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## NO CLASS

### Sign painting will get someone stiff fine

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent is warning vandals that anyone caught painting a public or private sign will be arrested and face a stiff fine. There will be no first-time warnings, the sheriff said. There has been a rash of signs being defaced, mostly by spray painters putting "Class of 2007" on walls and signs. Someone recently defaced a new sign at Dam 50 which was paid for by taxpayer money.

### Relay kickoff March 1

Crittenden County Relay for Life will have its kickoff and team captains and committee meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 1 at the hospital annex meeting room. Anyone signing up a team early will receive a discount. For more information, call Chairman Vicki Tinsley at 965-2755.

### Tech Turf for kids during Friday game

The Crittenden County STLP program is sponsoring the first ever Tech Turf which will include technology activities at Rocket Arena during Friday's basketball games. CCES students are invited to come check out the technology which includes composing digital music, taking pictures of the game, smartboard activities, a digital scavenger hunt, video game design, wild and crazy photo booth, designing with Word Art and fighting robots. Digital art products created by STLP students will be on display. There will be drawings for free T-shirts for elementary students. A free ticket to the game will be sent home with CCES students Friday, but they will have to be accompanied by a paying adult.

### Smithland bridge down to 1 lane

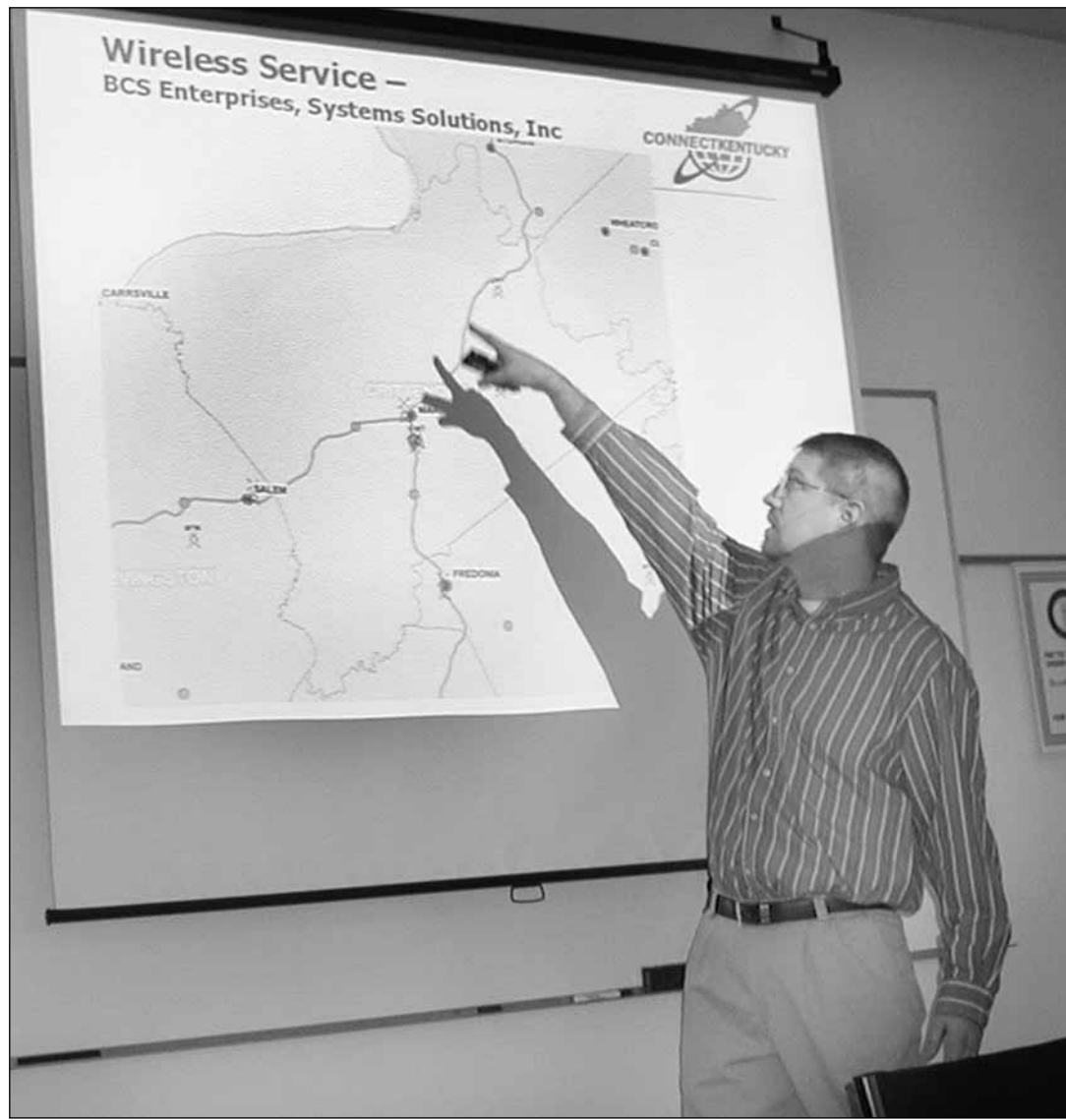
The U.S. 60 Cumberland River Bridge at Smithland in Livingston County will be reduced to one lane of traffic through Friday and perhaps into next week while crews repair a center joint in the bridge deck. During the lane closure, engineers will also be evaluating the need for additional repairs to the bridge deck. The bridge carries approximately 5,500 vehicles per day. Motorists should slow down, buckle up, use extreme caution, and be prepared to encounter equipment, flaggers and other workers on the bridge deck. Farmers who are moving equipment should note that the deck will be restricted to a maximum load width of 11 feet during the work period.

