

## Points East

By: **Ike Adams**

I'm on vacation this week. Let me put that another way. I'm off work at the office for a week. The list of stuff that I have to do around the house to get ready for what little winter we're apt to have, however, it mostly how I'll be spending the week. As bad as I would love to drive down to Dollywood and indulge in tackiness for a couple of days, I'm going to have to spend my time doing stuff that I can't afford to hire out.

Dave Maggard called tonight to say that his neighbors were catching crappie out of the Kentucky River at the end of Passy Ridge so big that it took two sets of scales to weigh 'em. He figured that I ought to put the batteries on charge and be over there at the crack of dawn tomorrow morning. I have to admit that it's tempting, but I have a 20'x30' patio to concrete and little Brother Steve is on his way down to help me. And you can't make Steve go fishing if there's any sign of work to be done.

Back in the summer I hauled a bag of tree trimmers into hauling me two big compacted loads of mulch they had chipped up when they cleared the limbs out of Kentucky Utilities rights of way. You would be absolutely amazed at how much one of those square boxes on the backs of the shredder trucks will hold.

At first I told them I'd take all they could haul. Then I came home and saw the two piles they had dumped at the end of my driveway and suggested that they might offer some of my neighbors a load because I didn't want them getting jealous. Now about everything on the road has a big pile of mulch and I have the satisfaction of knowing that I am a trend setter.

It will take 20 trips in my long wheel base Chevy pick-up to haul it to the garden and spread it there and there are several other members of my family anxious for to commence doing just that. I may even try to bag some of it up and sell it on eBay. I've seen everything else there.

Also have to call the honey wagon

to come and pump my septic tank out. I honestly believe that people will drive 60 miles just to come to my house and use the toilet. I've tried using all that biodegradable junk which is supposed to eat everything in your septic tank but mine has backed up even though I've dug into field line 50 yards from the tank.

I have to clean out the garage so that I can put the boat up for the winter. That's one reason why the patio is such a priority. There's 50 bags of ready mix that weigh 80 pounds each blocking the garage door. Brother Steve may not be able to go fishing when he gets through toting them. I suffered permanent back damage getting them there in the first place.

Speaking of winter, at least I think we spoke about it earlier. There are signs that contradict. NAWWWWW in Paint Lick Creek. The beavers have been busier than the Army Corps of Engineers in our neighborhood. The dams are far larger, at least twice as big as last year, and that has to be a sign of something. Junior Helton says it's only a sign that there are more beavers than there were last year but you never can tell.

About ten miles down the creek they have built two huge dams 30 feet wide and eight feet tall out of corn stalks with the corn still attached. There are some farmers who no longer believe that the beavers are as cute as they were when they first started showing up. Junior Rogers told me that the creek below his house smelled like an old whiskey still where all that corn was souring up and he wants to know if something bite any better when they're drunk.

Anyway, if you see buzzards circling over Paint Lick Creek, chances are pretty good that they are holding a discussion in regards to which gets to eat the tail because beaver is apt to be on the menu.

In the meantime, I won't see you all until next week. I'm going to be on vacation.

## Quick Breads Make Breakfast Fast, Easy

By: **Hazel Jackson**  
County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Science



Quick breads and muffins are stir-and-bake favorites for breakfast. This is because they are quick to mix up. Few ingredients are needed, and just a few steps are followed. This makes quick breads a favorite for cooks who don't like to fuss in the kitchen or who don't have a lot of cooking experience. Both can bake while you shower and dress, or help other get ready. For best results, follow these tips:

\*measure ingredients carefully;

\*stir ingredients just until moist; and

\*bake in a preheated oven.

Preheating the oven is important for this type of recipe. It is not a step you should skip.

To make serving quick breads even easier, plan ahead. Simply bake the breads or muffins another day - on the weekend or on an evening when you're home. Cool on racks. Slice bread. Wrap each muffin and bread slice in plastic wrap or foil. Place in a freezer bag. Freeze.

Grab a muffin or bread slice from your prepared stash the next time you need breakfast on the go. The

bread will thaw quickly and will soon be ready to eat. Eat as is or heat.

Here's a quick muffin recipe which is sure to please.

### Ham and Cheese Muffins

- 2 cups baking mix
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 3/4 cup cubed fully cooked ham

Preheat oven to 350 degree F. Coat 12 muffin cups with nonstick vegetable spray. Combine baking mix, eggs, milk, oil and seasoned salt in a large bowl. Mix well. Stir in cheese and ham. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups, dividing evenly. Bake 25 - 30 minutes, or until golden brown. Let cool in pan 2 minutes, then remove from pan and place on a wire rack to cool. Or, serve warm. Store in an airtight container for several days in the refrigerator or, freeze for longer storage. Makes 12 muffins.

Cook's tip: For best results: Use

regular, not finely shredded cheese. Use leftover ham or other meats.



