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Kentucky tipoff at 11:10 a.m., on CBS Friday

A broadcasting conflict has arisen for KFVS-12, the CBS affiliate in Cape Girardeau, Mo., that serves western Kentucky. With the University of Kentucky and Southern Illinois both playing at the same time Friday in the NCAA Basketball Tournament, KFVS was having trouble deciding which game to televise. Details were still unknown at press time. Some local satellite providers have other CBS options which should allow area viewers to watch the UK game if KFVS opts for the SIU broadcast.

Get your green: Saturday will be St. Patrick's Day

Don't forget your green or you might get pinched Saturday as St. Patrick's Day is observed. Kentucky State Police say that if you're planning to celebrate Saturday, select a designated driver or you might get picked up by a trooper. In 2005, 59 percent of all traffic fatalities that occurred the night of St. Patrick's Day were alcohol

Free food will be available Friday

Free food will be available for Crittenden County residents only from 12:30 p.m., to 2:30 p.m., Friday at the PACS Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street across from Fohs Hall. Free venison from the Crittenden County Hunters for the Hungry will also be available.

Springtime!

The weather tells it's coming and Tuesday will be the official first day of spring.

Conservationists giving away trees

The Crittenden County Conservation District is giving away tree seedlings Monday from 9 a.m., until noon at the parking lot next to The Crittenden Press. Seedlings will include white pine and yellow poplar. Quantities will be limited per person. Trees were purchased by the conservation district and the Kentucky Division of Forestry. Forester Brandon Sherer will be on hand to distribute the seedlings and to answer questions about their planting and care.

LOCAL MEETINGS

MONDAY EVENING Marion City Council will meet at 6

p.m., at City Hall.

TUESDAY MORNING

Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 9 a.m., at the courthouse.





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Rain gauge Last 7 days . Last 30 days9.61" (-0.38") tions at Paducah as of Tu

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Wanted: More patrols

Local officials say highways too dangerous

BY CHRIS EVANS

If you consider the number of miles driven, Crittenden County ranks among the most dangerous places to be on the road in Kentucky.

According to the Kentucky Transportation Center's crash data analysis of wrecks during a five-year period from 2000 to 2004, Crittenden ranked third in the state when it comes to accidents where someone is hurt or killed.

The study found that Crittenden County saw 403 injury or fatal accidents during the survey period. The number of injury accidents was the driving force in the ranking. Ironically, the county ranked 53rd out of 120 counties in fatal accidents only.

Some local residents think Crittenden County roads are dangerous because there is little patrolling done here by police.

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent says his department is strapped for officers. With Deputy

232 206 Collisions 200 216 **Fatalities** 3 4 99 101 119 126 Source: Kentucky State Police Annual Traffic Reports Injury Accidents 119 111 Greg Rushing off recovering from a heart attack and part-time Deputy

CRITTENDEN COUNTY TRAFFIC REPORT

2004

2003

2005

and prisoner transportation duties. The sheriff recently hired former city policeman Don Perry out of retirement. Perry had been working part-time, but started as a full-time officer last week.

Ray Agent leaving to concentrate on

his seasonal mowing business, the

sheriff is struggling to cover court

We have begged for more help from state police," Sheriff Agent said. "We would like to have a trooper in the county all of the time.'

The sheriff says his department has a great working relationship with the Kentucky State Police and when they call for backup or help, state troopers are here in driving time. The only problem is that driving time can be 30 minutes or more.

Cpt. Leslie Gannon, commander of the state police at Post 2 in Madisonville, has been in charge of this area since 2004. Her troopers cover seven counties with 24 officers, five detectives, two narcotics officers and one arson investigator. Some state police districts have 30 or 40 road troopers.

2001

250

2

2000

220

2002

Gannon says manpower in Post 2 is down, also. She is getting ready to initiate a new program later this week that will reallocate some of the troopers in the district.

"We're going to try to spread out our manpower over a greater area," Gannon said. "It might include some saturated patrols in each county or some special details concentrating on education and enforcement."

