

Historic Weather Events - April 2011

“Old Man River” And the Ohio River Flood Area Following Severe Weather Events



Photo by Ballard Weekly

By Anita Bugg

April of 2011 will always be remembered by those of us that experienced the tumultuous days. Beginning with tornados on April 4th that brought heavy damage to areas of the county to heavy rains and tornado type winds in Barlow; these were closely followed by flooding only comparable to the Great Flood of 1937. With over twenty inches of rain falling

Monkey’s Eyebrow/Colvin Lake area to begin sandbagging only to lose the battle a few days later. NewPage paper mill in Wickliffe was forced to close for the first time in forty years due to rising water along Highway 51.

Heavy rains forced the closing of Highway 286 at Myers Road due to a washout of the roadway where construction is taking



Barlow City Park

in the county since April 1st, April 2011 has wreaked havoc in this otherwise peaceful and serene county.

Barlow City seemed to take the brunt of the winds that tore through the county with downed trees, limbs and structural damage to a storage building owned by the city and located next to City Hall. Heavy rains caused overflow of small streams and creeks, thus adding to the already overflowing Ohio River. Heavy

place. Despite numerous repairs, the roadway continued to wash and for safety’s sake, it was closed until dryer weather when more permanent repairs can be made.

The City of Wickliffe ordered a mandatory evacuation of homes along Beech Grove Road and Missouri Streets. Wickliffe City Park was overtaken by water causing picnic shelters to look like small red islands in the waters. Along the rivers edge,

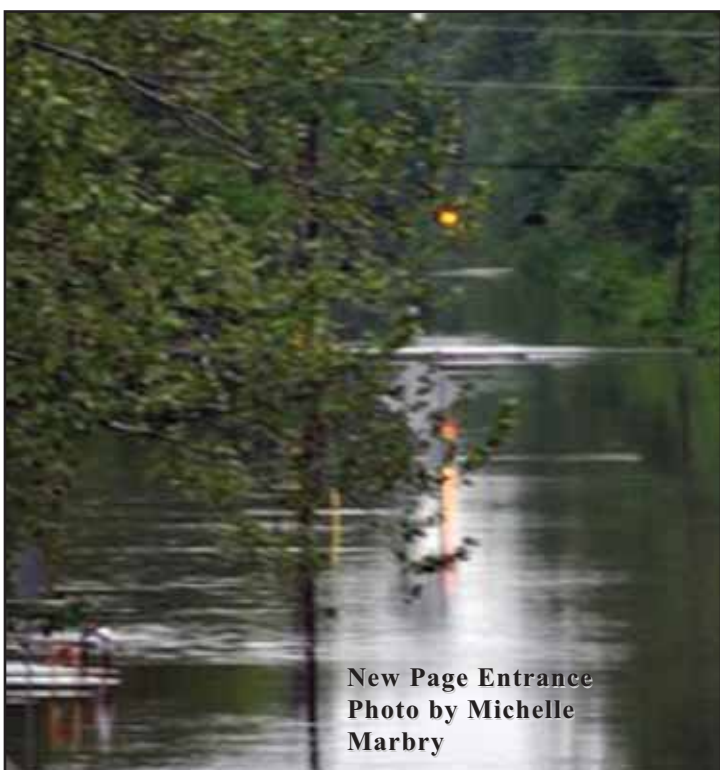


US 51 South at Carlisle County Line

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In the days to follow, rising river levels on both the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers forced residents in Wickliffe, Oscar and the

Economy Boat Store employees were forced to park on higher ground while the Wickliffe Fish Market stood right at the edge of the water. The shelter at the rivers edge was completely submerged. Water began to overflow at the foot of the Highway 51 bridge into Cairo and combined with high winds began to blow debris upon the roadway causing the Kentucky Department of Transportation to close



New Page Entrance
Photo by Michelle Marbry

the bridge and levee sooner than expected. Within a few days, water had crept up onto the roadway along the Mile Long Bridge outside of Wickliffe and making it up to the DOT Weigh Station just below Wickliffe Mounds State Park. Highway 51 North and South of Wickliffe will remain closed until the water recedes and inspections of the levees can be done (which could be weeks).

Along Highway 121 the water forced a road closing because of rising water along the small creeks adjacent to the southern side of the roadway from Ballard



Photo by Jim Hoyt

away as Union City, TN. The residents in the city of Wickliffe, closest to the blast area, reported their houses shaking, windows and glassware rattling and overturned small pieces of furniture. Witnesses described the jolt to an earthquake with the ground shaking and the deep rumbling felt.

This writer, who lives along the bluff overlooking the Mississippi in Wickliffe, walked outside after the blast had turned over lamps and blew the front door open on my house, to look around the neighborhood for any damage. A quick glance found no damage but my attention was quickly taken by the sound of rushing water, much like that of a large waterfall, in the direction of the blast area. This rumbling sound lasted for a few minutes before the river and its sounds returned to somewhat normal.

Plans for a third blast are being discussed at this time. The second blast was initially scheduled for 4 a.m. on May 3rd, however,



Basketball Goals at Wickliffe City Park

save lives along the Mighty Mississippi. Despite public outcry from residents along the floodway in Missouri and legal action that went as far as the U.S. Supreme Court, the threat of loss of life outweighed the threat to farmland and the levee was breached at approximately 9:40 p.m. on Monday, May 3rd. With explosives described by the Corps of Engineers to be the equivalent of 1/32 of the atomic bomb over Hiroshima, the breach was scheduled to take place in three sections. The initial blast rumbled and shook homes as far

weather conditions delayed that blast due to the fact that barges could not be put into place within the planned timeframe. At around 12:45p.m. on Tuesday, May 3rd, the second blast was initiated across from Wickliffe, Kentucky. The city of Wickliffe felt only a mild jolt from the explosion while people in West McCracken County felt their homes shake more than they had the previous night.

Judge Vickie Viniard has been working closely with Emergency Management, state and federal

offices to seeking any type of assistance for those suffering property damage and loss. As of Tuesday afternoon, approximately 40 – 45 houses have received flood damage in Ballard County with eleven (11) of those homes being total losses. Governor Beshear has requested a declaration of disaster from President Obama, a request that has been supported by Sen. Mitch McConnell, Sen. Rand Paul and Congressman Ed Whitfield. Wickliffe Mayor Martha Sue Pennebaker, a victim of the flooding, has also worked closely with Judge Viniard in her attempts to obtain assistance.

“We would like to thank all of those who have helped in any shape, form or fashion with this flood event,” said Viniard. “We owe a big thanks to our local Emergency Management, volunteers, the Governor’s office, Congressman Ed Whitfield, Senators McConnell and Paul, Army National Guard, Red Cross, Health Department, volunteers sandbagging, those who donated food to the volunteers and each and every one who has offered assistance during this event. Now it is a waiting game to see when we can expect visits from the Federal Emergency Management along with the state Emergency Management office. Currently we are attempting to schedule a meeting with the FEMA representatives here in Wickliffe and are asking ALL residents who have lost their homes, property or have property damage to contact the Judge Executive’s office. Once a list is established each one will be notified to meet with the FEMA assistance people when they come to Ballard County.”

Judge Viniard asks that those affected with damage to property or loss of homes and other property contact her office at 335-5176 to place their name on a list to be contacted. Additionally, anyone who is in need of immediate assistance is asked to contact her office as well.



Community News

Ag Update: Tomato Blight; Flooding & Upcoming Workshop

Tom Miller, Ballard County Extension Agent for Ag and Natural Resources

Late Blight of Tomatoes

I attended a training in my office on the computer that was hopefully, a good sign of things to come. There is a new program called Microsoft Lync that allows users to easily set up a meeting with others and show powerpoints, pictures, etc with ease. We have tried other meeting software before with only mixed results, this meeting was actually very good, good information and ran smoother and allowed more interaction than any I had been involved with before. It saved me at least 3 hours of travel time to Princeton and back and 142 miles in mileage costs, and the information in the meeting was timely and useful.

The topic we were meeting on was late blight of tomatoes. This is a disease that we often have as a sporadic problem in late summer around the state. The Irish potato famine was caused by this disease on potatoes and it can completely wipe out a crop if the conditions are right. In 2009 and 2010, this disease caused major problems on tomatoes in Kentucky and all across the central and eastern US. Last year the disease was found in May in a number of retail garden centers across central and northern KY. This disease cannot overwinter in our area, it must have live tissue to winter on. It can overwinter on potato tubers and possibly in greenhouse tomatoes, but the big concern is with it being brought in on tomato plants coming from the big suppliers. There are several big suppliers that supply tomato plants to Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart and our local sellers.

The meeting showed us what to look for and encouraged us to go to these locations and just look over the plants and see if we saw any signs of this disease showing up. If the disease was found the only real option

would be to destroy all the plants at the store and start over. I am happy to say that in my initial observations, I did not see anything at all the would concern me with any of the plants sold in our local area. I have not heard of any problems yet across the state. Just be aware that we are out looking and will keep you informed if we have a problem.

In your garden, late blight can be controlled with careful management and timely use of fungicides. If possible grow your own seedlings to avoid accidentally introducing plants that may already have the disease. If you buy your plants, carefully inspect them for symptoms especially on the stems. There are some varieties that are more resistant than others. Slicer varieties such as Defiant, Legend, Mountain Magic and JTO-99197 have all show good resistance. Some of the "heirloom" varieties, Tigerella and Brandywine have reduced susceptibility compared to others.

After planting, good weed control is important, especially for weeds like nightshade, jimson weed and groundcherries that can act as hosts for this disease. Use fungicides during conditions that favor disease or when outbreaks are reported in your area. If you think you have problems call me and let's get the disease identified. Often we can remove a few plants and control the spread to the rest of the garden that way. Just be on the lookout and know that we are looking at the plants brought in for sale from other areas.

Flooding and Upcoming Workshop

The weather has been the big story this spring, with not much farming going on yet. The floods and forecasts have been the big story, but I also witnessed many things this past week that are the real story behind all the flooding. The generosity and the helpfulness of our community is the big story with the flooding. I am

not going to mention names in this article because there are way too many to remember but you all know who you are. All the people who helped with sandbagging, moving furniture out, cooking food, etc are the real story behind all this flooding. It made me feel really good to know that I live in a community that is this helpful.

