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SPRING CLEANING

Free dump days will help clear out unwanted mess

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown has declared March 30-31 Free Household Dump day. Residents may dump for free their large household items such as old beds, mattresses, furniture, appliances, scrap iron or metal and some building materials to the county convenience center on U.S. 60 East. General household garbage is not included in the free service. Those type items will require a fee. The dump is open from 8 a.m., until 4:30 p.m., Friday and from 8 a.m., until noon on Saturday.

Underdown book signing Saturday

The Crittenden County Public Library will host a reception and book signing for local historian and author Brenda Underdown from 10 a.m., until noon Saturday at the library. Underdown, a weekly columnist for The Press, recently published a book about area history. It is titled *Forgotten Passages* and is now on sale.

Feed Mill hosts after hours event

Marion Feed Mill will host the next Business After Hours event on Thursday, March 29, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Business After Hours is sponsored by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Reservations will be accepted through March 26. If you would like more information about this event or to make your reservation, call the Chamber office at 965-5015.

Wheeler named to Park board

Kory Wheeler has been appointed to a four-year term of the Marion-Crittenden County Park board. She replaces Wayne West, whose term expired.

Tax time approaching

It's less than a month until your individual federal income tax returns are due. This year's deadline is Tuesday, April 17.

Unpardonable sin?

Last week, we incorrectly published the start time of the UK-Villanova NCAA Tournament game. We hope the mix up didn't create too much of a problem for all our loyal Wildcat fans, and we understand such goofs are close to unpardonable sins in the State of Kentucky. Sorry.

WARM	40% RAIN
M. Cloudy	M. Cloudy
75/58	71/56
THURSDAY	FRIDAY

Rain gauge
Last 7 days1.05"
Last 30 days2.85"
Year-to-date10.66" (-0.32")
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Guardsmen injured in Iraq

Roadside bomb hits Humvee; Two local men seriously hurt

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Two local National Guardsmen were seriously injured in Iraq early this week when the military vehicle they were riding in ran over a roadside bomb.

Family members said they received word Monday that Sgt. Jonathan McMackin, 25, of Marion had suffered a broken bone and puncture wound to his leg during the

explosion.

Another local soldier, Spc. Chase Matthews, 23, of Dycusburg suffered greater injuries. His condition had been stabilized Tuesday night at a hospital in Germany. He had been airlifted there following his injuries in Iraq.

Matthews' aunt, Barbara Etheridge of Dycusburg, said her nephew suffered extensive injuries to his legs and his left arm. Her brother



MATTHEWS



McMACKIN

Rudy Matthews is the injured soldier's father. She said he learned of his son's condition Tuesday night.

Etheridge said that her nephew lost his left leg above the knee and his right leg above the ankle. He also has a fractured arm.

"Chase is a tough kid and he's going to be all right," she said between tears. "Chase is alive and he will have his family to come home to."

A third soldier, apparently not from Kentucky, was also hurt, but his name and injuries were not immediately known.

The Kentucky National Guard, through its public affairs department, said it could not comment on the status of the soldiers nor discuss details of the mission the men were on, where they were or when the incident occurred. Family members said the men were injured Monday.

Kevin McMackin, father of the

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Kasey Herrin and Nate Stariwat work on projects in the Crittenden County Elementary School computer lab.

Preschool students are learning basic skills Computers & kids: What's the right age?

FROM STAFF AND SPM WIRE REPORTS

Parents used to worry about their kids never becoming computer literate. Those days are gone. Most children now master computer literacy faster and more naturally than book literacy.

"Today computer chips are as much a part of toys as batteries, even toys for babies. So kids are using miniature computers from the first weeks of life," said Dr. John Laurence Miller, a learning specialist and author of *Mind Magic*.

"The real question is when are children old enough to use computers as purposeful tools for personal expression and learning," he stressed. "A rough but useful rule of thumb is they are probably old enough to do something online if they are old enough to do it offline."

Children old enough to draw with paper and pencil are also old enough to draw with a mouse. Kids who can write and receive postal mail are old enough to send and receive email.

Carol Harrison is the computer lab teacher and technology coordinator for Crittenden County Elementary School. While she says most children need to be able to read and write to gain a great deal from the Internet, kids much younger can learn from computers.

At CCES, preschoolers are taught basic computer skills like how to use a mouse across a computer screen.

"That type of exercise is good for developing dexterity," Harrison said. "Kids who are good with a mouse have good hand-eye coordination."

Research has shown that most children are age three before they develop the ability to reason or show cognitive thinking skills, Harrison said. That's a good time to start them on computers. At CCES, even kindergarten students spend at least an hour a week in the computer lab.