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown says help can't get here soon enough.

'We don't have enough state police patrolling our highways," Brown said. "We're a small county and can't afford to hire a bunch of deputies to enforce speed limits and other traffic laws."

A few accidents over the past couple of weeks have occurred on rural backroads. Two were on lightly traveled roads; one on a gravel road.

WHERE WE RANK

KY Transportation Center Traffic Crash Analysis 2000-2004

OUT OF 120 COUNTIES CRITTENDEN COUNTY RANKS: Fatal or Injury Crashes 3rd

Crashes on State Hwys 6th

22nd

53rd

Total Crashes

Fatal Crashes

The above rankings are based on occurrences or crashes per 100 million vehicle-miles. **Crittenden County has 182.763 road miles** For more information on the above statistics go online to http://www.ktc.uky.edu/

Brown said people need to be more responsible about speed on rural roads. Although there is no speed limit posted, most rural roads are not designed to handle traffic over 35 or 40 mph.

Sheriff Agent said his office has received more complaints than normal about speeding and reckless dri-

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Fire

Late winter and early spring are busy times for local firemen. Dry, windy weather makes for extremely volatile conditions. Above, Kenneth Davenport and Mike Byford hose down a kitchen on West Elm Street while firemen Shane Young and Brian Kirby (left) fight a blaze that started in a hollow log and spread to an out building off Rochester Avenue. Also pictured above are Marion Fire Chief Red **Howton and fireman Jim**

Season

Johnson.

Pesky tree fire causes alarm

You can tell it's fire season around Crittenden County.

High winds, dry grass and warmer weather always mean one thing for local firefighters, and that's more

Firemen have responded to several situations over the past week, including two fires that started almost simultaneously Monday on opposite

ends of the county. Fortunately, no one has been injured and in most cases, damage was was light to moderate.

The two most costly fires were a garage near Shady Grove Monday and a kitchen fire at a home on West Elm Street last Thursday.

just before dusk. Jackie Cosby and

Marion firefighters were able to contain the house fire that started time, but were not hurt.

The home suffered fire, smoke and water damage to the kitchen area and rear of the house.

A field fire was reported near the intersection of Ky. 70 and Brown Mine Road near Frances Monday about 1 Caldwell Springs Department and Crittenden County Fire Department were both called to the scene. Some firemen had not yet arrived at that scene when another call came in from Ky. 120 near Shady Grove. A shed was on fire and it was dangerously close to Wayne Marsh's

Shady Grove Fire Department and parts of the Crittenden County Fire Department responded to that blaze and brought it under control. However, the property owner had a

her two children were home at the couple of vehicles damaged by the fire, plus a bush hog, lawn mower and four-wheeler. The nearby home also

sustained some superficial damage. Marion Fire Department had its own problems with a pesky burning tree off Rochester Avenue early this week. Firemen had trouble getting the hollow tree completely extinguished and were called back to the scene four times. Finally, Fire Chief Red Howton ordered the tree to be cut down.

In Marion, one man was cited last week for violating the city's open burning ordinance. It is illegal to burn anything inside the city limits other than leaves, sticks, grass or natural materials. The burning of plastic, food or other garbage is prohibited.

Also, state law prohibits most open burning during daylight hours, between 6 a.m., and 6 p.m.

CCMS is cutting librarian

More staff reductions may be on horizon

BY ALLISON EVANS PRESS ASST. EDITOR

Costs cutting measures will mean the loss of at least one job at Crittenden County Middle School next school year. As a result of the announcement, one teacher has sought legal advice from the Kentucky Education Association.

Staffing guidelines approved by the Crittenden County Board of Education in late February call for a shared media specialist, or librarian, between the middle and high schools.

Cecilia Curtis, media specialist at CCMS, and Don Trent, media specialist at CCHS, shared their concerns over the decision with the board of education Tuesday night. Curtis stands to lose her job if the school site-based councils ratify the board's decision.