On the ag front, there will be another pecan grafting workshop in Graves county on Thursday May 12 at 5:00 pm. The focus of this workshop will be the four flap graft also called the banana graft. We will be meeting in Boaz, KY on Hwy 1684 about 2 miles north of Dogwood on the farm of Skip and Jenny Shearouse. The actual street address is 3474 KY 1684. I will have a couple of UK field day signs on the road to designate the spot.

Dave Sorenson, who is retired from the KY Division of Forestry, will lead us through the exercise, and then you will have the opportunity to try this technique on one of the wild pecan seedlings growing in the Shearouse's field. I will have the wood that we collected earlier this spring to use as scions. If you have a sharp knife and pruners, please bring them. Also, be sure to dress according to the weather.

Because of the time we're meeting, we plan to have BBQ and fixin's after the workshop. Bring some type of chair to sit in while you eat. Please let us know if you plan to attend by Tuesday, May 10 by calling 665-9118 so we can have enough food.

Programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, age, sex, color, religion, disability or national origin. For additional information, contact the Ballard County Extension Office, 110 Broadway, LaCenter, 665-9118.

National Day of Prayer Event

Residents of La Center and Ballard County are invited to Celebration Plaza on Thursday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. to participate in a National Day of Prayer event. Scripture will be read and prayers will be offered for our nation, our leaders, our families, our churches, and more. Please join us for this special service.

Kentucky Department of Public Health Offers Post-Flooding Safety Guidelines

The Kentucky Department for Public Health issues the following post-flooding safety guidelines.

Tetanus:

- Avoid contact with flood waters. Flood waters are unclean and can be a risk for tetanus for those who have open wounds that come into direct contact with them. Contact your regular health care provider or your local health department if you believe you may need a tetanus shot.

Mold Cleanup:

- Mold may be present in homes that were flooded. An air conditioner or dehumidifier may be used to lower the level of humidity to prevent mold growth. Use exhaust fans when showering and cooking.
- When cleaning up small areas affected by mold, make sure the area has enough air by opening doors or windows. Use protective glasses or goggles, rubber

- boots and waterproof gloves. Wash clothing afterwards. If there is heavy mold growth, use a respirator or suitable mask to prevent breathing the mold.
- Remove all wet items that have been wet for more than 48 hours and are not able to be cleaned and dried.

If mold is growing in your home, you will need to clean up the mold and fix the moisture problem. Mold growth can be removed from hard surfaces with commercial products, soap and water, or a bleach solution of no more than 1 cup of bleach in 1 gallon of water. Severe mold cases may require an expert to clean up.

Food Safety:

- If you have power outages keep freezers closed to help keep frozen food from going bad. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours and for 24 hours if the freezer is half full.

- Refrigerated foods should be safe as long as power is out for no more than four hours. Throw away any perishable food in your refrigerator, such as meat, poultry, lunchmeats, fish, dairy products, eggs and any prepared or cooked foods that have been above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for two hours.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are safe as long as they are still firm and have no mold or slimy feel.

- To remove spills and refresh the freezer and refrigerator, DPH recommends washing with a solution of 2 tablespoons of baking soda dissolved in 1 quart of warm water. To get rid of any odors, place an open box or dish of baking soda in the freezer or refrigerator.

For more information about public health issues related to flooding, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site at: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/>.

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The End of the Beginning: This is Not the End John 18-19

There has been a trend developing in movies of late. The movie industry thrives on leaving us in suspense and making us want more. It seems that in almost every movie you go to anymore there is a short clip at the end of the credits that hints to the possibility of a sequel. "The End" is no longer the end. There always seems to be something else coming, but Hollywood was not to first to come up with the idea that the end is only the beginning. As Jesus hung on the cross he said, "It is finished." One would think that by saying that, Jesus was declaring that his life was over, it was done, there was nothing more to come, but that could not be farther from the truth. The word Jesus uses for "it is finished," is tetelestai, which means "it is completed, it is fulfilled." This did not mean that everything was over, but that everything he had been sent to the earth to accomplish had been accomplished. Scripture had been fulfilled, the teaching of His disciples was done and man had been reconciled to the Father through His sacrifice, but this was not the end, merely the end of the beginning. Our Hero dies in this story, but that is not the end.

At the very beginning of this part of the story our Hero shows us what he can do. When the temple

guards come with Judas to arrest Jesus he asks them who they are looking for. When they tell him they are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, he replies, "I am he." At that moment they all stumble backward and fall to the ground. Jesus made it clear that they were not taking him, he was going with them. He was still in control and He wanted them to know it. Jesus' death was not the result of being overpowered by men; it was the result of His willingness to die for our sin. Remember, back in chapter 10 Jesus said, "The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father" (John 10: 17-18). Jesus did this all to be obedient to His Father. In John 8: 11, Jesus reminds Peter that He has to drink the cup the Father has for Him. No one made Christ go to the cross; He did so of His own choosing.

For this reason, Jesus showed great restraint during this ordeal. We must remember that He allowed them to put Him on trial. He allowed them to flog Him. He allowed them to Humiliate Him, and He did all of this silently, like a lamb being led to the slaughter. They did nothing to Him they He did not allow.

Our Hero also demonstrated His authority. If you will notice, when questioned about whether or not He was the King of the Jews, He never denied it. There were times when he remained silent, but He never denied that He was the King of the Jews or the Son of God. Likewise, Jesus made sure that Pilate understood His place. When Pilate attempted to threaten Christ with his authority Jesus told Him that any authority he

had had been given to him by heaven. This is how we know that everything that happened on that day was in accordance with God's will. Christ didn't have to go to the cross, but he did. He didn't have to submit to Pilate's authority, but he did, all of this, in order to show His love for us.

And show us His love, He did. Our Hero proved His love by going to the cross for our sins. Romans 5: 8 says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." His sacrifice for us was complete. Do not let anyone tell you that Christ did not die. Joseph and Nicodemus put the body of Christ in the tomb. There was no life left in Him. He gave Himself completely and totally for our redemption, because He loved us so much.

The final scene has played across the screen. The main character has said, it is finished, but wait don't leave just yet. Don't drop everything and head for your car. There is more to come. Wait until the credits role and see the teaser to the sequel. Jesus isn't finished, not by a long shot, there is more to do in each one of us and although his work on earth was completed, his work in us has only begun. Do not think that this is the end. It is only the end of the beginning. The rest of the story is To Be Continued. Read next week's column to see how our Hero claims the Victory.

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Community News

Manufacturing Positions

NewPage Corporation, a pulp and paper manufacturing facility, anticipates a limited number of openings at our paper mill manufacturing facility in Wickliffe, Kentucky.

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Ballard Fiscal Court Meets in Regular Session April 9

By Glen Dunkerson

The Ballard Fiscal Court met in its regular session on Tuesday April 19, 2011 at the Ballard Fiscal Court room. The session opened with a prayer and a moment of silence in honor of Judge Will Shadoan. All Magistrates and Department heads were present along with Ballard County Judge Executive Vickie Viniard and Ballard County Attorney Vicky Hayden.

After approving the minutes from the last meeting, the Court move to bids for mowing various county properties including the Courthouse and hill, Old and New Library properties and other county lawns. Only one bid had been received before the deadline and, as it was in line with last year's expenses, the mowing contract, totaling \$890 per month, was awarded to Sam Dennis. The next bid considered was for lighting at the Ballard Detention Center. The contract, paid for by an Energy Efficiency Grant valued at \$17,000 was awarded to StarTel Systems from Glasgow KY. Quotes had also been received for carpeting at the Library. Low quote was from Sherwin-Williams and was accepted.

The next item of discussion was the request from the Kentucky Mississippi River Commission for seed funding for marketing the River Corridor counties through Great River Region. This funding discussion had been tabled at the last two Fiscal Court Sessions. The Magistrates reported that, other than \$5,000 pledged by the City of Wickliffe, no other city in the county had discussed or offered funds. The Magistrates reported that they would attempt to speak to the other cities again. The Court was reminded that they had stated that

Wickliffe had pledged 50% of the requested \$10,000 in response to a statement from the Court that the balance would come from the County. A request to again table this discussion until a future meeting was denied. A motion was made, and seconded to allocate the funds for one year and re-evaluate at that time to see if funding from the other cities and/or grants might be available. The motion was approved with one Magistrate dissenting.

The Ballard County Ambulance Service reported 70 calls for the month of March, 40 of which required Paramedic involvement. A grant in the amount of \$11,009.19 has been received and will be used for training equipment and expenses. Training sessions have usually been paid by the individual paramedics and staff, this grant will allow those fees to be paid for them. The Court approved \$900 for striping and logo placement on the 2 new cars recently purchased for the EMS. BCAS also reported a \$325 expense for repair of the starter on the generator at the Emergency Response Broadcast Tower, which failed during the recent storms. The Court also approved an annual maintenance contract for that generator for \$225/year with West Kentucky Power in Bardwell KY. County Clerk Lynn Lane made special notice of BCAS' response to the Shadoan wreck and the professionalism displayed. Judge Vickie Viniard also added her praise to the handling of this event.

EMS Director Jody Brown reported on storm Readiness in regard to this week's anticipated weather. He noted also that matching grants have been received for 4 Emergency generators for the county. The first, and

largest, generator will be for the EOC and the other 3 at other shelters in the county. Bids will be sought through local media. Jailer Mike Horn reported a population of 45 at the Detention Center, including 21 State inmates. He also mentioned visiting Hardin County to observe their SAP (Substance Abuse Program) with consideration of a similar year-long in house program in Ballard County. It was seen as a way to supplement lost income due to declining State Inmate population. The Court indicated that this was a good program to consider for the future. Jailer Horn also reported on the failure of the control board at the Jail. As of the meeting, the jail was without lights or intercom and the doors had to be manually opened. Preliminary indications were that a moisture leak from the roof had caused damage to equipment in the maintenance closet. A technician from StarTel was in route to attempt repairs. Mention was made that if failure of the board was due to water damage from a roof leak; it would covered under insurance and could be repaired without further taxpayer cost.

