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Where there’s smoke, there’s fire – but not for long

Daniel Adamson watches Monday as his Clarence O'Dell Road home fills with smoke. Firefighters raced to extinguish the fire after a call around 3 p.m. Hadley, Barren River and Browning fire departments responded and were quick to extinguish the blaze.

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Aviation park’s future detailed during Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting

The park will be interactive, thanks to the help of Larry Bailey, who also is on both the Heritage Park and CVB boards. Bailey has already established a low-frequency radio station (89.3) that can be heard by people driving nearby.

“The park will come alive,” Hildreth said.

Hildreth said members have gathered the oral histories of more than 50 distinguished aviators or support crew who are either from southcentral Kentucky or have close ties here. The board plans to bring five more pieces of aircraft here that are tied to those aviators. Hildreth said news of what those are will come later.

Also to come in future expansions of the park would be some kind of a hangar-type building to display artifacts.

Heritage Park board publicist Bob Pitchford said those artifacts, including flight jackets and other items, are coming in monthly.

Pitchford talked to the board about how the park will bring more tourists to Warren County,

who stay in its motels – a funding requirement is that approved projects attract visitors to Warren County and should “potentially” and ultimately lead to an increase in hotel lodging.

To coincide with its June 21 Hangar Party this year, the Classic Jet Aircraft Association will come to Bowling Green, he said. At least 30 vintage aircraft and crews will be here over three days, during which there will be a mini-air show.

“We could start to promote Bowling Green as a destination to the aircraft community,” Pitchford said, thumbing through a half-inch thick book of names of aircraft associations across the country, all of which have annual or regular meetings that could potentially be drawn to the area.

“All those groups need a place to stay,” he said.

Later, CVB staffer Duncan Hines told members that he has talked up the Aviation Heritage Park to military groups that he is trying to draw to the area for

reunions.

“They are really excited about it,” Hines said.

If the funding gets final approval, work on the park would begin this spring and should be complete for a summer opening. The project total is estimated at about \$250,000.

“We have lots of people providing in-kind work for site preparation (and other things), but we have no place to walk,” Pitchford said.

After the presentation, the board spent 45 minutes or so discussing the merits of the project and whether they should fund it.

Board member Leon Volkert asked what would be the likelihood that the special tourism projects money will evaporate.

Volkert said he had read how a portion of the motel tax could go back to funding its original purpose of supporting the construction of the Sloan Convention Center if an expansion is undertaken.

“They could change the ordinance,” Vicki Fitch, CVB execu-

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Housing secretary: Plan will provide relief

“Project Lifeline is a valuable response, literally a lifeline, for people on the brink of the final steps in foreclosure,” Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson, said at a joint news conference with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson.

He said the goal was to provide a temporary pause in the foreclosure process “long enough to find a way out” by allowing homeowners and lenders to negotiate a more affordable mortgage.

Paulson said that the new effort was just one of a number of approaches the administration was pursuing with the mortgage industry to deal with the country’s worst housing slump in more than two decades.

In December, President Bush announced a deal brokered with the mortgage industry that will freeze certain subprime loans, those offered to borrowers with weak credit histories, for five years if the borrowers are unable to afford the higher monthly payments as those mortgages reset.

Snow, ice blankets much of western, central Kentucky

LOUISVILLE (AP) — A winter storm blanketed large portions of central and western Kentucky late Monday and early today, leaving a treacherous mix of snow and ice that closed schools, left roadways a mess and forced the cancellation of an event to honor Abraham Lincoln.

The National Weather Service reported up to four inches of snow fell across portions of central Kentucky late Monday night, followed by a batch of freezing rain that coated the snow with a quarter-inch of ice in some places said John Denman, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Louisville.

The freezing rain was giving way to a cold rain late this morning as temperatures rose. A winter storm warning remained in effect for areas of Kentucky and southern Indiana until noon EST.

