



Newsletter

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Presidents Message: *KAFHS 2008:*

Truitt Clements
Union County Fair

8-28-08
Good morning,

I would like to think everyone that traveled to the spring meeting held at Ky. Dam State Park. Great Turn out.

Opening ceremonies went well at the state fair and our lovely Queens introduced themselves and got their picture taken with the Governor. We had 65 Queens present and 78 couples for the Little Ms. And Mr. I think those numbers are correct.

Thanks to all the members that helped produce that event and helped with the Queens.

Larry and Carol Jagers looked great at the fair. Your prayers worked.

Bill, hope this finds you well after the knee surgery.

Remember to find away to get those young folks onto your fair board. They are the secret to your fair's future and success. It takes several years for young members to step into those large footsteps and take off. Yes, they will make mistakes, yes they will spend more money, yes they will forget to call the judge, and the list goes on, but they have got to learn & gain experience. There is not a better teacher than you.

See you in October,

Truitt Clements President 2008

KY State Fair Opening Ceremonies 2008

Where do I go? What do I say? Is all in order? Where are the 2008 Queens? Dudley has them. Pre ceremony discussions abound for all present at the KY State Fair opening. Who has the ribbon? Why scissors'? Why not knives? SMILE. You are on camera.





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FRANKFORT, Ky. — Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer applauded the Kentucky General Assembly on final passage of legislation that will make amusement rides safer in Kentucky.

The state Senate concurred with a substitute bill from a House of Representatives committee and passed Senate Bill 203 on Tuesday night by a 37-0 vote. The House passed the measure 98-0 on March 27. The bill now goes to Governor Steve Beshear for his signature. "I want to thank the members of the General Assembly for the time and effort they put into this legislation," Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer said. "This bipartisan bill strengthens the state laws on amusement ride safety." Senate Bill 203 requires ride owners to inspect rides before opening to the public each day and prohibits anyone under 18 from operating a ride. It requires ride owners to notify the Department within 12 hours of an accident that results in death, injury requiring medical treatment other than first aid, or damage to a ride that renders it unsafe. It permits the Department to issue subpoenas in a ride accident investigation and establish civil penalties of up to \$10,000, up from the current maximum of \$1,000.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is required by state law to inspect every amusement ride or attraction that operates in the state at least once a year and investigate serious ride accidents. Kentucky currently has eight full-time inspectors to conduct about 10,000 inspections a year.

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The unveiling of the new "Farms are Fun" logo by Commissioner of Agriculture Richie Farmer, at the KY State Fair. This as, Governor Beshear and Tourism Arts & Heritage Secretary, Marcheta Sparrow look on.



This is the Executive West lobby to the Pool area of hotel. This is how it was the Ky State Fair opening day in the hotel, a construction zone – hard hat area. Work is progressing with the renovations looking great. KAFHS will be there in October 17 & 18. It is to be ready for us, so make your plans to attend the Pre-Teen & Teen Pageants for 2008 held at the Executive West, Louisville Ky (Soon to be a Crowne Plaza Hotel.)



Green County Fair sponsored / hosted the Opening Reception at the Kentucky State Fair on August 14. KY hospitality was represented at its best. It was a grand reception. The KAFHS Little Miss and Mister Pageant was that afternoon. Representing, Casey County Apple Festival, McKenzie Marie Smithers & James Dyan Brown were chosen over the field of contestants as the couple to represent KAFHS for 2008. Melissa Chinn & committee did a marvelous job for KAFHS. Thanks go to them for their dedication & effort in making this a successful exciting part of the Ky State Fair. Make your plans now to attend the Ky State Fair & its many activities for next year. It is a marvelous exposition of Ky Pride.

The hotels that we (the Association) have business with are changing in ownership and in existence. The Executive West (Fall meeting and Pageants) will soon become a Crowne Plaza Hotel. Unfortunately, this will cause the rates to change upward. The removal of the Executive Inn is also on tap for the State Fair surrounding area. A new hotel is to be constructed where the KYTC District Office now resides. This should be under construction later in 2008. Cardinal Stadium will then be removed or retrofitted. In 2010, the Kentucky State Fair anticipates opening a 20,000 seat amphitheater in the stadiums location.

