

Forest fires continue, firefighters tiring

Forest fires continue burning in eastern and southeastern Kentucky today despite light rainfall last week. Since January 1, there have been 1,664 fires, burning 97,494 acres. 2001 is shaping up to be a serious fire occurrence year.

Hundreds of firefighters have been fighting fires for several days and in some areas, weeks. They are beginning to tire and become frustrated. Many of the fires brought under control by firefighters are often reset by arsonists. In order to assist the division in controlling the number of fires, most counties in eastern and southeastern Kentucky have issued outdoor burning bans. The Kentucky Division of Forestry urges everyone to abide by the bans and be on the lookout for suspicious activities near fire areas.

"We need the public's help in putting a stop to this crisis," said Leah MacSwigg, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry. If you see any suspicious in your area, please call the Target Arson Hotline at 1-800-277-ARSON, the local Kentucky Division of Forestry office, or your local law enforcement agency. The Target Arson program offers a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest and identification of an arsonist. Callers may remain anonymous.

Arson is a felony and is punishable by fines of \$1,000 and up to five years in prison. Arson fires destroy more than valuable timber; they often threaten homes and lives.

If wildfires threaten your home you can take several steps to reduce the risk of property damage.

- Clear brush and debris down to bare soil in a 10-foot-wide path around all structures. If water is available, wet down the area. All leaves, limbs, twigs and debris should be raked and removed from your yard and from under structures. Gutters and chimneys should also be cleaned of leaves, limbs and debris.

- Remove dead branches that extend over the roof, prune tree branches and shrubs within 15 feet of stoves and chimneys outlets. Keep grass mowed and remove dried vines from the walls of your home.

- Dispose of newspapers and trash at approved sites; store gasoline, oily rags and other flammable materials in approved safety cans. Place cans in a safe location away from the base of buildings.

- Stack firewood at least 100 feet away and uphill from your home. Keep fire tools like rakes, axes, hand-saws or chainsaws, buckets and shovels handy in case fire threatens your home.

The Kentucky National Guard continues to provide air and ground assistance. The division continues to use correction crews from the Bell County Forestry Camp, Otter Creek Correctional Complex, Big Sandy Detention Center and Morgan County Detention Center. "Without their assistance, the division could not possibly deal with this many fires at one time," said MacSwigg.

Kevin Grubb, 16. Jamie McMurry, 17. Chad Little, 18. Geoffrey Bodine, 19. Buckshot Jones, 20. Ron Hornaday, 21. Bobby Hamilton Jr. 22. Tony Ruffins, 23. Jimmie Johnson, 24. Todd Bodine, 25. Brian Vickers, 26. Tim Sauter, 27. Kelly Denton, 28. Ashton Lewis, 29. Larry Foyt, 30. Johnny Sauter, 31. Dan Pardus, 32. Randy Tolson, 33. Jason Ruedz, 34. Shane Hall, 35. Brian Taylor, 36. Ken Alexander, 37. Josh Richeson, 38. Mike Harmon, 39. Jeff Fultz, 40. Phillip Morris, 41. Chad Chaffin, 42. Brad Teague, 43. Bill Hoff.

Top-10 Busch Series standing after 32 of 33 events: 1. Harvick 4751, 2. J. Green 4546, 3. Keller 4531, 4. Biffle 4444, 5. Sawyer 3925, 6. Raines 3854, 7. McLaughlin 3835, 8. Little 3764, 9. Johnson 3759, 10. Wallace 3711.