Curtis questioned whether one librarian, with the help of an aide, could adequately operate two full-time school libraries. She listed the job duties of the CCMS media specialist - which she said is more than just a keeper of the books.

"Having information-literate students is vital to the whole community," Curtis said. "We must think of the library as an investment not an economic cost."

High school teacher Kim McDowell and parent Kim Collyer both spoke against the board's decision to combine the

two positions. After the meeting, Curtis talked with KEA UniServ Director H.J. Hewstand, who said, by law, eliminating one of the library positions will require the blessing of both the middle and high school site-based coun-

Hewstand said KEA officials are looking over the school system's budgets from the last couple of years, seeing if there is any

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OUTDOORS

Remember, no corn!

From now until and July 31, it is illegal to feed corn or any other types of food to deer or other wild animals. Corn and other feed was supposed to be removed by March 1.

Bow shooting contest

The Marion Big Buck Bowhunters will host a 3D archery contest Sunday at the club's range on Arrow Drive near the old city dump. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

NRA comes to St. Louis

The National Rifle Association will hold its annual meeting and convention at St. Louis on April 13-15. The event will include hundreds of exhibits, vendors, shows, speakers and seminars on shooting and hunting. For tickets or more information, go online to www.nraam.org. An estimated 50,000 people will attend the three-day show.

LBL re-opens bays

Land Between the Lakes will re-open Rushing Bay, Duncan Bay, Duncan Lake, Smith Bay, Fulton/Honker Bay, Honker Lake Refuge, Long Creek Waterfowl Refuge, and portions of Energy Lake on March 16. Hematite Lake will also be open March 16 for bank fishing only. These areas are closed Nov.1 through March 15 as waterfowl and eagle refuges.

FOOTBALL

Spring practice starts

The Rocket football team has started spring practice this week. Equipment was issued Tuesday and workouts started Wednesday in full pads. The team will practice all week next week, March 19-23, then finish up March 26-27. Anyone interested in playing football should get a physical exam from a doctor. Athletes who had one in the past year will need to show proof. Players also will need a drug testing release from the high school office. Contact Coach Al Starnes for further information

BASKETBALL

Boys hoops banquet

The Crittenden County boys' basketball banquet will begin at 6 p.m., Tuesday at the school's multi-purpose room. Players are to bring a vegetable dish and cheerleaders should bring a dessert. Meat and drinks will be provided.

UK plays Friday A.M.

Kentucky plays the 11 a.m., game Friday against Villanova in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. The game will be shown on CBS, but it's unclear which network affiliates will carry the Wildcats' broadcast.

BASEBALL

Preseason Jamboree

Crittenden County will host its first ever Preseason High School Baseball Jamboree Saturday at City-County Park. The four-game event is sponsored by the Diamond Club. Eight teams will be competing in the day-long round-robin.

Jamboree Schedule: Crittenden vs. Henderson, 9 a.m. Lyon County vs. UHA, noon Union County vs. Tilghman, 3 p.m.

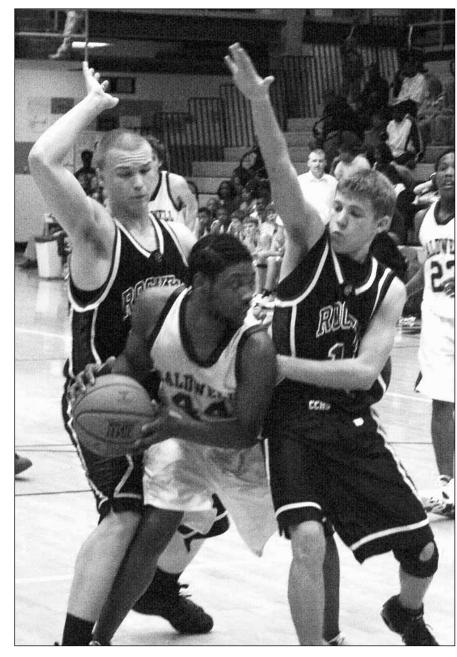
Caldwell vs. Comm. Christian, 6 p.m.

