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Bowling Green, Kentucky

Nigerian couple brings African flavor to Bowling Green



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Abiola Iyiegbuniwe, general manager and co-owner of the Kacee African Food Market, stands in her Holly Street store. The shop sells a variety of foods used to make African cuisine, as well as some other made-in-Africa goods.

Ethnic groceries, other items being offered as city's refugee population continues to grow

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As the war in Kenya continues in Augustine Amonge's homeland of Kisumu, the 26-year-old Bowling Green resident frequents the Kacee African Food Market at 1777 Holly St. for phone cards.

"I call home every night because of the war in Kenya now," Amonge said.

Opened by Nigerian couple Abiola and Emmanuel Iyiegbuniwe in October, the store serves the growing population of residents with subsaharan African ties, mostly from countries in west and central African, like Liberia and Burundi.

The latest American Community Survey of the U.S. Census Bureau showed Warren County's population with subsaharan African ancestry

almost doubled in 2006 with 407 residents – an increase from the 225 residents in 2005.

When Emmanuel Iyiegbuniwe and his wife came to Bowling Green in August 2003 from the midwest to take a professorship at Western Kentucky University's department of public health, they already had plans to open his store – they grew tired of having to drive to Nashville and other larger cities to find the foods they were familiar with.

"We felt the need to do something," Iyiegbuniwe said.

The store carries a wide variety of goods – including dried fish, oloyin beans, goat meat, palm oil, cassava leaves, fresh yams, fufu flour, sardines, and other items – used to make

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The African market offers phone cards, African-produced music and movies (above), and plenty of foods (left) used in native African dishes.

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Ex-police chief to oppose Walker

Wells says he'll file, formally announce bid for mayor Monday; Strow, Nash both considering a run for the position

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So far, the race stands at two and two: Two candidates for Bowling Green City Commission, and two for mayor.

Incumbent commissioners Joe Denning and Bruce Wilkerson have filed re-election papers at the Warren County Clerk's office. So has Mayor Elaine Walker – she was first, on Jan. 18.

And next will probably be former police chief Jerry Wells, who announced Friday afternoon that he will definitely run against Walker. He expects to make a formal statement at 9 a.m. Monday, and will file either immediately before or after. Wells said he will introduce his family, issue a written statement, and take a few questions at a public announcement in City Hall.

Wells served as interim chief of the Bowling Green Police Department between the Aug. 1, 2006, retirement of police Chief Bill Waltrip and the Nov. 1, 2006, accession of Chief Doug Hawkins. Wells is currently suing the city, alleging age discrimination kept him from being considered for the permanent position as chief, although city officials publicly stated that whoever became interim chief would be disqualified from seeking the permanent position.

Walker said Friday evening that she's not averse to facing competition – she's comfortable with her record as mayor since January 2005, and urges anyone who thinks they can do a better job to file for office as well.

Of course, if that happens and there are three or more candidates for mayor, Walker will have to begin campaigning much sooner – for May's primary election, after which the top two vote-getters



MAYOR ELAINE WALKER



JERRY WELLS
Will oppose Walker

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Big Brothers Big Sisters hopes to strike paydirt with return of Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraiser

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky has its fundraising goal in sight, and hopes to bowl a strike to achieve it.

The local youth mentoring organization held a kickoff luncheon Friday at the Sloan Convention Center to announce plans related to this year's Bowl For Kids' Sake, the signature fundraising event for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

This year's event will mark the 25th year of Bowl For Kids' Sake locally.

Big Brothers Big Sisters board member Melinda Hill said the first

bowling event in 1984 raised \$17,413, exceeding expectations at the time.

The event has grown over the years to the point that it raised \$167,909 last year, and a goal for this year of \$170,000 for the local Big Brothers Big Sisters chapter has been set.

"With your support we believe we can raise that money and help the children of southcentral Kentucky," Hill said.

Teams of five people, raising either at least \$30 individually or \$150 as a team, will play a complimentary game of bowling during one of four scheduled dates.

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County to put \$1M into stormwater plan

Historic railcar to be restored; old fire trucks' fate still unclear

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Warren County is preparing to spend about \$1 million a year – again – for federally mandated stormwater pollution control.

Since 2002, local governments have been required to submit five-year permit plans detailing what they'll do to stop pollutants from getting into runoff water. That first permit is due to expire, though the county has an extension through June, according to Jack Wright, director of the Stormwater Management Agency.

The county partners with Bowling Green, Plum Springs and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet on its plan. Each entity has spent substantially, with the

county putting in about \$1 million last year. That level of expenditure should continue, Wright has said.

The five-year plan now up for review and approval is similar to the previous one, he told Warren County magistrates on Friday. It focuses on public education and involvement, detecting and eliminating illicit discharge of pollutants, controlling construction runoff, pollution prevention and good record-keeping.

District 6 Magistrate Robert Donoho asked if the upcoming five-year permit would be the last. Judge-Executive Mike Buchanan replied that, as an ongoing and ever-tightening federal requirement, the county would probably have to keep paying for water pollution control indefinitely.

Historic rail car

Fiscal court agreed to sponsor a grant application for the Friends of the L&N

Depot, seeking \$175,000 through the Kentucky Transportation Enhancement Reimbursement Program to restore an 1882 railroad car used exclusively by black passengers during segregation.

The "Jim Crow" car, now a rusted shell, was donated to the Historic Railpark Train Museum by Robert Lessenberry of Glasgow, according to the grant application. It's the only surviving example of its type, the application says, actually predating the U.S. Supreme Court decision establishing "separate but equal" accommodations by eight years.

The grant requires a 20 percent match, to be made up with the car itself and 1,000 hours of volunteer labor on its restoration.

Old fire trucks

Magistrates decided unanimously to declare eight vehicles owned by various

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