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Michael Ramage, western Kentucky coordinator for ConnectKentucky, discusses a map showing the availability of broadband in Crittenden County.

## Aboard the super broadband highway

### High-speed Internet covers 85% of county

BY CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR

Irvin S. Cobb, the famous humorist and author from Paducah, once quipped that when the end of the world came, he wanted to be in western Kentucky because things always come to western Kentucky 20 years later than anywhere else.

Cobb was certainly a visionary, but he could have never imagined what broadband Internet has done for this beloved western Kentucky. In fact, the whole state is, ironically, a leader in the national movement to make high-speed Internet available to everyone — just like Ma Bell did with the telephone and other utilities have done with electricity and water.

Knowing how to use a computer and having access to broadband Internet is becoming a staple to everyday life. Government agencies are requiring Social Security, Medicare and unemployment signups online. Doctors are using it to diagnose illness from thousands of miles away from the patient. Broadband is creeping into every inch of fabric in American society, from churches and coffee shops to hospitals and hotels.

"It's a life skill nowadays," said Regina Merrick, Crittenden County Public Librarian.

From homework to home shopping, the Internet has changed the landscape for every generation.

"It's the older people who are having trouble," Merrick added, pointing out that the library is seeing more and more people using its 10 public use computers. Many are having to apply for government-based assistance programs online.

Michael Ramage of Murray is the project manager of ConnectKentucky, the statewide program aimed at helping Kentucky stay ahead of the curve when it comes to technology-based communication. Ramage said right now, Kentucky is among the most progressive rural states in America when it comes to making strides in technology and broadening its availability.

### BROADBAND PROVIDERS

Seven companies, some of them headquartered locally or regionally, offer a variety of high-speed Internet options for Crittenden Countians. Costs, speeds and service vary.

<b>BCS Enterprises</b>	<a href="http://www.kynet.biz">www.kynet.biz</a>
<b>BellSouth</b>	<a href="http://www.bellsouth.com">www.bellsouth.com</a>
<b>Mediacom</b>	<a href="http://www.mediacomcc.com">www.mediacomcc.com</a>
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<b>TDS Telecom</b>	<a href="http://www.tds telecom.com">www.tds telecom.com</a>
<b>Wild Blue Satellite</b>	<a href="http://www.wildblue.com">www.wildblue.com</a>
<b>HughesNet</b>	<a href="http://www.nationwidesatellite.com">www.nationwidesatellite.com</a>

### What does Broadband mean?

Broadband generally means that data can be transferred at high speeds. The term is mostly used when talking about high-speed Internet connections such as DSL, satellite or cable access. It's much faster than the previously standard telephone dial-up connection.

Ramage heads a team of Crittenden County leaders who have identified strengths and weaknesses in local technology and is working toward several goals, one of them being affordable broadband coverage for the entire county.

Ramage praised the public library for its major steps toward improving technology. The library has

See **BROADBAND**/page 3A

## Skate issues

### Parents, officials clash over kids in streets, on private property

STAFF REPORT

Kids who ride skateboards and their parents say they want to know their rights and they want the city to help provide a safe place for them to enjoy their hobby.