Sheriff Todd Cooper reported a 99.26% tax-collection rate. County Clerk Lynn Lane remarked that this was a record for tax collections and the Court recognized the Sheriff and staff for their diligence in this matter. Animal Control Officer James Campbell reported 25 calls for March. He also reported that he has formed a "FaceBook" page 'Ballard County Animal Control' where pictures of all animals impounded at Coffee Clinic will be posted for owners to see and claim their animal. He stated it could also be used to search for missing animals by posting the

Ballard Elementary Students of the Week



Each week at Ballard County Elementary School, two students (one boy and one girl) from each grade will be selected and named Students of the Week. This means that these children have been utilizing the school's Keys to Success: Respectful, Responsible and Ready. Throughout the week, the students will be rewarded by his/her teachers. From left, BCES Students of the Week for April 25-29 are (front row) Kynadee Slife, Isaac Throgmorton, Allison Byerley, Haley Allen, Dusty Jackson, (back row) Savanna Elrod, Dantoria Crice, Drew Sullivan, LaShay Taylor and Tyler Smith. Not pictured are Conner Swinford and Will Majors. (BCS photo)



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Relay for Life Events!!!

Life Care Center of LaCenter is having a fundraiser for Relay for Life. On May 20-22, the Portrait Café will be holding photo sessions. For only \$9.95, you get 1 8x10, 2 5x7's, and 8 wallets of your first pose! Half of the proceeds go to the Relay for Life team at Life Care. The photo opportunities offered are Kiddie Couture, Children's Vintage Photos, Children's Ritz Photos, and Family photos (which can include your pets). All children's sittings can contain several children or only one child. Clothing will be provided for the children's photos for sizes 3 months to 10 years, if you choose to use the clothing available for the specialty photos. To reserve your spot, contact Ashley or Donna at 665-5681 by Friday, May 6. This is a great opportunity for some reasonably priced photos of your children or family, and a chance to support a great cause!

Ballard County Coop Steps In to Aid Farmers with Crop Spraying



With all the rain and flooding, Ballard County farmers are about a month behind schedule on planting their crops. The wheat seed that was planted in the fall needed fungicide spray on it. However, with all the rain and flooding in the area, crop yields would not be very high without fungicide.

Ballard CountyCoop, in an effort to help their customers, hired a helicopter service to apply the much needed fungicide in an attempt to raise the crop yield for the season.

Ballard Residents Receive Honors from WKCTC

West Kentucky Community and Technical College will hold an honors ceremony at the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center on Monday, May 9, at 5:00. Of fifty two students receiving honors, these six Ballard County residents are to be recognized: Richard Blankenship

– Excellence in Humanities; Haley Brunston – Phlebotomy Perseverance Award; Bethany Cain – Business Administration (Management Option), Outstanding Achievement; Candice Kendall – L.P.N.-R.N. Academic Achievement Award; Chelsea

Redden, Advanced Nursing Assistant Honor Award; and Lindsey Underwood - Dental Hygiene, Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award.

This ceremony is open to the public. Congratulations to these students for their hard work and achievement.

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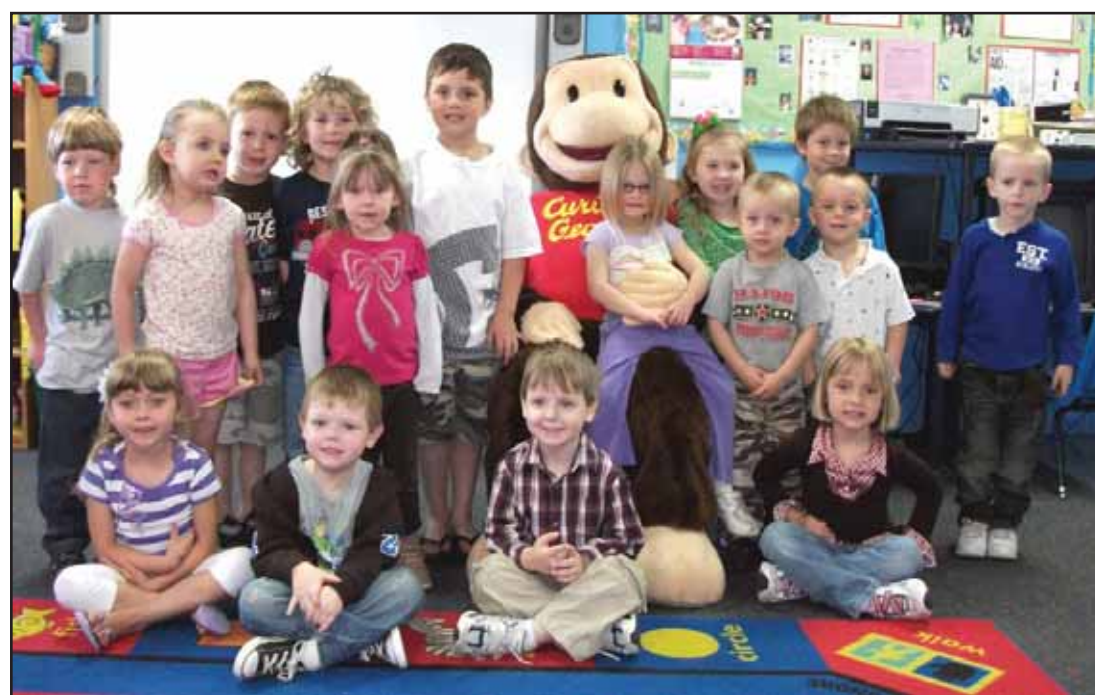
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Ballard County Preschool Celebrates Halloween with Curious George



Buchanan AM Class



Buchanan PM Class



Metcalf AM Class



Metcalf PM Class

Children's book favorite Curious George recently visited students at Ballard County Preschool and Head Start as part of activities sponsored by the Ballard County Cooperative Extension Service, Family Focus Family Resource and Youth Service Center and the Four River Counties Early Childhood Council. Students participated in a hands-on pizza-making activity like the one in the story, "Curious George and the Pizza Party." All students also received a copy of the book to take home. George is shown here with teachers Amy Metcalf and Jessica Buchanan's morning and afternoon classes.

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Debbie Colvin, Ballard County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, Ballard County Extension Office

The storms that brought heavy rainfall and flooding during April have left behind a multitude of problems for homeowners, leaving consumers in need of everything from water removal to tree removal. As you begin the process of clean-up and repair, protect yourself from unethical repair people.

1. Find out about the people with whom you are dealing. Are they licensed by the state? Ask for proof of liability insurance. If a company doesn't have it, you could be sued by someone getting hurt as a result of the repair work or by a neighbor if their property is damaged from construction work. Also make sure the contractor carries workers' compensation coverage in case a worker is injured on job.

2. Check unknown companies out with the Better Business Bureau (Louisville/Western Kentucky, 1-800-866-6668) or call the Consumer Protection Division at 1-888-432-9257 to see if information is available about the

company.

3. Have a written and signed contract before any work begins. The contract should clearly spell out all details of the work to be completed and include a beginning and ending date for the job.

4. Never pay for work before it has been completed. Do not give workers money to buy supplies unless you know them personally. If supplies are needed ahead of time, purchase them yourself; otherwise the supplier can put a lien on property if the contractor does not pay.

5. Be sure you have the physical address and phone number of the contractor. If you need to call to cancel the job, it is a good idea to follow up with a certified letter sent with a return receipt request.

For more information about how to protect yourself from unscrupulous business operators, contact the Ballard County Cooperative Extension Service. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Source: Robert Flashman, state specialist, family resource management

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Hello World!

Kyle and Chelsea Redden of Monkey's Eyebrow would like to announce the birth of their son, Talyn Karter McKean, on February 24, 2011. Talyn was born at Western Baptist Hospital at 12:04 p.m., weighing in at 7 lbs. 10 oz. and at 19 inches long.

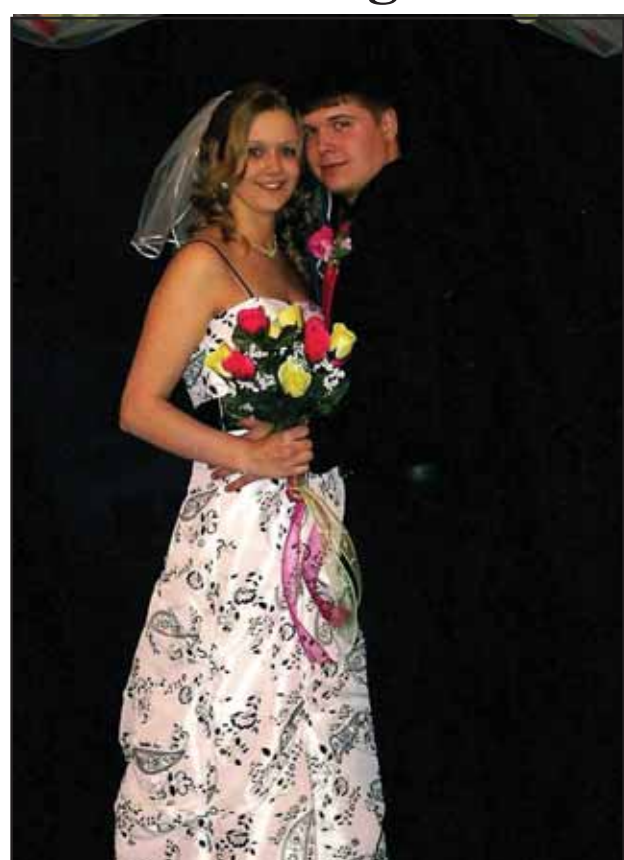


Redden and McKean Exchange Vows

Kyle McKean and Chelsea Redden were united in marriage on April 2, 2011 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The wedding was held at Providence Baptist Church where the two attend.

Chelsea Redden, daughter of Keith and Tina Redden of Kevil is currently working as a CAN at Life Care of LaCenter.

Kyle McKean, son of Teresa Draper of LaCenter, is currently employed as a department manager at Wal-Mart and has recently joined the Army National Guard. Upon completion of basic training, the couple will begin their lives together along with their son, Talyn.



