

## The Lineup

### Today

**Lone Oak Kiwanis**, 7 a.m., meeting moved to Walker CPA building near Banks Market; 554-0431.

**Disabled American Veterans, Miles Meredith Chapter 7 of Paducah**, weekly Commander Coffee Call, 8 a.m.-noon. Service officer available.

### Thursday

**Senior Medicare Patrol**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 1400 H.C. Mathis Drive. Learn to detect potential Medicare errors, fraud and abuse. Report errors or suspected fraud to SMP. 442-8993.

**Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant retirees and spouses**, 11:45 a.m., Lone Oak Little Castle. 442-8332.

**Paducah Toastmasters**, noon, The Pasta House Co. Call Joe Shellbetter at 506-1791 or Clay Campbell at 703-2700.

**Downtown Kiwanis Club**, lunch, noon, Igert Hall at Broadway United Methodist Church. 441-0825.

**Wine tasting to benefit St. Nicholas Family Clinic**, 5 p.m., Pasta House Co., 451 Jordan Drive. Guest bartender: Bob Hoppmann & Friends.

**Esther Chapter Five Order of the Eastern Star**, 6 p.m., 2340 Jackson St. 554-5076.

**Paducah Citizens Police Academy alumni**, 6:30 p.m., Kentucky Oaks Mall Community Room.

**Sons of Confederate Veterans, Gen. Lloyd Tilghman Camp No. 1495**, 7 p.m., upstairs, Gen. Lloyd Tilghman Home and Civil War Museum. 443-4237.

**South Paducah Kiwanis**, 6:30 p.m. 1640 S. 6th St., Paducah.

**Dance**, 7-10 p.m., Traders Mall, 6900 Benton Road, Reidland. Band: Due South. \$5.

**McCracken County Amateur Radio Emergency Services**, 7 p.m., West Kentucky Navigation, 631 Marine Way.

**Vietnam Veterans of America**, 7 p.m., DAV building, Paducah.

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## Agenda

The Agenda is a listing of government meetings today.

■ Paducah Riverfront Development Authority — called meeting, 1:15 p.m., lower level training/meeting room of City Hall.

### Tuesday's lottery Kentucky

**Pick 3-midday:** 8-8-3 **Evening:** 3-4-2  
**Pick 4-midday:** 3-8-7-4 **Evening:** 4-4-0-4  
**Cash Ball:** 6-20-24-28 **CB** 24  
**Cash Ball Kicker:** 7-1-7-3  
**5 Card Cash:** 4S-7C-KS-10H-8C  
**Mega Millions:** 8-14-17-20-39 **MB** 7  
**Megaplier** 4

### Illinois

**Pick 3-midday:** 8-7-7 **Evening:** 8-9-4  
**Pick 4-midday:** 7-1-4-7 **Evening:** 3-1-2-8  
**My 3-midday:** 2-7-4 **Evening:** 8-1-2  
**Lucky Day Lotto-midday:** 6-9-25-29-36  
**Lucky Day Lotto-evening:** 1-2-4-9-13



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Titans safety George Wilson helps Stacy Evans (left) and Shannon Reid (middle) pick out a Barbie for Reid's daughter during the George Wilson SAFETY Foundation's holiday toy drive on Tuesday at the Robert Cherry Civic Center. Reid has four children that she was able to collect Christmas gifts for during the event.

# Holiday work provides gifts for all

BY KATHLEEN FOX  
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Several local organizations are working to ensure that every child has a Christmas holiday complete with toys and presents.

The George Wilson SAFETY (Saving Adolescents from Everyday Trials of Youth) Foundation held its third annual holiday toy drive Tuesday at the Robert Cherry Civic Center and gave out about 2,500 toys to local families. About 1,500 gifts were collected since Thanksgiving with boxes in many local businesses and churches, and another 1,000 were purchased with funds from the SAFETY Foundation, according to spokeswoman Terri Carr.

She said 500 families, along with another several hundred, made the list Tuesday due to an increased level of need. The

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**George Wilson**  
 Tennessee Titans safety

foundation, along with the local chapters of the Salvation Army and Toys for Tots, teamed up to guarantee that every child would have a present, Carr said.