MERRICK

Web sites for kids

- www.Kids.Yahoo.com
- www.AskForKids.com
- www.pbsKids.org
- www.SurfnetKids.com
- www.webkinz.com
- www.KidGrid.com

Computers at home should be in a high traffic area such as a kitchen or study. Bedrooms are not recommended places for a child's computer.

The elementary school has a defined plan for making technology available to students. Right now, the school has a 32-unit computer lab, a 20-unit mobile laptop learning center, more than a half dozen desktop computers in the library and every classroom has at least two computers available to students.

A \$60,000 grant announced recently will help the school upgrade old computers and add news ones, Harrison said.

Librarian Regina Merrick at the Crittenden County Public Library says the demand for computer time for younger children is becoming greater. The library has recently retooled its computer use policy because younger children are starting to need computers for more and more things, especially homework assignments.

The library used to require constant adult supervision for anyone under age 12 using a computer. Because of changes in culture and in demand for computer usage, the library amended its policy.

Anyone under 18 wishing to use the computers at the library must have a signed consent form on file at the library, Merrick said.

"Children 12 and under have to use Internet computers facing the circulation desk and will be closely monitored," she said.

According to Miller, children who are ready to do research in a public library are also ready to use a children's online research tool like AskforKids or

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Police want direction Council waffles on skateboards

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

The issue of skateboarding in town took a new turn Monday night during the regular monthly meeting of the Marion City Council.

For the past few weeks, city leaders have discussed measures to deal with the increased popularity of skateboarding here. They've talked about helping the park board build a skate park area at City-County Park and the police department asked the city council for direction in how to enforce current ordinances.

Marion Police Chief Kenneth Winn asked the council last month to clarify the city ordinance that prohibits bikes, skates and coaster sleds from city streets. He wanted the language to include the more specific "skateboard" phrase rather than coaster sled, an outmoded term for skateboards.

When the council looked at the proposed ordinance

Monday, it didn't like the new language. Also added was the term "sidewalk" to areas where skateboards would be disallowed.

Almost every council member spoke out against the idea of outlawing skateboards on all sidewalks and some even wondered why kids could play on streets in subdivisions where traffic is not as common as it is in town.

Winn said safety is the primary concern.

Councilmen Jason Hatfield and Donnie Arlack were the first to voice their opposition to making skateboards illegal on all sidewalks.

"It's too broad," added councilman Darrin Tabor.

Councilwoman Janet Pierce agreed and Councilman Dwight Sherer said he could see prohibiting skateboards in front of businesses, but didn't understand why kids shouldn't be allowed to ride them to a

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Tourism plans video of area

BY JERRITT HOVEY
PRESS STAFF WRITER

By year's end, Marion and Crittenden County will have a new marketing tool. Officials think that a promotional video will help people discover Kentucky's Hidden Treasure - the motto selected for Crittenden County by the local tourism commission.

S&W Productions of Paducah will begin filming a promotional DVD this spring about Marion and Crittenden County.

Marion Tourism Director Michele Edwards explained that the idea for the informational DVD has been in the works for a while.

"This DVD has been one of the main projects that the commission has been working on," she said. "We're all excited to see the finished product."

The purpose of the DVD is to help entice people to visit Crittenden County and to see some of the attractions it has to offer. Some of the things that will be featured are the Amish community, annual festivities, collections at the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum and the Crittenden County Historical Museum and the Cave In Rock Ferry that carries commuters

across the Ohio River between Crittenden County and southern Illinois.

The DVD proposed by the tourism commission is the second such film currently in the works. In January a group of citizens began raising funds to produce a privately funded \$50,000 documentary about Crittenden County.

Linda Schumann, one of that project's local leaders, told the Marion City Council and Fiscal Court this week that she has been encouraged by the support for the full-length, made-for-TV documentary about the county's history.

"There can never be enough publicity for Marion," Schumann said.

She does not believe the tourism group's promotional video will create a conflict with the historical documentary she and others have been working on.

Shooting for the tourism video will begin this spring, and will continue through the next three seasons with the final product hopefully being done in late fall, according to Edwards.

The cost of the DVD is

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AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Dometic recalls RV & trailer refrigerators

Dometic, the top selling RV refrigerator manufacturer for campers, motor homes, fifth wheels, horse trailers and houseboats, has issued a nationwide recall. Dometic is recalling all two-door refrigerators manufactured between April 1997 and May 2003. A safety defect has been detected that can result in serious fire or explosion. Contact Ford RV Refrigeration in Benton, Ky., for more information about how to deal with the recall. Ford RV Refrigeration is the area's authorized recall service center for the recall process. Call Ford's at (270) 354-9239 for more information.

