

AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Maine city passes car smoking law

The Tobacco Policy Center has reported that Bangor, Maine has become perhaps the first city in America to make it illegal to smoke in a vehicle while children are present. Violators will be subject to a \$50 fine if they are caught smoking with anyone under 18 in the car. The law was made a primary offense, meaning that police will be able to stop drivers if smoking is observed while children are passengers. "People who smoke with a child present in the confined space of a car or truck might as well be deliberately trying to kill that child," said Bangor Councilor Patricia Blanchette. Other states, including Arkansas, have passed similar laws, but as secondary offenses, meaning drivers cannot be stopped for violating the law, but can be cited if they are stopped for other infractions.

Smoking ban reaches national milestone

Thirty years after it began as just another quirky movement in Berkeley, Calif., the push to ban smoking in restaurants, bars and other public places has reached a national milestone, the Associated Press has reported. For the first time in the nation's history, more than half of Americans live in a city or state with laws mandating that workplaces, restaurants or bars be smoke-free, according to Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights. "The movement for smoke-free air has gone from being a California oddity to the nationwide norm," said Bronson Frick, the group's associate director. "We think 100 percent of Americans will live in smoke-free jurisdictions within a few years." Seven states and 116 communities enacted tough smoke-free laws last year, bringing the total number to 22 states and 577 municipalities, according to the group. Nevada's ban, which went into effect Dec. 8, increased the total U.S. population covered by any type of smokefree law to 50.2 percent.

Cancer deaths fall for 2nd straight year

Cancer deaths in the United States dropped in 2004 for the second year in a row, health officials said, confirming that the trend is real and becoming more pronounced, too. Cancer deaths in the U.S. in 2004 fell to 553,888 — a drop-off of 3,014 deaths, or 0.5 percent, from the year before, according to a review of U.S. death certificates conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics and released by the American Cancer Society. Cancer deaths also fell in 2003, the first drop seen since 1930. But that decline was so small — just 369 deaths — that experts were hesitant at the time to say whether it was a triumph of medicine or just a statistical fluke. Now, it appears "it's not only continuing; the decrease in the second year is much larger," said Ahmedin Jemal, an American Cancer Society researcher. Experts are attributing the success to declines in smoking and to earlier detection and more effective treatment of tumors.

Clay seeks Sierra Club for chicken help

Webster County residents in and around Clay are concerned about the odors emanating from the Tyson chicken farms. The community has asked the Clay City Council for help, according to a report in the Providence Journal-Enterprise. The council has invited the Sierra Club, a national environmental watchdog organization, to a community forum today (Jan. 25) at Clay City Hall. The event will be open to the public and Tyson representatives have been invited to attend. Clay Mayor Rick Householder told the Providence newspaper that the forum will be strictly "informational." The program is expected to focus on what options are available to local residents concerning the odor, what chicken farm owners can do about it, and how other counties have addressed the issue.

LBL offering firewood opportunities

Hillman Ferry Campground in Land Between the Lakes will be offering a firewood sale each Saturday in February from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m. The firewood sale is a result of trees damaged during the November 2005 tornado. Removal of firewood will be limited to a designated area and only downed wood may be collected. Cutting down or dropping trees is prohibited. The required permit may be purchased for \$20 at the Golden Pond Administrative Office, Golden Pond Visitor Center or Hillman Ferry Gatehouse. One permit is required per vehicle and is valid for all four Saturdays in February. Permits must be presented to the Forest Service employee upon entering and exiting Hillman Ferry Campground. Firewood collection is unlimited.

Cell phone advertising reduces bill

People often say they do not like advertisements, but that may change if the ads start lowering their cellphone bills, according to the New York Times. Cellular phone carriers like Verizon, Sprint and Cingular — now the new AT&T — are beginning to test and roll out advertising on mobile phone screens. The Times reported that by next year, cellphone advertising is likely to be more common. In exchange, the companies say, their subscribers will enjoy improved mobile Internet services and content provided free or at reduced prices. Other companies like Virgin Mobile USA and Amp'd Mobile are taking the idea a step further, rewarding customers for viewing ads by lowering their cellphone bills.