As the precipitation turned from snow and ice to rain, the roads were expected to clear more quickly, said Mark Brown, a spokesman for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

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Opinions mixed on economy, stimulus plan

Thursday’s passage of the stimulus package paved the way for checks to begin arriving in taxpayer’s mailboxes in May. The legislation would deliver rebates – \$600 for individuals, \$1,200 for couples and an additional \$300 per child – to most taxpayers. Individuals making up to \$75,000 a year and couples earning up to \$150,000 would get the full rebate, with those making more than that or too little to owe taxes getting smaller checks.

Some patrons at Greenwood Mall said they will spend their tax rebates; others will pay down debt or save.

Carl Bishop, 46, of Glasgow said he plans to put a new floor in his house and take his family on a vacation. His views on the economy remain dismal.

“Personally, I think we are already in a recession,” Bishop said. “The way people live paycheck to paycheck. People are spending more than saving. Indebtedness is a challenge right now.”

Kenneth Pardue, 62, of Scottsville said he plans to pay bills with his rebate check.

WKU senior Andrea Collins, 25, of Portland, Tenn., said the federal government should have had a better handle on the economy.

“I think it should have never got where it is right now,” Collins said.

Collins, who will graduate in May with a bachelor’s degree in corporate and organizational communication, said she’ll also pay down debt.

“I’ll probably try to do the responsible thing and pay down some student loans,” Collins said.

WKU economist Bill Davis remains a skeptic about the stimulus efforts – economists still disagree about the effects of a similar stimulus package after the recession of 2001, he said, adding it wasn’t until later when the marginal tax rates were lowered on income at the federal level and capital gains taxes and corporate taxes were lowered that the economy began to improve.

He said it’s more important for legislatures to discuss laws that will affect the supply side of the economy, like making Bush tax cuts permanent, and lowering taxes for corporate income and capital gains.



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Sixteen-year-old Jonathan Tabor tells his classmates Monday about his “Pay it Forward” project – he handed out \$10 at a gas station, in hopes that the recipient would pass it on.

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Students find joy in small gestures of kindness

2000 movie of the same name about efforts to spread random acts of kindness. The students participating in the “Pay it Forward Challenge” presented their ideas and photo documentaries Monday.

“The charge was to make a difference in the community,” Henry said.

One student, she said, bought carnations and attached a note to the flowers, letting people know what he was doing. She said the idea was to see how many people would get the flowers in a day.

Junior Maria Coidakis, 17, gave chocolates to students at the begin-

ning of the day in an effort to improve their mood. Josh Holland bought energy drinks for people at three different Speedway gas stations, leaving a note behind explaining what he was doing and what it meant, and “to use the energy from the drinks to help someone else.”

“A lot of people were surprised by these student acts, and receptive to their generosity,” Henry said.

Junior Sabrina Curry traveled with a church group to Mississippi to help build homes lost in Hurricane Katrina. While her pictures displayed her working on homes, her \$10 went to the church.

“I gave mine to the church,” she said. “There was \$370 raised, including my \$10, that helped others who wanted to go to Mississippi, go.”

Senior Collin Kelly and junior Jon Simpson, both 17, joined together and bought a meal for the person behind them in the drive-through at McDonald’s. They called their project “Pay it Backward,” in hopes that their benefactor would in turn purchase the meal for the person behind them, Simpson said.

Although that didn’t happen, Kelly said they hoped the person might have been spurred to do a good deed somewhere else.

“There’s no way to really track this, because you don’t rightly know where those seeds are planted,” Henry said. “But there’s too many people out there now that know about this for it not to have some type of effect. I wanted them to see how far an act of kindness can go.”

“Like a domino effect,” Kelly added.

Senior Kimberly Chilton, 17, bought cell phone minutes for a friend who needed to keep in contact with her family. She told her friend that she didn’t have to pay back the \$10, but should do something nice for someone else.

“At first I thought this was weird. I didn’t know what was going on,” Chilton said. “But through this, I learned not to take things for granted ... I was happy I could help somebody.”

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