

Didn't get the Christmas gift you wanted, exchange it for a NOAA weather radio

If you are thinking about returning a gift, maybe you should consider a gift that could save you and your family a life. In this age of nifty gadgets, NOAA Weather Radio is a definite must! The National Weather Service wants NOAA Weather Radio to become as common as the smoke detector in your home. This is especially true if you live in a manufactured home. Severe weather can strike at any moment of the day or night. Advance warning can spell the difference between life and death.

Did you know that you could be in your home, sound asleep in your bed at 2AM, and the National Weather Service (NWS) can wake you up, tell you that severe weather is moving in your direction, and help you find a place of safety to move your family? It is true! NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) is one of the most valuable pieces of electronic equipment that you can have in your home because it can save the lives of you and your family. It can assist you in making decisions that can minimize property damage, and can give important information during national emergencies, and it is the fastest means of receiving warning or updated weather information. NWR is like having your own personal tornado siren.

Known as the "Voice of the National Weather Service," NWR is provided as a public service by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which is part of the Department of Commerce. NWR includes more than 750 transmitters, covering all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NOAA Weather Radio broadcast over 7 frequencies, so if you are anywhere in the country, you can find a station from a nearby NWS office.

Weather Radio is an "All Hazard" radio, meaning that it will broadcast information for much more than severe weather watches and warnings. It will also alert you to civil emergencies such as a chemical spill, a

nuclear accident, volcanic or earthquake information, and a dam failure.

In Kentucky, NOAA weather radios will also respond to the "Amber Alerts" which are designed to assist in locating missing children. Specially built receivers that have a "tone alert" feature will automatically sound a loud tone similar to a loud alarm clock, and begin broadcasting the emergency message. It is this feature that can wake you from a sound sleep and allow you to take action to protect the lives of your loved ones. These receivers are available at many discount department stores, electronic stores, and many mail-order catalogues for a reasonable price.

Most of the time, the weather conditions are not hazardous, so NWR normally broadcasts local forecast, daily climate statistics, river stage information, and current conditions for the local area. During periods of potentially severe weather conditions, this broadcast cycle will take on a different tone, with increasing emphasis on the weather threat. It will contain advice as to what actions are recommended for the threat, and advise you what to look or listen for if the potential threat becomes a reality. If actual warnings are required, then the alert feature will be activated, and as much information as possible will be broadcast to you as to what the threat is, where it is, and where it is moving toward.

So, if you're looking for something to give you and your family when you exchange a gift, consider obtaining a NOAA Weather Radio which are available at department stores, discount stores, specialty electronic stores, and over the Internet. The National Weather Service does not sell or profit from weather radios. We simply provide the broadcast.

For more information on NOAA Weather Radio, the tone alert feature, programming codes, or other radio questions, visit the NWS Internet home page for weather radio at: <http://www.weather.gov/nwr/>



The Cumberland College Office of Student Services announces that Amber Thacker, of Mt. Vernon, recently completed a 10-session Leadership seminar. The seminar is part of a four-year leadership project at Cumberland College. Its purpose is to teach students how leadership is effectively exercised for the enhancement of personal skills. The seminar is designed to strengthen leadership skills, analyze characteristics of good leadership and assess leadership style and potential. Upon completion of the course, students were presented with a certificate of completion by Michael Colégrove, vice president for student services at Cumberland College, and Debbie Harp, director of career services. She is shown here with Debbie Harp, director of career services at Cumberland College.

Help KSP

The Kentucky State Police at London are asking for information to make our highways and communities safer. One way for us to make these safer is with the help of the citizens living in our counties.

Unfortunately, our Troopers can't be everywhere at all times. We must depend on the residents of our area to be watchful for unsafe traffic and illegal drugs, which can destroy the area we live in. Behaviors such as speeding, reckless driving and impaired driving are only a few of our problems.

That is why we're enlisting the assistance of everyone. You can help make a difference. If you see problems in your community that you want report such as drug related offenses or traffic concerns then let us know by returning the form below to the State Police Post in London. We will make every effort to will address your concern.

"The ultimate goal is to systematically bring down the traffic fatality and drug problems in the London Post area. These are problems we're committed to addressing," said Paul Hays, Post Commander for Post 11. "In partnership with our citizens, we believe we can make a significant difference by working together."

You can also contact the Kentucky State Police in London or the internet and download a reporting form at www.kentuckystatepolice.org/post/post11.htm all information can remain anonymous.

Imported pine cone products recalled

State officials urge Kentucky consumers to be on the lookout for imported pine cone products that are infested with a wood-boring pest.

The federal Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issued a limited recall on the products Dec. 3 and expanded the recall nationwide on Dec. 12.

The decorative products, which are mixed with pine cones imported from India, are infested with long-horned beetles that feed on pine cones, lowering seed production, according to APHIS. Two species of beetles have been discovered in nine states, including West Virginia.

John Cotton, director of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Division of Value-Added Wood, said the pest has not reached Kentucky to the knowledge of the state Division of Forestry. Cotton is working with state forestry officials to monitor the situation.

We lost approximately 100 million board-feet of pine to the Southern pine borer beetle between 2000 and 2002," Cotton said. "That pest caused fire hazards and environmental damage as well as economic loss. This beetle has caused significant damage to pines in India and has the potential to harm our conifer forests, Christmas tree farms and ornamental plant nurseries."

Retailers and consumers can help prevent a potentially devastating infestation.

Signs of infestation in pine cone products include exit holes in the cone, a sawdust-like material called frass or egg sacs in the crevices between the scales of the pine cones.

APHIS officials urge consumers to either return the contaminated

products to the stores where they were purchased or dispose of them properly. Infested products should be double-bagged, tied securely, and either frozen for two days or disposed of in the trash. The recall applies to infested pine cones sold in Target, Wal-Mart, JoAnn Fabrics, Lowe's, Dollar Tree, Savannah Frank's Nursery, and K-mart stores nationwide.

The UPC numbers for the affected products are: 009134052910, 024709122192, 071716018702, 076001708344, 076001708337, 076001708269, 076001708245, 076001708252, 076001707415, 076001707408, 076001707422, 076001708309, 076001708320, 076001708559, 076001708542, 076001708560, 076001708566, 643727307450, 721366827680, 750197869675, and 826214004241.

Similar items that do not bear a listed UPC code are not affected by the recall.

Consumers who purchase a product with a matching UPC code are asked to notify the Kentucky Department of Agriculture at (502) 564-4983 or the Kentucky Division of Forestry at (502) 564-4498 so appropriate agencies can be notified. Consumers are at no fault or risk. Please be prepared to give contact information and the store where you purchased the product. Neither the Kentucky Department of Agriculture nor the Kentucky Division of Forestry is responsible for reimbursement of any contaminated product that you may have purchased.

Happy Holidays!!!

Best Wishes

from the
Signal Staff

For God so loved the world that
he gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should
not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Our thanks for the many kindnesses
you've shown us through the year.
We join with you in praying for
a world filled with peace and joy.

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