Deer Creek Church new voting place

Deer Creek Baptist Church will be the new voting location for Sheridan Precinct 9 starting with the May 22 election. Balloting has been being held at the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department. Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford said the new venue will provide better parking, HVAC and restroom facilities. At the fire department, the county had had to rent a portable toilet which costs about \$100. Byford said the county will save money by moving to the church. Its handicapped accessibility is also better, Byford said.

Accused car thief arrested in Marion

A man accused of stealing a vehicle in Princeton was arrested in Crittenden County March 4. According to a report in the Princeton Times-Leader newspaper, the theft victim's son is charged with taking the 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix. Dallas C. Rickard, 26, was arrested in Marion and lodged in the Crittenden County Jail based on the warrant from Caldwell County. The newspaper reported that the man allegedly took the keys from his mother's purse and left with the vehicle without her consent. The car was later found abandoned on Caldwell Chapel Road near Princeton.

Livingston takes step toward library

Plans are moving forward for Livingston County to build a public library. Livingston is one of just four counties in Kentucky that does not currently have a public library. The county has hired an architectural firm to begin planning the facility which will help it determine the actual construction costs. The library will be built in Smithland next to the new judicial center. The county will be seeking funding from a variety of sources to pay for the new library. County Judge-Executive Chris Lasher has said that no taxes will be raised to pay for the facility. He also said that recent increases in mineral tax revenue may be used to help fund the library construction. A Friends of the Library non-profit organization has been created to accept private donations.

Wal-Mart looking at Princeton Supercenter

Wal-Mart is pursuing plans to construct a new Supercenter in Princeton. The Princeton Times-Leader newspaper reported last weekend that Wal-Mart has confirmed that it is looking into building a new store a mile west of its current location on U.S. 62 West on land known as the Tandy property. Wal-Mart officials have told the newspaper that it's too early for any other specifics, but a typical Supercenter ranges from 150,000 to 195,000 square feet. No timeline has been announced. Wal-Mart has had a store in Princeton since 1978. Wal-Mart opened four Supercenters in Kentucky in January. Only one was in western Kentucky. It was built at Henderson.

Lyon County trying to land companies

Lyon County may be a contender for a Michigan-based company seeking to locate a business operation to serve its customer base in the south, according to an article in the Princeton Times-Leader newspaper. The company could generate as many as 100 jobs. Lyon County is also trying to attract Broadbent B&B Foods from Cadiz. The company, which produces cured hams, has been looking to move closer to the home of Ronnie and Beth Drennan, who live in Fredonia. If the ham producer moves, the new location would be near I-24 at Kuttawa.

Webster moves ahead on jail expansion

In Webster County, magistrates are moving forward with plans for a \$3.2 million expansion of its jail. The county has hired an architect, CMW, Inc. of Lexington, according to the Providence Journal-Enterprise newspaper. The expansion will add 84 beds to the existing structure. The addition is needed to meet the continually growing number of state and county prisoners housed at the Webster County Detention Center, Judge-Executive Jim Townsend told the newspaper.

Trelleborg buys next door neighbor

Trelleborg Automotive Americas has purchased the assets of Dawson Manufacturing Morganfield Division, located in the Morganfield Industrial Park and next to the local Trelleborg plant, according to a report in the Union County Advocate. The purchase became effective March 1 at which time Trelleborg took responsibility for management of the facility. Trelleborg General Manager Jeff Jones will also be in charge of the newly acquired division which will be named Trelleborg Adhesive Plant. The facility currently has about 75 workers, but Jones told the newspaper that 10 to 15 new workers could be hired by the end of the year.

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GUARD

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 injured sergeant, said a woman from the Department of Defense called him at home Monday afternoon and explained the situation.

"She didn't have a whole lot of information, but told me she would stay in touch and keep us informed," Kevin McMackin said, a coal miner who went home work early the next day hoping to learn more, but hadn't received any new news as of Tuesday.

The father was told that his son had suffered shrapnel wounds to the leg and that he was taken to a hospital in Iraq then transferred to Germany.

"Jonathan talked to his wife on the phone and told her not to worry," McMackin said about his son, who was married only a couple of days before leaving for Iraq.

McMackin and Matthews both deployed with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor, which is headquartered at the Marion National Guard Armory. They left Marion just before Christmas 2005 and spent a few weeks training in Mississippi before going overseas in early 2006. The men were supposed to have completed their mission this month, but recent orders had extended their stay until later in the summer, family members said.

