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**Saving what they can**

Keith Kidd of Paducah pauses as he sorts through the belongings of his father-in-law’s ravaged home Tuesday on Crockett Street in Brookport. Although Kidd’s father-in-law, Orville Jordan, was safe in Paducah at the time a EF-3 tornado tore through his neighborhood Sunday afternoon, his home was flipped upside down.

Kidd thumbed the pages, and satisfied at the lack of damage, placed it in a cardboard box filled with other books and photographs before he ducked back into the metal shell to resume the search.

For more than 40 years, former engineer Keith Kidd emerged with another engineer- ing manual to add to the small collection.

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**Rain predicted for Thanksgiving week in region**

**BY LAUREL BLACK** lblack@paducahsun.com

Between a weekend cold front and possi- ble storms next week, the weather may not prove kind to Paducah residents, Thank- giving travelers and Brookport, Ill., resi- dents poring through the remains of their destroyed homes.

A cold front will move into the Paducah area Thursday night, bringing a drop in tem- peratures Saturday and Sunday, according to NWS meteorologist Rachel Trevino. Friday should bring temperatures in the upper 50s, but they will fall as the cold front settles in, Trevino said. Saturday will see highs in the upper 40s, with temperatures possibly dipping to the low teens in the evening. Trevino predicts breezy weather Saturday. "Sunday will be the coldest night that we have," she said. Highs on Sunday day will be in middle to upper 50s.

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**BY KATHLEEN FOX kfox@paducahsun.com**

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**Four score and seven years ago**: Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address turns 150.

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Residents discuss capital projects

Local Briefs

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Paddock Youth to dance Monday in "Nutcracker"

Paddock youth will perform alongside the Moscow Ballet Lyceum in Soyinka’s "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Lurther F. Carson Four Rivers Center. Moscow Ballet’s “Dance with us” program sends soloists Svetlana Tsidriona, Natalia Morinly, Carolina Siscanu and Ekaterina Uksusnikova to cities on the 2013 tour in September and October. In each city the soloists audition young local dancers for roles that are exclusive to children and work with them in rehearsals.

Selected youth dancers include Natalie Umbarger, Brandi Mitchell, Kenneth B. Brunston, Olivia Ramage, Emma Warns, Brittany Tiffen and Aiden Alworth, who play as party children. Dancers in the performance can be found through their ballet school and at West Kentucky Community & Technical College’s Emerging Technology Center, Room 109.

Contact Corianne Egan, a Sun staff writer, at 270-575-8652 or follow @coriEgan on Twitter.

Tuesday’s lottery

Kentucky Pick 3 • 2-1-9
Pick 3 evening: 9-6-1
Cash Ball: 14-8-15
Cash Ball Kicker: 0-6-1-15
2 Cot Cash: 12-40-20-29-30
4 Cot Cash: 17-14-29-30-31
5 Cot Cash: 13-17-29-30-31
6 Cot Cash: 16-17-29-30-31
3-7-5
6-2-3
1-3-0
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The Lineup

Today

Lone Oak Kiwanis, 7 a.m., Lone Oak Little Castle, 505 S. 43rd, meetong moved to Walker CPA building near Banc first.

Disabled American Veterans, Miss Meredith Chapter 7 of paducah, weekly Commander Cuffe
8 p.m., noon, service officer available.

Thursday

Senior Medicare Patrol, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 90th Anniversary of the National Park Service, Paducah.

Paddock Gauche Drossinger Diffusion Plant retirees and spouses, 11 a.m., 505 E. Broadway Unit Methodist Church.

SBDM council meeting, 3:30 p.m., Speck Intermediate School.

Wine tasting to benefit St. Nicklaus Family Clinic, 5 p.m., Paducah’s Main Street Co., 434 W. Broadway.

"GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays," 7 p.m., seminar for people facing loss around the holidays, 550 Pearl Blvd., Paducah Baptist Church.

Esther Chapter Five Order of the Eastern Star, 6 p.m., 2340 Jackson Street.

Paducah Citizens Police Academy alumni, 6:30 p.m., Lone Oak Mall Community Room.

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Gen. Lloyd T里程碑 Camp No. 1495, 7 p.m., upstairs, Gen. Lloyd T里程碑 Home and Civil War Mu- seum, 443 S. 6th St.

South Paducah Kiwanis, 6:30 p.m. 1460 S. 6th St.

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Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., DW building, Paducah.

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Coming Up ...

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■ Project AIDS Orphans Fund for funds.

■ River derby still alive and well in area.

■ Hickory Woods reveals resident calendar.

■ Hope Light project continues to progress.

■ Miss a day, Miss a lot.

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Storm-damaged panels replaced

USEC employees use a mechanical lift to position siding panels high on the back of one of the plant’s enrichment process buildings Tuesday. They are replacements for panels damaged during a severe storm Sunday afternoon. The enrichment process system was not damaged and safety systems operated properly throughout the storm, according to USEC. No one at the site was injured during the storm and no radiological or hazardous materials were released, the company said.

