

Letters To The Editor

Thanks Christmas Child Supporters

To The Editor:
I would like to thank the friends of Operation Christmas Child for their support once again this year for collecting shoeboxes for children around the world. Because of your faithful support, Fulton County area was able to collect 1,106 boxes for children who may never have received a gift before.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who faithfully help collect and pack the boxes for shipment.
Fulton County has proven once again to be a very caring and giving community. May you be blessed as you have blessed others. Have a Merry Christmas.
Dixie V. Henry
Samaritan Purse Coordinator

Take Part In Newly Formed Fulton County Toy Drive

To The Editor:
There is no doubt that this Christmas will be a financial struggle for many. It is very difficult for children to understand why toys and gifts may not be purchased as readily for Christmas this year as they may have been in years past. I decided that this Christmas would be the perfect time to start the Fulton County Toy Exchange. The idea behind the exchange is that many of us have good quality toys in our homes that are not being used, or maybe our children have grown out of them. Some of the unused items in my home may be exactly what your child wants for Christmas and vice versa. This scenario would probably be the same all over Fulton County. This year, more than ever, we should take advantage of this situation, and we will all benefit!

The exchange event will take place on Saturday, December 13, at Green Hill Sewing Club in Harrisonville. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Anyone can participate.
All toys will be free with gift-wrapping available.
Exchanging is optional. You do not have to bring gifts to take gifts home for your children.
If you would like to donate toys or books, please e-mail toyexchange@live.com
Only toys and books will be accepted. All donations must be clean and "like new." All donations must be approved in advance to ensure safety and quality for the children.
If you would like to help, but do not have toys to donate, we would also appreciate your time, gift wrap, tape, tags, gift bags, boxes, etc. Please e-mail: toyexchange@live.com

Laura Mellott
Harrisonville

Hunter

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emergency responders from the Needmore and McConnellsburg fire companies.
With aid from McConnellsburg Ranger 56, a six-wheeled utility terrain vehicle, the volun-

teer responders were able to safely transport Mellott to the helicopter landing zone for life flight to Altoona.
In addition to being survived by his wife, Aimee (Wolfe), Mellott also leaves behind two young children, Logan 4, and Zoe, 10 months. A death notice appears on Page B3.

Great Cove

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29, 2008, at its regular monthly meeting.
Regular business
During regular business, the supervisors approved a subdivision plan for Bard/Binder LLC on the former Richards farm. The

subdivision will contain eight lots of various sizes with the smallest at about two acres and the largest at 8.3 acres. Six of the lots will front Cito Road while the other two will front Crossroads.
The supervisors also gave permission to state Sen. John Eichelberger to hold a town LEAD meeting at the township building on December 11, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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down newspaper page continues with area newspapers also printing a 24-inch-wide page and in some cases a 23-inch page. "The News" will take its one step at a time by first going to the 25-inch wide broadsheet and as readers get used to the format possibly reducing the width again in 2009," said Jamie Greathead "News" publisher.

news coverage.
"If necessary we will add to the number of pages printed to make sure all copy runs. The main reason for the slimmed-down version is to keep in step with the standards of the newspaper industry. There are no plans to cut any content," Greathead said.
"So let us know what you think. It may take a little time to become use to the narrower width, but I hope in a short time it will seem normal and easier to handle and read," Greathead said.

Rouzer

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Rouzer turned out to be an undercover Pennsylvania State Police trooper. The trooper posing as a hit-man was instructed

to pick up a tin containing candy and drugs outside Rouzer's home, the affidavit states, in exchange for his services. The trooper was also provided with a map to use in locating the Wertz and Walters residence at 3420 Sipes Mill Road, Warfordsburg.

Opening Day

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glimpse of the buck of their dreams.
With weather fluctuating between bouts of rain, sleet, fog and blue skies of precipitation, where hunters were located in the county, Mountz stated hunting pressure during the season opener was normal if not a bit lower than in prior years. In fact, some areas that experienced early morning ice and fog were not hunted until

after 8 a.m.
"In the Buchanan State Forest hunters seemed to be out in force in most areas. However, more popular areas, such as the Oregon Road, had less pressure than normal," said Mountz, who was assisted on the opening day by deputies Andy Carbaugh and Bob Strait and Fisher and Boat Commission Waterways Conservation Officer Anthony Quarracino.
Even though talking with the Langeheine family and sharing in the joy of a young hunter's first kill was the highlight of the field

officer's day, Mountz joked that he and fellow officers do occasionally run into an oddity or unusual occurrence through the course of their field checks. During the 2008 season, one of the oddest sightings was a man who had been dropped off in the state forestlands for a day of hunting. Unfortunately, when exiting the vehicle the man accidentally forgot to grab his rifle. The man was left with only his cellphone and a backpack and stood roadside waiting until his hunting companions finished in Bedford County and could return with

his gun.
Hunters are also reminded that wildlife management unit (WMU) 4B will only be open for antlered deer hunting through Friday, December 5. The remainder of the season set for December 6 through December 13 will include the harvesting of both antlered and antlerless deer for 4B that lies to the east of Route 522 and north of the Route 30 bypass. No changes were made to the season guidelines in WMU 4A, which encompasses the remainder of Fulton County.

