

NORTON COMMONS

Land donated for fire station in Norton Commons

Norton Commons, a 595-acre mixed-use community located off Brownsboro Road, has donated a 1.25-acre tract to the Worthington Fire Department.

The land will be used for the construction of the fire department's \$4.5 million headquarters and its third station. The 18,000-square-foot building will be located on the west side of Kentucky 1694, at the intersection of Featherbell Boulevard and Dayflower Street. General contractor A.L. Post Inc. will oversee construction of the two-story facility, which was designed by Luckett & Farley Architects, Engineers and Construction Managers Inc. Besides the fire department's administrative offices, the new building will have a training room, nine dorm rooms and a kitchen for career firefighters, fire protection equipment and two apparatus bays.

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The Worthington Fire Department provides fire and emergency medical services in northeast Louisville through its existing facilities at 4700 Murphy Lane and 8412 Brownsboro Road.

Those stations "have experienced a high level of growth," Gary Yurt, chief of Worthington Fire Department, said in a news release. "This building in the center of our district will enable us to better serve our constituents."

— SARAH JEFFORDS

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

Presenters lineup at InvestKentucky conference changes

Brown-Forman Corp. has agreed to become one of 14 public companies participating in the upcoming Invest-Kentucky conference, which will be held June 7 at Churchill Downs, according to Terry McWilliams.

McWilliams, the event's organizer, is president and CEO of Mozaic Investor Relations, a Louisville-based communications and investment relations firm. He put together the conference to bring together Kentucky companies with investment professionals such as fund managers, analysts and investment advisers.

Officials with Brown-Forman initially were concerned that the event date would interfere with the timing of the release of the company's first-quarter earnings report, said

T.J. Graven, assistant vice president and director of investor relations for Brown-Forman. But the company's financial report will be released before the event.

Brown-Forman will replace Steel Technologies Inc. at the conference. Officials with the Louisville-based company had agreed to participate but decided against it after announcing that the company will be sold in June to Mitsui & Co. Ltd., McWilliams said.

Two other companies, The Bankers Store Inc. and CinTel Corp., will not make formal presentations but have agreed to talk to investors one-on-one, McWilliams said.

— ED GREEN

FROM THE WEB

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Farm sues Taco Bell over being linked to E. coli outbreak

The California farm that grew the green onions first linked to an E. coli outbreak at Taco Bell restaurants last year has sued the company for libel. Boskovich Farms Inc., located in Oxnard, Calif., alleges that Taco Bell, a unit of Louisville-based Yum Brands Inc., continued to associate the farm's product with the outbreak even after Yum determined the green onions were not the source of the E. coli.

PharMerica CEO to be paid \$700,000 plus stock, bonuses

Gregory Weishar, CEO of PharMerica Corp., the new public company being formed through the merger of the pharmacy units of Kindred Healthcare Inc. and AmerisourceBergen Corp., will be paid an annual base salary of \$700,000. According to PharMerica's employment agreement with Weishar, he also will be paid a \$1.2 million signing bonus and will receive a maximum annual bonus of \$875,000. He initially will be granted stock options for 1 percent of PharMerica's common shares outstanding.

Lane Report publisher buys food-service magazine

Lane Communications Group, publisher of The Lane Report and Kentucky Business Online, has purchased Prep Magazine, a business magazine for the food-service industry. Prep Magazine is distributed in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee, and has a circulation of about 30,000. Lane Communications plans to publish Prep Magazine quarterly, with the first issue to be delivered in June, according to a news release.

Industrial Services' 4Q profit grows 43 percent

Industrial Services of America Inc.'s net income increased 43 percent in the fourth quarter, rising to \$729,728, or 20 cents per share, from \$415,536, or 12 cents per share, a year ago. Revenue for the quarter fell to \$14.6 million from \$19.7 million. For the year, net income doubled, rising to \$2.2 million, or 61 cents per share, from \$1.1 million, or 31 cents per share, in 2005. Revenue for the year dropped to \$62.1 million from \$117.4 million. |