Mayor Mickey Alexander says the skateboarders need to be more respectful to private property owners and need to stay out of the street.

The two sides clashed at times during Monday night's Marion City County meeting, but in the end both showed empathy for the other's plight.

Mayor Alexander said he receives countless complaints about skateboarders causing problems in the city. Those complaints have included damaging public and private property, failure to get out of the street or parking lots when cars approach and general disrespect to citizens.

Parents say police have been disrespectful to their children, sometimes yelling at them.

The mayor said that police have little option when they have to tell kids multiple times to get out of the street with their skateboards or off of private property.

"I get complaints all of the time," the mayor said. "They have torn up the ramp at Fohs Hall, damaged private property including at my house and at my neighbor's house."

City Councilman Dwight Sherer said he witnessed several skateboarders in dangerous situations on a public parking lot recently.

"They wouldn't get out of the way," Sherer said. "And one guy had to slam on his brakes to keep from hitting a boy on a skateboard."

Maetta Witherspoon, one of about five parents who attended Monday's council meeting with their skateboarding children, said she almost always knows where her son is playing and she cautions him to be respectful. She wants to know why the city and park board have not completed the skatepark promised a couple of years ago.

"We helped raise money for it and all they have is a concrete pad," Witherspoon said. "We are willing to pick up trash to raise money, have fund raisers or whatever it takes to get these kids a safe place to ride."

One mother said her 18-year-old son has chosen not get a driver's license. Instead, he uses his skateboard for transportation and she thinks he should have the right to ride it through town.

The mayor said city laws prohibit skateboards on streets because it isn't safe.

Police Chief Kenneth Winn asked the council to consider changing the wording in the Marion Code of Ordinances 73.01 and others. He wants the local ordinance to specifically state that skateboards are prohibited on public sidewalks. The ordinance currently prohibits skates or other types of roller boards, but does not include the exact language that the police chief thinks should be in the ordinance.

While the city council appeared adamant about prohibiting skateboarders from unauthorized areas, it also showed great concern for finding a legitimate place for the kids to play.

"I think we need to get this ball rolling," said Councilman Jason Hatfield. "The skatepark idea seems to be stalled and I would like to see us look for a way to move this along faster."

Mayor Alexander said he, too, thought the city could help financially. He suggested that the council and park board should discuss options.

"I think we need to form a committee with some of these skateboard parents or kids and city and park board officials," Hatfield said after the meeting.

The park board has spent all of its money earmarked for the skatepark. It built a concrete pad where the tennis courts used to be, but doesn't have the funds to put any type of skateboarding equipment there. The park board hosted an event last summer where a vendor brought some specialty equipment for a tryout. The skateboarders say they don't need fancy amenities, just a few things to make their sport more enjoyable.

## Outdoor burning highly regulated during fire season

Most daytime burning is prohibited during the fire hazard season.

Spring forest fire hazard season began last week and runs through April 30. During this time, outdoor burning within 150 feet of a woodland or brushland will be illegal from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Kentucky has had a wet winter, but a brief run of dry weather can turn forests into tinderboxes, the state forestry department said.

Also, arson is the leading cause of

wildland fires in Kentucky.

"Many people think that forest fires are caused by lightning or by careless campers," said Leah MacSwords, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry and Kentucky state forester. "While that may be true in the western United States, it isn't true in Kentucky."

Arson fires in Kentucky's forests can be reduced through aggressive law enforcement and prosecution combined with increased public

awareness and education, the Wildland Arson Task Force said in a report to Governor Ernie Fletcher earlier this month.

MacSwords said the Division of Forestry needs the public's help in stopping wildland arson. To report a suspected arsonist, contact the Target Arson Hotline at 1-800-27-ARSON, any local law enforcement office or the division. Target Arson Hotline callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash

reward if the information leads to an arrest and indictment.

Last year there were 1,857 fires in Kentucky that burned 49,759 acres. The forestry division has battled 41 fires since Jan. 1.

Safety precautions should be taken and weather conditions considered before any outdoor burning. Check with local fire departments and the Kentucky Division for Air Quality for local outdoor-burning regulations.



