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Waiting to mow can be expensive

"It was an expensive discovery."



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Fleming baby killed in lawn mowing mishap

By KIM HAMILTON
News Editor

A Flemingsburg toddler was killed when he was accidentally run over by a riding lawn mower this weekend, according to deputy coroner, Gary Workman.

Workman said Randall Dean Miller, 2, was pronounced dead at the Fleming County Hospital Saturday, Sept. 22.

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Preview nights at UK set

High school seniors and community college students can learn more about becoming UK students at one of 11 preview nights to be held across the state in September and October.

Prospective students in Nicholas County and their parents are invited to a preview night on Tuesday, Oct. 2, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Singletary Center for the Arts, at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Rose Street in Lexington.

Free higher ed guide for seniors available

The 2001-2002 edition of "Getting In," a free guide to postsecondary education in Kentucky, is now being sent to guidance counselors for distribution to all high school seniors.

The booklet is published by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and is available online at www.khea.com, as well. It offers information on financial aid.

For more information, call 1-800-928-8926.

Assistance for adults returning to school online

Adults interested in returning to school have an online guide to help them plan and pay for college or technical training. The 2001-2002 edition of Adults Returning to School can be accessed at www.khea.com, the website of Kentucky's Higher Education Assistance Authority.

It is the state agency that administers grants, scholarships, work-study, savings, federal family education loans and related information for Kentucky students.

For more information about programs and services, write to the Kentucky Higher Assistance Authority, 1050 U.S. Highway 127 S., Frankfort, KY, 40601-4223, call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7381.

RC&D to host conference set for Lexington in Oct.

The Kentucky Association of RC&D Councils will host the Southeastern United States annual meeting this year in Lexington. The event is set for Oct. 10-12, at the Hyatt-Regency hotel.

Anyone may attend the session. Registration materials are available from Licking River Valley RC&D at 855-284-3522.

Tobacco contracting expected to increase

Sixty-three percent of Kentucky tobacco growers are expected to contract with tobacco companies during the 2001 season, according to a legislative report.

In the 2000 season, growers contracted to sell a total of 87.1 million pounds of barley, or about 30 percent of the total volume sold - 50 percent less than the amount of tobacco expected to be contracted this season.

An addendum to the legislative Tobacco Task Force's report on contracting says that although the auction system is expected to be used by many farmers in the 2001 season - leading tobacco companies to buy "a significant amount of barley at the auction market," auction sales levels will decrease sharply this year. The addendum was approved by the task force today.

Such a high percentage of contract sales could cut the number of auction warehouses and sales dates in half from 2000, the report says. The Russellville auction market is one market that will be closed this year, task force members have learned.

Some members were concerned about the effect the transition to contracting has had on tobacco warehouses. "Some warehouses that have already declared they are going to be open for auction may not open their doors," said Rep. Roger Thomas, D-Smiths Grove, who is co-chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

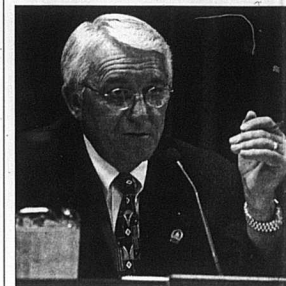
"If it is our intent to ensure that we do maintain a viable auction system... we need to come up with a way to help those growers who are taking their tobacco to the auction market," he added.

The report says that growers could "weather this storm" in the tobacco market - initiated by years of quota cuts - if adequate protections are in place. Lawmakers agreed that having both the auction and

contracting systems could help the industry by giving farmers, quota holders, warehouses and tobacco companies "an adequate platform to conduct business."

The transition from a single market system to contracting is not the only factor affecting the future of domestic tobacco production, the report says. Cigarette sales and international competition are also players in industry's future.

"Drops in domestic consumption, shifts in global cigarette production and



Sen. Vernie McGaha, R-Russell Springs, co-chair of the Tobacco Task Force, presides over the panel's September meeting



Rep. Mike Denham, D-Maysville, speaks during the September meeting of the Tobacco Task Force.

increasingly competitive global market may have a greater impact on the long-term viability of tobacco production as it exists today in the United States," says the report.

Jeff Hall, director of the Kentucky office of the Farm Service Agency, also informed lawmakers of the marketing redesignation time periods for producers, including those who did not complete a designation report.

Those periods are Oct. 1-5, Oct. 29-Nov. 2, Dec. 3-7 and Dec. 28-Jan. 4, 2002.

Nicholas Co. Sports



Nicholas County's Eric Earlywine (42) breaks away for a touchdown earlier this season. The football Blue Jackets are 3-2 on the season.

Slow start trips 'Jackets, 14-13

2-pt. try fails in 4th

By DENVER BROWN
Sports Editor

The Nicholas County football team was edged 14-13 by Louisville Holy Cross in a game that came down to the wire last Friday in Carlisle. But the team's performances in the opening half proved the difference.

"We've got to come out and play hard from the start," senior guard/linebacker Kyle Rector told The Carlisle Mercury after the Jackets' second loss in a row.

Girl Scout leaders needed

Girl Scout leaders are greatly needed to meet the requirements of the Wilderness Road Council's growing membership.

"We always have girls on waiting lists to join troops because we don't have enough adult volunteers to be leaders," said Wendy Henry, Council Communications Manager. "It is important that people realize they don't have to have a child in Girl Scouting to be involved in one of the world's preeminent organizations."

Adult Girl Scout volunteers say they enjoy building friendships with other adults and learning valuable skills through Girl Scout training and leadership experience. Being a Girl Scout leader is one important way adults lend their talents to help build tomorrow's leaders. Additionally, parents have revealed they have spent more quality time with their daughters because of Girl Scouting and have subsequently improved their relationships with them.

Research shows that it takes between six and 10

Tech for disabled students

For students with disabilities schoolwork can become a frustrating experience. When Assistive Technology is mentioned, most people immediately think of expensive equipment for students with more severe disabilities.

The needs of students with a learning disability, often called an "invisible disability," are sometimes underestimated. By making some changes in the classroom environment, and through the use of simple technology, school can become an enjoyable environment for all students, including those with disabilities.

In today's schools,

NCHS golf



Denver Brown photo Eagle eye

Lone golf senior Kyle Hunt lines up a putt last week. Hunt led the Nicholas County golf team with a pair of low scores in three matches this past month.

See more Nicholas County golf results next week!

Weather

See the new five-day forecast on page 2!

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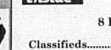
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