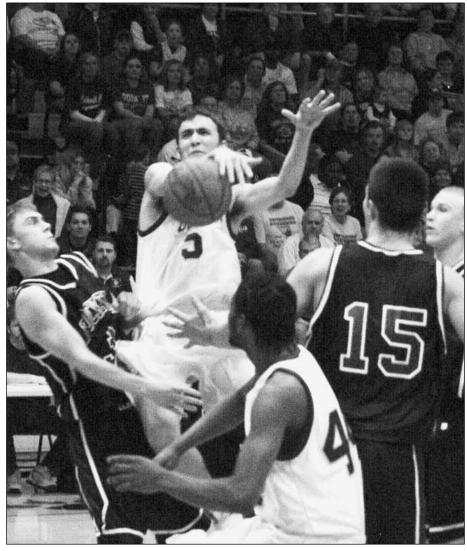
LL signup continued

Crittenden County Dugout club is going to extend little league baseball and softball registration for all teams through March 23, without penalty. The league needs to register more 11-12 year old girls. So far, only four have signed up to play and there will not be a team without at least 10 players.

Umpires needed

Anyone interested in umpiring youth baseball and softball games for pay should contact Mickey Myers at 965-5001 or hmm@vci.net. The Crittenden County Dugout Club will host an Umpire's Clinic on April 14 at 10 a.m., at City-County Park.





At left, Crittenden's Gaige Courtney and Logan Stout provide baseline defense against Caldwell during the Second Region Tournament. Above, Tiger Matt Fraliex loses the ball as Adam Hardin tries to take a charge.

Rockets fall behind early in Second Region clash

BY CHRIS HARDESTY

Caldwell County made quick work of the Rockets last week in the opening round of the Second Region Tournament at Hopkinsville, eliminating Crittenden County by a convincing 68-41 score.

After giving the Tigers all they wanted for the first 28 minutes in Princeton last month before losing 75-60, the Rockets were hopeful the encouraging effort would be a good omen for a possible upset in the regional tourney rematch.

Unfortunately, that never materialized. The Rockets (10-15) committed five turnovers only 1.06 into the game and the Tigers were never threatened as they extended their lead as the game progressed.

The Tigers outhustled the Rockets the whole game, evidenced by outrebounding them 45-25 and also being much quicker to several loose balls in the dominating victory.

While Rocket guard Josh Cosby recorded a team-high 17 points in his last prep game, the Tigers played good defense on the rest of the team as no other player recorded more than seven.

While Tiger sharpshooter Matt Fraliex was held to a season-low 21 points on 6-of-16 shooting, it was still enough to break the school scoring record of Caldwell coach and his cousin Michael Fraliex, who finished his career with 2,896 points. After last week's effort, the Murray State University signee stood at 2,909

The Rockets had a decent defensive effort as the Tigers only shot 23of-55 as a team. However, as was the case most of the season, Crittenden also had trouble putting the ball in

the bucket, going 16-of-42.

It marked the first ever meeting in the Second Region Tournament between the former Fifth District rivals and ended a rollercoaster season in which the Rockets could never find any consistency for an extended period of time.

After a promising home win over

Caldwell 68, Crittenden 41 Crittenden 8 15 24

Caldwell 16 39 Crittenden - Cosby 17, Hardin 3, Courtney, J. 7, Markham 2, Stout 4, Courtney, G. 2, Porter 2, Deboe 4, Holzer, Highfil, Jackson. FG. 14. 3-pointers 2 (Cosby, J. Courtney). FT. 7-13. Fouls 20. Caldwell - Fraliex 21, Pepper 9, Hudson 6, Jenke 3, Gray 5, Lipson 2, Choate 2, Rogers 6, Wilson 8, Singleton 6, Boyd, Bell, Boitnett. FG. 19. 3-pointers 4 (Fraliex 2, Pepper 2). FT. 18-25. Fouls 15.