BRIEFS

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the role of mice include Lauren Umbarger, Kari Thompson, Rosacea Drake, Madison Stephens, Christopher Purselt, Kari Lee Gray, Cailyn Gordon and Alayna Watkins. Portraying snowflakes are Hannah Inman, Michelle Burkle, Brianne Edinger, Jaena Carter, Madison Bennett, Nikki White, Star Wirt, Krizie Garvin, Jessica Green and Aubriana Hopkins. Snow maidens include Kate Ward, Hayley Carter, Brooke Riter, Audrey Thompson, Jasmine Marley, Jada Cosby, Olivia Ramage, Kennedy Croft, Ryey Fox and Natalie Umbarger. Dancers in Act II’s variations include Brea Rollston, Sidney Strong, Mandy Walden, Klarissa Board, Emily Swinford and Libby Dodd. Moscow Ballet’s “Great Russian Nutcracker” features the traditional story of Masha meeting her “Prince” and exclusive to Moscow Ballet’s Great Russian Nutcracker, adds a tribute to world peace as well. Tickets are available at www.nutcracker.com. The Cesar Center box office number is 270-450-4444.

WEATHER

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upper 90s, with lows in the mid-20s. She expects the wind to have died down by then.

Pastor Joe Buchanan at the First Baptist Church in Metropolis, III., said the Red Cross shelter will remain open at the church. He does not know whether the colder temperatures will drive more people to the shelter, which has the resources to accommodate 55 families.

He added that residents in need of blankets are welcome to come to the church, 307 Mosaic Creek Road, to pick them up. He also stressed that the church does not need any more donations of blankets.

“We thank (the public) for all the donations. The pumping has been tremendous,” he said. “We’re very, very grateful.”

Trevino said next week will bring slightly warmer temperatures, but they will be below the seasonal average. The normal highs for this time of year fall in the mid-20s, but temperatures are expected to rise only to the 30s.

She recommended that residents dress for the weather and keep cold weather clothes in the vehicle while traveling. Thanksgiving travelers may also experience problems later next week if they head south or east, according to a news release from Accuweather.com.

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A pall has hovered over McCracken County in recent months, growing gloomier since June with the phasing out of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant and the start of a gradual, year-long layoff of the 1,500-person workforce. The loss of so many high-paying jobs is already causing severe economic effects in the region.  

But local officials have hinted strongly in recent weeks that better days may be near at hand.  

Here is one reason why.

Real word that the U.S. Department of Energy may soon announce a re-use proposal for the PGDP site. Economic development officials say the announcement could come by Thanksgiving.

Sen. David McCollum and Rand Paul, along with Rep. Ed Whitfield, all of whom have been advocating for the DOE on the DOE site, acted last week to vote their confidence that an announcement is imminent. We don’t think they would risk raising false hopes.

The issue deserves a serious debate, not Facebook free-for-all pandering.

Washington — In the matter of the Charles Chaney Family, something in the air.

I mean, for one thing, she’s wrong about same-sex marriage. As her sister Mary now famously posted on Facebook, her parents are the “most powerful accelerant to the powerful accelerant that is social media’s political correctness.”

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Finally, the implication that Liz’s positions are the cumulative effect of anger. It is the cumulative effect of anger that has brought them presents because it was the cumulative effect of anger that is social media’s political correctness.

To me, it seems there must be a subtext of voter suppression.

Ruth Marcus

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Gettysburg Address celebrated 150 years later

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press

The Gettysburg Address — Nov. 19, 1863

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — from those honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion. That cause, to which we are now dedicated, has not yet vanished from the earth.

That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

— Abraham Lincoln

The Gettysburg Address was delivered by Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863, to dedicate the Soldiers’ National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It is considered one of the most significant speeches in American history, summarizing the struggle of the Civil War and the nation's commitment to freedom and equality. The address is known for its brevity, powerful language, and its enduring impact on American culture and patriotism.
Dictionary: ‘Selfie’ is word of the year

LONDON — Michelle Obama shared one with her “first dog” Bo, Hillary Clinton tweeted one with her daughter Chelsea. Now “selfie” — the smartphone self-portrait — has been declared word of the year for 2013, according to Britain’s Oxford University Press.

The publisher of the Oxford Dictionaries said Tuesday that “selfie” saw a huge jump in usage in the last year, bursting into mainstream short-hand for any self-taken photograph.

The term behind the renewed dictionaries pick a prominent word or expression in the English language each year that best reflects the mood of the times. Previous words of the year have included “unfriended” in 2009, “credito” in 2008, “carphone” and “unfriend” in 2009, “credential” in 2005, “sudoku” in 2005, “showrooming” in 2012, when “selfie” first appeared to have been used in mainstream media, “sage” of blood and death” target everyone in the country, U.N. acting deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry called the bombings “senseless and despicable,” and said “our hearts go out to the Lebanese citizens and security forces gather near the entrance of the Iranian Embassy after two explosions struck Tuesday in Beirut. The middlemorning explosions hit the neighborhood of Janah, a Hezbollah stronghold and home to several embassies and upscale apartments, leaving bodies and pools of blood on the glass-strewn street amid burning cars.

