News from KDFWR

New License Year Stamp March 1.

It is hard to believe a year passed since the last purchase of your Kentucky fishing and hunting licenses. But, your current 2000 fishing and hunting licenses expire at the end of the month, February 28.

The Kentucky hunting or fishing license is $15.00 annually and the combination license is $22.50. The trout permit is $10.00 for 2001 and the spring turkey permit $20.

The best value for your money is the new Kentucky Sportsman license. The initial $80.00 price tag may seem a little steep, but this license is a combination hunting and fishing license, trout permit, statewide deer permit, spring turkey permit and the state waterfowl permit. This license represents substantial savings in money and time and is available only to Kentucky residents.

However, the federal waterfowl permits must still be purchased in addition to the Kentucky Sportsman license to hunt ducks and geese. Kentucky Sportsmen's License holders will be required to make their own turkey and deer carcass tags this season.

Elk quota hunt applications will be accepted until May 31, 2001. Interested hunters may apply anywhere hunting or fishing licenses are sold or on the internet at www.kdfwr.state.ky.us.

Applicants must provide their social security or driver's license number, pay a non-refundable fee of $10 and hold a 2001 Kentucky hunting license at the time of drawing to be eligible. Non-residents may also apply for up to one of the 10 permits available. Hunts are scheduled for early October and December near Hazard, Kentucky.

Turkey Hunting Season Dates

The spring turkey season opens Saturday, April 14, 2001 and runs until May 4; 2001 statewide for both archery and shotgun. The season bag limit is two gobblers (or two turkeys with visible beards). A spring turkey permit is required in addition to the appropriate hunting license.

New this season, a Youth Hunt Day for turkey will be open May 5, 2001 statewide. Those participating in the youth hunt must comply with hunter orange and hunter education requirements. For more information about the 2001 Kentucky turkey seasons, please consult the 2001 Kentucky Turkey Hunting Guide now available wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

You may request a 2001 Kentucky Turkey Hunting Guide by calling 1-800-858-1549, or view it at www.kdfwr.state.ky.us.

Hunting Seasons Ending

Kentucky hunters still have roughly a week to pursue ruffed grouse in those counties that allow it. The season for grouse ends on Wednesday, February 28, 2001.

Ruffed grouse hunters may take 4 grouse daily with a possession limit of 8. Grouse hunters and those accompanying grouse hunters must comply with hunter orange requirements. Consult the 2000-2001 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide to review the counties open for grouse hunting.

The crow season in Kentucky also closes February 28, 2001. There is no daily possession limit on crows.

Junior Duck Stamp Contest.

Kentucky elementary, junior high and high school students are eligible to participate in the Kentucky Junior Duck Stamp Contest. Entries must be postmarked to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) by March 15, 2001. Twelve first place entries will be chosen from four age groups in grades K-12 and displayed across Kentucky in the next year.

The Kentucky Junior Stamp Contest strives to instill in youth an appreciation of wetlands conservation and is modeled after the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services' Federal Duck Stamp Program for adults.

In this program, duck stamps are produced and sold to hunters. The revenue generated by the sale of duck stamps allows for the purchase of more than five million acres of wetlands in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Here in Kentucky, this money will help the Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge in western Kentucky. The students must research the life history and habitat of waterfowl to complete the image.

The national first place winner receives a $2,500 cash award. The national first place, second and third places winners along with one of their parents, their art teachers and their state coordinators received free trip to Washington, D.C. in the fall to attend the Federal Duck Stamp Contest for adults.

The entries are judged on biological merit, realism and artistic representation.

The national first place winning design is used for the design of the Federal Junior Duck Stamp.

