

## Symbolism in the stubble



Photo courtesy of Valerie Davis

A bald eagle visiting a cornfield near Summersville Saturday posed for passing motorists along KY 61. On a deep, meaningful level, the presence of the eagle, the symbol of the United States, in a harvested field makes a bold statement about agriculture and hard-working farm families as the basis of America's strength and vitality. Either that, or it was hungry and looking for a mouse.

## Committee Meeting



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Interim Joint Committee on Health and Welfare and Family Services Co-Chair Sen. Ralph Alvarado, R-Winchester, confers with Senate President Pro Tem David P. Givens, R-Greensburg, during last week's committee meeting.

# Green County awarded \$7K in Ag Development funds

### SPECIAL TO THE R-H

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$628,256 in 10 agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth at its monthly board meeting recently.

Specifically relating to Green County is the shared-use equipment program.

The Shared-use Equipment Program assists broad-based community organizations with the purchase of farm equipment. The equipment purchased is made available for producer use in a specific county on a leased basis. Five Shared-use Equipment Programs were approved totaling \$20,471 for Green (\$7,721) and Pulaski (\$12,750) counties.

### Other approved projects include:

The board approved the Joint Committee on Industrial Hemp's recommendation that the KADB will consider funding hemp applications related to education and certified seed for 2019. The KADB and Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation will consider applications for loans on a participation ba-

sis. Hemp shall be an eligible crop for CAIP and Next Generation Farmer Program.

The Kentucky State Beekeepers Association was approved for up to \$128,808 in State funds over a two year period to establish the Kentucky Certified Honey Program. For more information on this project, contact David Shockey

at (270) 307-8549 or kentuckycertifiedhoney@gmail.com.

A Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program, a measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally sound and cost effective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky producers, totaling \$7,500 was approved for Hart County.

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## Blood Drive is Feb. 7

The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive Thursday, Feb. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CT at the Methodist Church on West Court Street in Greensburg. Eat iron-rich foods and drink plenty of water. The goal is 70 units.

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