Governor Beshear Requests Aid for Families in Flood Damaged Communities

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 29, 2011) – Gov. Steve Beshear today requested on behalf of Kentucky's farm families a disaster declaration from Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, as a result of severe storms and flooding that occurred, starting the week of April 17.

"Reports indicate that Kentucky farmers have significant losses of crops and infrastructure, and the conditions have critically impacted spring plantings," said Gov. Beshear. "The severe storms and flooding have significantly impacted Kentucky's farms and assistance from the USDA is critical and necessary to offset resulting income losses."

The following request is due to severe storms and flooding conditions beginning the week of April 17 for the following counties:

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The widespread effects of the flooding continue to impact Kentuckians across the Commonwealth, as rivers that have not yet crested continue to rise. The Governor's written request is the necessary first step to initiate the process for a Secretarial Disaster Designation. This designation is necessary for several USDA disaster assistance programs to become available to farmers across the Commonwealth.

Additional counties may be added to the request at a later date if conditions warrant.

Information about USDA Disaster Assistance Programs and the Secretarial Disaster Designation process are available at www.fsa.usda.gov by clicking on the Disaster Assistance Program link in the left-hand column.

In addition, Gov. Steve Beshear today directed the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to temporarily suspend certain regulatory restrictions on motor car-

riers and utility vehicles engaged in Kentucky's flood relief effort.

"My administration will do whatever it takes to help our citizens recover from this disaster as quickly as possible," said Gov. Beshear. "Our action will help expedite the delivery of critically needed supplies and emergency services to communities that have been stricken."

At the Governor's direction, Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock today issued an order temporarily lifting some restrictions on commercial vehicles delivering food, water, medicine and other critical supplies. The order also applies to vehicles engaged in restoration of public utilities, including waste disposal, and debris removal.

Under the order, which is effective until May 15, drivers can be exempted from maximum driving times and from the requirement to stop at weigh stations. In addition, the order authorizes the Transportation Cabinet's Department of Vehicle Regulation to waive size and weight restrictions when appropriate. However, to ensure the safety of the traveling public, carriers must obtain all necessary permits and comply with all other safety requirements.

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Community News

Obituaries

Chris Story

John Christopher Story, 50, of Wickliffe, Kentucky passed away at 5:35 a.m. Friday, April 22, 2011 at Lourdes Hospital.

Chris was a member of Cane Creek Baptist Church in Wickliffe and former employee of Westvaco -Wickliffe Paper Mill. Chris was a loving and devoted father, son, and brother.

Chris is survived by his children Christopher Blake Story and wife Brandi of Eddyville, Kentucky, Jeremy Story of Paducah, Kentucky, and Jill Hazelwood and husband Sam of Wickliffe, Kentucky; three grandchildren Tarryn Faith Story, Dalton Thomas Hazelwood, and Brody Jaxon Story; his father Leon Story of Wick-



liffe, Kentucky; one sister Kim Story Graves of Kevil, Kentucky; and one brother Jaime Story and wife Leslie of Wickliffe, Kentucky; one grand-

mother Ruth Story of Paducah, Kentucky; two nephews; one niece; and one great niece.

He was preceded in death by his mother Johnnie Faye Moyers Story.

Funeral services were held at . Sunday, April 24th at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe with Bill Polley and Gene Stallons officiating. Burial followed in the Barlow City Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Camp Rainbow, P.O. Box 3522, Clarksville, TN 37043.

You may leave a message of sympathy or light a candle at www.milnerandorr.com.

Henry Etta Compton

Henry Etta Compton, 80, of Kevil, Ky., passed away at 3:28 a.m. Monday, April 25, 2011, at Western Baptist Hospital.

She was born in Hammond, Indiana. Henry Etta was a member of the Spring Bayou Baptist Church since 1960 where she was a member of the Adult Women's Sunday School Class. She was a member and Past President of the Women's Missionary Union of Spring Bayou Baptist Church. Henry Etta retired from Western Baptist Hospital as a Nurse's Aide with 17 years of service.

She is survived by her daughter, Ann Driver and husband, Mike of Benton, Ky.; sons, Rev. Jimmy Compton and wife, Vickie of Kevil, Ky., Danny Compton and wife, Sherri of Kevil, Ky., Bobby Compton and



wife, Mary Jo of Reidland, Ky.; sister, Margaret Kirkland and husband, Jerry of Coldwater, Ky.; brother, L.J. Hendon and wife, Renaye of Murray, Ky.; ten grandchildren, Holly Compton Adams, Renae C. Turner, Chad Compton, Brett Compton, Josh Compton, Jordyn Compton, Kelli Jo Compton, Andrew Harned, Brandon Driver, and

Cassie Morrow; eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Henry Etta was preceded in death by her husband, James M. Compton. Her parents were Henry Leamon Hendon and Myrtle Futrell Hendon.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 28, 2011, at the Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with the Rev. Terry Tipton, the Rev. Jimmy Compton and the Rev. Steve Turner officiating. Burial followed in the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Spring Bayou Baptist Church Building Fund, 4575 Old Hobbs Road, Kevil, KY 42053.

You may leave a message of sympathy and light a candle at milnerandorr.com.

Bobby Neal Moore

Bobby Neal Moore, of West Paducah, age 77, died Thursday evening at 6:37 p.m. at his home in West Paducah.

Bobby was a member of La Center Christian Church, where he served as a Deacon. He was a Korea Army veteran, and he retired from the McCracken County Road Department.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Shirley Piper Moore of West Pa-

ducah; one son, Randall Moore of Kevil, Ky.; one daughter, Lynne Thomas and her husband, Mike, of Kevil, Ky.; one brother, Donald Moore of North Carolina; and five grandchildren, Jared Thomas, Brittney Thomas, Kaitlyn Thomas, Dakota Moore, and Chase Moore.

Bobby was preceded in death by one sister, Ruth Thompson; and his parents, Guffrey Neal

and Grace Flowers Moore.

Funeral Services were held Monday at 11 a.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel in La Center with the Rev. Dean Ross officiating. Interment followed at Maplelawn Cemetery in Paducah.

Memorial contributions may be sent to La Center Christian Church Building Fund, 414 Walnut Street, La Center, KY 42056.

William "Junior" Stevens, Jr.

Junior Stevens, age 89, died Thursday morning at 6:25 a.m. at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

Junior was a member of Bandana Baptist Church for 71 years. He owned and operated Stevens Trucking in Bandana for several years. He was a World War II Navy Veteran. Junior was a member of the Masonic Lodge #537 for over 50 years. He also farmed and had livestock for several years. Junior was a very devoted and loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend.

Junior is survived by his wife of 71 years, Nellie Stevens of

Bandana; two daughters, Judy Chandler and her husband, Elbert Wayne, of La Center, and Charlotte Cooper and her husband, Danny, of Paducah; one sister, Emma Jean Kingston of Jackson, Michigan. Five grandsons, Mitch Chandler and his wife, Theresa, of La Center, Rod Chandler and his wife, Michele, of La Center, Brandon Chandler and his wife, Nicole, of Kevil, Steve Cooper and his wife, Tana, of Barlow, and Jason Cooper of Paducah. Ten great-grandchildren, Jesse Chandler, Erik Chandler, Tyler Chandler, Clay Chandler, Lee Chandler, and Bradley Chandler, all of La Center.

ter; Kasey and Katie Chandler of Kevil, and Sydney and Seth Cooper of Barlow.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Stevens, a sister, Betty Meriwether, and his parents, William Sr. and Alice Stevens.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at Bandana Baptist Church with the Rev. Don Wann officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Bandana Baptist Church, 157 Allen Street, Bandana, KY 42022 or the charity of choice.

Marissa S. Lutgendorf

Marissa S. Lutgendorf, 53, of Carlisle County died at 10:35 a.m. Monday at her home.

She had been employed as a surgical technician at Western Baptist Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel A. Lutgendorf; her

mother, Dorothy Marie Rust Hendrix; four sisters, Donna Simmons of Camp Verde, Ariz., Judy Taylor of Kevil, Barbara Hendrix of Marshall County, and Cassandra Rhoades of Paducah. She is preceded in death by her father, James E. Hendrix; and

one sister.

Services were held Thursday at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with the Rev. F. Wayne Carter officiating. Burial followed in Maplelawn Park Cemetery.

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Phillip Aaron Bush

Phillip Aaron Bush of St. Clair, MO departed this life at his home in St. Clair on April 20, 2011 having reached the age of fifty-seven years, two months and seventeen days. Phillip was born in Cairo, IL on February 3, 1954, son of Peter Mickley Bush, known to many as Pappy, and Jessie Lea Bush nee Moore. As a young man, he was united in marriage and blessed to have two children.

Phillip is survived by his children, Phillip A. Bush and companion, Kim Wintjen, of Union, MO and Amanda Snyder and husband, David, of Laingsburg, MI; by five grandchildren, Destiny and Jace Bush of Union and Paige, Dalton and Kayson Snyder of Laingsburg; by three brothers, Peter Bush and wife, Sherry, of Festus, MO, James Bush of St. Clair and Randall Bush and wife, Zina, of Union; by three sisters, Karen Marquart and husband, Rick, of Washington, MO, Carol Kachadorian and husband, Michael, of St. Clair and Nita Jo Smith and husband, Mike, of Wickliffe, KY; by

aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Phillip was preceded in death by his parents, Peter "Pappy" and Jessie Bush.

Phillip was a Christian and past member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in St. Clair. He was a member and Junior Deacon of Fraternal Lodge 363, AF & AM of Robertsville, MO, having been initiated December 3, 1995, passed October 7, 1996 and raised December 7, 1996. He was also a member and Junior Warden of Easter Lodge 575, AF & AM of St. Clair. He had recently joined the Order of Eastern Star, St. Clair Chapter 96 and was a member of Elks Lodge 2651 in St. Clair. After graduating from St. Clair High School in 1972, Phillip began his career with the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers, Local 396 of St. Louis, MO and was currently working as a journeyman.

