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LaShawn Baxter remembers recently passed notables Burns and Daniels on page A-5.

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Lawenceburg Rotary Club President Keith Rohling accepts "Club of the Year" Banner from Rotary District Governor Chuck Barnett. See the story on page A-3.

Longtime St. Joe Police Chief passes



Dennis Daniels, best remembered as the city of St. Joseph's longtime Police Chief, died Saturday.

Daniels, 69, of St. Joseph, passed away at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Mining Town/ Iron City, to Carnell and Imogene Purser Daniels. He retired from the St. Joseph Police Department after 30 Years of service. Daniels also served as a City Commissioner for the City

of St. Joseph.

Lawrence County Ambulance Service Director Larry Glass, who worked both part-time and full-time under Daniels as an officer for the St. Joe Police Department, remembered his friend fondly: ""We were the best of friends, partners for several years. He was a very colorful

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Former commissioner, board member Burns dies

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Gregoire found guilty of first degree murder in 2015 Passarella death

By Sandi Mashburn

After hearing testimony throughout last week, jurors returned a guilty verdict Friday against thirty-seven-year-old Crystal Gregoire in the 2015 death of Sam John Passarella.

Passarella, age 69, died inside his Crockett Senior Housing apartment on Old Florence Road on May 19, 2015. Authorities found his badly beaten body was lying across his bed with a bread knife in his right hand. He had sustained numerous blows to the face, head, neck and torso from a claw hammer before being stabbed in the neck with a kitchen knife.

Gregoire was indicted on murder, aggravated assault and theft charges on February 5, 2016 after the hammer, knives, Passarella's empty prescription bottles, and other evidence was found buried behind the home where she had resided at

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Inaugural Bicentennial Loretto event a big success despite Mother Nature

John Paul White will headline the County's Birthday concert in Lawrenceburg in August

By Emily Weathers Kennedy Special to the Advocate

After a day of petulant spring weather with tornado threats and torrential rain, Lawrence Countians braved lingering showers to gather at the Loretto Civic Center for the first of the county's Bicentennial celebrations (originally planned for Loretto's M.H. Weathers Park downtown). The gloom outdoors disappeared as folks entered the brightly lit room amid laughter, handshakes, and

"How are you?" and "So great to see you!"

The Loretto kick-off event showcased the community spirit alive in Lawrence County. Folks from St. Joseph to Summertown came out to enjoy the meal catered by Pat's Diner and music by Hunter Abercrombie. Clint Alley, chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, welcomed the crowd as did Loretto Mayor Jesse Turner.

Chamber of Commerce Project Manager Ryan Egly, Continued on Page A-2



In today's

The Tennessee Department of Transportation is asking motorists to "Work with Us" by moving over and slowing down. Find out how you can help save lives on page B-1.





Member



Former Lawrence County Commissioner and School Board Member Franklin Burns passed away Saturday at his home in the Henryville Community.

Burns was a veteran of the Korean War. He was retired from Murray Ohio Mfg. Co., Evers Construction Co., and owner of Franklin Burns Electrical. He served on the Lawrence County Board of Education from September 1974 to June

1991. He also served as a Lawrence County Commissioner from 1994 to 2006.

Funeral services will be conducted at Neal Funeral Home at 11 a.m. today. A complete obituary will appear in an upcoming edition of the *Advocate*.

Steve Hill, who served as County Executive when Franklin Burns served on the County Commission had this to say of his friend:

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The Master Gardener Plant Sale and Artisan Fair is Saturday

Co-Manager Jessica Aaron shows some of the heirloom roses that will be available at the sale Sale and Artisan Fair Saturday April 29th from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Below left) Lawrence County Master Gardeners, Royce Johns left, Mike Maloney right, and many others have been planting and nursing a plethora of perennial and annual flowers, herbs, shrubs, trees, tomatoes, peppers, grasses and more. "Blooms for Bees and Butterflies" is the theme for this year's sale. Plants will be available that bloom at many times of year starting in February until the frost. Paw Paws,



and Red Buckeyes are a few of the trees expanding that portion of the sale this year. Fire Cracker Fountain grass and Amethyst in Snow are some of the new and interesting plants available this year. We will also have a selection of blueberry plants to choose from. The Artisan Fair, a new addition this

year, will be a great opportunity to see



BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS (L TO R) – Curtis Peters, Olivia White, Ryan Edly, Karen Niedergeses, Clint Alley, Maggie Fincer, Ben Luna, and Scott Franks. Committee members not in attendance were: Maria Santini, Marsha Stepp, Tiffany Cope, and Nancy Brewer.



Joan Lumpkins, Juanita O'Connor, Jeff Methvin, Susan Methvin, and Leigh Ann Corbin.



Loretto Mayor Jessie Turner & son Eli

Harville, Front row (I to r): Kristy Whitehead and Donna Weathers

what people in the area are building, making and creating. – Photo by Marie Brennan LAWRENCE COUNTY ADVOCATE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017 PAGE A-2

Inaugural Bicentennial ...

who had kept everyone in suspense as to who would an umbrella on the bench outside. As we walked could have been us a few years ago. We had come headline the Bicentennial concert in Lawrenceburg, answered the question by playing a video with greetings from Grammy winner and Loretto native, John Paul White, who sang a piece of a song he will perform at the August 5 concert. Parents Mack and Mary Blanche White looked on with smiles as Egly recognized them in the crowd.

Saturday's gala was especially memorable for me as I looked around the room and spied many of the wonderful people I had met as I hit the streets this summer to promote the Lawrence County Bicentennial Pictorial History book sponsored by the Genealogical Society. As I looked around, I saw many business, civic, and church sponsors of the book, and I was thankful that I lived in a place where people pulled together for the celebration of our heritage. During the evening, a slideshow prepared by Lawrence County Commissioner Scotty Franks filled the corner with giant photos of Lawrence County throughout the decades. These photos and many more, the treasures of our ancestors, will be available at the Lawrence County Archives when the pictorial history book is delivered sometime in



entertained the crowd.