Lt. Barkley Hughes, commander of the Marion Guard's rear detachment while the unit is deployed, said Tuesday night that any details regarding Bravo Company soldiers would have to come from the Kentucky National Guard's public affairs division.

Lt. Hughes did not deploy with Bravo Company because he was serving in Afghanistan when the unit got its marching orders.

He did say that Bravo Company was attached to a brigade headquartered in Minnesota.

According to family members, the two were in a Humvee and on patrol with at least one, perhaps two other soldiers, when they ran over an IED (improvised explosive device).

Some of McMackin's friends said they were told by family members that he had helped save two others from the vehicle after the initial explosion.

Matthews graduated from Crittenden County High School in 2002. McMackin had joined the National Guard between his junior and senior years at Crittenden High. He is coming up on his ninth year in the Guard, his father said.

The American Red Cross had been trying to arrange for Matthews to come home this week to be with his mother, Starla, who is in a hospital in San Antonio, Texas awaiting surgery for a brain aneurysm. His half brother, also in the military, had already been given leave, according to family members.

The Department of Defense offered to fly Matthews' brother to Germany to be with the injured guardsman, but his aunt said Matthews is expected to be back in the states at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington later this week, perhaps by Friday. For that reason, she didn't think anyone would be going to Germany.

McMackin's wife, the former Megan Markham, now lives in Paducah where she is a nurse. McMackin's mother, the former Estie Thomas of Marion, also lives in Paducah.

McMackin has two young siblings who have recently



Rep. Mike Cherry (right) talked with Guardsman Chase Matthews of Dycusburg, Matthews' aunt Barbara Etheridge and his father Rudy Matthews during a sendoff ceremony in 2005.

joined the military, too. His sister, Lynise, has joined the Air Force and is in basic training. His brother, Garrett, is a junior in high school and will go to basic training this summer, just like his older brother did.

Some of Matthews' former schoolmates say he is a quiet, polite fellow who was nicknamed, "Dawg" by his buddies.

Kyle Cosby went through school with Matthews. The two attended Frances Elementary together before the small country school closed in the mid 1990s. Cosby reads meters for the Crittenden-Livingston Water District. On his route a couple of months ago, Cosby bumped into Matthews, who was at home on leave.

"That was the first time I'd talked to him in a long time. He said he was ready to get home."

Cosby also said he'd talked to Rudy Matthews, the soldier's father, at the Dycusburg store over lunch not long ago.

"He was worried sick about his boy being over there," Cosby said. "I bet he is taking this really hard."

Matthews is Rudy's only child. Matthews' aunt confirmed that the father was terribly troubled by the news that reached Dycusburg Tuesday.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown, him-

self a veteran of the Vietnam era, said the grim news made it to the courthouse Tuesday. He said we should all remember the injured men and not forget that we have about a dozen other soldiers over there in harm's way.

"This is bad, bad, bad," Brown said. "It brings the reality of this war home to a community where we sometimes forget about it because of all the things going on in our lives."

"I am so proud of these young men and all of the others over there fighting for our freedoms and the veterans who have served. They don't get the appreciation they deserve," the judge added.

When Marion's Bravo Company deployed a year ago last winter, it included 40 soldiers from this armory. The unit, although a tank company, has been retrained to handle other duties due to the changing climate of this war. Dave Altom, spokesman for the Kentucky National Guard, said Bravo Company's mission is as a security force for other coalition troops. Daily activities might include route security along highways, at traffic control points or roving patrols.

The war in Iraq has been going on for four years and President George Bush has been ramping up participation the last couple of months trying to quell the

violence that has virtually turned into a civil war between religious factions in Iraq.

Rev. Lucy Tedrick, a local minister, author and veterans advocate, said these are the first two serious casualties this community has suffered since the Vietnam War when at least six soldiers from Crittenden County lost their lives and others were injured.

"The adage that came out of World War II was that 'War is hell.' Only those who have actually been in the battles, and those who have lost loved ones in them truly know the truth of that statement," Tedrick said.

"My heart aches over every American and every innocent person that has died or been injured in all wars," Tedrick added. "Now that the suffering has once again touched our own neighbors, our grief is compounded for Chase Matthews and Jonathan McMackin and their families. As Crittenden Countians, let us rally around these brave men and their families and help in any way that is needed."


The local guard unit has been deployed twice in the past six years. It was sent to Germany after the 9-11 attacks. Some guardsmen, including McMackin, had also been deployed to the Gulf Coast to help rebuild Louisiana after a hurricane. The current troop deployment is the local unit's fifth in history. It was called up during World War II and the Burlin Crisis.

