

Thursday, February 8, 2007

**This is a Pennsylvania Amber Alert -- Ayinde Bradford Area Affected**

Bowling



# DAILY NEWS

## bgdailynews.com

**FirstChoice**  
Home Medical  
Home Respiratory  
Medical Equipment  
270-393-9393

[Home](#) | [Local](#) | [Opinion](#) | [Obituaries](#) | [Archives](#) | [Features](#) | [Sports](#) | [Classifieds](#) | [National News](#) | [Su](#)

**UNCF helps thousands of students.  
But we have to turn away thousands more.**



### Market Watch



Feb 8, 2007 2:13 PM ET  
ComStock 20 min.  
delayed

powered by  
**Stockgroup**

Full Service Banking  
from your hometown bank.  
**South Central Bank**  
southcentralbank.com  
**Click for Details**

Enter Symbol

[Stock Market](#)

### Extras

**soky411.biz**  
WARREN COUNTY



**Jefferson Awards**

Place your  
classifieds  
online  
ANYTIME  
**CLICK HERE**

- [Compton's Critiques](#)
- [Daily Headline Alerts](#)
- [Darryl's Daily Rant](#)
- e-Shopping**
- [Sound Off](#)
- [WKCT Audio News](#)

### Special Sections

### Community

- [Arts & Theater 2005](#)
- [Attractions](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)

[New Search](#) | [Return to results](#) | [Printer Friendly](#)

**About your archives purchase:**  
Your purchase of articles expires on .  
You have viewed articles and have articles remaining.

### Daily News (Bowling Green, KY)

## Old livestock auction site getting new life

AMEERAH CETAWAYO, The Daily News, acetawayo@bgdailynews.com  
Published: February 4, 2007

The Old Cherry Cattle Co. barn at 6034 Nashville Road, built more than 40 years ago, will now hold livestock auctions at 1 p.m. on Mondays, according to general partner David Bradford.

In September, Cattlemen's Livestock Market LLC, a group of local investors bought the 70,000-square-foot barn that can hold 5,000 heavy cattle, making several renovations and bringing the adjoining office up to building standards by adding handicapped accessibility.

The 13 acres of land and building were purchased for \$245,900, even though it had a cash value of \$900,000, according to Warren County property tax records.

The livestock dealer's license was issued on Jan. 11, according to state records.

"We're producing a market for the farmer and the buyer," Bradford said. "We bring those two together."

The barn also has the capacity for cattle to have access to water and feed while they are being held for auction. The sale and auction area has central heating and air conditioning as well.

The first auction was held Monday, bringing in more than 200 people and selling more that 570 cattle, Bradford said.

"We can provide the farmer with a weekly market they can count on," Bradford said.

The livestock auction barn will take in cattle from Saturday until Monday morning.

Bowl  
**Pub  
Lit**

**Black Hi**  
@ y  
A  
Sheila  
Main  
Thursd  
6

★m  
Used I

Feb. 9,  
Depot Br  
For info  
these Boo  
and n  
www.sok

www.  
Chec

**CRYE+L**  
EXECUTIVE  
**STE  
DAV**  
270.7  
Click to

[Churches](#)  
[Clubs](#)  
[Fast Food Reviews](#)  
[Gov't/Nonprofit](#)  
[Guestbook](#)  
[Hotels/Lodging](#)  
[Website Directory](#)  
[Jefferson Awards](#)  
[Restaurant Directory](#)  
[Restaurant Reviews](#)  
[SoKyDating.com](#)  
[Support Groups](#)

“At no charge to the farmer, you can hold 'em (at the market), we can put them on feed and water and weigh and grade them the day of the sale,” Bradford said.

The feature adds to a better atmosphere for nervous livestock waiting to be sold, he said, and gives farmers more time to arrange for transportation.

“They can line up help to have (cattle) hauled, or we can help them with that,” Bradford said.

Bradford hopes to offer farmers another alternative to existing livestock auction locations in the area.

## Photo Galleries

[Here's My Pet](#)  
[My Goofy Kid\(s\)](#)  
[WKU Sports Galleries](#)

“When farmers have alternatives, there's competition and that works to their benefit,” Bradford said.