Phillip enjoyed many hobbies

and interests during his life, but his Masonic activities were his passion. He was an avid baseball fan and had a great time at the Cardinal's opening game this season. Going hunting and fishing, especially with family were other favorite hobbies. Phillip enjoyed cutting grass and caring for his lawn and home. Above all else, he was happiest when he was spending time with his family and grandchildren.

A kind and loving father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, nephew, uncle, great-uncle, cousin, fellow ironworker, mason and elk, he will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at Russell Colonial Funeral Home in St. Clair with the Rev. Dr. Phil Turner officiating. Interment was in Midlawn Memorial Gardens, Union, MO. Memorials may be made to the Fraternal Lodge 363 of Robertsville, MO.

Star Wallace

Star Rose Wallace, 81 of La-Center passed away at 3:35 p.m. Thursday at Lourdes Hospital.

Mrs. Wallace was a member of Gage Country Church.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years Elliott Wallace; one daughter Pamela Case

of Wickliffe; one son Charles Wallace of LaCenter; one sister Golda May Webb of Decatur, AL; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. Wallace was preceded in death by two daughters Sheryl Walters and Sara Walters; her parents Lewis and Bertha May

Lawrence Hargrove; two sisters; and five brothers.

Private funeral services were held on Sunday, April 24, 2011 with burial in the Wickliffe City Cemetery.

Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe is in charge of arrangements.

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Community News

Blackbeard's Island

By Robin L. Holt

From time to time I get some wild ideas of somewhere "off the wall" that I would like to visit. With the help of my young son and my past travels to the mysterious Isles that lie just offshore of the Carolina's that could only mean one thing.....PIRATES ! For centuries those scurvy rascals roamed the seas and many small islands of the Eastern Coast, much glamorized last few years by the popular movie series "Pirates of the Caribbean". Many of the stories and legends surrounding this area include tall tales of treasure buried just offshore by the many pirate ships that landed on the shores. One in particular that has really seemed to fuel my son's imagination (and mine) is the story of Blackbeard's Island, near the Sapelo Island area off the coast of Georgia. Legend has it that Blackbeard himself landed on this very spot of land and buried some of his wealth & treasure there on the beach ! It is unknown whether the legend is true or if the treasure has ever been located, however there is no transportation to the small island other than by private boat or kayak. Blackbeard the Famous Pirate was actually named Edward Teach who wreaked havoc along with his crew up and down the coast for many moons before his untimely battle death in 1718.

Blackbeard Island was timbered out in the 1800's by the US Navy for ship lumber but today has been repurchased and finally turned back into unspoiled wilderness known as the



Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuge. It serves as a safe haven for various types of migratory birds & other waterfowl, as well as many varieties of endangered species including the Loggerhead Turtles. Deer, alligators, Bald Eagles & many other remarkable species can be spotted throughout the year in the marshy tidal area's of the island region. Vehicles of any type are strictly prohibited on the island for the safety of the local wildlife but private boats & tours can be arranged locally for anyone interested in pursuing their interest in the area.

Just as intriguing are some of the residents of the islands, known locally as Gullah or Geechee. These native people are remnant ancestors of ancient slaves who were brought to the shores to work on the local plantations. Isolated in the area, they developed their own culture and language skills which are very unique to our country, and may also have perhaps mixed with other cultures of the area including the Native American's who also lived in this same re-

gion. Several years ago I had a wonderful opportunity to visit with some of the Gullah near the Beaufort community & ate at one of their quaint restaurants. The owner of the small diner where we stopped spoke broken English & had one of the most unique accents I have ever heard, they are fascinating culture to say the least. We also made a visit to view some of their beautiful artwork & other handmade wares they sold that portray their ancient way of life. I am also told however that many of them also have Creole ancestry as well but either way they seem to enhance the mysterious islands hand in hand with the legends of gold and pirates.

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On Pit Road

By Tim Taylor

Nashville Superspeedway took center stage this past weekend hosting the Camping World Truck Series and Nationwide Series events while the Sprint Cup teams took the Easter Weekend off.

My first event actually on pit road this year saw Kyle Busch dominate the truck series event, leading all but ten of the 150 laps Friday night. But he did have to survive some late race challenges from Ron Hornaday Jr and Nelson Piquet Jr to earn his 26th series win. Hornaday made a power move, running Busch up the track going into turn three, just after a restart to claim the lead with eight laps remaining. But another caution waved setting up a three lap dash to the finish. Busch shot his way to the front just after the restart in turn two and claimed the lead, and then cruised on to victory. Piquet Jr took advantage of the late race restarts and jumped up to finish second, only 1.061 seconds behind Busch. Todd Bodine appeared to have the only truck that could stay in the same zip code with Busch in the first part of the race, but contact with Miguel Paludo trying to get onto pit lane during a series of green flag pit stops ruined his chances. The contact caused enough damage to Bodine's truck that it never ran the same the remainder of the night as he soldiered on to a 19th place finish. The top four drivers in the point standings are all within five points of each other after Nashville with Johnny Sauter leading the way and teammate Matt Crafton close behind in third. They are separated by Timothy Peters in second. Peters finished third in Nashville while Hornaday fell back to fourth at the finish in Nashville and is also fourth in the points.

The heavy hitters showed up

for Saturday's Nationwide race, with five full time Sprint Cup drivers taking advantage of an off Cup weekend to tackle the 1.333 mile track in Lebanon, Tennessee. Joey Logano won his third pole in just his fourth attempt at the central Tennessee track. He led the Sprint Cup contingent that claimed five of the first nine starting spots. But this night belonged to the Roush Fenway Racing Team led by Carl Edwards. He was happy all weekend long with his car, but was a little disappointed with the seventh place starting position. But it did not take him long to flex his muscle. In less than 20 green flag laps, Edwards charged his way to the front, passing Logano on the 19th circuit to take the lead. He would lead all but four of the next 115 laps of the race, only losing the lead during pit stops. The race got strung out during that stretch, but then a series of cautions kept the field in check the remainder of the night. The best racing of the night came shortly after the last caution of the race. As the field took the green flag with 44 laps remaining, Busch lead Brad Keselowski and Edwards. Edwards got around Keselowski to take the second position and put his sites on Busch. Edwards got around Busch on lap 189, but Busch fought back, looking for back to back night wins in the Volunteer state. He reclaimed the lead back on lap 190. But Edwards would not be denied, as he raced back around Busch to take the lead again on lap 191. Busch challenged back and tried to get up alongside Edwards, but to no avail. Edwards maintained the lead this time and was able to slowly pull away. Keselowski dropped back from the lead duo and was not a factor down the stretch. Edwards went on to a nearly half second victory over Busch with Keselowski coming

in third and Logano fourth. The last of the Sprint Cup regulars was David Reutimann who struggled to a 14th place finish. Roush Fenway drivers Ricky Stenhouse Jr came home fifth with teammate and Daytona 500 winner Trevor Bayne finishing sixth.

Stenhouse's fifth place finish allows him to leave Nashville in a tie in the year long point's battle with Justin Allgaier. The top seven drivers in the points standing are within seven points of the lead. Jason Leffler dropped out of the lead and is now two points back in third, followed by Reed Sorenson, Trevor Bayne, Elliott Sadler and Aric Almirola. The Nationwide Series will next join the Sprint Cup Series in Richmond, Virginia. The Nationwide Series will race on Friday night with the Sprint Cup Series racing on Saturday night.

Richmond is another short track, and the short track races have been dominated by three drivers as of late, Denny Hamlin, teammate Kyle Busch, and Jimmie Johnson. Those three should be strong. Dale Earnhardt Jr has raced well at this track over the years and is being very consistent this year. Eight of the last ten races at Richmond have been won by one of those four drivers with the Joe Gibbs racing teammates claiming the last four wins. The two dark horses to look for this weekend will be Marcos Ambrose and Bobby Labonte. Ambrose is still looking for that first ever Cup win and had top ten finishes in both events in 3/4 mile track last year. He is at Richard Petty Motorsports this year and he should still be a contender. Labonte replaces Ambrose at the JTG-Daugherty Racing team, so expect that team to also have a strong run on Saturday night.

Community Christian Academy to Hold Auction on Friday, May 6th as Benefit

What could be more appropriate than young artists with God-given talent having an auction of their art for the benefit of their Christian school? On Friday, May 6th, Paducah area residents will have the opportunity to purchase outstanding art pieces by young artists for their home, office, or place of business, while helping support Community Christian Academy. The school will hold its Art Auction with over 75 pieces of art produced in art classes from Kindergarten through the 12th grade. Offerings will include silent auction items, live auction items, and set price items for sale.

Among the offerings will be several pieces of decorative furniture, hand painted ceramics, hand painted aprons, note cards, full color date books containing student art, and watercolors of area churches. In addition, there will be paper and crayon mo-

saics, ink drawings, scratchboards, charcoal, acrylics and oil paintings, and nature photography.

Doors open at 6:30 on Friday with the auction with auctioneer Bruce Deweese, beginning at 7:00. There will be a \$5.00 admission fee.

On Thursday from 1:00 to 6:00, a Special Sneak Preview of items will be help.

Community Christian Academy is located at the corner of Highway 45 and Lebanon Church Road, south of Lone Oak.



Some of the award winning work by CCA Artists. Left is a piece by Zach Tzack in the Mixed Media competition while Bonnie Durrett's white charcoal artwork also took honors at recent competition. Photos provided.