LBL Heritage Program seeks area input

The USDA Forest Service will be holding discussion and planning sessions at local public libraries in communities surrounding LBL. These sessions will provide an opportunity for former residents and interested local community members to learn about the LBL Heritage Program. Input will help LBL officials provide a meaningful and appropriate LBL Heritage Program. Four discussion and planning sessions will be held in the counties surrounding LBL during January and February. The fourth discussion and planning session will be held from 10 a.m., until noon Feb. 3 at the Lyon County Public Library in Eddyville. If you are unable to attend any of the community sessions, you may still provide input by calling LBL at 924-2015 or emailing to jwbennett@fs.fed.us.

QUICK FACTS

Crittenden County employment data

Some facts about where local citizens work.

INDUSTRY	NUMBER PEOPLE WORKING
Employed persons 16 years and over	3,514
Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries	265
Mining	275
Construction	239
Manufacturing, nondurable goods	196
Manufacturing, durable goods	713
Transportation	116
Communications and other public utilities	55
Wholesale trade	61
Retail trade	429
Finance, insurance, and real estate	125
Business and repair services	78
Personal services	89
Entertainment and recreation services	16
Health services	301
Educational services	252
Other professional and related services	149
Public administration	155

Rozwalka attorney asks judge for trial date

STAFF REPORT

The attorney for Tracy Rozwalka has filed a motion asking Circuit Judge Rene Williams to set a trial date for the civil matter involving his client and former school superintendent Fredericka Hargis.

Attorney Kenneth Hoggard of Hopkinsville entered the petition on Jan. 11 and has asked for a hearing on March 9. At that time, or soon thereafter, he wants the judge to set a date and time for a jury trial.

Rozwalka was injured Feb. 19, 2004 in the parking lot of a Marion beauty shop when Hargis ran over her foot with her car.

Hargis was charged with a felony and later entered an Alford plea in Crittenden District Court to a lesser charge of wanton endangerment.

Rozwalka sought medical treatment

at the hospital following the incident. She filed a civil lawsuit against Hargis in February 2005, seeking judgment for unspecified medical expenses past and future and for punitive damages. The original complaint said that Rozwalka's medical bills exceeded \$1,000. Her lawsuit claims that Hargis "acted with gross negligence" when she sped out of the parking lot and ran over the plaintiff's foot.

Hargis was later fired by the school board for, among other things, conduct unbecoming of a superintendent.

Hargis has filed a lawsuit against Rozwalka and 12 other individuals for defamation of character. Most of the defendants have been released from that matter, but Rozwalka and others at the beauty shop on that day in February of 2004 are still involved in the case.

Additionally, Hargis has filed a lawsuit against the school board for breach of contract and wrongful termination.

Hargis, now a principal at an elementary school in Louisville, had her superintendent's certification revoked last summer by the state standards board. The revocation was for five years, with various conditions.

EducationNews.com, which bills itself as the Internet's No. 1 source for education news, recently published a lengthy article in regard to Hargis, her background and her ongoing court cases.



HARGIS

Ohio River too dangerous to look for man

Rescue workers say the Ohio River is too treacherous right now to continue recovery operations for the National Maintenance and Repair worker who has been missing since his towboat went down Friday night near the confluence of the Tennessee River.

The Paducah Sun reported Monday that it could be two weeks before the water is low enough to attempt a dive. The biggest concern for search crews was debris moving quickly down the swollen Ohio.

Brian Turner, 42, of Carlisle County has been missing since about 10 p.m. Friday, when the towboat sank in 38-degree water near Owens Island near the

Paducah riverfront. Two other crewmen — Raymond Alexander Lang and Steven Fuller — were rescued from the water by Ingram Barge Co. workers who heard their cries for help. It was unclear whether Turner made it out with a life vest.

Emergency responders still didn't know Monday what caused the boat to take on water so quickly, sinking in a matter of minutes. The towboat is submerged under 50 to 55 feet of water. It will be difficult to raise until the water level drops, emergency management directors said.

Livingston County EMS Director Brent Stringer met with divers from the Emergency Management

Area 2 Dive Team out of Madisonville at about 10:30 a.m., Monday, and they weren't comfortable going into the river, the Paducah Sun reported.

"They did some visual inspections of the area," Stringer told the Paducah newspaper. "It looks like the water's going to have to recede quite a bit. ... It's too risky for them to try right now. The current is so strong, and there's still a lot of debris."

Stringer said National Maintenance and Repair brought in a diver Saturday from Mainstream Commercial Divers in Murray and was told the same thing: "They were not going to put anybody out in

those conditions," Stringer said. "I don't foresee it for the next couple of weeks. ... It's been unseasonably wet, there's been storms. Those contribute quite a bit. It's really just a waiting game now."