Musgrave wins season-ending truck race

The results of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Auto Club 200, ran Saturday, Nov. 3 at Fontana, CA: 1. Ted Musgrave, 2. Rick Crawford, 3. Jon Wood, 4. Dennis Setzer, 5. David Starr, 6. Terry Cook, 7. Travis Kvapil, 8. Jim Ingberth, 9. Matt Crafton, 10. Jimmy Hendrick. 11. Billy Bigley, 12. Brian Rose, 13. Stan Boyd, 14. Coy Gibbs, 15. Bobby Dotter, 16. Joe Ruttman, 17. Michael Dokken, 18. Willy T. Ribbs, 19. Trent Owens, 20. Bryan Reffner, 21. Jerry Hill, 22. Carlos Contreras, 23. Eric Norris, 24. Phil Bonifield, 25. Tim Woods H#26. Tom Carey, 27. Lance Norick, 28. Eric Jones, 29. Larry Gunstelman, 30. Jimmy Hensley, 31. Jack Sprague, 32. Scott Riggs, 33. Lance Hooper, 34. Steve Portenga, 35. Wayne Edwards, 36. Sammy Sanders.

Sprague claims third Truck Championship

The final top-10 Craftsman Truck Series points leaders: 1. Sprague 3670, 2. Musgrave 3597, 3. Ruttman, 3570, 4. Kvapil 3547, 5. Riggs 3526, 6. Hendrick 3412, 7. Cook 3327, 8. Crawford 3320, 9. Setzer 3306, 10. Ruttman.

Gibbs 2837.

Restrictor plate meeting termed successful

NASCAR held a meeting last week with Winston Cup drivers, crew chiefs and car owners to discuss potential restrictor-plate ideas for the 2002 season. The meeting, which was held at Joe Gibbs Racing, lasted approximately 90 minutes.

Almost all participants expressed

relief that NASCAR was at last trying to do something to resolve their complaints over restrictor-plate racing at Talladega and Daytona.

"I think everybody knew that we don't want the current rule," said Rusty Wallace. "NASCAR said they don't want the current rule and when we all left and decided on a seven-eighths restrictor plate and a 55-degree rear spoiler and a six-and-a-half-inch tall rear spoiler. I asked the question, 'Where is the air dam?' And they said, 'We've got to work on that one - three-and-a-half to four-inches.' So it was good. It was real productive and I was real happy. I'm still leaving upset about anything and I don't think anybody in the room ought to be."

"Safety was a topic and the manufacturers are in that too, but there was not much at all. It's one of the nicest meetings I've ever been in. I think everybody was pulling for one cause -- to have great races and safe races."

Weekend Racing: The season for NASCAR's three major racing series begins to wind down. The Craftsman Truck Series ended their 2001 year at Fontana, CA, Nov. 3. The Busch Series has their final race this weekend. They join the Winston Cup teams at Homestead, FL.

Saturday, Nov. 10, Busch Series Miami 300, event 33 of 33 events; Starting time: 1:30 pm (EST); TV: NBC; Distance: 200 laps/300 miles; Defending champion: Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet Sunday, Nov. 11, Winston Cup Pennzoil 400, event 34 of 36 events; Starting time: 12:30 pm (EST); TV: NBC; Distance: 267 laps/400 miles; Defending champion: Tony Stewart, Pontiac Homestead Miami track information: Size: 1.5 mile oval; Banking in turns: 6 degrees; Banking on straights: 3 degrees; Length of front/backstretch: 1,760 feet; Grandstand capacity: 70,000.

Racing Trivia Question: Which NASCAR series does Elton Sawyer drive in?

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Dale Jarrett didn't start life as a racer

Dale Jarrett, the 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup Champion had other things on his mind early in life besides driving a race car.

Even though Dale's father won two championships (1961 & '63) and was very successful in the mid-'60s, not much of that rubbed off on Dale initially. He just thought it was fun to go to the racetrack and play with other drivers' children there, such as Kyle Petty, Richard Petty's son. He never dreamed it would become his vocation.

In fact, Jarrett wasn't sure what he'd like to be when he grew up. He went to high school, but he was sure about what he loved playing sports. He was the star quarterback at Newton-Conover High School, and star forward on the basketball team, and star shortstop on the baseball team, and star golfer.

"I knew that he was going to be a professional athlete of some sort because he had so much God-given talent," Ned Jarrett said. "I really thought he was going to be a pro golfer more than anything else."

