

## AREA NEWS BRIEFS

### Motorcycle wreck kills judge's son

A motorcycle accident in Lyon County three days before Christmas killed Gerald V. "Jerry" Knight Jr., 42, the son of Caldwell County Judge-Executive Van Knight. The accident occurred at 10:14 p.m., Dec. 22 on Gray Farm Road, four miles south of Eddyville, according to the Kentucky State Police. Knight was riding a 2006 Harley-Davidson motorcycle when he ran off the road and struck a tree. He was not wearing a helmet. The Lyon County coroner pronounced Knight dead at the scene.

### Broadbent hams may move to Kuttawa

Broadbent B&B Food Products of Cadiz may relocate from its longtime Trigg County home to Kuttawa. Owners are considering a site next to Interstate 24 at Exit 40 behind Hucks Travel Center. The Kentucky Agriculture Development Board has approved a \$400,000 forgivable loan to help finance a new building and upgrade equipment, according to the Lyon County Herald-Ledger newspaper. Lyon County leaders, trying to lure the company to Kuttawa, are meeting this week to shore up some of the other details, including the construction of an access road to the proposed site. In the meantime, Trigg County officials are fighting to keep the business there. Ronny and Beth Drennan, who own Broadbent B&B Food Products, live in Fredonia and want to move their business closer to home, the Lyon County newspaper reported. B&B hams won the American Cured Meat Championships in 2002, 2003 and 2004 and the Grand Champion Country Ham in 2002, 2005 and 2006 at the Kentucky State Fair.

### Seven die during New Year's holiday

Preliminary statistics indicate that nine people died in seven separate crashes on Kentucky's roadways during the New Year's holiday period from Friday through Monday. Preliminary data indicate alcohol was a suspected factor in one of the seven crashes. All of the crashes involved motor vehicles and seven of the nine victims were not wearing seat belts. One double fatality crash occurred in Breathitt County and one double fatality crash occurred in Woodford County. Two single fatality crashes occurred in Jefferson County. Single fatality crashes also occurred in Laurel, Pulaski and Spencer counties. During 2005-2006 New Year's holiday period, eight fatalities were reported in seven crashes. Preliminary statistics indicate that a total of 907 people lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2006. Of the 766 motor vehicle fatalities, 494 victims were not wearing seat belts. Of the 73 motorcycle fatalities, 48 were not wearing helmets. Of the 10 ATV fatalities, none were wearing helmets. There have been 53 pedestrian fatalities and five bicycle fatalities. In 2005, a total of 985 people lost their lives on Kentucky roadways. Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

### Referee clinic offered at Madisonville

The Madisonville Soccer Club is hosting a Level 8 Referee Clinic conducted by the Kentucky Soccer Referee Association. The Level 8 designation will allow someone to referee up to a U14 game. The clinic is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 13 through Monday, Jan. 15, which is Martin Luther King weekend. There is no minimum age limit for this certification. The clinic will be held at Madisonville High School. For more information, call Rufus Baker at 322-2603 or 619-0811.

### Harper has spent \$2.5 million in race

Republican Billy Harper of Paducah has spent nearly \$2.5 million so far on his campaign for governor. Harper had raised a little over \$2.5 million since his campaign began, The Courier-Journal of Louisville reported. More than \$2.4 million of that has come from his own loans to the campaign, according to a report Harper filed Tuesday with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance. Harper, who runs a western Kentucky construction company, reported \$85,755 in contributions from others. Harper is running on a slate with fellow Paducah businessman Dick Wilson. He began running television ads for the 2007 governor's race late last year in effort to increase his name recognition. Harper has said that Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher is too politically weak to win a second term.