For more information about the Kentucky Junior Duck Stamp Contest, contact Laura Lang at 1-800-858-1549 or write KDFWR, c/o Laura Lang, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Racing Reporter

(Cont. from A7)

JOE RUTTMAN TAKES FLORIDA TRUCK RACE

Here are the results of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, Dodge Dealers 250, run at Daytona, FL, Feb. 16: 1. Joe Ruttman, 2. Ricky Hendrick, 3. Scott Riggs, 4. Lance Norick, 5. Randy Tolsma, 6. Terry Cook, 7. Coy Gibbs, 8. Bryan Reffner, 9. Lyndon Amick, 10. Rick Crawford, 11. Morgan Shepherd, 12. Jack Sprague, 13. Rick Carelli, 14. Bobby Dotter, 15. Donnie Neuenberger, 16. Derrike Cope, 17. Brian Sockwell, 18. Larry Gunselman, 19. Chuck Hossfeld, 20. Carlos Contreras, 21. Ronnie Hornaday, 22. Ted Musgrave, 23. Willy T. Ribbs, 24. Dennis Setzer, 25. Travis Kvapil, 26. Billy Bigley, 27. Matt Crafton, 28. David Donohue, 29. Nathan Haseleu, 30. Randy McDonald, 31. Nathan Buttke, 32. Mark Petty, 33. Michael Dokken, 34. David Starr, 35. Rich Woodland, 36. Barry Bodine

JOEY CLANTON WINS ASA OPENER

Here are the results of the ASARacing.com 300, held at St. Augustine, FL, Feb. 17: 1. Joey Clanton, 2. Scott Hansen, 3. Mike Garvey, 4. Johnny Sauter, 5. Kevin Cywinski, 6. Tristan Dupuis, 7. Mark Dismore, 8. Tim Taylor, 9. Butch Miller, 10. Toby Porter, 11. Mike Miller, 12. Gary St. Amant, 13. Johnny Spaw, 14. Chris Wimmer, 15. Ryan Hemphill, 16. Tommy Grimes, 17. Ed Brown, 18. Mike Cope, 19. Chad Wood, 20. Glenn Allen Jr., 21. Travis Kittleson, 22. Mark Cole, 23. Kenny Phillips, 24. Tully Esterline, 25. Greg Stewart, 26. Matt Sielsky, 27. Dennis Lampman, 28. Pat Kelly, 29. Scott Fraser, 30. Ricky Carlton, 31. Scotty Lagasse Jr., 32. Doug Stevens Jr., 33. Francesco Gaudesi, 34. Brian Schwartz

Note: We will begin listing the top-10 points leaders in each of the three NASCAR divisions next week.

Weekend Racing: The two major NASCAR Series', Winston Cup and Busch will be racing at North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham, NC. The Craftsman Truck Series has the weekend off.

Track Stats: Known as 'The Rock', this 1.017-mile track hosts the first and last Winston Cup events in the Carolinas. Degree of banking, in corners: Turns 1-2: 22-degrees; turns 3-4: 25-degrees. Degree of banking, on straight: 8 degrees; Length of frontstretch: 1,300 feet; Length of backstretch: 1,307 feet.

Sunday, Feb 24: Busch Series Allied 200, event 2 of 33 events. Distance: 197 laps/200 miles; Starting time: 1 p.m. (EST); TV: FOX Sports Channel; Defending champion: Mark Martin, Ford

Sunday, Feb 25: Winston Cup Dura Lube 400, event 2 of 36 events. Distance: 393 laps/400 miles; Starting time: 12:30 p.m. (EST); TV: Fox; Defending champion: Bobby Labonte, Pontiac.

Racing Trivia Question: What year was NASCAR formed?

Answer To Last Week's Question: The first Daytona 500 was run in 1959. The winner was Lee Petty.

Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter is a syndicated NASCAR columnist. If you have a racing question that you would like answered send it to The Racing Reporter, P.O. Box 160711, Mobile, AL, 36616, or e-mail it to: 110335.405@compuserve.com

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Dale Earnhardt

By Gerald Hodges
The Racing Reporter

A dynasty ended Sunday, February 18, 2001 in turn four at Daytona International Speedway.