Other local guardsmen deployed for the current mission include Sgt. Sean Pace, SSgt. Brandon Wilson, Spc. Mark Wilson, Spc. Jim Young, Spc. Kyle Craig and Spc. Josh Jackson. A few other local men and women are also involved in the war, including three lieutenant colonels from Marion. They are Lt. Col. John Watson, Lt. Col. Bill McDaniel and Lt. Col. Scott Campbell.

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419 E. 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.

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VIDEO

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 around \$4,000, which covers all costs and includes 100 promotional DVDs.

There has been some consideration by the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) for a similar video geared toward industrial and business recruitment. If it chooses to participate, the CCEDC and Marion Tourism Commission will split the cost of two separate DVDs and each get 100 promotional videos.

Edwards said the video will be available for viewing at the Welcome Center. That will help visitors learn what Crittenden County has to offer before setting out on a local tour. It will also be

mailed to regional organizations who plan tours in the area. It can also serve as a tourism marketing tool at regional shows or conventions, Edwards said.

Founded in 1976 by Terry Schmitt, S&W Productions specializes in several different types of videos, including corporate, educational, political and documentaries. Many of its videos have been award winners.

One such award was the Award of Excellence in 2006, according to S&W's website, for a 30-second television commercial produced for Paducah law firm Bryant and Kautz. Another award was Award of Distinction which was given for the 2005 video Welcome to Paducah, which was produced for newcomers to the area and can be found

at the Paducah Chamber of Commerce. The video is the same type of piece that the Tourism Commission wants for Marion.

Schumann also noted that Sam Koltinsky, the producers of the historical documentary about the county, has recently been notified of accolades for his documentary about Princeton, Ky. She said he will be going to Washington D.C., to receive that award.

Donations are being accepted for the historical documentary that Schumann and others are working on. They can be made through Fohs Hall, Inc., so that they are tax deductible. Schumann is also seeking information and documents from individuals that could be included in the film.

Crittenden Countians off to early wars

From the archives of The Crittenden Press we learn of some of our early history regarding the county's participation in the Mexican and Civil wars. Information in parentheses has been added as subtext to the original article.

September 7, 1893

In War With Mexico

Upon the passage of the act admitting Texas into the sisterhood of states, Mexico immediately broke off all diplomatic action with the American government, called home her minister and began preparations for war. War soon followed.

Gen. Zachary Taylor was sent with a small force to hold the disputed territory. Some skirmishing ensued. A call for volunteers soon followed, the news of the battle of Palo Alto, the first regular battle of the war.

Kentucky's quota under the first requisition for troops was 2,400 men, of this number Crittenden County furnished one whole company which was commanded by Capt. Cook, of Princeton, Ky.

William Polk, who lives at Anora, (now known as Mexico, Ky.) is the only survivor of this company. (William Polk died Oct. 10, 1899 and is buried in the Sulphur Springs Cemetery.)

Crittenden and Livingston counties jointly furnished another company, but it was mustered in to the service as Mississippi troops. This company started at the first impulse of the war and took an active part in the battle of Resaca de la Palma, Buena Vista and Corro Gordo.

James Jones of Dycusburg is the only known survivor of this company. He is totally blind from the result of a gun burst on the field of Buena Vista.

Brenda UNDERDOWN
Area History & Genealogy



Forgotten Passages

The Civil War

"The cause which led to the great Civil War has been so elaborately discussed by its friends and opponents as to embalm it in the minds of the whole people."

Although Kentucky used the most strenuous efforts to remain neutral, during the first year of the war, her soil was invaded by recruiting officers from both armies until the neutrality was broken and her citizens precipitated into the conflict.

Crittenden County was strongly Union, and when the Federal drum rolled out the sad tiding of the disastrous defeat of Bull Run, and called for volunteers for the preservation of the Union, Crittenden came gallantly forward, offering her most cherished sons.

As nearly as can be ascertained from the adjutant general's report, Crittenden furnished about 600 men to the Union Army, enlisted with companies in adjoining counties so that the exact number cannot be obtained.

Below we give a list of companies wholly or principally raised in the county. The first named officers were the ones in command at the organization of the companies, the others succeeded to command in order of their names. (Several of these men showed up later as enlisted in the Illinois 48th Infantry).

17th Kentucky Calvary, Company I

Charles E. Van Pelt, Captain
Finis H. Little, 1st Lieut.
Uriah M. Brown, 2nd Lieut.