Susan Gray, a 2000 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and the daughter of Emma Gray, recently began her collegiate career at Sullivan University in Lexington. Susan was the recipient of a KEES and Tech Prep scholarship. The Tech Prep scholarship was awarded from Rockcastle County High School as part of the articulation agreement with Sullivan University. Susan is currently pursuing an Associate degree in Computer Science.

## ABSOLUTE

# Auction

of Mrs. Flora Dalton's

### 3 Modern Houses - Barn

### 35 Acres, m/I, in Tracts & Tobacco Base

### Farm Machinery & Personal Property

### Sat., October 28, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.

### Walnut Grove Section of Pulaski County

**Location:** Turn off Hwy. 461 at the Pulaski-Rockcastle line onto Hwy. 934 West. Proceed 2 2/10 miles to Latham Road and turn right. Proceed to 450 Latham Road. Or, from Hwy. 39, turn onto Hwy. 934 and follow the auction signs. Auction signs are posted.

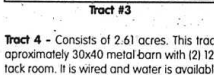
\*Mrs. Dalton is moving to Louisville, due to health reasons, and has authorized our company to sell these outstanding properties for the absolute high dollar. There is no minimum, no reserve and owner financing is available.



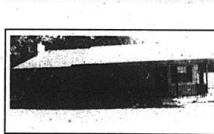
**Tract 1** - Consists of 1.47 acres of nice level land. This tract is improved with the pictured ranch-style brick house which is only 3 years old. The house has formal living room and dining room, fully equipped spacious kitchen and breakfast nook, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room, utility room, Florida room and 3 car attached garage. It has central heat and air, thermopane windows, hardwood flooring and carpet, satellite TV, security system, circle drive, and much more. Mrs. Dalton had this home custom-built and spared no cost in seeing it done to perfection.



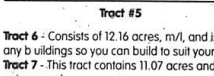
**Tract 2** - This tract consists of 2.30 acres. It all lays level and has its own pond. There is approximately 300 feet of frontage along the entrance drive. This could be the spot you're looking for to build your dream house.



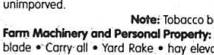
**Tract 3** - This tract consists of one acre, m/I, and fronts the drive entrance. This tract is improved with a 2 story vinyl sided house which is approximately 2 years old. The first floor has a Florida room and 2 car garage. The second floor has living room, eat-in kitchen with oak cabinets, two bedrooms and bath. It has central heat and air, wall to wall carpet, satellite dish and much more.



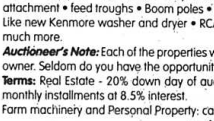
**Tract 4** - Consists of 2.61 acres. This tract has both cleared land and woods. It is improved with an approximately 30x40 metal barn with (2) 12x40 attached sheds. It is stalled for stock, has a hay loft and tack room. It is wired and water is available.



**Tract 5** - This tract consists of 4.14 acres, which is cleared and woodland. This tract is improved with the pictured ranch style vinyl house. It has a spacious great room with fireplace, kitchen/dining combination, 2 bedrooms and 2 baths. It has central heat and air, wall to wall carpet, front and back porches and much more. This tract also has a 3 car detached metal garage, like new, and a small storage building.



**Tract 6** - Consists of 12.16 acres, m/I, and is both cleared farmland and woodland with some marketable timber. This tract doesn't have any buildings so you can build to suit yourself. It does have a pond for stock water.



**Tract 7** - This tract contains 11.07 acres and it also has cleared land and woods with some marketable timber. This tract is also unimproved.

**Note:** Tobacco base of 573 lbs. will be sold separately from the farm and not grouped.

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For additional information or appointment to see the property, contact Ford Brothers, Inc., Auctioneers & Realtors.



## Farm News

By: **Tom Mills**  
County Extension Agent for Agriculture  
**Tobacco Cross County Leasing**

Kentucky tobacco farmers and quota owners will be voting on the Cross County Leasing issue on October 23 through October 27, 2000. Farm Service Agency staff have mailed ballots to eligible voters and will receive completed ballots at the office or by mail if postmarked by October 27.

The Cross County Leasing program, which quota owners passed last spring, was challenged in a law suit. A judge interpreted language in the law as a majority of quota owners being necessary to pass. Even though a majority of those voting were for Cross County Leasing, they were not a majority of quota owners and the judge threw

the vote out. Recent changes and preparation by the secretary of agriculture have the current vote being determined by the majority of those voting, NOT A MAJORITY of quota owners. Very little publicity on the vote, as well as over shadowing publicity on the Phase II, 7-Lap payments, and Congress forgiving CCC loans on 1999 pool stocks, may cause many farmers to miss the vote. Quota owners are encouraged to check your mail and note the short turn around time. Less than small unopened 3 or 4 days may cause farmers to lose an opportunity to vote their choice. For more information, call the Extension Office at 256-2403.

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