49-year-old Dale Earnhardt, known so well to millions as driver of theblack No. 3 Chevrolet Monte Carlo died doing what he loved--hard, fast and close racing.

The seven-time NASCAR Winston Cup Champion was involved in a violent crash after hitting the outer wall on the last lap of the Daytona 500.

Death came instantly.

Even though he was taken to nearby Halifax Medical Center in an ambulance, with his son, Dale Jr. at his side, doctors said his death occurred immediately after he hit the concrete wall. Cause of death was listed as head injuries at the base of his skull.

Earnhardt's car appeared to slip without any contact from other cars, and then turned rigly, ramming the wall head-on. Ken Schrader, driver of the No. 36 M&M car also wrecked, but he was not injured.

After the end of the 1997 season, when his team finished fifth without any victories, many fans thought his career might be winding down.

But then came the 1998 Daytona 500. The race was a very emotional triumph for almost every race fan across America. It didn't matter who your favorite driver was that day. Everyone was excited that Earnhardt had finally won his first Daytona 500. Crew members lined the length of pit road to congratulate the seven-time champion. Making a detour, Earnhardt cut across the grassy trioval on the way to Victory Lane.

"I finally won the Daytona 500," Earnhardt shouted. "After today, I won't have to answer those questions (about how it felt not to have won the Daytona 500) again. I feel my career has been a success and would be complete. That was before I knew what it was like to win the Daytona 500. That's a feeling that will be awfully tough to top."

The Intimidator bounced back in 1999, winning three races and making a strong finish, even though he finished seventh in the final standings, 770 points behind the leader. There were many fans that believed Earnhardt had done a 180-degree turn and was ready to challenge for the 2000 Winston Cup Championship.

"I'm not thinking about retirement," Earnhardt said after winning the Winston 500 at Talladega. "It's real funny to me that all of a sudden I become Dale Sr. I mean, Darrell Waltrip's the guy who's talking about retirement, not Dale Earnhardt."

Whenever you talked with Dale Earnhardt or his car-owner, Richard Childress, sooner or later, the talk got around to whether he believed he can really win another championship.

"That's our goal to win that eighth championship," said Earnhardt. "It's something you think about all winter and when you start a new season at Daytona there are 43 teams tied for first. You have to be ready then, because it's after that last race that you want to be leading the field."

Looking back on what he accomplished after the 2000 season, Earnhardt said, "It's a pretty impressive record. I'm amazed we've done what we've done. I'm not bragging or anything. I'm just pretty much impressed myself."

Dale Earnhardt Biography
Birth Date: April 29, 1951
Birth Place: Kannapolis, NC
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 195
Wife: Teresa
Daughters: Taylor Nicole (12-20-88), Kelley King (8-28-72)
Sons: Ralph Dale (10-10-74), Kerry Dale (12-8-69)
Career Highlights:
1975 First career Winston Cup start at Charlotte Motor Speedway in the World 600
1979 Earned Rookie of the Year. Won first Winston Cup race, the Southern 500 at Bristol.
1980 Won first Winston Cup Championship in only second full season.
1981 Won first $1 million in his 76th start.
1986 Won second Winston Cup Championship.
1987 Won third title, captured 11 races. Named Driver of The Year.
1990 Earned fourth series title.
1991 Fifth Winston Cup Championship.
1993 Won sixth title.
1994 Won seventh title by 444 points over Mark Martin.
1997 First driver to reach $30 million in winnings.
1998 Captured the Daytona 500 in his 20th try.
1999 Three wins, finished seventh.
2000 Two wins, second in final points standing.

After finishing second in the Winston Cup points, Earnhardt had high hopes for the 2001 season. In addition to his own personal goals, he had three of his own Winston Cup teams, driven by Dale Jr., Steve Park and Michael Waltrip.

As Michael was crossing the finish line, Earnhardt had already made contact with the wall. Many, many questions will be asked about what NASCAR plans to do in the future about the type walls that surround most tracks, especially since Earnhardt's death is the fourth in less than a year.

