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Three guilty in online date ambush

Victim lured to rural cemetery

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One man was convicted and two other defendants entered guilty pleas for luring a man to a rural cemetery to rob him. Jurors found defendant Joseph Spivey guilty on lesser charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehi-

cle and aggravated assault following a day-long trial Wednesday. He could face three to six years in prison on the felony assault charge when he appears for sentencing before Circuit Court Judge Bart Stanley on May 9. His partners in crime, Nicholas James Klingerman and Alanis Cheyenne Cook, both entered guilty pleas immediately following

Spivey's trial to charges of carjacking and were directed to serve 360 days of eight-year sentences and must both make \$1,000 restitution. They were released on time-served since they have been behind bars since the incident last January. The victim told the 10-woman,



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two-man jury he met a woman named Patricia on the Lots of Fish dating website. The woman was Cook posing as Patricia. After

talking for a couple of days online, the two met for a date, going to the skating rink after rendezvousing at Walmart. After the date, the victim said she directed him to take her back to "her brother's house," the route taking them through Blues Hill Cemetery. "She told me to pull over," he told the jury, noting he had only been stopped for a few seconds when he was accosted.

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A ride they won't forget



Elephant rides during intermission are always a popular part of a Circus Pages show.

Circus to roar into town next Friday

It will be a chance to see lions and tigers and motorcycles. The family excitement of Circus Pages makes its return to McMinnville Civic Center next Friday, Feb. 9, for two shows at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Circus Pages has been making an annual stop in McMinnville for more than 10 years. The show is a heart-pounding blend of acrobatics and animal acts. In between, juggling clown antics provide a barrel of laughs. Circus Pages boasts an impres-

sive menagerie that includes elephants, white tigers, lions, dogs, horses and camels. The aerial acts defy gravity and so do the motorcycles that ride upside down inside the Globe of Death. Circus Pages has been touring the country for 25 years and performs in close to 250 cities a year. Ticket sales are cash only and are purchased at the gate the date of the show. Two children are admitted free for each paying adult.



Groundhog Day

Legend has it if the groundhog sees its shadow today then it's six more weeks of winter.

Man charged with shooting at motorist

BY **DUANE SHERRILL**  
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A man has been charged with terrorizing and then opening fire on another motorist. The suspect, Todd A. Schmeling, 47, was picked out of a photo lineup by the victim, Bernabe Torres, who told lawmen he had never met his assailant in his life. Torres said he was driving on North Chancery Street late in the evening when he noticed a black Maxima speed up behind him. "He turned onto Caldwell Street and the Maxima drove next to him and tried to run him off the road," reported McMinnville policeman Justin Colwell, noting the victim said the Maxima then pulled in front of him and came to a



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stop. "The driver of the vehicle got out and produced a firearm and told Torres not to move." The victim ignored the order and sped away. However, he heard a gunshot as he made his getaway. "He later discovered a bullet hole in the left, rear side of his vehicle," Colwell revealed. Torres reported the incident to police and was shown a photo lineup. "He was able to identify Todd Schmeling without assistance," the officer said. A check of the suspect's criminal record revealed he was convicted of burglary in New York in 1990, making him a convicted felon and therefore banned from having a gun. He is charged with aggravated assault and possession of a weapon by a felon. He will face hearing Feb. 6.

Cost keeps rising for school projects

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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The cost for projects at Bobby Ray and West Elementary could be closer to \$6 million. "We are thinking the overall project costs will be \$5,966,400," said Upland Design Group architect Allen Hill to members of the county Education Committee. "That's our base bid cost estimate right now." During December's Warren County School Board meeting, an estimated cost of \$5.4 million was given. Hill explained \$5.4 million was an estimate on actual construction costs, while \$5.9 million includes that and items such as geotechnical investigation,



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fire marshal review fees, and contingency for unknown expenses. "Bobby Ray is scheduled to do first," said Hill. "West will follow a few months later. There will be some overlap as construction at West will begin before Bobby Ray is complete." "Why did you decide to go with Bobby Ray first and not West?" asked Commissioner Diane Starkey. Hill said the main reason is logistics in that West's project will require interior renovation of the building that cannot be done while school is in session, but the connector building at Bobby Ray Elementary can be.

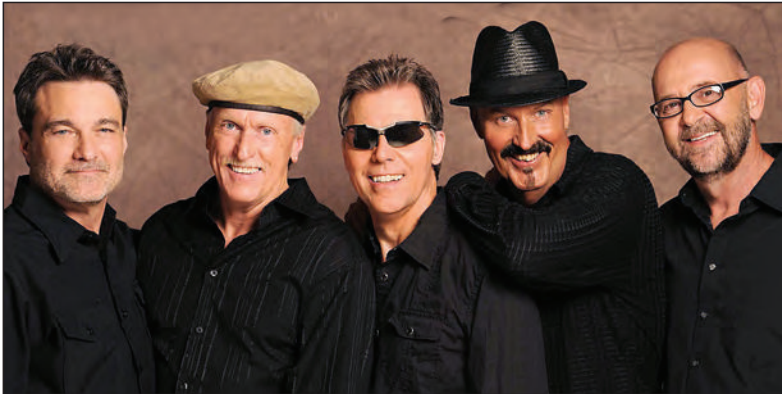
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One hit changed their lives

Exile to perform at Park Theater in two weeks

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Three minutes and 30 seconds can change your life forever. That's what members of the band Exile found in 1978 when their song "Kiss You All Over" became an immediate smash hit. The single would sell 5 million copies and hold the No. 1 spot on the Billboard chart for four weeks. "It was a situation where we were literally playing for money at the door of a club in Lexington, Ky., and the next weekend we were flown out to Hollywood," said Exile keyboard player Marlon Hargis. "It was quite a deal. We were all in our late 20s or early 30s and we were pretty much starving, but we kept at it. That song changed every-



Exile band members are, from left, Steve Goetzman, Les Taylor, Sonny Lemaire, Marlon Hargis and J.P. Pennington.

thing." Exile will be in concert in two weeks, Feb. 16, at the Park Theater. The show starts at 7 p.m. and tickets are available for \$22, \$27 and \$35. While "Kiss You All Over" may be Exile's most recognizable chorus, the band had 10 singles climb to No. 1 on the country chart in



the 1980s. Hargis said the band decided to change to country music when two of its songs "Take Me Down" and "The Closer You Get" failed to get much fanfare when released by Exile. But when Alabama picked up the same songs and released them, the songs soared.

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