### New coal mine will open at Sebree

A Webster County coal company has announced its plans to open an underground coal mine in Sebree. Pact Resources LLC expects operation of the new mine to begin sometime in 2009, according to a news release from Northwest Kentucky Forward, the economic development corporation based in the four-county region of Henderson, Webster, Union and McLean counties. As many as 140 jobs are anticipated at the mine, "with average annual wages exceeding \$60,000," the Providence Journal Enterprise reported. The process to obtain permits has already begun, and the company anticipates completion of the mine's construction within the next 12 to 14 months. Pact Resources LLC is based in Henderson. It currently controls, through leases, options, and outright ownership, 90 million tons of coal, the release stated.

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## QUICK FACTS

### World Life Expectancy Chart

This chart provides the 2000 and 1998 average life expectancies for both sexes in each country of the world. The data comes from the U.S. Census Bureau's International Data Base.

HIGHEST	COUNTRY	AGE
	Austria	.77.7
	Belgium	.77.8
	Finland	.77.4
	Jordan	.77.4
	Luxemborg	.77.1
	Malta	.77.9
	New Zealand	.77.8
	United Kingdom	.77.8
	United States	.77.1
LOWEST		
	Malawi	.37.6
	Mozambique	.37.5
	Zambia	.37.2

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS 2000

# Motel plans still on go

## Lodging plans contingent on sewer line

STAFF REPORT

Plans for a new 20- to 30-room motel are a little more certain as the City of Marion completes engineering on a sewer expansion project on U.S. 60 East.

Jerry and Linda

Holsapple, who last summer purchased S&J Barbecue at the former drive-in theater property, plan to build the motel either independently or through a franchise. The Holsapples have said the project was contingent on obtaining sewer service.

The City of Marion will expand existing sewer service from the intersection of U.S. 60 at Old Salem Road to the Holsapple's property just east of Airport Road.

Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander said the \$400,000

grant being used for the project is actually coal severance tax money that the city qualifies for because there is an active coal mine in the county.

Engineers' designs for the project are 75 percent complete, according to city administrator Mark Bryant. Installation of the sewer line could begin as early as this spring, Bryant said it is still undetermined whether the sewer line will operate on gravity flow or whether a lift station will be required to

complete the service.

The Holsapples say they are comparing costs of an independent operation versus a franchise and are gathering information but will not begin construction until they are certain the sewer project will be completed. The Holsapples are currently expanding S&J Barbecue, nearly doubling the size of the building, and also maintain Crittenden County's only RV park on the back of the restaurant property.

# Johnson sworn as county attorney

## Marion native has been named as assistant county attorney

STAFF REPORT

When Rebecca Johnson officially took over Tuesday as Crittenden County Attorney, she publicly announced the selection of her assistant, Crittenden County native Natalie Moore White. Both were sworn in by circuit judge Rene Williams during ceremonies in early December.

Johnson said she chose White, a 1991 Crittenden County High School graduate, to serve as assistant county attorney because of her six years of experience in district, juvenile and family court matters. White is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and the Widener University School of Law in Delaware.

"Natalie was at the top of my list for an assistant because she is a Marion native and continues to have substantial ties to Crittenden County," Johnson said. "She is hard-working and knowledgeable about the obligations of the office. I am fortunate to have an assistant with this level of experience and skill. She will be a big asset to the county attorney's office."

White, who maintains a private practice with partner Carrie Ovey-Wiggins in Eddyville, is the daughter of Ralph and Cindy Moore of Marion. Before joining Ovey-Wiggins in Eddyville, White was an associate attorney for McMurray & Livingston in Paducah for three years.



Newly elected County Attorney Rebecca Johnson and her assistant Natalie Moore White take the oath of office administered by Judge Rene Williams.

From 2000-02, White served as a staff attorney for the Kentucky Legal Aid in Paducah.

She graduated from Western Kentucky University with a degree in broadcast journalism in 1994 and worked as the morning anchor for WKAG-TV in Hopkinsville for a year before entering law school.

Johnson plans to personally conduct county attorney business and will ask White to stand in for her as needed.

White will represent the Commonwealth in family court cases in which Johnson has a conflict because of her previous role as guardian ad litem.

"I have been involved with Natalie on several cases over that last years and have been very impressed with her trial and research skills," Johnson said.