20th Kentucky Infantry, Company B

Hugh M. Hyatt, Captain
Wm. H. Rushing, 1st Lieut. (Also served in Illinois 48th Inf. Co. E. William was born Mar. 1, 1841 and died Oct. 31, 1873. He is buried in the Old Rushing Cemetery)
John Tyler Rushing, 2nd Lieut. (Also served in Illinois 48th Inf. Co. E. He was a twin brother to the above William. John is buried in Golconda Illinois.

20th Kentucky Infantry, Company C

John J. Wright, Captain
John F. Lay, 1st Lieut.
Logan Belt, 2nd Lieut.

20th Kentucky Infantry, Company D

Theo B. Rushing, Captain (Died at Louisville, KY of consumption)
James C. Morris, Captain
Wm. C. Musselman, Captain
Samuel Coram, 1st Lieut.
John W. Hale, 1st Lieut.
James R. B. Cole, 2nd Lieut.

20th Kentucky Infantry, Company E

Robert F. Haynes, Captain (Died Oct. 19, 1896 and is buried in Mapleview Cemetery)
Franklin Gipson, Captain
Henry C. Brennan, Captain
Walter M. Asher, 1st Lieut.
James C. Guess, 1st Lieut.
S. A. Crowell, 2nd Lieut.
Robert B. McNary, 2nd Lieut.
James D. Young, 2nd Lieut.
Richard F. Minner, Captain (Enlisted Oct. 26, 1863 was discharged Dec. 15, 1864. Born May 20, 1820, died Feb. 12,



1867. Is buried in the Hurricane Cemetery with a family tombstone)
William Hoyt, 1st Lieut.
Wm. J. Small, 1st Lieut.
Wm. J. Wilson, 2nd Lieut.

20th Kentucky Infantry, Company H

Thomas M. Duvall, Captain
John Glenn, Captain
John R. Fleming, 1st Lieut.
Frank S. Loyd, 1st Lieut.
O. R. Herring, 2nd Lieut.
Wickliffe Cooper, 2nd Lieut.
Bartholomew Scott, 2nd Lieut.

48th Illinois Infantry

Several of this regiment were partially raised in Crittenden County.

Crittenden County furnished but one full company to the Confederate States Army. This company belonged to the 3rd Kentucky Regiment and was raised principally in the northern part of the county, and was mustered into the service under command of Capt. T.T. Barnett.

T.T. Barnett enlisted July 1, 1861 in the 3rd Kentucky Infantry CSA. He was promoted to Lieut. Colonel and served in that position until the close of the war. He participated in the battles at Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, Baton Rouge, Port Hudson,

Paducah and Guntown. (T.T. Barnett died March 12, 1898 and is buried in the Birdsville Cemetery in Livingston County).

Many others joined the Confederate service near the close of the war but they reached the army at different points in the South where they enlisted. The adjutant's reports not being preserved we cannot give the whole number enlisted or the names of commanders.

There were not many battles fought on the soil of Crittenden County, but the county was over run by the troops of both armies, who often plundered the citizens of anything necessary for their comfort. Many valuable horses were stolen from the local farmers.

After the war many farmers tried to get reimbursed for the stock that was stolen from them by the Union Army. In 1907 Horace Williamson, of the View community and Richard E. Pickens each received checks from the government for horses taken from them. They each received \$125 each for their horses.

In next week's article we will learn more of the tragic happenings to local families.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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

*Nancy Alexander and Clinton Bigham were crowned King and Queen at ceremonies at Crayne School. Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alexander and Clinton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Bigham.

*Corbett Jackson was sentenced on two years imprisonment on a charge of knowingly receiving stolen goods.

*The Rev. Benjamin H. Duncan was laid to rest in Mapleview Cemetery on March 21. Mr. Duncan, 67, died in Little Rock, Ark., where he edited a church paper. He attracted nationwide attention when he announced in an editorial that he was dying of leukemia.

*T.H. "Shine" Rushing this week announced that he will seek re-election as Crittenden County jailer, subject to the Republican Primary.

Local news articles from this week in 1982...

*The Crittenden County Sheriff's Department investigated an attempted break-in Monday at Circle O Grain Elevator on U. S. 60 North of Marion. A suspect had yet to be named.

*Two Marion residents, Ricky Lynn Penn, 20, and Sonja Bergman, 30, were arrested Tuesday by local police officers and charged with third-degree burglary in connection with a March 18 break-in at Fohs Hall Elementary School.

*Alan Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Brown, was elected recently as vice president of the Crittenden County High School chapter of FFA.

*Mrs. Ada Long, 92, designs Barbie doll clothes for her great-granddaughters. She started making the clothes when she became a grandmother. Mrs. Long was a resident of Best Care Rest Home.