## AREA NEWS BRIEFS

### Peanut Butter company recalls Peter Pan

There has been at least one case of sickness in Crittenden County possibly attributed to bad peanut butter. ConAgra Foods Inc. has told consumers to discard all jars of Peter Pan purchased since May 2006 and some Great Value peanut butter. The products are linked to a salmonella outbreak that has sickened over 300 people nationwide. Lids of jars with a product code beginning "2111" can be returned to ConAgra for a refund, the company said. The salmonella outbreak, which federal health officials said has sickened hundreds of people in 39 states since August, was linked to tainted peanut butter produced by ConAgra at a plant in Sylvester, Ga. How salmonella got into peanut butter is still under investigation, said Dr. Mike Lynch, an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CDC officials believe the salmonella outbreak to be the nation's first stemming from peanut butter. The most cases were reported in New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee and Missouri.

### New one dollar coins on tap until 2016

The newest \$1 coin, bearing the likeness of George Washington, was rolled out late last week by the U.S. Mint. The first coin depicts President George Washington. The next in the series will be John Adams, then Thomas Jefferson and so on ending with President Gerald Ford. The program is scheduled to run until 2016 and a president must have been dead for at least two years before his likeness can appear on a coin. The coins are golden in color and slightly larger and thicker than a quarter. The Federal Reserve, the Mint's distribution agent, has placed orders for 300 million of the Washington coins. The design on the coin will change every three months, featuring a new president in the order in which they served. In that way, the Mint hopes to attract a following similar to the more than 125 million collectors who are participating in the 50-state quarter program. Coin experts, however, questioned whether the rotating designs will be enough to allow the new presidential \$1 coin to succeed where the Susan B. Anthony dollar, introduced in 1979, and the Sacagawea dollar, introduced in 2000, failed.

### Kentucky among leader in heart disease

West Virginia and Kentucky — states known for high levels of obesity, diabetes and smoking — have the highest proportion of people with heart disease in the nation, U.S. health officials said last week. The Associated Press reported the latest findings, saying that from the first study ever to look at heart disease prevalence state by state, it showed that states in the Southeast and Southwest were heart disease leaders. Colorado and the District of Columbia had the lowest percentages. The results line up well with previous, state-specific reports about heart disease death rates, obesity and other risk factors, said Wayne Rosamond, an epidemiology professor at the University of North Carolina who chairs a statistics committee for the American Heart Association. For the nation as a whole, roughly four percent of those surveyed had had a heart attack. A slightly higher percentage reported angina or coronary heart disease, and 6.5 reported any of those conditions. But in West Virginia, more than 10 percent had at least one of the conditions. The prevalence in Kentucky was nearly 9 percent, and Mississippi was No. 3, with 8 percent.

Other findings:

- Among those who didn't finish high school, 1 in 10 had at least one of the conditions. Among college graduates, only 1 in 20 did.
- More than 8 percent of men had one of the conditions, but only 5 percent of women did.
- Nearly 1 in 5 people 65 and older had at least one of the conditions. The percentages were much smaller among younger age groups.
- The results were the same for blacks and whites, with just over 6 percent having one of the conditions. Fewer than 5 percent of Asian-Americans had any of the health problems, making them the healthiest ethnic group. American Indians and Alaska Natives had the highest prevalence, at about 11 percent.

### Livingston man dies in 2-vehicle crash

A Livingston County man died in a two vehicle crash at about 7:30 a.m., Monday in on Ky. 453 between Smithland and Grand Rivers. According to state police reports, Christopher Copeland, 30, of Ledbetter was driving south when he topped a hill in the oncoming lane and hit another vehicle driven by Lindsey Manker, 17, of Grand Rivers. Manker, who was wearing a seatbelt, was not injured. Copeland, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was pronounced dead at the scene by Livingston County Coroner Jeff Armstrong. The Livingston County Sheriff's Department and Grand Lakes Fire and Rescue assisted state police at the scene.

### Webster looking at jail expansion

Webster County magistrates are looking at a possible jail expansion. With its jail overcrowded, the fiscal court had a long discussion last week about what to do, according to the Providence Journal-Enterprise. The county is looking at a feasibility study that calls for adding 84 new beds to its 36-bed jail. Although the jail is designed to hold fewer than 40 inmates, it generally has 47 or 48, Jailer Terry Elder told the Providence newspaper. Estimated cost of the new addition would be slightly over \$3.3 million.

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# Hart publishing Korean textbook

Marion native Robert J. "Rob" Hart has just finished writing a textbook designed for South Korean college students studying English.