Ned Jarrett had good reason to think that. His son was offered a golf scholarship to the University of South Carolina but turned it down because he "wasn't much interested in studying," as Ned put it. Instead, Dale got married and had his first son, Jason, when he was only 18, then got a job at Hickory Motor Speedway because he had owned the track. He got divorced shortly thereafter.

Dale did an odd job at the track, including taking tickets, selling popcorn, driving the pace car and mowing the lawn -- which wasn't one of his fortes. He even convinced his father to once to buy a few goats so they could eat the grass on the side of a hill. That way, Dale wouldn't have to mow it. The plan backfired, though, when the goats opted to eat the dashboards and seats of old demolition derby cars stored nearby.

"You could say I lacked direction," Jarrett said. "But every day during lunch, I'd set up my little driving range behind the racetrack and hit balls into an empty parking lot. I was really into golf before racing came along."

Racing didn't come along, surprisingly, until Jarrett was 20, and he

started working on a race car with high school friends Andy Petree, who is now a Winston Cup car owner, and Jimmy Newsome. Jarrett ended up driving the car after he convinced his dad to loan him money to buy an engine.

And the first time Jarrett got into that race car at the tiny, 363-mile track, he had a revelation. After starting 25th and finishing ninth, he knew

he wanted to drive race cars for the rest of his life. He sprinted up to his parents' in-laws press box to tell them the news -- but they already had a feeling it was coming.

Ned Jarrett lights up when he tells the story of that night, smiling wide when he recounts how 1970 Winston Cup champion Bobby Isaac ran down pit road to talk to Ned after he raced in the event.

"Bobby said, 'I thought you said Dale was going to be in that car tonight,'" Ned Jarrett said. "And I said, 'He was.' Then Bobby shook his head and said, 'Can't be. He was too smooth.'"

Dale Jarrett loves remembering that story, too. And he loves remembering the feeling he had that night, the night he figured out he wanted to focus his athletic abilities on becoming a race-car driver. Since then, he says, it hasn't been easy -- but it has been gratifying. At first, he was broke just trying to make a name for himself. Then he met Kelley, and the two started life together.

While they always expected to remain in Hickory near their families, they never thought life could be this good. They did, however, think racing would always be a part of it. He would work on his race car at the shop until 9 or 10 at night, and I just couldn't understand why he wasn't coming home for these home-cooked meals," said Kelley, who was a fifth-grade teacher back then.

"Well, I realized right then we weren't going to be June and Ward Cleaver." At that point, Dale was doing all he could to make a living as a driver, relying on Kelley's income to get them by. He drove in his first Winston Cup race in 1984, then went to the series full-time in 1987. While he won the Daytona 500 in 1993 and 1996, only the past four seasons have been blockbuster years. Driving for Robert Yates Racing, Jarrett has finished third in the championship twice and second once, in 1994 when he lost to Jeff Gordon by only 14 points.

"My racing career has been a struggle because I never had any money, so it has been one slow step

at a time," Jarrett said. "But I'm a believer that things are brought to you when you're ready for them. It's just taken me a long time to be ready for this."

Personal Statistics about Dale Arnold Jarrett: Age: 44; Height: 6'2"; Weight: 200 lbs.; Wife: Kelley, Children: Jason, Neelice, Karsyn, Zachary, Parents: Ned & Martha, Jarrett.

"Lynn"

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"Inductees"

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John Lair property adjacent to the Renfro Valley Entertainment Complex.

The Hall of Fame is scheduled to open in May of 2002.

Among the first nominees to the Hall of Fame are: Lynn, Bill Monroe, Red Foley, Merle Travis, Patty Loveless, John Michael Montgomery, Billy Ray Cyrus, Ricky Shaggs, Crystal Gayle, Naomi and Wynonna Judd, Tom T. Hall, Dwight Yoakam, Keith Whitley, Rosemary Clooney, The Everly Brothers, Grandpa Jones, Jean Ritchie, Bradley Kincaid, The Osborne Brothers, Montgomery-Gentry, Exile, Boots Randolph and Hylo Brown.