Black-eyed Susan is chosen Kentucky's wild flower of '07

Wildflower enthusiasts in Kentucky have chosen Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) as the Salato Native Plant Program Wildflower of the Year for 2007.

The flowers are ray flowers, yellow, with dark brown hemispheric centers, or eyes.

The plant is somewhat inaccurately named because the centers are actually a reddish brown and not a true black. Black-eyed Susans grow from one to three feet tall from a root crown and have one to several very bristly-hairy stems with alternate, hairy leaves. It blooms from May to September.

The genus, *Rudbeckia*, was named for Swedish botanist, Olaf Rudbeck, who taught botany to the "father of modern botany," Carolus Linnaeus.

Wildflower of the Year (WOY) is a cooperative project between the Salato Native Plant Program and the Kentucky Native Plant Society (KNPS), a non-profit conservation group.

The purpose of the project is threefold:
■ Increase public awareness and appreciation of some of Kentucky's more than 2,500 species of native flowering plants, including their medicinal, wildlife and landscape values.

■ To promote the conservation of native plants by offering seeds to grow your own.

■ To encourage local nurseries to make native plants widely available to the gardening public, and to encourage backyard enthu-



Photo courtesy of Martin van der Grinten

siasts to share theirs with as many neighbors as possible.

To qualify, a wildflower must meet four criteria: It must be native and fairly common and widespread in Kentucky; it must be relatively easy to grow in the backyard; and it must have known wildlife value.

Plants or seeds can readily be purchased from local or mail order nurseries.

Anyone having a favorite wildflower can nominate it as Wildflower of the Year by submitting a nomination form published in the KNPC fall newsletter or you can call 502-564-7863 or 800-858-1549 and receive the KNPS form.

Former Crittenden man killed in Florida

A former Crittenden County man was killed in a motorcycle accident last week in Florida.

According to newspaper reports from Titusville, James "Jimmy" D. Green, 33, was driving his 1994 Honda motorcycle north on U.S. 1 at a high speed and failed to negotiate a curve, according to Florida state troopers. He entered the grass median and lost control of his bike. It turned over several times and he was thrown off the bike. He was not wearing a helmet.

The accident occurred at 11:15 p.m., Monday, March 12 on southbound U.S. 1 and Rocket Road near Space Coast Regional Airport near Titusville. Green was taken to Jess Parrish Medical Center in Titusville where he died of his injuries early the following day.

Green went to high school in Crittenden County in the early 1990s and played football for the Rockets.

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OUTDOORS

Youth turkey season

Hunters 15-under will get an opportunity to hunt wild turkeys April 7-8 in advance of the regular spring gobbler season which opens April 14 and runs through May 6. Youth hunters must have the proper license and no more than two youth hunters may be attended by a single adult. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult while afield. For more information, see the Kentucky Spring Hunting Guide.

FOOTBALL

Spring going okay

Rocket football coach Al Starnes said that only about a dozen players are participating in spring practice. Although the numbers are low, Starnes points out that no incoming freshmen are eligible to participate and many others are playing baseball or running track. Based on that, numbers are not too bad. Starnes is pleased with the progress the team is making in the weightroom under the direction of new team strength coach Denis Hodge. The Rockets practiced three days last week and will be working out all this week and then finish up Monday and Tuesday.

BASEBALL

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.

SOFTBALL

100-inning game

The Crittenden Lady Rocket Softball team will be sponsoring a 100-inning game Saturday at City-County Park. The team is raising money for new uniforms. The extra long game starts at 10 a.m. There will be concessions available.

BASKETBALL

Webster coach out

Longtime Webster County girls' basketball coach Alan Vaughn has resigned at the request of school administration. Vaughn had accumulated a 231-129 record over the past 12 seasons as the Lady Trojan skipper.

SOCCER

Youth soccer sign up

U6 and U8 spring soccer registration forms are available at Homestead Realty, The Crittenden Press, The Coffee Shop and The Front Porch. Cost is \$15 if you played in fall of 2006 and \$30 if you did not. The initial \$15 covers insurance, which is still valid this spring. Forms and fees should be returned to any of these locations no later than Friday, April 6. Teams assignments will be made and practices will begin the week of April 9.

CALENDAR

Spring sports

CHS athletics calendar for next week

March 26
Softball hosts Caldwell County, 5 p.m.
Baseball hosts Reidland, 5 p.m.
March 27
Softball at Trigg County, 5:30 p.m.
Baseball hosts Dawson Springs, 5 p.m.
March 29
Baseball hosts Hardin Co. (Ill.), 5 p.m.
Baseball hosts CFA, 7 p.m.
Track at Caldwell County, 4:30 p.m.
March 30
Baseball at UHA, 7 p.m.
Softball hosts Livingston Central, 5 p.m.
March 31
Baseball at Gallatin Co. (Ill.)
Baseball at Joppa (Ill.)