to 8-8, Crittenden dropped seven of its last nine games, losing 15 for the

second consecutive year. Despite the disappointing setback in last week's regional tournament,

Rocket coach Rob Towery thanked

BOYS' SECOND REGION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

At Hopkinsville Wednesday

Henderson Co. 57, Hopkinsville 53 Caldwell Co. 68, Crittenden Co. 41 Thursday

Christian Co. 75, Webster Co. 54 Madisonville 70, Trigg Co. 58 Monday

Henderson Co. 79, Caldwell Co. 69 Christian Co. 76, Madisonville 59

Tuesday Henderson Co. vs. Christian Co.

his five seniors for their dedication to the program and realizes they will be hard to replace.

On a night when Matt Fraliex experienced a subpar shooting night, Caldwell coach Michael Fraliex was still glad his team played with tremendous hustle and took full control in the opening quarter.

"I think we came out and got on them a little bit and they did not respond very well," said the Tiger skipper.

The Tigers (23-4) were eliminated in the semifinal round Monday night by Henderson County 76-66.

Henderson wins 2nd Region

Rocket Arena held its first Second Region Tournament last week. Henderson County (21-7) won the tournament, beating Christian County in the championship game

Saturday. Henderson now heads to Bowling Green where the Lady Colonels will play 11th Region champion Lexington Christian (30-3) in the Girls' State

Tournament March 15. Lexington Christian has already won the Class A Tournament this season and was ranked sixth in the final Bluegrasspreps.com poll.

Henderson had lost to Union County 58-55 in Sixth District Tournament finals, but rebounded to capture the regional championship.

One of Henderson's players, starting forward Sarah Scales, has a tie to Marion. Her stepmother is the former Rachelle Gough who grew up here.

AT ROCKET ARENA SECOND REGION GIRLS

Monday's Scores Union County 65, Livingston 62 Christian 67, Hopkins Central 62 Tuesday's scores Henderson 64, Lyon County 35 Madisonville 64, UHA 31 Friday's Semifinals Christian Co. 60, Union Co. 51 Henderson 57, Madisonville 43 Saturday Henderson 56, Christian 50



Hoptown head coach

Hopkinsville basketball coach

Jim Simmons tries to get his team motivated for the final seconds of its nail-biting 57-53 loss to Henderson County in the **Second Region Tournament last** week at Hopkinsville. Simmons, originally from southern Illinois, coached for several years at Crittenden County during the late 1980s and 90s. In his first season as head coach at Hopkinsville, Simmons guided his team to a runnerup finish in the Eighth District behind **Second Region champion** Christian County. His team won 19 games and lost 12. Simmons had been an assistant coach at Graves County for more than 15 years before taking over at Hopkinsville.

Road work will alter LBL travel

Construction of the new four lane section on US Hwy. 68/80, which runs east and west through Land Between the Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area from Canton to Aurora is scheduled to begin in late spring. Preparation work is already visible in LBL along the roadside.

Kentucky Transportation Department has marked the location of the new four lane section with orange flagging. LBL foresters are using blue paint to mark located trees in the new highway easement. These trees will be harvested prior to highway construction. There is an artist rendition of what the new road will look like in the LBL Administrative Office.

A unique feature included in the highway design is a hike and bike trail that will run parallel to the road. Where possible, sections of the new four lane road will be divided to maintain a park-like visual quality in LBL.

For road construction information that may affect your LBL trip planning later this spring and summer, please check the Travel Flash page of the LBL web-

AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Livingston registering kindergarteners

Livingston County Schools will be registering 2007-08 kindergarten students at North and South Elementary Schools on March 22, from 1-6 p.m. The school system will also provide free developmental screenings for three- and four-year-olds on March 16. Other available dates for screenings are April 6, April 20 and May 4. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 928-

Whitfield pleased with Lake Barklev plan U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield has received assurance from U.S. Rep.

