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Bee named official Ky. ag insect

Laurel beekeeper helps establish the designation in House Bill 175

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The honey bee has been named the official agricultural insect of Kentucky, a fact that was duly celebrated at the Southeastern Kentucky Beekeepers Association Thursday.

The new designation, which was passed in House Bill 175 by the General Assembly this year, is the result of a light bulb moment on behalf of local beekeeper Bruce Bailey.

"I was on the computer through the winter and I got to looking at other state sites," he said.

Bailey noticed many states in the country have the honey bee as their official state insect. Bailey discov-

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PHOTO BY TARA KAPROWY

State Sen. Tom Jensen, R-London, stands with beekeeping aficionados Debbie Sizemore and Bruce Bailey. Jensen attended Thursday's Southeastern Kentucky Beekeepers Association meeting to celebrate the honey bee being named the agricultural insect of Kentucky.

Three in drug cartel enter guilty pleas

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Three of 13 people charged in an international drug distribution ring have entered guilty pleas in London's U.S. District Court.

Halil Batlak was the driver for brothers Kemal and Omer Dugalic, who are charged with transporting and distributing marijuana and cocaine from Texas and Mexico to Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio in 2008. The Dugalic brothers were working with Emir Dadanovic, who is the alleged leader of the drug cartel. Kemal Dugalic and his girlfriend, Ernestine Hajric, were con-

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Above, Freedom Christian Fellowship Church's FCF Praise Group performed during the first-ever Choirs and Praise Team Fest at Laurel County Homecoming. Several local church groups participated. Right, Kelsey Shea as the lion and Jonathan Hibbard as Theodore Roosevelt dance during "The Four Presidents," put on by the Gusto Theatre. In the excerpt from the play, Roosevelt talks about how his sparing a mother bear cub on a hunting trip became a media circus that ended with stuffed bears named as "Teddy bears." Left, Sam McNair, portraying Abraham Lincoln, performed a monologue from "The Four Presidents."

Do a little dance, sing a little song for HOMECOMING

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HOW HEALTHY ARE WE? Putting out the problem

STORY BY TARA KAPROWY • STAFF WRITER

THOUGH SOME STUDIES SHOW nearly 30 percent of Laurel Countians smoke, the city of London has made great strides in prohibiting smoking in public buildings. Part four of our series looks at the impact of London's smoking ban in the community.



COMING WEDNESDAY

Studies show getting a doctor's appointment is especially difficult in Laurel County, with the physician-to-patient ratio particularly low. But the situation is not as grim as it used to be. In our last part of the wellness series, we will show how physician assistants and nurse practitioners are stepping in to improve access to health care.

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