May. (For more information, please call Kathy Niedergeses at the Lawrence County Archives, 931-852-4091.)

As my date for the evening, my husband, Kerry, and I left, we noticed something remarkable. We said our goodbyes outdoors as the lingering drizzle lifted but remembered we had left



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cranked up not-quite-familiar tunes. We realized we EARLY! The dancers inside were young folks who

Upcoming Bicentennial Events:

May 6, 2017, Lawrence County Bicentennial Celebration Pageant at the Summertown High School theatre for girls ages 3 to 12. Please contact Tiffany Cope at 931-629-0293 for more information.

August 5, 2017, Lawrence County Bicentennial Festival in downtown Lawrenceburg. The day will kick off with a 5K run on the square. Later, merchants around the square will set up booths with special promotions and treats on the sidewalks. North Military Street will be closed between West Gaines and Depot Street for food vendors, crafters, and artisans. John Paul White will headline the concert at Crockett Theatre at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for this concert will go on sale May 15. Please contact the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce for more information at 931-762-4911. Look for upcoming announcements in the Advocate.

back to the door, the Civic Center was darkened, full circle, and the generation who remained to dance and strobing lights flickered as deejay Mark Rohling the night away would be the people to carry on our heritage here in Lawrence County. It felt oddly satwere part of the older crowd, and we were leaving isfying knowing we would be in good hands even as we weren't ready to give up our civic time quite yet.



EMILY WEATHERS KENNEDY (pictured at the Bicentennial Gala with husband, Kerry) is both a Loretto native and a professional writer. She kindly agreed to contribute this piece about her hometown.

Parks and Rec Summer Programs sign-ups begin May 1

SUMMER

Programs

Lawrenceburg Parks and Recreation will begin registration for summer programs on Monday, May 1 at the Parks and Recreation office.

SUMMER DAY CAMP:

Day Camp for boys and girls, ages 5-12 years and 13-15 years

C.I.T. (Counselor in Training) Program will be held at Rotary Park Gym. Camps are supervised by trained and caring staff. Each day children arrive to begin their daily activities, such as doing arts

and crafts, playing games, playing at the playground, swimming at Rotary Park Swimming Pool, local field trips by licensed school bus driver and more, all of which is included in the camp fee. Bring swimsuits and towels on days that you will be swimming. Camp schedules will be available at camp.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided for the month of June or children may bring their own breakfast and lunch. Children are required to bring their own snacks with drinks with them every day. Coolers are provided for the drinks but you will need to bring cold foods in your own lunch box/cooler.

Our special C.I.T program is offered for 13-15 year olds. This age group is there to help assist the staff, but at the same time they still get to participate in all camp activities.

Day Camp is on-going throughout the summer, so children may start at any time. Children may come everyday or on a daily basis depending on the need. You only pay for the days that they attend. **Paper**work has to be completed so phone registration can not be accepted.

Camp Dates: May 31 -June 2, June 5-9, June 12-16, June 19-23, June 26-30, July 3-7; (closed July 4th), July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28

Camp Time: 7-5 p.m. each day

\$9.00/child per day (new rate for 13-15 years) Camp Location: Rotary Park Front Gym YOUTH SWIMMING LESSONS:

9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. (Preschool 3-5yrs, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) 5:15 p.m. – 6 p.m. (Infant 6mth-2yrs, Preschool 3-5yrs, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced)

6: 15 p.m. – 7 p.m. (Preschool 3-5yrs, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) Class Fee: \$30.00/child per session Instructors: Lifeguard Staff

Paperwork and fees must be completed so phone registration is not accepted. **ROTARY PARK SWIMMING POOL:**

Opening Day: Saturday, May 27 (tentative) New Pool Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday (l-5 p.m.); Wednesday (closed to the public) Daily Admission: \$5/person (4 years & up) and Free with paying adult (3 years & under). Note: 10 years & under must be accompanied by a paying adult. Season Passes: \$50/person (individual pass); \$150/ family (family pass includes 4 immediate family members, only); \$20.00 for each additional family pass.

Passes will be sold at the Parks and Recreation office. Pool Rentals: The pool is available to rent after pool hours and around scheduled events during June-August. The rental fee is \$100/hour, which includes all of your required lifeguards. The rental fee must be paid in full at the time of your reservation, phones calls are not accepted.

ADULT WATER AEROBICS:

Water Aerobics classes will be held Tuesday, June 6th — Thursday, August 24th at Rotary Pool. New Class Schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays (6-7 p.m.) and Saturdays 8:30 to 9:30

- Class Fee: \$3.00/person per class
- Instructor: Marilyn McCormick

Participants just sign-in and pay their fee each night that you attend class. Classes will be on-going Camp Fee: \$15.00/child per day (5-12 years) and throughout the summer, so you may join at any time! VISIT OUR PARKS AND REC'S NEW WEBSITE www.lprd.weebly.com. PHONE: (931) 762-4231, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

CONTACT MELANIE FOR INFORMATION AT 931-766-4097.

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Swimming lessons for youth, ages 6 months-14 years old, will be held at Rotary Park Swimming Pool. Participants are placed in classes according to their age and/or swimming ability. The instructor to participant ratio is approximately 1 to 5. Classes are 45 minutes long and are held for 5 days. Swim Session dates to choose from:

Session #1: June 5-9 (registration deadline May 31) Session #2: June 19-23 (registration deadline June 14)

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