Jim Oberstar (D-MN), Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, that the Committee will work with Whitfield to include language in the Water Resources Development Reauthorization Act proposing a two-year pilot program to hold Lake Barkley at its summer pool level through the Labor Day weekend. Whitfield said he is extremely pleased with the decision. He said that by keeping the lake level higher it will provide a safer place for boaters while ensuring that navigation, recreation, fishing and tourism continue to thrive. It is the congressman's second attempt to get such legislation passed. Each year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers begins its drawdown of Lake Barkley in mid-July when traffic on the water is at its peak. Lake Barkley is a relatively shallow body of water filled with a number of obstructions, including tree stumps, road beds and old house foundations. These obstructions factor into a number of boating accidents as the lake gets shallower each summer and

Work limits Burna bridge to one lane

have played a role in several fatalities over the years.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Highways is conducting maintenance work on a bridges in Livingston County this week, limiting traffic to one lane during daylight hours. The work started Tuesday and continues through Friday, weather permitting, on Ky. 135 about a half mile north of Burna. The closure is to allow deck patching and curb work on the Bayou Creek Bridge. Work will be done between about 8 a.m, and 3:30 p.m. If weather inhibits work, the schedule will be moved ahead to next

70 mph gets okay from state Senate

The Kentucky Senate has approved a bill that will increase the speed limit on the state's major rural highways from 65 to 70 miles per hour. The House previously passed a similar bill. The legislation will now go to Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who has said that he plans to sign it into law. Some opponents say the speed limit will lead to more deaths on Kentucky highways. The bill also needs approval from the state transportation secretary after a safety study is conducted. Parkways and interstates are among the highways planned for greater speeds.

Unemployment: Down in U.S., up in KY

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly from 5.4 percent in December 2006 to 5.6 percent in January 2007, as the state added 2,000 jobs in nonfarm employment, according to the Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Education Cabinet. January 2007's jobless rate was below January 2006's rate of 6 percent. The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate increased from 4.5 percent in December 2006 to 4.6 percent in January 2007. according to the U.S. Department of Labor, percent in 2006 from 6 percent in 2005, while gaining 20,600 jobs and posting the highest number of nonfarm jobs in Kentucky's history, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET) in the Department for Workforce Investment. The U.S. unemployment rate decreased to 4.6 percent in 2006 from 5.1 percent in 2005, making it the lowest annual U.S. unemployment rate since 2000 when it was 4 percent. Unemployment rates declined in 43 states and the District of Columbia from 2005 to 2006. Hawaii posted the lowest 2006 annual jobless rate in the country at 2.4 percent, while Michigan had the highest annual rate at 6.9 percent. Twenty-one states, including Kentucky and the District of Columbia had higher annual unemployment rates than the U.S. annual rate in 2006, while 27 states were lower than the nation and three states had the same unemployment rate in 2006.

Rozwalka vs. Hargis trial set for 2008

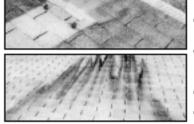
The civil case in which local resident Tracey Rozwalka is suing former school superintendent Federicka Hargis for running over her foot in 2004, has been set for trial. Circuit Court Judge Rene Williams has scheduled the jury trial for Jan. 24, 2008. Rozwalka is seeking judgement for \$1,000 in medical expenses, plus punitive and compensatory damages.

Delinquent tax bills may say '05

If you receive a delinquent tax notice in the mail this week, don't think it's a mistake just because it's dated 2005

A misprint in the title line of some of the delinquent notices might indicate that the bill is more than a year old when in fact it's not. The bills are actually the past due tax notice for 2006. Tax bills are due beginning Nov. 15 each year. If they are not paid by the end of December, they become delinquent.





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Newborn And Well-Child



Wyetha Wood ARNP, CFNP

Green had been at home for 23 years

BY JERRITT HOVEY PRESS STAFF WRITER

"Frank Green is coming to see me and he's going to bring me a chicken box," Libby Green would often say, talking to anyone who would listen. Green was the longest living resident of Crittenden Health and Rehab until she died March 4 at the age of 71.

