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Dibrell teacher Jessica Page discusses several back-to-school tips for parents and says she's excited for this year. "In younger grades, we rely a lot upon parents to help their children succeed by helping them with their reading and sight word homework," said Page. "We really do appreciate it and it helps the students tremendously."

Lacy Garrison photo

Ready or not, here it comes

Teachers provide tips on starting new school year

BY **LACY GARRISON**
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Summer vacation is almost in the books with another school year about to begin Wednesday.

Starting a new school year can be exciting while also nerve racking, especially for parents. Before you rush to buy a list of school supplies, take a look at these local teacher-approved tips that can really make a difference the first month back.

The most frequently mentioned back-to-school tip is to ease back into the bedtime and morning routine a few days in advance.

"As a parent of young children, one

almost a teenager, and being a first-grade teacher, establishing the bedtime and morning routine about a week before school really helps," said Dibrell teacher Jessica Page. "My own kids are always exhausted at the beginning of school, but reestablishing an earlier bedtime helps them."

West Elementary fourth-grade teacher Meagan Welch agreed while adding, "Teachers work very hard the first week/month of school setting schedules and routines for everything within the school building, but it is equally as important for them to be in place at home. Children thrive from consistency and succeed much better."

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Wednesday is the first day of school for students in the Warren County School System



Burglar caught in church

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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A Rock Island man wanted in connection with a string of burglaries that includes stealing 20 bottles of liquor from the VFW was taken into custody while breaking into a church.

Corey Michael Kirby, 33, was arrested inside Martin's Chapel Church and was reportedly found with meth at the time.

Kirby faces seven counts of burglary, seven counts of theft, one count of possession of meth, and violation of probation.

The largest burglary Kirby is accused of perpetrating was July 24 at the VFW where 20 bottles of liquor were stolen. Jack Daniels, Jim Beam, Seagram's, Captain Morgan and Bacardi were among the liquors taken. Also stolen was cash, two desktop computers, a leaf blower, and a blank VFW check.

At the bar, the thief unplugged all the security cameras. However, those efforts failed to conceal his identity.

"I can tell you we have identified a suspect," said Warren County Sheriff Jackie Matheny. "We're looking for him as we speak. He's lying low. Everywhere we thought he would be, he hasn't been."

Law enforcement caught up to Kirby at Martin's Chapel Church on Starlight Road. Kirby reportedly broke into the church July 26 in the morning and then returned later that same night, which investigators were expecting.

"When the investigators arrived, they found Corey Kirby inside the church and took Kirby into custody without incident," said investigator Travis Thaxton in his arrest warrant. "An eyeglass container was found near the window where Kirby entered and excited the building that contained four used syringes and a plastic bag that contained a crystal-like substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine."

Kirby reportedly stole a TV, two DVD players, blankets, and canned food from the church.

Kirby is also accused of burglarizing Midway Country Café on July 26, then walking across the road and burglarizing Midway CIC.

On July 19, he is charged with burglarizing a garage/ storage building at a home on Pine Bluff Road.



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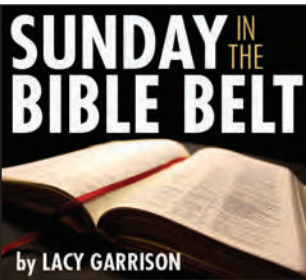
More than lip service

Jesus Name Pentecostal Church uses puppet ministry to spread message

Positioned by Garden City Plaza, Jesus Name Pentecostal Church is often recognized by its red and lavender puppeteer truck.

So what do puppets have to do with Jesus? Pentecostal members Billy and Teresa Jones say it's simply a tool for evangelism.

"We take our puppet truck to the fairgrounds and apartment complexes and it is just a different way of teaching about Jesus Christ," said Billy. "Tonight



for VBS, we are going to have a slime machine and puppets Momma Green and Papa Green are going to ask questions from the lessons for the kids to get the slime."

Added Teresa, "The children love Deputy because he's more of the clown, but he makes it fun because he tells jokes.

We want to instill Bible-based teachings in these children."

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Jesus Name Pentecostal's puppeteer truck was parked outside the church for VBS last week. The puppets were used to ask children questions from Bible lessons.

Lacy Garrison photo



James Clark photo

Murfreesboro resident Lydia Lozano dances with her hoop Friday night during Reggae at Smooth Rapids. She says she plans to camp in McMinnville all weekend.

Reggae festival jams

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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Lydia Lozano didn't pack lightly. The Murfreesboro resident came to the Smooth Rapids campground Friday with wagons full of supplies ready for a weekend of tunes and tranquility.

"I think I packed my whole house," said Lozano as she prepared herself for the festivities. "I'm spending three days here so I'm going to make sure I'm comfortable. I have an awesome campsite."

Twenty-one bands were on the schedule for the fourth annual Reggae at Smooth Rapids, the largest

lineup yet. That includes nine bands still to play Sunday.

Music begins at noon and continues all day, culminating with a performance from Afroman starting at 9 p.m. Day passes are still available and can be purchased at the gate for \$25.

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