Whether you loved him or hated, Dale Earnhardt was one of NASCAR's biggest stars. He will be missed not only by NASCAR fans and drivers, but the entire sports world.

Thank you Dale for all the championship performances.

Injured crewman returns to duty

By Gerald Hodges

Seven months and 14 days. That's how long Mike Lingerfelt was sidelined from his tire changing duties on The Home Depot Pontiac after a pit road accident in last year's Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway.

The 24-year-old Lingerfelt suffered a fractured left femur when he attempted to retrieve an errant tire on the fourth pit stop of the day on lap 157. The front tire changer from Marietta, S.C., was immediately taken to the infield care center where doctor Mark Gillespy made the diagnosis.

Lingerfelt was then transported by ambulance to Halifax Medical Center where he underwent surgery.

"They cut me open through my hip, going through all the tissue and the hip joint, and put a 15 and a half inch titanium rod down through the center of my femur," recalled Lingerfelt during some down time prior to Thursday's Gatorade 125 race. "The area where they put the rod in and went through all the tissue still gives me a little bit of trouble, but not enough to stop changing tires is especially here."

He did not get to see the finish of last year's Daytona 500.

"I essentially had to learn how to walk again," he continued. "The leg just didn't want to work because of the pain and trauma it went through. I had to essentially learn how to walk again, because in my mind I didn't want to use that leg, because I knew that with every step I took it was going to hurt. There was a lot of mental stuff that I had to go through at the very beginning to get that muscle ready to work again.

"But there was never anything that I didn't want to do," continued Lingerfelt, a tire changer since 1994. "Because I was so conscience about wanting to hurry up and get back. I think what really helped me more than anything else was when Al finally cleared me to do everything that I wanted to do as far as lifting weights and working out five days a week. That was the turning point, because it allowed me to lift more weight so that I could build that muscle back the best I could."

Augmenting Lingerfelt's tenacious approach to his rehabilitation program was the generous support he received from the people around him.

"My mom and dad, of course, were really supportive," said Lingerfelt.

"They were naturally worried, and they looked out for me to make sure that I didn't come back too early. My girlfriend, Gayle Thomas, was very instrumental because she was constantly in my ear to do the right thing. If I wanted to push myself further and harder - perhaps too hard, she was the voice of reason letting me know when enough was enough.

The months of rehabilitation paid off last October, when Lingerfelt returned to his over-the-wall duties on Wednesday night prior to the Winston Cup event at Charlotte.

"To get ready for my return to The Home Depot team, I changed tires for Rick Woodland during the ARCA race," said Lingerfelt. "We just did one four-tire stop; a common, simple stop - nothing special. It really surprised me that day because everything went so smoothly.

"Everyone at Joe Gibbs Racing supported me through my injury and my recovery.

Seeing those guys care so much for me makes me care that much more for them. You've probably heard this one before, but when one person wins everybody wins, and when one person loses everybody loses. I don't think that's anymore evident on any other race team than on this one right here."

Eastern Kentucky's economy is like three-legged stool

A three-legged stool must have balance in order to function effectively. So too must a region's economy: There must be balance in order for long-term prosperity to grow and thrive.

An economy propped up on only one or two legs is inherently unstable.

We in Eastern Kentucky have experienced the consequences of a narrowly based economy, an economy in our communities heavily weighted toward a few coal mines or a textile plant.

If there is a downturn in these industries, our economy tilts and falls.

Many have recommended one course of action or another as a remedy for our region's economic malady:

• Some say we must aggressively recruit new business facilities from outside our region.

• Others say we must do everything possible to encourage and help our existing businesses.

• Still others say we must stimulate the entrepreneurial spirit in our citizens to spawn new business opportunities.

All of these positions have impacted our economy. But they miss the overall goal of balancing our economy. The correct answer, I would submit, is to equally emphasize all three approaches:

• Many of our Eastern Kentucky communities are virtually without a manufacturing base. Recruitment of strong companies with good long-term markets for their products is desirable, if not essential.