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Community News

The End of An Era in Carlisle County



By Michael Toon
Carlisle Weekly
After the storms cleared the damage to the heart of the city of Bardwell was substantial. Bardwell Mayor Philip King immediately called in building inspectors and deemed the Larkins Satellite Building and the Building that housed Annie’s Home Cooking unsafe structurally. At the time of press the city was also exploring options regarding the family services building and other buildings across Front Street, as engineers inspected them on Tuesday. For Annie’s Home Cooking on Monday it was the end of an era for Angela Henley’s family. Her mother Annie Pehm started the business on Front Street 23 years ago and upon her other’s passing, Angela Henley continued the tradition of serving Bardwell and Carlisle County. To see a track hoe operated by Bobby Garnett tear the building down on Monday took its toll emotionally on Henley. “It’s like watching my mother pass away again. Every time we came into that building we saw

my mother standing there. We could feel her presence,” Henley said.
The Carlisle Weekly asked Henley what her plans were, and at this point Henley said it was too early to know. “We did everything we could to evacuate the building before it was razed on Monday. These past two days have been physically and emotionally tolling on not only me but my family as well. We felt empty on Monday because we had no place to go, no place to work,” Henley said. Henley said that she doesn’t know if they will start again or just call it the end of an era.
Regardless, Henley thanked everyone for their support over the years and said it was a pleasure to serve the people of Carlisle County. “I recall the week of the ice storm. We worked 24/7 to provide emergency workers and citizens a meal to eat with whatever food we had on hand. We loved serving the community and being a part of it,” Henley said.
Leonard Larkins of Larkins

Satellite echoed those sentiments as well, as he watched that same track hoe tear down the building his business has inhabited since 1994. Larkins told the Carlisle Weekly that the main thing was that no one was hurt in this ordeal. “It sure does hurt to see this building come down, but the main thing is everyone is safe and no one was hurt,” Larkins said.
He said that he will move his business to the other building he owns at the corner of Jennings and Elm Street, and in the meantime he encourages citizens to call him on his cell phone at 270-562-4042 until Windstream can restore his regular phone number to the new location.
Regardless, when you look at the landscape of the city of Bardwell you are shocked at the extreme change it has undertaken in the past 72 hours and we reflect on the legacies that both of those old buildings left in the history of the city of Bardwell.

Basic Computer Classes Offered at WKCTC

PADUCAH, KY (April 26, 2011) – Workforce Solutions at West Kentucky Community and Technical College will offer a series of courses that can help individuals learn basic computer skills.
All classes will be offered in May and June at the Emerging Technology Center.
Beginners can learn the basics of computing including computer hardware and software components, hardware and software capabilities, and software applications possibilities. The beginner’s class is set for May 9, May 16 and June 2 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The cost for the basic computer classes is \$50.00 per session.
Upon completion of the

course, students should be able to:

- describe basic computer functions and use correct computer terminology
- examine and identify the components (both hardware and software) of a computer system
- use a word processing software package
- use an Internet email package to send and receive email
- use the Internet as a resource tool to research various topics
- manipulate and control the Windows desktop, files, and disks

Beginner’s and advanced beginner’s courses covering Microsoft’s Word, Excel, and PowerPoint programs will also

be offered in May and June. Class dates and times for each program are as follows:

Microsoft Excel – May 10, May 24, and May 31
Microsoft PowerPoint – May 23 and June 1
Microsoft Word – May 17 and May 26

Each course will have a beginner’s and advanced beginner’s class. The cost for each session is \$40.00. Beginner’s classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Advanced beginners classes will be held from 1:00- 4:00 p.m.
Space is limited. Call (270) 534-3335 to register.

Girls of All Ages Invited to Stem Forum

Paducah, Kentucky (April 19,2011) - Girls of all ages interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) can attend a forum in the Emerging Technology Center on the campus of West Kentucky Community and Technical College on May 12 at 4:00 p.m.
The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce Business Education Partnership committee in part-

nership with the Kentucky Girls STEM Collaborative invites female students, parents, businesses, and community members to participate in a regional forum to encourage and motivate girls to pursue educational choices in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Participants will learn from prominent female professionals in these fields.

Panelists include: Dr. Jacqueline Carter, Western Baptist Hospital; Brandi Harless, EntrePaducah; Lt. Jennifer Jessee, Waterways Management and US Coast Guard; Dr. Maeve McCarthy, Murray State University; La Nora Westbrook, United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC).

Signup for EQIP Program Deadline Extended

Kevil, Ky., May 2, 2011 — Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kentucky is accepting applications for the EQIP MRBI in the Mayfield Creek – Bayou de Chien Watershed. Although EQIP applications are continually accepted, the application ranking cutoff date has been extended to May 13, 2011. Applications received after May 13, 2011 will be deferred until the next ranking cycle.
To improve the health of the Mississippi River Basin, includ-

ing water quality, wetland restoration, and wildlife habitat, the Natural Resources Conservation Service has established the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI). Through this Initiative, NRCS and its partners will help producers in targeted watersheds within the Mississippi River Basin voluntarily implement conservation practices that avoid, control, and trap nutrient runoff while maintaining agricultural productivity.
These improvements will be

accomplished through a conservation systems approach to manage and optimize nitrogen and phosphorous within fields to minimize runoff and reduce downstream nutrient loading. NRCS will provide producers assistance with a suite of practices that will control soil erosion, improve soil quality, and improve water quality.
To see if your land is included in the targeted area in Ballard County call 270-462-8980, extension 3, or in Carlisle County call 270-628-5429, extension 3.

Tornado Strikes City of Bardwell in April Storms

By Michael Toon of The Carlisle Weekly
In some military circles the weather event that hit Bardwell, Kentucky, on April 23, 2011, would be called a sneak attack. Without little to any warning at all a weather system that began as a storm with strong rotation in Mississippi County, Missouri, developed into a tornadic event for the City of Bardwell.
Charles Fisher, Deputy Emergency Management Services Director, told the Paducah Sun in its Sunday edition that there was no way to get warning out. “There was no warning whatsoever,” Fisher said. “Right about the time this hit, we got word of a severe thunderstorm warning.”
The element of surprise was felt by Bardwell’s Chad Ballard. “I had just finished putting my children back in my house after some four-wheeler riding and I went to put my four-wheeler back in the shed when a huge gust of wind and 4x4 piece of plywood hit my side and pushed me into a huge metal bending tool I use. I was bruised up a little but I am just glad my kids were safe,” Ballard said.
Ballard also talked about the sights and sounds of the storm. “When I was lying on the ground I looked up and saw the mobile home next to my home be physically picked up and moved five feet off of its foundation. I next looked up and saw debris and leaves swirling in a circular motion,” Ballard said.
Ballard told the Carlisle Weekly he never saw a funnel cloud but with the chaos of the moment he was concerned with the safety of him and his family.
The tornadic event left a path of destruction in Bardwell beginning at Jennings Street at

the home of Ricky Williams, as his roof from his building behind his home was ripped off and destroying the home of Stinson Terry on Cherry Road. The tornado then began its rampage and took full aim on the building owned by Jesse Adams, flattening it to the ground.
Front Street was the next unlucky target of the tornado, as Annie’s Homecooking, the post office and the Carlisle County News took substantial damage, as the roofs and walls were damaged.
The tornado next moved on and left two of the most indelible images that will be remembered for years after the storm, as the front wall of Larkin’s Satellite was crumbled away and into US Highway 51 and the Bardwell Baptist Church Christian Outreach Center and building were damaged. The Bardwell Baptist Church Christian Outreach Center received damage to the roof, as it was peeled away exposing the gym floor that once provided a temporary home to Carlisle Countians during the 2009 Ice Storm. Also, the glass front that led you into the gym was completely blown inward and destroyed.
The tornado’s path then continued behind the church, knocking the posts off of and damaging the white house behind the church and damaging Elmwood Apartments, ripping shingles off the roofs of the apartments and blowing out windows in some cases. The path of fury ended with the homes of Aaron Storey and Derek Lemons. At the home of Aaron Storey winds and debris pelted his home causing extensive damage and causing damage to his Ford Explorer.
At the home of Derek Lemons, the tornado appeared

to have picked up his carport and knocked it down. Luckily for Lemons and the rest of Bardwell no one was killed in the event.
When the dust settled a state of emergency was declared for the City of Bardwell and Carlisle County at 3:00 p.m. Traffic entering the city and leaving the city was blocked off at all entry points, as the damage proved the roads to be impassible.
After the storm made its way through, emergency responders and Bardwell City Utilities wasted no time in getting to work in securing the safety of citizens and working to get power restored back to the citizens of Bardwell. Power to the City of Bardwell was restored at 1:00 a.m. on Sunday. Cleanup efforts immediately commenced as well, as citizens walked from their homes or places they parked outside of the city to come in and help clean up. Curtsinger Farms was on hand with heavy equipment, as they cleared US Highway 51 so that emergency personnel and cleanup crews could come in and begin the recovery process.
Bardwell Mayor Philip King expressed his gratitude to all who helped in the moments after the storm. “I want to thank all the citizens who pitched in and volunteered to help the City of Bardwell in their time of need; The Bardwell City Utilities employees who worked non-stop to restore power to our city; Clint Gill of Whayne Supply for delivering light plants to help light sections of the city we were working in, and to all of our great volunteer emergency response teams throughout the county who came to our aid. We are eternally grateful,” King said.

FEMA Representatives Begin Assessing Devastating Flood Damage in Kentucky

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 29, 2011) – Governor Steve Beshear directed multiple efforts today to ensure that Kentucky citizens receive the assistance they need to recover from devastating floods. The Governor requested a disaster declaration for Kentucky’s farm families from Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsac, and also directed the temporary suspension of restrictions on certain motor carriers and utility vehicles delivering disaster relief supplies. Also today, federal assessment teams are on the ground across Kentucky, evaluating damages from recent storms. More than half the state’s counties have now declared states of emergency.
“After viewing flooding and damages throughout western Kentucky yesterday, it was clear that we need to expedite any assistance that can help our families recover more quickly,” said Gov. Beshear. “The floods have had devastating impact on spring plantings, and we need to move relief supplies into the state as fast as we can. I will continue to do everything in my power to ease recovery efforts for families.”
Yesterday, Gov. Beshear toured some of the state’s hardest hit areas in the western portion of the state. The Governor also requested a major disaster declaration from the President of the United States for Individual Assistance, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation and Small Business Administration disaster loans. One fatality has been attributed to this week’s storms.
The widespread effects of the flooding continue to impact Kentuckians across the Commonwealth, as rivers that have not yet crested