Hart, 41, is a visiting instructor at Keimyung University in South Korea where he has been teaching English to college and professional students since 2001.

His textbook, "Shortcuts: English conversation for tourism students," is specifically designed to help students majoring in tourism management learn normal conversational aspects of the English language.

The text uses creative illustrations and two-way conver-

sational writing to help the reader learn and understand such tactics. It uses a fictional reporter from Kentucky, named Kris Evans, who is visiting South Korea on a writing assignment. Hart said he modeled the character after Press editor Chris Evans.

Hart was a reporter and editorial writer for The Press during the mid 1990s.

Hart is also completing his dissertation for a Ph.D. in tourism management at Paichai University at Daejeon, South Korea, which is near his home in Daegu.

His dissertation focuses on the motivations of fishing for recreation. Hart said that

South Korea has the second most recreational bass fishermen in the world, behind only the United States. He hopes that his research can help the country see wisdom in improving ecological practices and boosting bass fishing for sport.

Hart's late father was the noted basketball star from Frances, George Hart, who at one time held the national scoring record.

Hart was in Marion for a couple of weeks recently, visiting his mother, Pat. Hart is married to a Korean woman Mi-gyun and they have a daughter, Sara, who is nearly two years old.



ROB HART

# Dr. Truong seeks special certification from American Board of Geriatrics

STAFF REPORT

There is a soft spot in Dr. Khai Truong's heart for the area's aging population.

As a result of his love for seniors, he sought specialty certification by the American Board of Geriatrics.

The Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services (LHHS) physician said 50 percent of his practice is geriatrics. While the majority of his patients are residents of Salem Springlake Health & Rehab, he also sees geriatric patients at Crittenden Health & Rehab and at Marion Physicians Clinic.

Experience in geriatrics, in addition to submitting a professional paper and passing an exam, are requirements for certification in geriatrics. Truong's paper was on Alzheimer's Disease, its effects, early warning

signs and effectiveness of early detection and treatment.

Employed with Livingston Hospital for a little more than a year, Truong is one of the few physicians certified in geriatrics in this area.

"I've always been interested in geriatrics," he said. "I enjoy working with people, and senior citizens have been neglected for so long."

Truong is saddened by past experiences in which children failed to maintain regular contact with their aging parents.

"There are cases where kids don't take care of their parents, who in the end



TRUONG

stage of life are like babies again," he explains.

He said he takes a gentle approach with seniors while working to increase their quality of life.

Truong sees patients at

Marion Physicians Clinic each Thursday and Saturday, and also has office hours in Smithland on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Grand Rivers on Monday.

## QUICK FACTS

### U.S. WAR COSTS & CASUALTIES

	Iraq	Afghanistan
Days	1,415	1,943
Killed in Action	2,476	192
Non-Hostile Deaths	600	104
Severely Wounded	10,342	658
Current Troop Deployment	140,000	23,000
Total Cost (through Sept. 2007)	\$379 Billion	\$97 Billion
Cost Per Day (Avg.)	\$229 Million	\$44.4 Million

Casualty status updated January 31, 2007

SOURCE: Dpt. of Defense, ABC & Boston Globe

# City agrees to up funds for Main St.

STAFF REPORT

Officials from Marion Main Street, Inc., appealed to the City of Marion for more money during Monday's regular city council meeting.

Main Street Director Rose Crider presented a budget, which she said was "as tight as it could possibly be," but showed a nearly \$7,000 shortfall this year.

Crider and Donnetta Travis, a member of the group's board of directors, told council members that Main Street used to survive off contributions and donations, but those have been fewer recently.

Main Street is responsible for many of the grants that have helped improve the appearance of downtown Marion, including the Streetscape program. Without Main Street as a bona fide organization, future grants through those types of programs would be impossible, Mayor Mickey Alexander said.

The council agreed to help fund the program, but it wasn't immediately clear at what level or when the money would be available. Main Street officials were pleased with the decision.

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# Schools beef up technology

Computers, ceiling-mounted projectors all part of CCES's \$65,560 upgrade

STAFF REPORT

Computers and ceiling-mounted multimedia projectors are among items to be purchased with \$65,560 in technology funds at Crittenden County Elementary over the coming weeks.

Technology money comes from three sources — the school's PTO, the Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) and the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association (KISTA). The PTO portion of the money, \$10,000, is from funds raised during the 2006 Fall Festival.