• When local businesses sell their products to customers outside of our region, they bring new, much-needed revenues into our communities and our households - instead of just recirculating the money already here. We must encourage our business by directing them to sources of technical, regulatory and financial assistance, and to other businesses in the region that may partner with them.

• Finally, we must work with our own people (including our youth) to unlock their creative and entrepreneurial talents. We must let those talents work for the benefit of our economy, not the economies of Detroit, Cincinnati, Cleveland and even Louisville and Lexington.

Yes, our regional economy needs help. The help it cries out for is balance. A balanced approach that welcomes, indeed entices, new businesses from outside, but equally nurtures its own to plant roots and grow.

This is our challenge as we move into the new century.

Tom Jones is executive director of East Kentucky Corporation, an economic development organization serving a 45-county region of Eastern Kentucky. The corporation creates jobs in local communities by focusing on recruiting new industries, providing loans to local businesses and developing local entrepreneurism. EKC was created in 1990 by an act of the General Assembly.

Pine Hill Cemetery Note

Anyone who would like to send donations for the upkeep of Pine Hill Cemetery please contact Gene Ponder at 859-986-7756 or mail your donation to: 143 Mason Lake Rd., Berea, KY 40403.

No Trespassing

Land belonging to Cornelia K. Ramsey ("Oscar Isaac Road, Sweet-water, Conway")

To whom it may concern to harrass and stalk, during the late and early hours of the morning. As to the old song says ("This land is your land, this land is my land.") I will take all action of protecting my home and children and myself and visitors!

And the Foot Print Poem shall always read: The Footprint will always be left behind you, dirt, all etc.

For I have a a Dream

This boundary line has land needs to be proven and pointed out so I can set my corners and fences. I have backhoe work, etc. to be done. "I want my line set!" And mine fell 1/2, proven: five tombs showing to 1/2 (only three tombs showing).

Tampering with evidence in which Garlen Johnson stated in writing that Roger Isaacs driving of death Palmfloatation of the stated consideration and sale of property is a class D felony! Subject to one to five years imprisonment and fines up to $10,000. The evidence is proven before your eyes and heart. Mr. Prosecuting Attorney, Also sustained evidence check number 135; Margie and Denver D'Neal, to Christy and Brian for filing fee "ad valoh fees shall be charged for the right to appeals in areas before the court! Licence of Perjurator was asked to show but not revealed." Vital evidence was deliberately left out. Thirty deeds can be proven, Roland Isaac to Gary Ramsey, Gary to Cornelia Ramsey, which all read the same. I want the citizens of this county to know!

The land left between this boundary and the road to Oscar Isaac is for the purpose of widening the road, now proposed by county, it's your duty as your court to see those people are prosecuted. I am waiting on I am get back to my lawyer! I believe the Lord will prevail on that judgement Day!

ARE YOU SICK AND TIRED?

Sick of having family and friends destroyed by drugs, alcohol, abuse, disease and other devastation?

Tired of feeling like there is nothing that can be done?

There *is* something that we can do. "Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about whatever (anything and everything) they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by my Father in heaven. For wherever two or three are gathered (drawn together as my followers) in my name, there I AM in the midst of them." *Matthew 18:19-20 AMP*

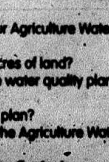
"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." *2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV*

IT'S TIME

Please join us for the following community prayer services
February 24 @ 7 p.m.- Lighthouse Assembly of God
March 17 @ 7 p.m. - Mt. Vernon Pentecostal Church
March 24 @ 7 p.m. - To Be Announced

Don't Forget!!

Time is Running Out!



The deadline to have completed your Agriculture Water Quality Plans is October 22, 2001.

- Do you own or farm ten or more acres of land?
- Have you developed an agriculture water quality plan for this land?
- Do you need help developing your plan?
- Do you have any questions about the Agriculture Water Quality Act?

For Additional Information, Contact:
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