The attacks raised fears of Islamic extremists, now on the defensive in Syria, would increasingly hit back in Lebanon. The country is suffering the effects of competing sectarian loyalties. “People fight outside (Lebanon), but send their messages through Lebanon. With bombs,” said a mechanic whose store windows were shattered by the blasts.

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Small Business Administra-

tion and local emergency
management agencies will begin assessing dam-
age to homes and business-
s in Chapmanville, Grundy,
Massac, Pope, Taylor, and
Wayne counties.

Recovery efforts
The National Weather Service concluded an EF-2
 tornado with winds in ex-
 cess of 160 mph struck Brookport at 2:10 p.m. Sun-
 day and continued through the
 nearby Unionville area,
 killing three people and in-
 jurying at least 12 others.
 David Searby, emergen-
cy management assistance
 team coordinator with the
 Perry County Emergency
 Management Agency, said
damage assessment teams had

completed surveys of Brookport as of Tues-
 day morning, but Searby said

concerned homes were
damaged to varying degrees in
the Unionville area, including 20 that are

total losses.

“That is a fairly substan-
tial number when you look
at this, and as you heard the
National Weather Ser-
tice talking about an EF-
3, it makes sense that those
numbers would come in daunting like that,” Searby said
during a news conference Tuesday.

The Brookport area re-

ceived local and state di-

aster declarations Sunday —

as did eight other Illi-

nois communities — which

helps to coordinate state

resources to impacted re-
gions. The local damage

assessments are the next

critical step in helping to
determine whether federal
disaster assistance will be

available through FEMA to

aid in the recovery.

There is no guarantee of

either a federal declaration,

making it important for

assessors and emergency

management agencies to

thoroughly document every step in the
damage and recovery pro-

cess, Searby said. There are

no monetary estimates on
damage yet.

“It’s a little premature to
give a specific timeframe or
date with the assessment pro-

cess over, but it is an incred-
ible effort, so it’s very hard

to say anything related to a
timeframe,” Searby said.

Both Americans Illinois

and the Southern Illinois Elec-

tric Cooperative reported

power has been restored to

affected areas except in

Massac County.

Police patrols, and only lo-
rned, were expected to re-
stay in effective until the

6 a.m. curfew remains in

place.


dproviding assistance by

visiting SICF.org and clicking

on work assignments as

needed. Volunteers should

be patient and expect waits.

Volunteer work

and donations

The American Red Cross

chapter at First Baptist

Church in Metropolis has

open to receive donations

of clean clothes, plastic
totes, and food and water.

Volunteers should be

self-sufficient, and bring

their own food and water.

People can donate funds
to the nonprofit Shriners

Development Council at

Banterra Bank’s Metropolis

location, to the nonprofit
Southern Illinois Communi-

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One of his more memorable roles was as the Wicked Witch of the West in “Snow White.”

Santa is now a full-time gig and Hall takes it very seriously. How many department store Santas can quote from “My Life in Art” by Konstantin Stanislavsky or reference the acting tech- niques of Sanford Meisner? Hall is a character actor who has landed an iconic role.

“I love doing it. When I first started doing it, I said, ‘Well, I’ll do this for a couple of years. And it becomes a part of my life in a huge way,’” he says. “It is magic for me. Like Santa, I’m a big kid.”

Linda Haberman, the di- rector and choreographer of the show, says anyone who thinks Santa is easy to play is wrong. “When you think about the 6,000 people in the seats every day at Radio City at every show, each one comes with their precon- ceived notion of their own Santa. This one man has to live up to all of these expec- tations. It’s a lot.”

Over the years, the show has changed enormously, but Hall has remained at its center. “A lot of the high-kicking Rockettes and the Mary-ty scene. His part gets changed a little every Christmas season,” he says. “It got rewritten. Grappling with the latest technology is a fun challenge.”

Today’s audiences get a 3-D experience, the production uses GPS and projections, and Radio City has the bag- ged indoor LED screen in the world. But Santa certain-ly lives up to its reputation letters over the past three weeks. He has been helping Santa in ex- change for giving him acting lessons. Last week he would call his dressing room, he’d have to change voices. “That got me through a few years,” he says.

Generations have come to see him, and some know where to sit in the huge hall to get one-on-one time as he walks through the audi- ence. Not just children lose their mums when they get close to Santa — adults also get caught up in it.

“When I work with the audience, I see the child within them,” he says. The show “gives them an op- portunity to remember what it’s like. To believe. I get energy from the audi- ence. It’s mind-blowing.”

Every August, Hall starts in earnest to prepare for the holidays, cutting out pinafores and shawls. He says he undergoes a physical, emotional, and mental and per- sonal change. Even his dreams change, he says. “There is a higher plane that comes into it. I leave Charles behind and start to become the Santa spirit. If I say something or do some- thing, I have great guilt about it because I have to wonder, ‘Is that what Santa would do?’ It’s not easy.”

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