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Montgomery man killed in accident

By KIM HAMILTON
News Editor

A Montgomery County man was killed Sunday, July 15, in a one-vehicle accident on Kendall Springs Road in Bath County, according to police.

Kentucky State Police said Roger Scott Jr., 52, of Mt. Sterling, was traveling north on Kendall Springs in a 1998 Oldsmobile, when he failed to negotiate a curve and left the right side of the road.

The vehicle then traveled down an embankment and came to a final rest on its top in Slate Creek.

Scott was pronounced dead at the scene by Bath County Coroner Robbie Powell.

The accident, which occurred around 2:30 a.m., is being investigated by trooper Christina Merriam.

Announcements

Two complete MSU degrees

Two students from Nicholas County completed degree requirements during Morehead State University's 2001 spring semester.

They are Barbara L. Allison, Carlisle, bachelor of science and Crystal L. Livingood, Moorefield, associate of applied science.

Hale awarded Berea College scholarship

C. Joel Hale of Carlisle, a student at Berea College, was awarded a scholarship and recognized for academic achievement during the 2000-2001 school year.

He is the son of Debbie Williams of Carlisle.

High School site-based meeting set

The regular meeting of the Nicholas County High School Site-Based Council scheduled for July 18 has been canceled. There will be a special meeting on July 25, at 6 p.m., at the high school work room.

RC&D meeting set for July 30

The next meeting of the Licking River Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council will be held Monday, July 30, at 9:30 a.m., in Flemingsburg, at the cooperative extension office.

The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

For inquiries call 859-234-3352.

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EKU freshman orientation

Alisha Frederiek of Carlisle was one of more than 1,600 new Eastern Kentucky University freshmen who attended orientation sessions this summer. Activities included small group sessions, information sessions and displays, lunch and an afternoon advising and registration session, after which the students left with fall schedules in hand.

Almost 10,000 read novel for KET

After nine months of intensive work on the part of KET and more than 130 partners, the network's statewide reading project, What If All Kentucky Reads the Same Book?, culminated with the inspirational words of Barbara Kingsolver, speaking with a statewide audience from KET's studios on May 31.

She conversed with 900 in the studio and thousands in homes and at small "viewing parties" around the state, including three live-remote sites (Louisville Free Public Library; WKYU-TV in Bowling Green; and Nicholas County Elementary in Carlisle, Kingsolver's hometown).

Carrie Cinnamond, of www.ket.org/bookclub/whatifal

Pikeville, expressed feelings that were echoed by many others in the audience: "Never have I been any prouder to be a Kentuckian than Thursday night — simply for the reason that we have celebrated one of our own, and she proved herself worthy."

In all, 9,731 people shared the experience of reading The Bean Trees — including more than 2,500 at 59 high schools, 1,165 adult learners at 49 adult education centers, and 1,178 in 89 private or library-based book clubs. Nearly 200 activities around the state are listed by county on KET's "What If" web site.

Electric companies offer efficiency tips

The official start of summer is here and that means very hot temperatures aren't far behind. Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) and LG&E officials know energy efficiency is important to customers at this time of year and some tips might be helpful.

Greater use of air conditioners and other electrical appliances means a greater customer demand of electricity to power them, so energy efficiency is a key.

Here are a few ways to make the air conditioner more efficient:

- Cook early in the day, when temperatures are usually cooler.
- Use the microwave more because it's less likely to heat up the whole room.
- Close the draperies or blinds during the day to keep out sun and heat.
- Vent the attic. Temperatures there can reach 150 degrees if the open traps and windows and use window fans to pull that cool air into the house.
- Set the thermostat higher. For each additional degree dropped below 78 degrees on the thermostat, the cooling bill goes up between 5 and 8 percent.
- Turn off lights and appliances when they're not in use. Besides wasting electricity, they generate heat.
- Use desk or ceiling fans. They won't lower the temperature, but they will cool the skin and make you more comfortable. A light breeze will feel about seven degrees cooler.
- Here are a few ways to make the air conditioner more efficient:
 - Get an air conditioner check up. Annual service calls can keep the unit running efficiently.
 - Keep filters clean. Window units as well as central cooling units need the filters checked about once a month.
 - Vent the attic. Temperatures there can reach 150 degrees if the air is trapped and that heat seeps down into the living spaces.
 - Vents.

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Knowledge of rivers isn't flowing

By TOM LEITH
RC&D Coordinator

Information recently collected in regard to rivers and watersheds by the National Geographic Society is interesting.

In our area, one way to increase knowledge on the subject is to call the RC&D office at 859-234-3352, or the Kentucky Division of Water at 859-564-3410, and request a free copy of "The Licking River Basin: Status and Trends."

It is also available on the internet at lickingriver.org. The following results are worth noting: Americans

Rebecca Wodder, president of American Rivers

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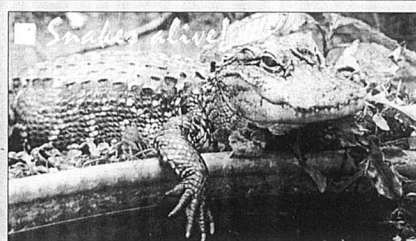
Financial aid tip of the month

by Mike Pennington

Kentucky citizens looking for sources of financial aid to pay for higher education expenses should look through a copy of "Affording Higher Education" which is a publication of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

KHEAA updates this publication each year and it has over 2,400 sources of student financial aid that is available from state and federal governments, Kentucky higher education

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Denver Brown photo. This juvenile alligator was brought to the Kentucky Reptile Zoo from the Little Miami River in Dayton, Ohio — it was a discarded pet.

Reptiles featured at Slade Zoo

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

Imagine your barn or back porch overrun with rodents. The kind of disease-carrying, grain-devouring rats and mice that make many turn their heads away.

There are about 3,000 different kinds of snakes in the world and only 270 or so

The folks at the Kentucky Reptile Zoo in Slade, Ky., through education, explain several reasons why the slithery serpents are actually positive additions and not the evil scourge of afternoon.

"There are about 3,000 different kinds of snakes in the world and only 270 or so

are poisonous and dangerous to humans," said Kristen Wiley, the assistant director of the zoo, as a 100-pound Burmese Python hugged her waist and shoulders Tuesday afternoon.

"A snake like this could eat 200 rats a month and

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