**Kentucky Association of Fairs & Horse shows
Board of Directors' Meeting August 13, 2008
Executive West Hotel at Louisville, Kentucky**

Those Present: Bill Asbury, Truitt Clements, Al Smith, Jimmy England, Patricia Parrish, Michael Poynter, Dudley Hay, Greg Thomas, Terry Harvey, Mike Davenport, Linda Crace, George Binder, Melissa Chinn, Jamie McMillen, Jackie Burden, David Pace, Ron Burcham, Billy House, Stewart Gritton, Billy Pickett, Connie McMillen, Howard Moore

President Truitt Clements called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Linda Crace made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2008 meeting as distributed. Patricia Parrish seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Linda Crace made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Michael Poynter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Auction – No report

Audit & Budget – No report

Awards & Scholarship – No report

Beauty Pageant – Ready to go.

Grievance – No report

Horse Show – No report

Legislative – A new chair will need to be appointed due to the passing of this year's chair, Embry Curry. Truitt will consider suggestions for individuals to serve in this capacity.

Little Miss & Mister – Melissa Chinn – It was agreed that the deadline would be Tuesday, August 12th. There were some county fairs who have not responded with their "Little" winners. Melissa would like some guidance about how to handle those couples who may show up "on site" at tomorrow's event. It was recommended that this committee abide by the rules as set forth. There are 73 couples registered to participate in the event tomorrow at the Opening Day of the Kentucky State Fair.

Miss Teen – There was explanation of the process of getting the Fair Winners listed on the website.

Motorsports – David Pace indicated that no one signed up at their fair for this program. He was told that no one benefited from this last year so they were not interested in participating.

New Projects – No report

Nominations – No report

Pre-Teen – The hope is that the Executive West has finished their renovations by the time of the October pageant.

Program & Convention – That committee will meet here at the Executive West at 10am on Thursday, August 14th.

Showcase – No report

State Fair Queens – There are 63 County Queens registered to help out with the Little Miss & Mister Pageant tomorrow at the Opening Day of the Kentucky State Fair.

Old Business –

Embry Curry will need to be replaced on the State Fair Council. KAFHS will sponsor the Outstanding Young Farmer Program with \$500 for this year's program. This event will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at the Toyota Blue Ribbon Stage in the South Wing. KAFHS also sponsored the Commissioners of Agriculture with a \$3,000 sponsorship.

New Business –

Al Smith asked Truitt to mention the quarterly newsletter. Al along with one of his co-workers continue to work hard on the KAFHS website. Truitt asked that if anyone has news that they would like to have listed to forward the information to Gib Gosser so that it can be uploaded to the web. Truitt asked that everyone keep Bill Asbury in their prayers as he will be undergoing knee surgery this Friday.

Gib Gosser mentioned that he plans to have hard copies of all the rule changes when the committees meet again in October. Hopefully, the committees will have an opportunity to review these rules so that they can go before the Board either in October or January.

Opening Ceremonies of the Kentucky State Fair will be at 5:15pm in the South Wing C Lobby. There will be a reception to follow hosted by the Green County Fair.

Stewart Gritton pointed out that Embry Curry was a faithful member of the Kentucky Fair Council. He represented KAFHS very well and his decisions were made with the best interests of this group in mind. He will be sorely missed by KAFHS and all who knew him. Truitt Clements will be replacing Embry on the Fair Council.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

2008 Kentucky State Fair Opening Ceremony



Truitt is doing his part of the opening ceremonies. KAFHS pageant winners 2007 & 2008 were present on the stage. Others on the stage are the KY State Fair Board, Governor Beshear, Dept of Agriculture Commissioner, R. Farmer, & other invited dignitaries. They are preparing to cut the ribbon. To “officially” begin the KY State Fair festivities. Let the Pride of KY Show begin.



Opening ceremonies of KY State Fair dignitaries are accumulating & greeting one another prior to going on stage.

KAFHS - Officers & Board of Directors

President: Truitt Clements, Union County Fair.

President elect: Bill Asbury, Germantown Fair –
Mason County.

1st Vice President: Dudley Hay, Clinton County Fair

2nd Vice President: Patricia Parrish.

Murray – Calloway County Fair.

Secretary Treasurer: Gib Gosser, Pulaski County
Fair.

Zone 1 Directors:

Bruce Jones, Hopkins County Fair.

Alvin Smith, Southern Ky Fair.

David Pace, Meade County Fair.

Zone 2 Directors:

Howard Moore, Green County Fair.

Greg Thomas, Adair County Fair.

Jimmy England, Hart County Fair.

