.

Pass fees pay for lake additions

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

In the first few weeks of this season's required boat ramp passes, several boaters and fishermen were seeing red. Now the green generated from the sale of the passes has allowed for projection construction and lake beautification programs that benefit everybody. Just this week the U.S. Forest Service built a new boat dock at the Longbow Boat Ramp on the southeastern shore of Cave Run Lake. And a revamping is scheduled for the dock at Scott Creek Boat Ramp on Ky. 801 South.

Those are just two of the projects we have had in mind," District Ranger Dave Manner told The Carlisle Mercury. "And we have plans to add docks at many boat ramps where there aren't any docks, now." Clay Lick should see a new dock by next season. The revenue of the passes, needed for parking a boat trailer or just a car at any certain designated ramp lots, has made it possible for the U.S. Forest Service to go ahead with projects that had been put on the back burner because of its budget.



Denver Brown photo
Members of the US Forest Service spent most of the day adding to the Longbow Boat Ramp



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Visitors to Cave Run Lake have had purchase a pass to park at the lake this year.

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Manner said most of the additions have come from the public's input over the years as to what's needed at the lake. Local vendors sell the passes (from daily to all season) and the purchase of all those wishing to park at certain, designated ramp. If you are spending a day on the lake fishing and leaving the truck and trailer at the lot or if you're just walking over the hill to fish for a few hours, all vehicles need to display the pass...

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season and that really helps with all of the projects we've wanted to get underway for some time. We're putting the money right back into the lake. The idea of charging the public to use the ramps has been considered for years, and now that it's in effect, several other additions are in the works. According to Manner, more lighting, increased patrols and cameras can all be implemented to increase safety.

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New program to aid in animal disposal

Recognizing the importance of protecting public health and the environment by proper disposal of dead animals, the state agricultural development board has approved a proposal from Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith to create a one-year diagnostic centers in the state, dozens of stockyards, and many animal shelters that also have substantial numbers of dead animals. At this time, many counties are

Nicholas Head Start program selected for excellence

Community Action Council announced recently that its Head Start Program has been selected as a Program of Excellence. Over 1,000 low income children in Fayette, Scott, Harrison and Nicholas Counties participate in this program. The Council's Head Start program was selected due to the impact its services have on children and families, its unique partnership

Farm deaths down

The number of farming-related deaths in Kentucky fell 19 percent in 2000 compared with the previous year, according to a report from the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center. The annual report from the center's Kentucky FACE (Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation) Project said 17 people died in farming accidents last year, down from 21 in 1999 and 65 percent lower than the recent high of 48 deaths in 1995.

State agencies seek century old businesses

In an era when dot-com companies come and go like brief summer showers and mergers absorb nameplates like black holes, business longevity is the rarity rather than the rule. But long-lived companies do exist, and to recognize them, the Kentucky Historical Society, in conjunction with the Cabinet for Economic Development, Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet and the Kentucky chamber of Commerce, is seeking for-profit businesses that have been part of the Commonwealth's economic landscape for at least the last 100 years.

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