The school's site-based committee, comprised of teachers and parent representatives, prioritized technology needs using informa-

tion from a teacher survey. The top recommendations from teachers were computers and multimedia projectors, which are hooked to computers to project images onto a wall similar to a movie projector.

Five laptop computers will be purchased and added to the school's mobile computer lab, which currently has 20 laptops, and 13 others will be purchased for classroom use. The list of equipment to be purchased also includes 21 projectors — one for every classroom that does not already have one.

The school also plans to buy equipment to create three smart classrooms. The KISTA grant — about half of which must be repaid over the course of five years — may

only be used for smart classrooms, also referred to as intelligent classrooms. Such high-tech classes use exciting new equipment including color projectors, audio equipment, electronic keyboards and keypads used by students, a document camera and other visual supplies. The SBDM voted to purchase three of these systems with the intent that they be placed in special area classes like art and the library, which are accessible to all students in grades K-5.

"CCES is committed to providing students with opportunities to use technology in preparation for their future," said Principal Melissa Tabor. "In an effort to prepare students to be successful in the future, we must teach them how to use technology and provide them with 'hands-on' opportunities as often as possible."



# 1902 ice storm shut down Marion services

Once again from the archives of *The Crittenden Press* let's re-visit the year 1902 and learn of the big ice storm that hit Marion and the surrounding area. The people of Marion made a strong community. They seem to always look on the bright side of things and find good in even the worst situations.

**Brenda UNDERDOWN**  
**Area History & Genealogy**



**Forgotten Passages**

Jan. 30, 1902

The rain, sleet and snow of the past few days had done much damage. The telephone lines are down all over the city and the streets are covered with ice, making it very difficult to travel.

Faulty roofs on some of the business houses are responsible for much damage to mercantile stock.

The oldest inhabitant is shorn of his glory in the telling of famous sleet and ice storms.

Since Tuesday night of last week the earth has been covered with ice from two to four inches thick.

The greatest destruction

in this county has been to fruit trees; the damage to orchards can hardly be estimated; it runs into thousands of dollars.

The larger trees are practically denuded of their branches, not in a few, but in all the orchards.

Last year the fruit growers realized good money from their orchards and the industry was given an impetus not heretofore known in the county.

This encouraged the farmer in this direction and orchards were put in good condition and the coming season was looked forward to with the hope of great things.

Practically all is swept away, and it will be years before the damage can be repaired.

Shade trees and forest trees suffered the same damage.

And so the day wore along; trees were crashing and breaking, from the great loads of ice, telephone wires and poles and electric light wires were following suit.

The trains were lost, so far as telegraphic communication was concerned, and it needed but the cry of fire throughout the streets of the city to cause an utter panic among the people.

The night came and all the old oil lamps in town were brought out, the metal burnished the oil poured in, and a little strip of red flannel placed in the reservoir of each to give a touch of color, for we were notified early in the afternoon that the electric lights would be an impossibility and we all prepared for the dark, stormy



A group of businessmen were out surveying the damage on Main Street caused by an ice storm in February 1902. Note the fallen pole in front of the old Farmers Bank building on the right.

night, but bless you it was one of the pleasantest in the year.

Western Kentuckians have a special knack of making the best of things and the stories that were told around the fire and the songs that were sung and the glasses that were drained cemented more good fellowship than all the crickets on the hearth ever dreamed of.

And the next morning the streets were again ice bound, the trees and electric light poles covered with ice, and the Haynes telephone system office was again in requisition.

Copher, the restaurant man, was overcrowded with

breakfast orders, many to be delivered in areas all over town.

Our medical gentlemen were told to get on their skates and skate around to the people that needed their help during this storm.

Manager Charles Moore, of the Alexander telephone exchange stated to the Press that the work of reconstructing the telephone exchange in the city will begin at once. New posts have been ordered and on their arrival a large force will immediately begin the work of repairing the system so badly damaged by the blizzard.

The lines and poles are down all over the city. The

work of reconstruction will probably consume four or five weeks, but Mr. Alexander and his popular local manager, Mr. Moore, will push the work and soon the sweet voice of the "Hello Girl" will be heard.