Zone 3 Directors:

Mike Poynter, Lincoln County Fair.

Ron Burcham, Boone County Fair.

Linda Crace, Garrard County Fair.

Sgt. of Arms: Billy House, Union County Fair.

Associate Members Representative:

Jackie Burden, B & M Motorsports.

Legal Counsel: David Webb, Lawrenceburg Fair &
Horse Show.

Stewart Gritton is displaying a new product line for Fairs to see.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2008 FALL MEETING KAFHS

OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2008

EXECUTIVE WEST HOTEL

LOUISVILLE, KY

MISS PRE-TEEN & MISS TEEN PAGEANTS

2009 KAFHS CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW

JANUARY 8 - 11, 2009

GALT HOUSE HOTEL

LOUISVILLE, KY

MISS KENTUCKY COUNTY FAIR PAGEANT

[\(AGENDA: CLICK HERE\)](#)

2009 SPRING MEETING KAFHS

MAY 15 & 16, 2009 AT MAYSVILLE, KY

HAMPTON INN OF MAYSVILLE

1.606.759.0600 FOR RESERVATIONS

HOSTED BY BILL ASBURY & GERMANTOWN FAIR / MASON COUNTY

Obituaries:

They will be missed.



Embry Curry

KAFHS Past President in 1991

Embry Curry, 78, passed away Thursday June 19, 2008, in Richmond, KY. Embry was born on November 10, 1929, in Valley View, KY, in Madison County to Walker & Rea Benton Curry, both of whom preceded him in death. He was raised by an uncle & aunt, Robert & Lydia Curry, who also preceded him in death. Embry was the husband of Hazel Rogers Curry. Embry was a graduate of Madison Central High School & the Ky School of Embalming. He served his country in the army during the Korean War. Embry served as coroner of Madison County for 24 years & retired from the Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home as a licensed funeral director & embalmer. Embry was a member of Broadway Baptist Church in Richmond &

active in a number of other organizations including: Richmond Masonic Lodge #25 F. & A. M., Fraternal Order of Police, & KY Association of Fairs & Horse Shows. He was the President of KAFHS in 1991 & on some of KAFHS current committees. He served on the Department of Agriculture's County Fair Council, as well. He was past president of the Madison County Fair & Horse Show Board & was trail boss for the Appaloosa Horse Club Shelton Trail Ride. Embry was preceded in death by four brothers & two sisters. In addition to his wife, Hazel, Embry is survived by: son, Steven Embry Curry, (Jan S. Curry) of Columbia, Ky; sister, Mary Katherine Griggs; two stepgrandchildren, Graham Pence & Andrew Louis Pence; one godchild, Libby K. Garrett; & a number of nieces & nephews. Services were held June 24, 2008 at Oldham, Roberts & Powell funeral Home with burial in the Richmond Cemetery. Richmond Register provided information. Our condolences go out to the family of our friend & colleague. He will be missed by all.

W.O. Hunt

W.O. Hunt [Rabbit], 84 of Fairdale, Ky, passed away on June 2, 2008. 'Rabbit' was a Horse Trainer in the Saddlebred divisions and a member of KAFHS from the Elizabethtown area. He was a member of Fairdale Christian Church & an Air Force veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Hunt; daughters, Sharon Schickel & Marsha Farmer; stepdaughter, Elaine Heller; stepson, Morgan Bramer; brothers, Jimmy & Billy Hunt; two grandchildren; & one great-grandchild.

Additional Friends of Fair & Horse Shows.

Roan Clark "R.C." Mattson, age 21, of Okeechobee, Fl. died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008. He was the grandson of KY State Fair World's Championship Horse Show Manager, Scarlett Mattson. The death occurred during the Ky State Fair. R. C. Mattson was born Sept. 30, 1986 in Pahokee, Fl., he had a been a lifetime resident of Okeechobee.

Thomas Jefferson "T.J." Bartlett, IV, of Owensboro, was fatally injured in a sky diving accident on Friday, Aug. 22, 2008, in Ohio. He graduated from Owensboro Catholic High School in 2005 & was a senior attending Univ. of Louisville. He was a member of a traditional equestrian sports family that showed Hackney ponies in the pleasure driving classes.



Photo's provided by above Associate
www.BluegrassHorseman.com
And Greg Thomas, of KAFHS.
Thanks to all who contributed to the newsletter.

Historical Birthday's for September: none

Please, feel free to forward.