White is married to Ryan White, and the couple have a son, Aaron.

## POSTS

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in cash to buy about 3,300 fence posts. Donations are being accepted at Akridge Farm Center in Fredonia. So far, nearly \$2,000 has been raised.

Baker said metal posts won't work in the moist, often swampy, Louisiana soil. Therefore, they are ordering 2.5-inch wooden posts from a company in Oklahoma. The posts will be shipped directly to three parishes that produce the lion's share of the state's cattle. Those areas were among the hardest hit, Baker said.

If enough money is collected, an additional load of posts may be sent south. Baker is also trying to put together a work party to travel to Louisiana to assist in building new fences.

Anyone interested in helping can donate at Akridge's, contact Hendrix or Baker, or call the Kentucky Cattleman's Association at (859) 278-0899.

## CHASE

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May Road where a Livingston County deputy met up with us."

The chase finally ended when the driver stopped and fled on foot behind Good Hope Church near the intersection of Maxfield and

Carrsville roads.

Kentucky State Trooper Matt Foster joined Hoover's pursuit and lodged the passenger, Ronald G. Ledbetter, Jr., 23, of Smithland in the Crittenden County Jail charged with wanton endangerment. His father got away.

Hoover said throughout

the chase he wasn't sure what had happened in Mott City, other than receiving bits and pieces of information about a wrecked vehicle and shots fired into a house.

Marion Police Department protocol allows officers to pursue suspects outside the city limits in certain circumstances.

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533 E. DEPOT ST....commercial building. Was being used as a doctor's office. Features large multi purpose room, offices, 2 baths, and a lot of parking space. Also has apartment with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Many possibilities. PRICE REDUCED.

218 OLD SHADY GROVE ROAD ... 3 bedroom, 2 bath home situated on nice lot in Marion. Call for more details. PRICE REDUCED.

TAKE A LOOK...3 bedroom, 1 bath home on deep lot in Marion.

GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY...Investors take a look at this commercial property

### IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

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BURNA AREA...4 bedroom, 2 bath, 24 x 56 2000 Fleetwood double wide. Call today for more details.

VINYL SIDED...frame build home. Features: 2 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, extra den or dining area and vinyl replacement windows. Plus a small storage building and black top drive.

SALEM...this corner lot listing located East Main and College Streets has a three bedroom, 1 bath home with Livingston Co. stone exterior. Convenient location within walking distance to Bank, grocery, churches, beauty shop, etc. Would also make excellent com-

mercial / office property. Call today for details.

COUNTRY LIVING...if you like the country life you will enjoy this home. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large kitchen with appliances, dining room, living room, full basement with lots of storage shelves. Laundry area in basement includes the washer & dryer. All this on 3.80 acres.

YOU MUST SEE THIS...SOLD 2 bath brick home situated on large lot.

3 ACRES...3 bedrooms, 2 baths, central heat & air.

WALK SOLD...from this large older 7 room, 2 bath home with vinyl siding.

### LOTS / SMALL TRACTS / FARMLAND

1.29 +/- ACRE lot located on Salem Rd., Smithland.

5 +/- ACRES...located in Salem. All city utilities available. Call today for more info.

12.44 ACRES...with approx. 10 acres of lake known as Chippis Lake.

12.9 ACRES...located in Crittenden County on Hwy 120 and Just A Mere Rd. Great building site with county water available. Owner will divide.

55 +/- ACRES...located on Hwy 60 in Crittenden County. All open fields with a large pond. Features a 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch style home with a 76 x 45 Morton building. Owner will sell ground away from home. Call today for more details.

61.15 ACRES...located in Crittenden County on Hwy 723 and Lewis Croft Rd. Features a barn, metal building and 2 ponds with gently rolling fields great for building sites. County water available.

225 SECLUDED ACRES...located in Crittenden County with approx. 70 open acres. 56 acres in CRP. Excellent deer & turkey hunting.

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