continue to rise. The Governor’s written request to Agriculture Secretary Vilsac is the necessary first step to initiate the process for a Secretarial Disaster Designation. This designation is necessary for several USDA disaster assistance programs to become available to farmers across the Commonwealth.
In keeping with Gov. Beshear’s declaration of emergency and pledge to do whatever it takes to help victims of the disaster, Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock today signed an order temporarily suspending certain regulatory restrictions on motor carriers and utility vehicles engaged in disaster response.
The order, which is effective until May 15, applies to vehicles delivering food, water, medicine and other critical supplies. It also applies to vehicles engaged in restoration of public utilities, including waste disposal and debris removal.
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representatives continue to arrive in Kentucky to begin assessments. The federal teams work alongside representatives from Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM), small business administration and local emergency management. These joint assessment teams will assess all damages to infrastructure, businesses and homes in each county with a disaster declaration in order to calculate the magnitude of loss. The total assessments will help determine the level of federal disaster relief.
John Heltzel, director of KYEM, said, “We are doing everything we can to assist with the protection of citizens in the Commonwealth, including mobilizing additional personnel to help with flood waters in

western Kentucky. Our FEMA federal coordinating officer (FCO) arrived today and has assured us, as always, they are here to assist and help our Commonwealth in any way they can.”
Currently, 66 counties and 27 cities have declared states of disaster.
The Kentucky National Guard (KyNG) continues its support with approximately 128 Guardsmen equipped with tactical vehicles providing civic support to western Kentucky in response to the flooding along the Ohio River. These troops continue to conduct water barrier and sandbagging operations in Ballard and Livingston Counties as well as law enforcement support in Henderson, Fulton and McCracken Counties.
Emergency management officials continue urging motorists to avoid driving through flooded roadways and report any downed power lines to their local utilities or emergency management.
Please visit <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=lmk> to monitor river and lake levels throughout Kentucky. You may also sign up for United States Geological Society’s (USGS) Water Alerts, an application that allows users to receive updates at any of the sites where USGS collects real-time water information. Daily or hourly updates are sent via e-mail or text messages when the current conditions meet or surpass a threshold of concern determined by the user. The site to sign up for USGS Water Alert is <http://water.usgs.gov/wateralert>. For road closures and conditions, please visit www.511.ky.gov, or call 511.

Correction:

The Ballard Weekly ran a story on March 30th regarding Adrienne Beasley’s concert at Kings and Queens in LaCenter. In that article I referred to Timmy Byas as Timothy Byas. Mr. Byas’ given name is Timmy. I also referred to his tragic death as the result of an auto accident in the previous year. Mr. Byas died as the result of a tractor-trailer accident in 2009. The Ballard Weekly apologizes for these errors.

Community News

Abdo and Winnans Sign with MCU



Senior Mikey Winnans has signed a letter of intent with Mid Continent University. On hand for the signing with Mikey Winnans pictured on the right are: Back Row: Jerry Summers, Lynda Winnans, Jason Winnans, and Athletic Director Dustin Roberts; front Row: Donna Thornton-Green, Mikey Winnans, and Midcontinent Head Coach David Oesch.



Adam Abdo signs with Mid Continent University. On hand for the signing were: pictured at the left: back Row: BMHS Asst. Coach Jerry Summers, Anita Abdo, and Athletic Director Dustin Roberts;; front row: BMHS Coach Donna Thornton-Green, Adam Abdo, Midcontinent Head Coach David Oesch.

By: Allyson Alvey

2010 was Ballard Memorial’s first year to have a high school soccer team, and it was very successful. This first-year team produced two collegiate signees: Adam Abdo and Mikey Winnans. On April 15, 2011, Abdo and Winnans signed a renewable one year contract to become Cougars at Mid-Continent University.

Abdo has played soccer since elementary school. His father is from Brazil and has always filled his head with dreams of participating in the World Cup. Winnans played soccer when he was younger, but took a break to play baseball. He decided to join Bal-

lard Memorial’s team to stay in shape for baseball, and now he has a full ride to college.

Abdo was captain of the 2010 BMHS Soccer team. For his senior season, he had 7 goals and 14 shots on the goal. Abdo received the Leadership and Best Forward Awards. Winnans had 115 saves in 14 JV games. He earned the Keeper Award and Most Valuable Player of the 2010 season.

MCU Coach David Oesch is thrilled to have this dynamic duo. “Of course, they’ll have to behave on and off the field and keep a 2.0 GPA to keep their scholarship, but after seeing their grades and meeting them today,

I’m sure that’ll be no problem.”

Abdo and Winnans will not be just teammates at MCU, but also roommates. “I’m so glad Mikey and Adam are rooming together, they’ll be good for each other; you know, keep each other in line,” Lynda Winnans said when asked about her son’s roommate.

Although these best friends are moving on to become college soccer players, they will continue to give back to Ballard Memorial. The MCU Cougar Soccer Team plans to host a high school soccer camp this summer and the Ballard Bombers will be attending to support their graduates.

USDA Announces May Deadline for Biomass Crop Assistance Program

Lexington KY, April 20, 2011–USDA Farm Service Agency Acting Administrator Val Dolcini announced the deadline for project area proposals for the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP). To be considered, proposals must be submitted to the applicable state office by close of business, May 27, 2011.

“The nation that harnesses the power of clean, renewable energy will be the nation that leads the 21st century. BCAP can help rural communities save money, create jobs and improve

air quality while reducing the demand for fossil fuels,” said Dolcini. “I encourage all those interested in participating in this program to contact their Farm Service Agency (FSA) state office for details.”

BCAP was authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill and provides incentives to eligible farmers, ranchers and forest landowners for the establishment and production of biomass crops for heat, power, bio-based products and biofuels. BCAP project areas are specific geographic areas where producers grow eli-

gible biomass crops. Producers then receive annual payments for growing those crops.

For more information, visit the USDA Farm Service Agency’s website at www.fsa.usda.gov/bcap or contact Kelly Novak at 202.720.4053 or cepdmail@wdc.usda.gov. The BCAP project area proposal submission form is available online at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/bcap_form_20.pdf.

Wickliffe Mill Shut Down Due to High Water Conditions

WICKLIFFE, KY, April 26, 2011 – The NewPage paper mill in Wickliffe has decided to initiate a controlled shutdown of the Wickliffe mill, beginning April 26, due to the Mississippi River reaching flood stage and prohibiting the mill from operating its wastewater treatment plant effectively. Mill personnel are working closely with the Kentucky Division of Water and Division of Waste Management. The mill is located just south of the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The mill has not experienced flood levels this high during its 40 year operating history.

The duration of the outage is unknown at this time and

will depend on how quickly the water begins to recede after its expected crest next week. A small crew of employees will be

assigned to maintain essential operations during the shutdown. The mill employs approximately 480 people.



Ballard Hires New Football Coach

“When the players put on a Bomber football t-shirt, it’s going to mean something.”

That sums up the plans of John Elliott, new head football coach at Ballard Memorial High School. The 35-year veteran of coaching high-school and college football teams in Kentucky and Indiana said that he wants to develop a first-class program at BMHS.

He was in LaCenter on April 21 to meet his prospective players, and work on planning and a calendar for the 2011 season. Elliot said he planned to have a meeting for middle- and high-school players and their parents in May, and hopes to work with coaches in the elementary school program, as well.

His most recent coaching job was three years as an assistant at Henderson County High School. The Colonels had a combined record of 25-11 over that time. In 2010, they went 9-3, with notable victories over Muhlenberg, Graves and Marshall counties. They lost in overtime in the playoffs to Louisville Male.

The team there was very balanced, Elliott said, with only 200 yards’ difference in rushing and passing numbers. While detailed plans will wait until he’s



seen his new roster, he said he expected to play with sound fundamentals on both sides of the ball. “It’s important to run the football,” he added, saying that a strong running game helped set up the rest of the game plan.

“I want our players to be successful on the field and in the classroom,” he said. Elliott also has over two decades of experience as a teacher.

He and his wife, Denise, currently live in Newburgh, Ind., and he said that the logistics of finishing the year at his current

job and a long commute will keep him busy into June. He said he was looking forward to the first day of practice on July 15, but added that the current coaching staff will be working with players as allowed until then.

The Elliott family also includes five sons, one of whom, Joey, was the starting quarterback for the Purdue Boilermakers in 2009. He now plays for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the Canadian Football League.

(BCS photos)

One Reason to Remember “Turn Around - Don’t Drown”



A Tennessee woman traveling on Highway 51 is the perfect example of “Turn Around - Don’t Drown”. The submerged vehicle above ended up in the backwater when the driver attempted to drive through flood waters at “Winford Junction” at the Ballard-Carlisle County Line. The driver was rescued and her vehicle was removed from the flood waters.

New Page Promotes John Fuller And Steve Weber at Wickliffe Mill

Wickliffe, KY – April 26, 2011 – NewPage has promoted John Fuller to Mill Manager and Steve Weber to Production Manager at the paper mill in Wickliffe. Fuller has been with the company since 2000 at the Rumford, ME mill. He joined the mill as Manager, Pulp and Utilities, and was promoted to Pro-



John Fuller
New Mill Manager



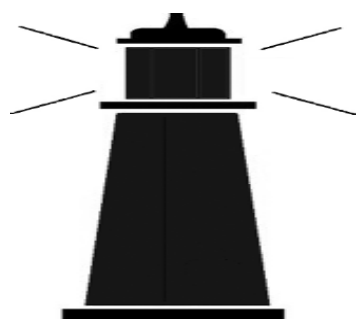
Steve Weber
Production Manager

duction Manager in 2007. He has a bachelor’s degree in forest products from Oregon State University and a master’s degree from the Institute of Paper Chemistry in Wisconsin. He and his wife, Mimi, have three children.

Weber joined the company at the Wickliffe mill in

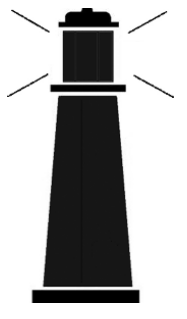
1985 in the Environmental department and transferred to the Power and Recovery area in 1990 and was promoted to Technical Assistant to the Power and Recovery Superintendent. In 1996 he was promoted to Senior Technical Assistant – Power and Recovery and in 1997 to Operations Supervisor – Power and Recovery. In 1999 he was promoted to Area Supervisor – Power and Recovery and in 2004 to Assistant Pulp and Power Superintendent. In 2006 he joined the Lean Six Sigma Business Excellence group as a Black Belt and was promoted to Master Black Belt in 2008. He was promoted to Power and Recovery Superintendent in 2009 and to Pulp and Power Superintendent in 2010. A native of Mayfield, Weber has a bachelor’s degree in environmental engineering technology and a master’s degree in engineering technology both from Murray State University. He and his wife, Kelly, live in Mayfield with their children.





