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## Carlisle breeder recognized for owning bulls

By KIM HAMILTON  
News Editor

Eagleton Farm in Carlisle owns three bulls listed in the 2001 Fall Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association, headquartered in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance evaluation available on 5,999 sires. The report is accessible at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

"The American Angus Association has the most complete and comprehensive beef database in the world," said John Crouch, association director. "This should assist cattlemen in choosing genetics that will produce a more consistent, higher quality beef product."

## Across Nicholas County

### Dairy farmers to host district meeting soon

Dairy farmers of this area will hold area dairy producer meetings.

American Dairy Association of Kentucky and Kentucky Farm Bureau are coming together to hold these meetings in a joint effort to bring helpful information to dairy farmers for the coming year.

A meeting is set for 7 p.m. at Fleming County High School on Nov. 2 with John Kelley of Mays Lick. Randall Meadows will be on hand at 7:15 p.m.

### Vehicle enforcement to increase inspections of hazardous materials

Beginning Sept. 27, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's division of vehicle enforcement began increasing the hazardous material inspections and observations at weigh stations and along roads in the state.

The cabinet is working closely with the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration to ensure a safe atmosphere on Kentucky interstates and highways.

More emphasis has been placed on hazardous materials carriers to make certain all records are correct. Last year, vehicle enforcement conducted 75,000 safety inspections.

For more information, contact David Longo with the federal carriers administration, 202-369-0456.

### Veterans rep 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.

This is a free service, provided by the state department of veterans affairs. Bring appropriate documents a visit.

For details or to answer questions, call 1-866-376-3038. Leave a message if office staff are unable to answer.

## Anthrax scare at Court Days

Five hospitalized for observation when unknown substance found with hot dogs

By KIM HAMILTON  
News Editor

Americans are on edge these days due to recent confirmed cases of Anthrax, thought to be part of a terrorist plot.

For some people who attended Court Days in Mt. Sterling on Saturday, the possibility of getting the virus was given high priority after a vendor spotted an unknown

white powder in some hot dog packaging.

The vendor was setting up his trailer, opening refrigeration units and unwrapping hot dogs when he found a white powder inside the packaging, according to Montgomery County Sheriff Fred Shortridge.

"The vendor called and the city responded first," Shortridge said. "Then when we got there, we then notified the county judge, disaster and emergency services and the mayor."

"We all had to treat it as though it was possible hazardous material, because these types of reports have been flying around the country," he said. "We had to go about it as

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-- Fred Shortridge  
Sheriff, Montgomery County

though it was the real McCoy." As word spread of the possible foreign substance being Anthrax, police quickly barricaded off the entire area and labeled it a "hot zone." The FBI was called for assistance, but did not actually come to Mt. Sterling.

"People who were inside the hot zone, including the two Mt. Sterling police officers who responded first, were taken to Mary Childs Hospital for 23-hour observation," Shortridge said.

The patients were released after the observation period, apparently having not come down with the

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## King and Queen



Photo courtesy Memories and More

### Homecoming royalty

Ashley Hughes, right, a senior, was named Homecoming Queen and Wesley Earlywine was named Homecoming King for Nicholas County High School last Friday night at the football game. Students hung a colorful "Homecoming 2001" banner on the bleachers during the game. Nicholas County defeated Berea 35-6. Other senior queen candidates were Jackie Frederick, Jessica Letcher and Christina Purcell. Other king candidates were Leslie Earlywine, Josh Hunt and Richard Reid.

## Young girl accidentally shot by brother

By KIM HAMILTON  
News Editor

Kentucky State Police Detective Paul Lemaster is investigating a shooting incident that occurred in Hazel Green off KY 191 in Wolfe County in the community of Trent.

Lemaster said that on Saturday at approximately 10 a.m., Jennifer Gail Davis, 8, was accidentally shot in the mouth area with a .22 caliber rifle held by her 11-year old brother, at their residence.

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## Department of Agriculture testing scales

Kentucky Department of Agriculture inspectors started testing tobacco scales Oct. 15, verifying the accuracy and uniformity of measurements where the leaf is sold.

October is when Kentucky's farmers start stripping their tobacco crops. While the hand stripping process hasn't changed much, direct purchasing by tobacco companies has now changed the way some growers market their crops," said Agriculture Commissioner Billy Roy Smith.

Since buying stations owned by tobacco companies emerged last year, Kentucky has

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## Waterfowl seasons set

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission set the 2001-2002 waterfowl seasons at its quarterly meeting Aug. 24 in Frankfort.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also must approve recommendations of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission for the waterfowl seasons because all migratory game birds are under federal control.

The duck, coot and merganser season will

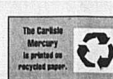
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