And waiting is what Turner's family is doing.

Turner's wife, Dana Turner, was with her family and some friends Monday. They declined to talk much about Brian Turner.

Tracy Wallace, Dana Turner's sister, said the couple married five years ago, but knew each other for 15 years before that. Dana Turner wanted to wait until crews recover the body before talking about her husband.

SQUARE

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tion to the project, so it got the square. A quilt square, according to the Kentucky Quiltline brochure, is designed on sections of wood which are then pieced together on a 8x8 frame. The patterns selected for each square are normally chosen by a committee or square sponsor. Rosalind Hillis, owner of Marion Inn, selected the pattern of her quilt square out of a choice of four. The cost of a square is approximately \$250-\$350.

Crittenden County will showcase two quilt squares, one at Marion Inn and another at Farm Supply at a later date. The local FFA helped construct the quilt square and has offered to build the other one. However Neil Decker, an employee of the Crittenden County office of the National Resource Conservation Services, said that it may be sent out to Madisonville to be put together.

DRUGS

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are looking at Crittenden's policy as a model. "The National Institute of Drug Abuse says schools normally see an 80 percent drop in recreational use when drug policies are used," Melloy said. "I don't know what 80 percent of one is."

"The percentage of students testing positive is an amazing statistic and speaks very highly of the students and the board's forthrightness to institute the policy."

A computerized system randomly selects a percentage of students for periodic drug tests. Only those who participate by choice in extra-curricular activities and those who drive to school are included in the testing pool. A similar drug testing policy also exists for faculty and staff.

Belt says there may be a reduction in the number of students participating in extra-curricular activities as a result of the policy.

"There is still an element of the student population that does abuse drugs," Belt said. "But the policy has taken the market away from students who are dealing drugs, and that is one of the positives."

Belt said random drug tests, in combination with three other initiatives, can be attributed to a substantial reduction in suspensions from Crittenden County High School.

A new approach to tardies, a nighttime alternative school, drug testing and the presence of a uniformed officer in the halls of the middle and high schools have greatly reduced the number of suspensions, Belt said.

Because of the success of these initiatives, Belt said the board will look at continuing its testing procedures beyond this school year.

Drug testing costs the school district a little less than \$19,000 annually.

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"This project helps us to remember a pastime that

was popular with many generations, while promoting more tourism in smaller counties," Decker said. "A lot of people have called us wanting to buy a square to hang up on their barn or building to show their support."

An official trail map has not been made yet, but quilt squares can be found on scenic backroads. A website

will be launched by midsummer that will have a list of all the quilt squares that can be found in the nine-county area, as well as 13 other counties through eastern Kentucky.

For more information on Kentucky Quiltlines, contact Neil Decker at the National Resource Conservation Services office at 965-3921.

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY HOMES

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AN OLDER HOME WITH DIGNITY...describes this 12 room, 2 story brick home. Features: screened in front porch with beveled glass door entry to living room, fireplace in w/built in buffet & beveled mirror, Butler's pantry & retro kitchen, master bedroom with dressing room or nursery, 2 bathrooms plus another bedroom. All this is on the first floor. The second floor has 5 rooms, bath and 2 large walk in closets.

GOLFER'S FANTASY...Enter down the private drive to this landscaped estate that joins Marion's County Club Golf Course. This magnificent two story home includes 4 to 6 bedrooms, open grand staircase, 2 master suites, 4 bathrooms, kitchen w/appliances, 2 laundries, study, great room with gas log fireplace, recreation room plus bonus kitchen, enclosed glass solarium & private deck overlooking the beautiful greens. In addition this lovely home has a large walk-out heated basement, an attached oversized double car garage plus many additional amenities. Fulfill your dreams by calling for an appointment today.

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GREAT BUSINESS...Investors take a look at this commercial property

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VINYL SIDED...frame build home. Features: 2 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, extra den or dining area and vinyl replacement windows. Plus a small storage building and black top drive.

SALEM...this corner lot listing located East Main and College Streets has a three bedroom, 1 bath home with Livingston Co. stone exterior. Convenient location within walking distance to Bank, grocery, churches, beauty shop, etc. Would also make excellent commercial / office property. Call today for details.

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55 +/- ACRES...located on Hwy 60 in Crittenden County. All open fields with some fencing and a pond. Also features a 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch style home with a 76 x 45 Morton building. Owner will sell ground away from home. Call today for more details.

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