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Senior Spotlights

Skylar Amis



By Jessi Worley

Petite, bubbly, outgoing, and girly, Skylar Amis is one senior everyone should meet. She has made her mark on the history of Ballard Memorial High School due to her involvement in so many activities.

So where to begin with Skylar's long resume? She has been involved with sports such as basketball (one year), softball (4 years), tennis (4 years), and colorguard (2 years). She was also in choir for two years. Skylar is in FBLA (4 years), FCA (2 years), Beta Club (3 years), Drama Club (one year), and her most known—FCCLA. In FCCLA, Skylar has served as the FCCLA Chapter Parliamentarian and President. She has also held the positions of Regional Vice President of Parliamentarian, Vice-President of STAR Events and is now the Region 1 Vice President and Chapter President. Some of Skylar's achievements include honor roll, Hoops Tournament, Power of One, State Degree, testing exemptions, and 2nd

place at Star Events.

Skylar is the daughter of Terry and Kelly Amis of West Paducah and is the great niece of Linda and Bobby Keeling. She is a member of Heartland Worship Center. When Skylar is not being her busy self, she enjoys going to singing competitions, shopping, traveling to different places and hanging out with her boyfriend.

When Skylar moves on from BMHS, her future plans include getting married, going to college, becoming a chemical engineer, having kids, and moving out of Ballard County. She hopes to be remembered by her classmates as a strong-willed person. We only wish Skylar the best for her active future.

Favorites:

Class: AP Calculus
Teacher: Mr. Shelton
Movie: The Hangover
Musician: Carrie Underwood
Song: So Small
TV Show: Degrassi
Food: Chinese

Andrew Dortch



By Brionna Martin

Whether kicking butt on the football field as Ballard Memorial High School's defensive lineman or just playing good ole backyard football, senior Andrew Dortch is one to remember! The son of Julie Ann and Randy Lee Dortch of Barlow is the type of guy that puts his heart and soul into everything he does.

Andrew does this not only as a football player, but also having been a member of FFA, track, and the tennis team. Andrew's sophomore and junior year he won the award for most outstanding defensive lineman and won the West Kentucky Banquet for Football his junior year.

One of Andrew's favorite things at BMHS is all of his

friends, especially classmate Jaylen Morris. Andrew wants to be remembered as a good friend, and an honest and trustworthy person. When he leaves BMHS he hopes to leave behind a good reputation.

When Andrew graduates he wants to be the tester of the La-Z-Boy recliners, then later become a diesel mechanic.

Favorites:

Class: Autobody
Teacher: Mrs. Rottgering
Movie: Never Back Down
Musician: Brantley Gilbert
Song: Farmer's Daughter
TV Show: Swamp People
Video Game: Poker Star.Net
Food: Hot Wings
School Food: Hot Wings

Graduation is just around the corner....Congratulations to the Class of 2011

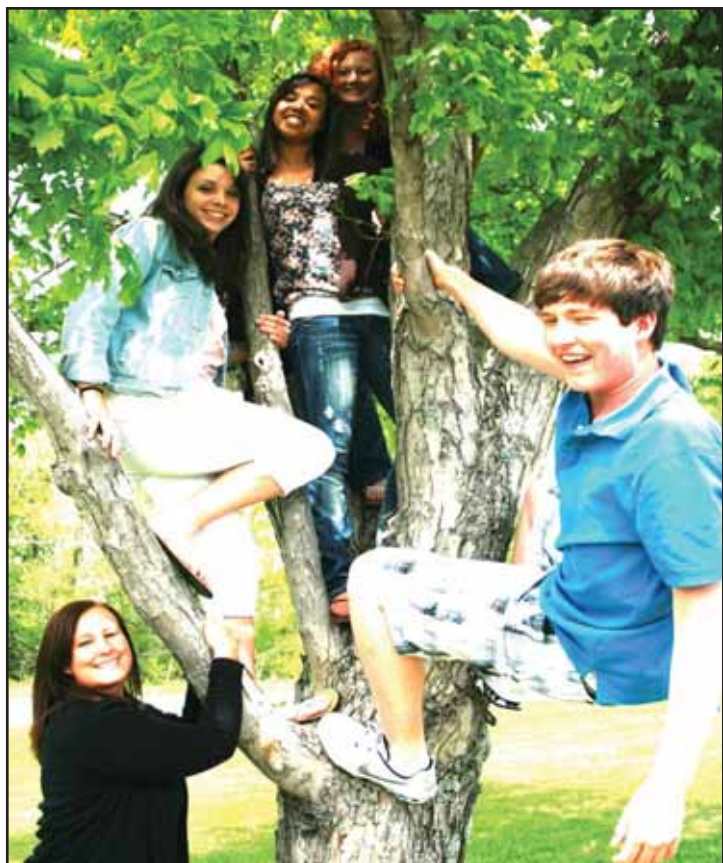
CTC Students Helping Flood Abatement Efforts



Students at Ballard County Career and Technical Center spent part of Tuesday afternoon filling sandbags for the Ballard County Road Department to use around local homes and businesses in danger of flooding from heavy rains and rising rivers. Students had filled two trailers with bags in about an hour. Teachers said they planned to continue the efforts for the rest of the week, weather permitting. Members of the Kentucky National Guard arrived in the county late Tuesday afternoon, and community volunteers also worked at the CTC location until the night's bad weather drove them away. (BCS photo)



BMHS Will Send Three to GSP; Two Alternates



By Amanda Gill

For many students, the latter part of the year consists of scrambling to complete the tedious, time-consuming Governor's Scholars Program application. In early spring, applicants anticipate word from the Governor's Scholars Program to confirm their acceptance into the program. The Governor's Scholars Program, also known as GSP, is a wonderful opportunity for students to take advantage of. During the five week program, Scholars stay on one of three host campuses in Kentucky, getting a taste of college life to come. Scholars live, learn, and grow alongside fellow Scholars, and build a strong sense of "community" amongst themselves.

GSP opens a world of opportunities as far as scholarships are concerned. The honor of being a GSP alumnus reflects a student's excel-

lence, and scholarship committees hold the program in high regards. Ballard Memorial High School juniors Tori Bertram, Sabrina Lovelace, and Sarah Naas have been accepted as 2011 Governor's Scholars, and Ian Wilson and Kristan Woods have been selected as alternates. Congratulations to Tori Bertram, Sabrina Lovelace, Sarah Naas, Ian Wilson, and Kristan Woods for achieving such an honor!

Tori Bertram is the daughter of Rev. Timothy Ray Bertram and Ballard County Middle School teacher Sherry Bertram, residents of Paducah. Bertram is active in volleyball, concert and marching bands, choir, Friendship Baptist Church's youth group, tennis, the Student Ambassadors organization, STAND, tutoring for the 21st Century program, Student Council, ACTS, and God's Graffiti. BMHS teacher Steve

Quertermous attests that "Tori's smile, upbeat attitude, and excitement are contagious."

Sabrina Lovelace is the daughter of Sidney and Kimberly Lovelace, residents of Wickliffe. Lovelace keeps busy with softball, HOSA, FCA, FBLA, Beta Club, and the BMHS Broadcasting team. At a local nursing home, residents and employees alike are graced with Lovelace's presence, as she volunteers her time there. Lovelace also spends her time working on the family farm, and giving swim lessons to local children. "As a teacher," Gary Willis explains, "I had a difficult time keeping Sabrina challenged – she... was excellent at finding ways to solve even the most challenging problems."

Sarah Naas is the daughter of Christopher and Mary Naas, residents of Barlow. Naas' time is well spent with FCA, softball, FBLA, the Barlow First Baptist Church youth group, Student Council, the BMHS Broadcasting Team, Beta Club, basketball, and the Student Ambassadors organization, which utilizes its sources to serve the community. Naas volunteers her time at His House and tutoring for the 21st Century program. She babysits, and is an elementary school softball pitching coach. Guidance counselor Lorry Beth Wilson describes her as having a "dedication to people and... a positive, faith-filled life."

This coming summer will be the hard-working students' time to shine. They will have an unforgettable summer building unforgettable friendships. We give them our best wishes for their bright futures, and are confident they will make the most of the phenomenal experience that is to come! Look for a follow-up to these students' GSP experiences in August!

Abbey Shelley signs with Campbellsville



Ballard basketball record-holder Abby Shelley (seated, center), has signed to play basketball with Campbellsville University next year. Also shown from left are (seated, front) BMHS Assistant Coach Samantha Cox, Shelley, Campbellsville Assistant Coach Miranda Denney, (back row) former Ballard coach Kevin Estes, Deanna Shelley, Brian Shelley, Leah Shelley, Campbellsville Coach Ginger Calvin, BMHS Coach Billie Prince and Ballard Assistant Coach Darrell Dixon. (BW Photo)

They will be difficult shoes to fill but Campbellsville College Coach Ginger Calvin is happy to have them on her team. Abby Shelley signed a letter to intent with Campbellsville College recently at BMHS.

Ballard Memorial Head Coach Billie Prince jokingly said, "we are trying to find a way to keep her. I wish there was some way we could get a seventh year eligibility. Seriously, Abby has been a great leader and it is definitely

going to be a challenge fill her position."

Abby holds Ballard Memorial's record for all time career points and over 1,000 rebounds in her career. Assistant Coach Samantha Cox and Abby are the only two known Lady Bombers to reach the rebound total.

Coach Calvin stated that the upcoming season will be a rebuilding season for Campbellsville. "We have three starters back but we will lose six seniors upon graduation

this year. Abby is the type of player we look for and we have high hopes for her career at Campbellsville."

Shelley chose Campbellsville partly because of the coaching staff. "I felt at home when I toured the college. The coaches and staff were a big part of why I chose Campbellsville. When I met the team, it was very similar to the Lady Bombers. I really felt at home."