Since the tobacco buyout, more and more farmers are turning to raising livestock as alternative income besides **agriculture**, Bradford said.

## Contact Us

[Contact Information](#)  
[EZ Pay Plan - Checking](#)  
[Subscriber Comments](#)  
[Subscription Payments](#)  
[Vacation Stops](#)

Nationwide, Kentucky ranked 11th for livestock heads last year – as well as eighth for beef cows and 23rd for milk shows – according to the Kentucky Department of **Agriculture**, with Barren County leading the state with 37,100 beef cows raised in 2005.

[Daily News Forms](#)  
[Editor/Story Tip](#)  
[Photo Reprints](#)  
[Website Comments](#)

Bradford said there's an excess of 10,000 cattle sold in a week in a 50-mile radius of Bowling Green, at livestock auctions in Franklin, Glasgow, Russellville and other places.

## Advertising

[Local Rate Card \(141K\)](#)  
[Web Rate Card \(128K\)](#)  
[Classified Line Ads](#)

Texas native John Fulgham manages Cattlemen's and has decades of experience in the cattle business, he said, and has lived in Bowling Green for 18 years.

## Links

[150 Years](#)  
[About Us](#)  
[Privacy Policy](#)  
[Staff Directory](#)  
[WDNS-FM](#)  
[WKCT-AM](#)

“In Warren County, a lot of people are using land for houses and the amount of cow herds have dropped some,” Fulgham said. “(But) the tobacco buyout is putting people in the cattle business.”

Cattlemen's employs 16 people, three of which are full-time, and Fulgham is still hiring experienced help.

“It's a really challenging job, but a really rewarding job also,” Fulgham said. “My job is to make the customer as happy as I can.”

Kentucky's all-cattle and -calf inventory totaled 2.4 million on Jan. 1 last year, a 7 percent increase from Jan. 1, 2005, according to the KDA. The cattle had an average value per head of \$860 last year, a slight increase from 2005's \$810.

Cattle prices averaged \$90.90 per hundredweight during 2005 compared with \$84.30 during 2004. Calves averaged \$123 per hundredweight compared with \$112 during 2004.

Nell's still a staple after 26 years

Nell Hewitt, owner of Nell's Cafe, the 800-square-foot restaurant connected to the office for Cattlemen's, will still serve its signature Swiss steaks, kraut and wieners, pork cutlets, and steak and gravy dishes, she said.

Hewitt has operated at the location for the last 26 years.



Last year, Nell's Cafe was renovated with new countertops, paint and electrical wiring as Cattlemen's took over the building.

Hewitt remembers when Dr. John O'Brien, a veterinarian, bought the old Cherry Farm in 1988. She said the Cherrys had the barn as a holding location for cattle they bought and sold out of various locations.

The Cherrys have since moved its operations to Vinita, Okla., Bradford said, to a ranch with several thousand acres.

Short & simple

Cattlemen's Livestock Market and Nell's Cafe

6034 Nashville Road

Market takes in cattle Saturday, all day, beginning at 7:30 a.m., Sunday beginning at noon, and Monday morning until noon. Auctions are at 1 p.m. on Mondays.

Cafe is open from 6 a.m to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Phone: Cattlemen's Livestock Market, 846-4343 Nell's Cafe, 843-3340

Copyright 2007 News Publishing LLC (Bowling Green, KY)

[Article Bookmark - free for 14 days from date of publication](#)

[Home](#) | [Local](#) | [Opinion](#) | [Obituaries](#) | [Archives](#) | [Features](#) | [Sports](#) | [Classifieds](#) | [National News](#) | [Subscribe](#) | [Calendar](#)  
[SoKyDating.com](#) | [Subscribers](#) | [Editor/Story Tip](#) | [Staff Directory](#) | [About Us](#)  
[Privacy Policy](#) | [150 Years](#) | [Local Rate Card](#) | [Website Directory](#) | [XML](#)

**Daily News • 813 College St. • PO Box 90012 • Bowling Green, KY • 42102 • 270-781-1700**