Green was remembered by most of the staff by her talking of her "chicken box". She would tell the staff that her brother was coming to visit her and he was going to bring her a chicken box. The chicken box was a meal from what used to be The Pantry and it included a chicken leg, a potato wedge and a roll. Frank, Sometimes, her

brother, would bring her a baby doll which she would add to her collection of dolls.

Green moved Crittenden Health and Rehab in 1984, when she was 48years-old. She was immediately smitten with the staff there and came up with nicknames for most of them. She could call each staff member by name or nickname and there was rarely a time when she couldn't remember a

One of her most favorable nicknames was that of Dr. Maddux. For some reason that no one can figure out, Green had taken to calling Dr. Maddux Dr. King. Every time she would see him it would be "Dr. King." She

Libby Green had lived CHR



would come up with ways to see him, saying she had a sore throat and would like to see "Dr. King."

sheWhile was Crittenden Health and Rehab, Green walked just about everywhere. She loved to walk around and take in the scenery. Sometimes, you ladies in laundry by folding clothes or wiping off dining tables. She walked everywhere up until about two years ago when she fell and broke her leg. Since then, she was in a wheelchair, only able to walk short distances at a time. However, that didn't stop her from socializing.

"Everyone loved her," said Dolly Tinsley, the Social Service Director at Crittenden Health and Rehab. "She touched a lot of lives while she was here. Everyone just adored her."

Green will be missed by the residents and staff, and they will always remember her talking about her chicken

PATROLS

Continued from page 1A ving. One of his deputies recently spent several hours patrolling a stretch of U.S. 60 near Moore Hill and wrote one ticket. It's a time consuming process, Agent said.

Crittenden County has two state troopers assigned to this county - Darron Hollimon and Matt Foster. Police However. State spokesman Stu Recke admits that Hollimon is generally out of the county on a special detail, looking for drugs being transported along I-24.

Crittenden County is one of the farthest reaches in the Post 2 area, which is headquartered south Madisonville near the West Kentucky Parkway Pennyrile Parkway exchange. Recke says that most areas of Post 2 are accessible by a major four-lane highway. Crittenden is not; therefore, it takes longer to get a trooper from elsewhere in the district to Crittenden County.

He said that high fuel prices are taking a toll on state police budgets, too.

"It's not fair to our county that we don't have the proper manpower to do what needs to be done. It's frustrating," Sheriff Agent said. "We have two speed radars, but can't afford to keep them working.'

Police dispatchers are on the front lines every hour of every day. They see firsthand the need for more officers to

maintain safer highways. Paula Miniard is the daytime dispatcher who handles everything from 911 calls to traffic accidents and domestic complaints. She said that the popularity of cell phones has increased the number of calls about traffic violations.

"We get calls from citizens on cell phones every day," Miniard said. "They might be behind someone driving recklessly. We send an officer when we have one in the

Miniard said that the fre-

Former city policeman Don Perry is now working as a deputy for the sheriff's department.

quency of calls by citizens has risen lately.

"Some days we get two or three in an eight-hour shift. Some days there are more, sometimes less," she said.

If a motorist calls in a complaint or license number for a bad driver, the caller must sign an official complaint at the police or sheriff's department before the driver can be charged. An officer can cite a driver only if the officer observes the traffic offense.

probably the "That's biggest thing that people don't understand," Miniard said. "If an officer can't get there in time to see what's happening, they can't do anything about it unless the caller signs a complaint and hardly anyone wants to do

Miniard said now that warm weather is here, calls are increasing.

Additionally, Paramedic Kristee Shoulders who flies aboard the PHI air ambulance, said trauma injuries increase during good weather. More people are driving and more accidents occur,

Cpt. Gannon of the state police says drivers can improve the safety on roadways by staying alert, wearing seatbelts, staying off cell phones, being aware of wet road conditions and never drinking or using drugs while driving.