Lynn is scheduled to perform Friday and Saturday at Renfro Valley.

Burning Ban in effect

Upon the recommendation of the Kentucky Division of Forestry and due to the conditions extremely favorable for woodland fires, and in order to suppress fires, protect the property of individual landowners in Rockcastle and for the safety of firefighters, Rockcastle Lodge-Executive Buzz Carlisle has issued a 24 hour no-burn ban.

The burning ban will remain in effect until further notice.

Racing

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The top-10 Winston Cup points leaders after 33 of 36 events: 1. J. Gordon 4750, 2. Rudd 4424, 3. Stewart 4349, 4. Jarrett 4296, 5. Martin 4231, 6. R. Wallace 4118, 7. Earnhardt Jr. 4095, 8. B. Labonte 4069, 9. Harvick 4000, 10. Burton 3983.

Kenny Wallace feather's his cap at Rockingham

ROCKINGHAM, N.C.-Jeff Green ran out of gas with one-lap to go in Saturday's Busch Series Sam's Club 200 at North Carolina Speedway, which allowed Kenny Wallace, who was running second, to move into the lead.

Wallace then held off Matt Kenseth for his first Busch series victory since September 1996 at Richmond, Va. Mike McLaughlin finished third, Jason Keller fourth and Harvick fifth. Green, ended up ninth.

"I had to stay calm. I've won eight of these things, it's not new," Wallace said. "I told my wife when I win again, I'm going to sleep so good at home. It's been a weird dry spell, it's just not right. I'm a winner."

"I needed a feather in my cap so I could go on with my career. We were in position," Wallace said. "The late Dale Earnhardt always said you have to put yourself in position to win. We were running second and I could not believe Jeff Green did not pit."

Kenny Harvick's 205-point lead following Saturday's race allowed him to claim the series championship regardless of whether he competes in the season's final race next weekend at Homestead, Fla.

Finishing order: 1. Kenny Wallace, 2. Matt Kenseth, 3. Mike McLaughlin, 4. Jason Keller, 5. Kevin Harvick, 6. David Green, 7. Ryan Newman, 8. Hank Parker Jr., 9. Jeff Green, 10. Elton Sawyer, 11. Randy LaJoie, 12. Greg Biffle, 13. Scott Wimmer, 14. Jeff Purvis, 15.

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The Lord lives, Blessed be my Rock,
Praise to Him - the Rock of my salvation.
2 Samuel 22:47



You are invited to join us....on Retreat!

As the Dogwoods slowly begin to take on rich fall colors and summer flowers fade, we anticipate a return to schedules, getting "down to business", a time of preparation for yet another season. Reflecting on life within, as well as among us in community, we sense an urgency to lay aside the weights that so easily beset us, to focus on the race set before us and continue to "move along" with patience and purpose. Perhaps you have discovered the weight of bitterness, un-forgiveness, disconnected relationships. Come, learn, choose freedom.

In 1995 cR Board Member Bob Fields took a class at Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Ky. Dr. Todd Holeman, his professor, proved to be a rich source of wisdom, personal integrity and radiant faith. Nov. 30th-Dec. 1st, 01 the cR Board will welcome Dr. Holeman, as retreat leader.

Dr. Holeman writes, "We will look at how to forgive, repent and how to move toward reconciliation. God's Divine Forgiveness is our model. Christ is our example. The Holy Spirit empowers us to that which will restore broken relationships."

Dr. Holeman is the Associate Dean, School of Theology and Professor of Counseling at Asbury. She earned a B.S. Ed at Bloomsburg University, two M.A. degrees at Wheaton and Ashland Theological Seminary, a Ph.D. at Kent State Un. Later she taught at Ashland Seminary and Kent State University. She is a Professional Clinical Counselor and clinical member AAMFT. She is a frequent teacher/speaker at conferences, churches and universities. She writes for the *Family Journal*, and *Marriage and Family: A Christian Journal*.

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" Matt. 6:14.

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