Bison Roundup Shows Species' Recovery On Prairie

By Justin Juozapavicius

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER
PAWHUSKA, Okla. (AP) - It's 6 a.m. and the cowboys are already downing second and third cups of coffee, adjusting to a 35-degree morning. Slowly, a full moon and stars give way to hues of orange sky. And with daybreak, what had been obscured comes into clearer focus: hundreds of shaggy bison standing on an unfenced landscape that looks like it rolls on forever.

they wanted to kill by wholesale," he wrote.
Instead of hunting on horseback with bow and arrow, as the Indians did, shooters employed the still-hunt method: sneaking up on a herd, perhaps positioning on a ridge overlooking a prairie, taking aim with rifles and downing as many as they could.
Old photos and paintings are testament to the carnage. One picture in Hornaday's book, captioned "Five Minutes' Work," shows eight bison lying dead on the prairie, the shooter's horse standing to the side. A black-and-white photograph from the late 1800s shows a man standing atop a mountain of bison skulls.

out one of the windows.
One is equipped with a glass-pack muffler, and its throaty roar is effective when bison are being moved down the corral alley.
The vehicles box in a few hundred of the animals - a perfect day's haul.
Though bison have a reputation for being a slow, plodding animal without much brainpower, it is myth.
A year ago here, an agitated bison flipped over an ATV like a child's toy. It's estimated they can travel 35 miles an hour if they have to. And, during roundup time, they get really nervous - and unpredictable - in close quarters.
"This is a wild species that grew up tossing grizzly bears off their backs," Sanjayan says. "It's like herding rhinos."
Within minutes, a phalanx of stomping, grunting brown beasts heads over a hill for the corral, the trucks giving close chase.
Steam rises off the animals' thick fur. This is not the Serengeti in Africa, this is a prairie in Oklahoma.
The bison are coming, and they are not amused.
"They look like a Missouri mule," Payne warns anyone within earshot.
Groups of grunting bison are led through the mazelike corral. Calves are sorted from the herd and worked separately.
Perched on narrow walkways rimming the steel corral, the cowboys use plastic "rattle paddles" with tiny beads inside and cattle prods to direct the animals into smaller and smaller areas until there is room for just one to go through at a time.
"Electroshock therapy," jokes one cowboy, attempting to motivate a 1,500-pound bull into the

narrower pen.
"That ol' boy's worked up," his buddy chimes in.
The bull grunts, as if acknowledging his statement.
The sun is barely up and the first half of the day's roundup is in the queue.
After navigating the labyrinthine system of pens, the bison arrive at the final step. Electronic transponders attached to each animal's ear are scanned with wands, and each one's unique, 15-digit number is relayed to a computer, which displays information on sex, origin and age, among other data.
This fall, about 450 will be culled from the herd. Bulls are sold at 6 or 7 years old; cows at 10-12. They might be used as breeding stock, or be on their way to the dinner table.
"We have a pretty good grip on what the sex and age structure of our herd is, how many animals we have out there," says Hamilton, the preserve director. "So, before roundup, all those godlike decisions are made on who stays and who goes so that it can be as efficient as possible."
At a stopping point, the cowboys take a load off.
One of the elders, 74-year-old Jack Cheves, wearing a weathered cowboy hat that hides some of the lines on his forehead, has been in the cattle business all his life and worked the first bison roundup here.
He remembers when some of the locals were uneasy after the conservancy first bought this preserve, worried about the future of their ranches. They've since come around.
As for the cowboys, they look forward to each year's roundup, he says.
"It's just a way of life."

Any other time of year, this herd of 2,600 would have a 23,000-acre swath of the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve to roam.

As the bison suffered, so did the tallgrass prairie, which once encompassed 142 million acres and stretched from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Today, one-tenth of that prairie remains, the largest of it located in the Flint Hills of Oklahoma and Kansas.

Before reintroduction of the species in recent years, the last recorded bison on the tallgrass prairie was in northern Osage County, Okla., in 1851. It was killed by a survey crew.

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But for one week in November, it's time for the annual roundup in this place where man took a 5,500-year-old species to the brink of extinction and brought it back.

Today, bison are no longer in danger of extinction.
With more than 500,000 living in North America, the animals can be found on private ranches, public parks - such as Yellowstone in Wyoming - and wildlife preserves like the tallgrass prairie, located about 80 miles northwest of Tulsa. About 5,600 can be found on conservancy preserves in the Great Plains.

Perhaps the most famous bison owner is media mogul Ted Turner, who has about 50,000 head and manages 2 million acres of ranch land.
He's parlayed that into dozens of namesake restaurants that serve up the lean, low-calorie meat. His Ted's Montana Grill locations offer bison meatloaf and bison pot roast, among other dishes.
Bison meat has gained in popularity in specialty supermarkets and burger joints across the country, and its health appeal is winning new converts.
A selling point: From ranch to dinner plate, your meal is 100 percent organic.
"It's the exact thing Lewis and Clark would've eaten," says M. Sanjayan, lead scientist at the conservancy. "You're not going to get more pure than that."
Six pickups are on the move. A twangy country tune blasts

the mass killing as a way to subdue American Indian tribes, which used nearly every part of the animal.
Bison were slaughtered by the thousands for their tongues, hides and bones, the bulk of their carcasses left to rot.
In his 1889 work, "The Extirpation of the American Bison," zoologist William T. Hornaday offers a glimpse of the devastation:
"With the building of three lines of railway through the most populous buffalo country there came a demand for robes and hides ... and then followed a wild rush of hunters ... eager to destroy as many head as possible in the shortest time."
"For those greedy ones, the chase on horseback was too slow and too unfruitful. That was a retail method of killing, whereas

Southern Fulton Science Fair Winners



Southern Fulton seventh graders recently held a science fair at the school. Pictured above, left, are Morgan Strait, Jena Palmer and Noah Smartt. Morgan won third place with a project entitled "It's All About The Bag." Jenna won first place with "Which Fletching Has The Greatest Effect On Arrow Rotation" and Noah placed second with "Which Bleach Works Best."

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Katie Couric, Co-Founder
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