Still, somehow or other things will be gotten together, poles will be replaced, wires restrung, and the streets will again hum with people pass-

ing and with the traffic of countless wagons with their wealth of flourspar, zinc, tobacco, corn and lumber; the sun will shine again and Marion will be as heretofore the busiest, the loveliest and the best town in western Kentucky, and its people will rarely speak of the great ice storm of that latter part of January 1902.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

From The Crittenden Press Archives  
Local news articles from this week in 1957...

- Marion police chief William O. Brown and Patrolman Earl McChesney captured a 22-year-old man who had escaped from Eddyville State Penitentiary.
- The Kentucky Theatre was playing "Chicago Syndicate" starring Dennis O'Keefe, Abbie Lane and Xavier Cugat. Also playing was "Rock Around the Clock" with Bill Haley Comets, the Platters and the Tony Martinez Band.
- Mr. and Mrs. William Howard announced the marriage of their older daughter, Judith Carolyn, to Samuel Dudley Wade. They were married Jan. 30.
- Over 60 boys from both Marion and Crittenden County High School have said that they would come out for spring football practice. The two schools merged and will field a new team from the consolidated school.

Local news articles from this week in 1982...

- Robin L. Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Hamilton was named to the Dean's list at Butler University.
- Jamie Hubbard, formerly of Marion, was named to the Dean's list at Draughon's Junior College. She had a 4.0 GPA.
- Senior Darlene Dale was named CCHS Homecoming Queen. Eighth grader Michelle Herron was named the CCMS winner.
- CCHS Head football coach Ken Bargo presented senior Turner Martin with a plaque announcing Martin as an Honorable Mention Member of the Courier-Journal's All-State football squad.

## Princeton resident wins big in Lottery

A Princeton man, who has yet to be identified, has won \$500,000 on a Kentucky Lottery scratch-off ticket.

Lottery officials confirmed the winnings last week by paying Kangaroo Express on North Jefferson Street \$5,000 for selling the winning ticket, the Princeton Times-Leader reported.

The \$20 winning ticket was purchased Feb. 2 in the Cash Blowout game.

The newspaper reported that the man who won the big prize had previously won \$500 and \$100 cash prizes from the same game.

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**2006 SHERIFF OFFICE ACCOUNT SETTLEMENT**

I, WAYNE AGENT, SHERIFF OF CRITTENDEN COUNTY DO HEREBY CERTIFY THESE AMOUNTS FOR THE 2006 TAX YEAR

Revenue	Expense		
AUTO INSPECTIONS \$2,895.00	SHERIFF SALARY \$64,388.14		
DELINQUENT TAXES \$689.06	DEPUTY SALARY \$33,164.98		
INTEREST EARNED FROM BANK \$69.21	OFFICE DEPUTY SALARY \$ 14,379.20		
SUBPONEAS & SUMMONS \$6,253.50	BAILIFF \$1,696.00		
SECURITY SERVICE FEES \$9,164.08	CELL PHONE \$2,121.17		
ARREST FEES \$12,452.77	JUROR MEALS \$614.67		
STATE ADVANCEMENT \$55,004.00	LEASED EQUIP \$913.80		
TAX COMMISSIONS \$89,037.54	MISC \$1,263.67		
GUN PERMITS \$3,319.00	GUN PERMIT \$2,320.00		
FISCAL CT LOAN \$7,000.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES \$816.67		
PENALTIES \$2,000.00	POSTAGE \$611.08		
TRANSPORT PRISONERS \$1,350.70	UNIFORM \$337.94		
STATE FEE CLAIMS \$1,761.00	TRAINING \$55.98		
COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS \$417.66	AD COST \$1,246.50		
FEES FOR SERVICE \$3,420.00	FISCAL CT LOAN \$7,000.00		
MISC. INCOME \$805.85	ASSOC. DUES \$300.00		
BOND/INS \$385.71			
TOTAL \$195,639.37	COMPUTER EXPENSE \$1,033.40		
OFFICE HELP \$1,085.15			
ADV REPAY \$55,004.00			
APPROVED THIS 19 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007	SHERIFF INCENTIVE \$3,301.96		
	TOTAL \$192,040.02		

I, MANDI HARRISON, COMMISSIONED BY THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY FISCAL COURT TO MAKE SETTLEMENT FOR WAYNE AGENT, SHERIFF, DO REPORT THE ABOVE AMOUNTS TO BE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.  
FRED BROWN, JUDGE EXECUTIVE WAYNE AGENT, SHERIFF

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