

Hurley featured at Jackson Energy Annual meeting

If you're trying to find your way to this year's Jackson Energy Annual meeting just follow the laughter. Comedian Carl Hurley will be the featured entertainer for the event, which is set for Tuesday, June 6, at the Jackson Energy Farm near McKee.

Hurley, who grew up near Laurel County's East Bernstadt community, draws from his county roots and delights audiences with his reflection on life as viewed by a native of Appalachia. His unique comedy style, coupled with a background in public education, has earned him the title of "America's funniest professor."

The 2000 annual meeting is also the opportunity for members to find out more about their electric cooperative and cast their vote for board of directors. Co-op representatives will be on hand with information about Jackson Energy's programs and services. District 2 Director Jim Hayes, District 4 Director Fred Brown and District 6 Director Charlie McWorter are up for re-election.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m., at the Co-op Farm, located 6.5 miles south of McKee on KY HWY 290. Each member who registers receives a free bucket of bulbs and is also entered to win additional door prizes. After registration, members can grab a snack, at the concession stands, have their blood pressure checked at a health fair or visit with a variety of exhibitors under the big tent, includ-

ing the Burley Growers Association, Kentucky Injury Prevention Center, National Weather Service and Kentucky Agriculture Department's Farm Safety Division.

And younger members won't be left out of the activities. A children's carnival will also be set up on the grounds. Early entertainment will be provided by the Appalachian Troubadours at 6 p.m. The business session, which includes the election of the co-op's board of directors, gets underway at 7 p.m.

Also at the meeting, winners from the annual essay scholarship contest will be introduced. Four \$1,000 scholarships will be presented to students from throughout the co-op service area. Scholarship winners are LeAnn Wilson of East Bernstadt, Kristie Asher of Manchester, Justin Johnson of Booneville and Garrett Fields of London.

Members of all ages will also be eligible to win door prizes. Drawings for the prizes will follow the business session and then it's time for an evening of family entertainment. Carl Hurley will take to the stage after the business meeting. Usually a sell-out at Renfro Valley, Jackson Energy members will be able to enjoy him perform without buying a ticket. Jackson Energy is a regional utility that serves more than 46,000 homes and businesses in southeastern Kentucky.

Water shortage watch issued for 37 more counties

The Kentucky Division of Water issuing a water shortage watch for 37 counties in addition to 23 that have remained under a watch since the end of June 1999. All 60 counties now included in the watch are in the Kentucky, Salt, Licking and Upper Cumberland watersheds.

A Water Shortage Watch indicates that conditions are right for water shortages to occur. The first watch of the 1999-2000 drought was issued on June 23, 1999.

The counties being added are Anderson, Bell, Boyle, Bullitt, Clark, Clinton, Cumberland, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Grant, Hardin, Henry, Jessamine, Knox, Laclede, Laurel, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, McCreary, Mercer, Monroe, Nelson, Owen, Pendleton, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Washington, Wayne, Woodford and Wolfe.

These counties that were already under a watch are: Bath, Bourbon, Breathitt, Clay, Fleming, Harlan, Harrison, Jackson, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Robertson, Rowan and Wolfe.

The entire state is now in a moderate drought, according to the Palmer Drought Severity Index. Stream flows are very low, with 32 of 41 measured streams at levels below those of the

same date in 1999. Ninety percent of streams are below 25 percent of their average flow for this date, and nearly a third are below 10 percent of their average.

Long-term weather predictions forecast below-average rainfall. The division urges everyone to consider water conservation now so that there may be enough water later when conditions may be even drier.

"Depot"

(Cont. from front) The United States and South Pacific, where the deadly chemical weapons are stored. Chemical weapons have been stored at the Army Depot in Richmond since 1944. Some of the chemical agents, which were designed by the army to deter other countries from using chemical weapons on U.S. or allied troops are over 40 years old and are beginning to deteriorate somewhat.

The chemical agents are stored in various types and sizes of containers and munitions, with approximately 60 percent of the chemical weapons are stored in bulk containers that have no explosive components. The remaining agents are found in munitions such as bombs, mines, mortar rounds, rockets, spray tanks and artillery projectiles of various sizes.

They are stored with or without their explosive components in secured outside storage areas, special warehouses and earthcovered igloos that protect the munitions from damage and protect the outside environment from accidental agent release.

Studies show that most of the stored chemical weapons are in good condition and present few problems with agent leakage, although last year nine leaks were detected inside the earthcovered igloos, according to Richard Slone, a public affairs officer with the Department of the Army.

Slone said that although nine leaks inside the igloos occurred none of the gas leaked from inside the igloo and the leaks were detected almost immediately.

But the biggest problem facing the Army is the destruction of the chemical weapons at the nine sites. In 1985 the Army identified ways to dispose of the chemical weapons stockpile.

And in 1997 the international Chemical Weapons treaty was ratified by the U.S. Congress and directs the Army to destroy all its chemical weapons by 2007.

Currently only two destruction facilities are in operation at the nine storage sites.

They are at Johnston Island in the Pacific and at Toole, Utah. At Johnston Island 95 percent of the more than 2.3 million pounds of chemical agents have been destroyed by incineration with no harm to the environment, according to Officer Slone.

But at Toole, Utah, a problem was detected a few weeks ago with a possible leak coming from one of the smoke stacks and it has been shut down until a complete investigation can take place.

At least one watchdog agency in Madison County has been very vocal in their opposition to destroying the chemicals at the Depot by incineration and the Army has agreed to look

at alternative methods to destroy the nerve gas and put their plans for incineration there on hold.

"Safety for workers, the public and the environment is the paramount concern of the Army," Slone said. Congress has given the Army a deadline of 2007 to have all chemical weapons destroyed.

"Renfro"

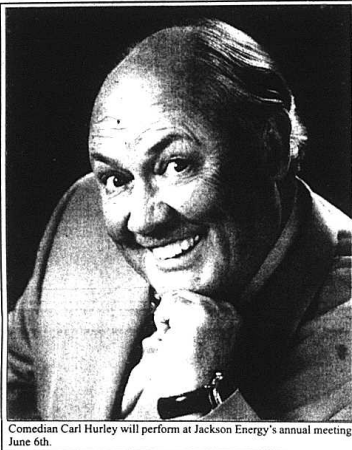
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ny," Jury said. Jury also said that he did not foresee a lot of changes by the board. "I expect everything to remain basically the same," he said.

The Hall of Fame Board is set up as a self-appointment non-profit organization.

Members of the board are: Jury, Sam Ford, of Mt. Vernon, vice chairman, Ann Henderson of Mt. Vernon, Secretary, Thorne, who will resign on July 1, treasurer, Dr. Dale Coffey, of Somerset, Larry Dale Carter of Mt. Vernon, Garlan E. Vankook, of Stanford, Ernest D. Tackett of London, Jan Crase of Somerset, Brad Park of Berea, David Henderson of Mt. Vernon, Charles Saylor of Mt. Vernon, Connie Lawson of Richmond, Lisa Blakely of Somerset and John Clontz of Mt. Vernon.

Renfro Valley was founded in 1939 by the late John Lair.



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"Wreck"

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vehicle when emergency personnel arrived, received minor scrapes and bruises and was treated at the scene before being transported to Marymount Medical Center.

Police said the two boys were headed north on U.S. 25 when their vehicle dropped off the right shoulder of the roadway. Bussell overcorrected, causing the car to slide around backwards and over an embankment before striking a tree stump.

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