Wilson, a Tennessee Titans safety and Paducah Tilghman graduate, said the event began three years ago with 25 families selected from the Paducah Public Schools and has grown to a convention center full of toys, games, books, action figures, bicycles and much more.

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families appreciate the opportunity to come in and pick out toys,” he said. “We want to spread holiday cheer and remove that burden for families.”

He emphasized that the importance of giving back at home should be a yearlong endeavor. “It’s about the community supporting each other,” he said. “We want to be an asset to the community to help people during the holiday season and throughout the year.”

Barry Bryan, McCracken

County Toys for Tots coordinator, said about 3,500 toys were collected for 280 families in need, and another 1,000 were given to Calloway County Schools. He said the number of donations has remained steady over the years. This year, the group received an additional number of donated coloring books and workbooks that it plans to store for future use, he said.

Bryan said there are adequate donations to fulfill the need for the current holiday season, but residents are encouraged to give throughout the year.

“We tell people to donate anytime, and we will store them until the next holiday,” he said. “It give us something to start off with for next year.”

One regional organization is still collecting and in need of

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# Wet pattern raises river, creek levels

BY WILL PINKSTON  
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An abundance of wet weather regionally has local rivers and smaller tributaries experiencing a seasonal swell that could lead to some flooding in the coming days and weeks.

With the help of recent rain and frozen precipitation, the Ohio River's level at Paducah has doubled to nearly 27 feet since the beginning of December — still far from the 39-foot flood stage designation but enough to cause concern in low-lying lands and tributaries, especially ahead of a rainmaker system this weekend.

Forecasters expect a widespread 2-3 inches of rain Friday night through Sunday, creating minor flooding concerns along smaller creeks and rivers because of the already saturated ground, said Chris Noles, me-

teorologist with the National Weather Service in Paducah.

“Right now, this particular event should not have a major impact on the rivers or perhaps only a subtle impact,” Noles said.

“Given the rain will have nowhere to go but run off, we’re concerned with roads that will typically flood and elevated levels in streams and low-land flooding.”

Still several days ahead of the system, a prolonged and heavy rain is likely yet there remains a possibility of severe weather heading into Saturday evening as well, said Beau Dodson, meteorologist with the McCracken County Office of Emergency Management.

Since the beginning of December, Paducah has tallied roughly 2.5 inches of precipitation — slightly above the average monthly amount — and about 11 inches since Octo-

ber, according to preliminary weather service reports.

When looking at long-range forecasts earlier in October, Dodson said it appeared above normal precipitation would persist into the winter as part of an active weather system. Should the same pattern present in October and November stay strong through December, it could be cause for concern as spring nears.

Ultimately, prolonged higher river levels could have a cumulative effect as river levels ebb and flow between precipitous weather.

“It just adds to the back-burner concerns that we monitor as we go forward,” Dodson said.

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## Briefs

### Interstate 24 wreck in Lyon kills driver

A single-vehicle wreck killed a Trigg County woman Tuesday morning.

Janet McAlpin, 62, of Roaring Springs Road in Cadiz suffered a fatal injury around 7:15 after being thrown from her car on Interstate 24 in Lyon County, according to a news release from the Kentucky State Police.

McAlpin's vehicle drifted off the left side of the westbound lanes for an unknown reason. She overcorrected and the car skidded. It went airborne, struck an earthen embankment, and then rotated and hit a group of trees. McAlpin was thrown out the driver's window, police said.

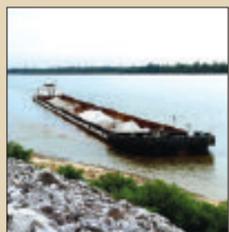
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## Coming Up ...

■ Riverfront argument continues to take shape.

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THURSDAY

### FRIDAY



■ McCracken board meets for final time of year.

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■ Carson Center volunteers save money, help big.

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SATURDAY

### SUNDAY



■ The do-it-yourself Christmas.

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MONDAY

### TUESDAY

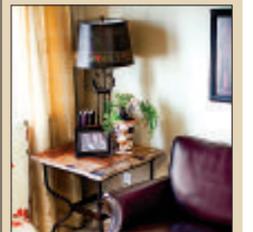


■ Recycling center bustling with Christmas season.

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■ A home made by giving hands.

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