Overall in Kentucky, recent enforcement efforts are reducing highway fatalities. Since Jan. 1 alone, the numbers are dropping. So far this year, there have been 114 highway fatalities in Kentucky. That's lower than the same period in each of the last four years.

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GROWING PAINS?.....This vinyl siding 2 story family home has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, foyer w/open stair case, living room, formal dining room enhanced with beautiful fireplace mantle, modern kitchen with major appliances. TV/entertainment room: partial basement. plus more. Located on large deep lot on West Bellville St. Marion CHECK THIS ONE OUT... Investors take a look at this nine-room fixer upper house that was formerly used as a duplex. Features 2 kitchens, 2 baths, laundry room, floored attic and partial basement. Situated on nice lot in Marion and located 2 blocks from Main St.

AN OLDER HOME WITH DIGNITY...describes this 12 room, 2 story brick home. Features: screened in front porch with beveled glass door entry to living rm/w fire that dining room w/built in buffet & beveled mirror, butler's pantry & retro kitchen, master bedroom with dressing room or nursery, 2 bathrooms plus another bedroom. All this is on the first floor. The second floor has 5 rooms, bath and 2 large walk in closets.

GOLFER'S FANTASY...Enter down the private drive to this landscaped estate that joins Marion's County Club Golf Course. This magnificent two story home includes 4 to 6 bedrooms, open grand staircase, 2 master suites, 4 bathrooms, kitchen w/appliances, 2 laundries, study, great room with gas log fireplace, recreation room plus bonus kitchen, enclosed glass solarium & private deck overlooking the beautiful greens. In addition this lovely home has a large walk-out heated basement, an attached oversized double car garage plus many additional amenities. Fulfill you dreams by calling for an appointment todav.

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.

TAKE A LOOK...3 barrier, situated on deep lot in Marion.

IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY JUST REDUCED....JUST REDUCED...4 bedroom, 2 bath doublewide situated on lot in Burna. Price to sell at \$29,900. Call us

419 É. MAIN ST....3-4 bedroom home. Convenient to grocery, bank, post office. Features: hardwood floors, large living room

with fireplace, eat in kitchen, basement, shed on nice lot in Salem. 129 W. MAIN ST....two bedroom, 1 bath brick, extra large living & dining room, eat-in kitchen with stove & refrigerator, utility room. Located W. Main St., Salem with landscaped front courtyard.

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. REDUCED TO \$38,000.

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 commercial / office property. Call today for details. YOU MUST SEE THIS...3 bath brick home situated on

3 ACRE... 3 bedroom, 2 bas the central heat & air.

LOTS / SMALL TRACTS / FARMLAND

LAKE AREA LOT...located south of Eddy Creek Marina on Hwy 93. Perfect for mobile home or build your dream home. Utilities already on property. Call for more information. 7 BEAUTIFUL LOTS located in Hickory Hills Subdivision. Call for

more information 1.29 +/- ACRE lot located 30 d., Smithland.

5 +/- ACRES... located in Salem. All city utilities available. Call today for more info. 12.44 ACRES...with apart 15 theres of lake known as Chipps

12.9 ACRES... located in Crittenden County on Hwy 120 and Just A Mere Rd. Great building site with county water available. Owner will 55 +/- ACRES...located on Hwy 60 in Crittenden County. All open

fields with some fencing a Also 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, repulling and 2 ponds with gently rolling fields great for building s es. County water available.

REDUCED TO \$103,000. 225 SECLUDED ACRES Legated in Crittenden County with approx. 70 open acres. 56 acres in . Excellent deer & turkey hunting. 262 +/- ACRES...Features: 2 bedroom house, detached garage, 1 barn, 2 grain bins, 2 poncessity prox. 195 open, balance in woods, and a creek that runs thru property. Great location for

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS...from this 30 x 50 garage. Features (3) 10' x 12' overhead doors, office space, propane heat, exterior lighting, concrete floors, city water. Call for more

COMMERCIAL OFFICE...formally used as dentist office. Many



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