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During separate birthday celebrations, first cousins Mary Sherer and Nancy Landreth bumped into one another at Cracker Barrel in a chance encounter. Pictured are (from left) Sherer, Landreth and Naomi Jamison.

## Cousins share Leap Year birthday

STAFF REPORT

With Leap Year only occurring every four years, it's a unique opportunity to say that a person was born on that day. But it's even more unique to share the same birthday with a family member.

Marion residents Nancy Landreth and Mary Sherer, first cousins, share the same Leap Year birthday and though neither will disclose their true ages, it has been said that Sherer remains

younger than both of her two sons and Landreth is finally able to get her driver's license.

As both celebrated their birthdays individually on the rare day while dining out, Landreth's daughter Suzian Cunningham, said that the back of a woman walking by in the restaurant caught her eye.

"For some reason, Mary came to my mind and I asked mom if that was her," Cun-

ningham said. "She said she wasn't sure so of course I had to find out."

And as it would be, both cousins had decided to celebrate their special day with a dinner at Cracker Barrel.

"What are the odds of that?" Cunningham asked. "To be in the same place, same time, celebrating these two special leaplings?"

Landreth was also joined at her birthday dinner by her son Shannan.



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## Reading across America

Crittenden County Elementary School students celebrated Read Across America Feb. 27 - March 2. Several guests, like Mayor Mickey Alexander, read a book to students, and students dressed up as their favorite characters from books on March 2, Dr. Seuss' birthday. Each classroom had a winner and grade-level winners were awarded a Dr. Seuss "Cat in the Hat" hat. Pictured are students in kindergarten through fifth grade who dressed up. They are (front from left) Karsyn Potter, Bryanna Dunning, Aubre Conyer, Sophia Madden, Kiley Croft, Katie Perryman; (second) Tori Ladd, Natalie Boone, Jacob Hoover, Carly Towery, Logan Myers, (third) Brady Smith, James Crider, Sarah Anderson, Mary Holeman, Charity Conyer, John Sigler, Mary Perryman, Maggie Blazina, Raina West; (back) Shelby Brown, Daelynn Hardin, Shea Martin, Emma Stoner, RheaVynn Tabor, Mackenzie Watson, Emmie Smith and Haily DiMaggio.



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## Ladies Auxiliary presents flag to homemakers

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary post 12022 presented the U.S. flag to the Crittenden County Homemakers Feb. 28. There are five groups within the Crittenden County Homemakers including the Challengers, After Hours, Evening Bells and Morning Glories clubs, which meet once a month. Pictured are Norma Hunt, Ladies Auxiliary Conductress; Nancy Lanham, Ladies Auxiliary secretary; Anna Hunt, Auxiliary member and Nancy Hunt, Crittenden County Extension agent.



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## Community Spotlight

### Hatfield remains on MCC board until 2017

Gov. Steve Beshear last week reappointed Bonita Hatfield of Marion to the Madisonville Community College Board of Directors. Her term will expire in 2017. She has served multiple terms on the board and is a past chairman.

Hatfield is a retired teacher from Crittenden County's school system. In 2011, she and her late husband Jim were recognized as benefactors from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System for

2011. They worked to help establish the Crittenden County Endowment for Excellence. The goal of the endowment is

to offer 12, \$1,500 MCC scholarships each academic year for residents of Crittenden County. The fund's current balance is \$200,000.



Hatfield

Kara Ann Wheeler

Michael & Cassie Wheeler announce the birth of their daughter  
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*The family of Helen Lewis wishes to express our thanks to all who in some way showed kindness to our family in the passing of our Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother (Mamaw Lewis to many.)*

*Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, visits, flowers and memorial gifts, and to all who picked her up and brought her home from all her appointments and activities.*

*Thank you to members of her church, Dee Ann and Kenneth for your visits and kind words at the graveside service, and to all the ladies of the church for the wonderful meal.*

*Thank you to The Press for the acknowledgement of her contributions. Thank you to Bro. Heath and Cave Springs Church members for the visits, flowers and food and to the staff of Myers Funeral Home for making us all comfortable. We appreciate the staffs of Home Health, Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center, Crittenden Health Systems and Dr. James and staff for showing her love and to her family too.*

God Bless,  
Olivia, Bobby J., Larry & Judi

### Thank you

The family of Ronnie Landreth would like to express our love and appreciation to everyone on behalf of Ronnie. Thanks for the prayers, calls, visits, food, cards, flowers, monetary gifts, Gideon Bibles and donations to the American Heart Association. Also, thank you to all who attended the services, and to his longtime doctor and special friend, Dr. Greg Maddux.

A special thank you to Bros. Jason Landreth, Mac Dossett and Nicky Davis for the wonderful service they performed, and to Allen Beard, Suzian Landreth and Mac Dossett for the beautiful music they provided.

Our appreciation to Brad, Keith and Terry Gilbert for treating us like family. We deeply appreciate the kindness given to all of us.

*With our love,*  
Nancy (wife), Shannan (son), Suzian (daughter),  
Eddie (brother) & all the grandchildren

### In Loving Memory of

## Charlie Welch

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Around the family table there's an empty chair this year...The precious smile is missing of someone we still hold dear. And yet our hearts are hopeful, though the day is bittersweet, because we know the one we love has filled another seat. For another banquet table abounds with joy and love for those who've made the journey to be with our Lord above.

*We love and miss you,*  
Alanna, Tammy, Kassidy & Kady

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