Cool Start To Spring

Marion-Crittenden County Park hosted an eight-team preseason baseball jamboree Saturday. With temperatures in the 40s, action began at 9 a.m., with Crittenden playing Henderson County. The Colonels, one of the best programs in the Second Region, led the Rockets 4-1 before both teams went to their benches. Pictured above is hooded scorekeeper David Kesler and first baseman Dylan Clark looking over the book. At bat (right) is Crittenden County's Zach Hewitt at the plate.



ROCKET BASKETBALL AWARDS

The Rocket basketball team held its annual awards banquet Tuesday night. Among those honored were (front from left) Josh Cosby, Senior Award, Leadership Award, Most Assists, Co-MVP Award and Team Captain; Brayton Markham, Senior Award, Sixth Man Award, Intensity Award and Most Improved Player Award; Logan Stout, Senior Award, Best Free Throw Percentage Award, Sacrifice Award, Work Award and Perseverance Award; Adam Hardin, Sacrifice Award, Work Award, Best 3-Point Field Goal Percentage Award and Most Points; (back) Cody Holzer, WINS Award, Defensive Player of the Year Award, Sacrifice Award and No Excuses Award; Gaige Courtney, Best Field Goal Percentage Award, WINS Award, Versatility Award and Fearless Player Award; Jacob Courtney, Senior Award, No Excuses Award, Leading Rebounder Award, Work Award and Co-MVP Award and Jake Highfill, Academic Award, No Excuses Award, Work Award and Senior Award.



SWEET 16

Kentucky Boys' High School Tournament LEXINGTON

At Rupp Arena, Lexington
Wednesday's games
Adair Co. vs. Lincoln Co., 11 a.m.
Scott Co. vs. Oldham Co., 12:30 p.m.
South Laurel vs. Fairdale, 5:30 p.m.
Covington Holmes vs. Tilghman, 7 p.m.
Thursday's games
Owensboro vs. Louisville Ballard, 11 a.m.
Clark Co. vs. Christian Co., 12:30 p.m.
Elliott Co. vs. Shelby Valley, 5:30 p.m.
June Buchanan vs. Warren Central, 7 p.m.
Friday's games
Quarterfinals, 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Semifinals, 9 a.m.
Championship, 7 p.m.

Lexington Christian won the Girls Kentucky High School State Tournament at Bowling Green Saturday, beating Iroquois in the final 71-62. Lexington Christian, which also won the Class A Tournament, had dispatched Second Region champion Henderson County 74-54 in the tournament's opening round. The private Lexington school then went on to beat Montgomery County and Pike County Central to earn a trip to the championship game.

LBL gearing up for busy spring season

As spring approaches, Land Between the Lakes will offer a variety of programs to encourage visitors to get outside for some unique outdoor adventures and enjoy the fresh spring air.

LBL's programs are perfect for grandparents to share with grandchildren or for families to spend time together enjoying the outdoors," said Aviva Yasgur, Woodlands Nature Station interpreter.

Many of the spring special programs have an additional cost, or require reservations prior to the event. For additional information, program costs or to make reservations, call 924-2020 weekdays, 8

a.m., to 4:30 p.m.

The list below highlights several special spring programs at LBL:

■ Junior Explorer Day, Saturday, April 7, Pond Prowl, 10:30 a.m., and 3:30 p.m., at the Nature Station.

■ Discovery Hike, 2 p.m., at the Nature Station, Sunday, April 8 (Easter Sunday).

■ Spring Hayrides on the hour at 1, 2, 3, and 4 p.m., at the Nature Station, Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22.

■ Dr. Chester's Wildflowers Walk, Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m., until 12:30 p.m. and at 1:30-4 p.m., at the Nature Station.

■ Wildflower Hike for Kids,

Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m. Meet at South Welcome Station.

■ Sunset Canoe Trip on Honker Lake, Saturday, May 26, 6-8:30 p.m., at the Nature Station.

■ Early Morning Canoe Trip on Honker Lake, Sunday, May 27 from 7-9:30 a.m., at the Nature Station.

Try out one of the LBL Fun Cards this spring for discounted general admissions to our day-use facilities.

You can purchase Fun Cards with 10 visits for \$20 and use them at The Homeplace, Golden Pond Planetarium, and Woodlands Nature Station in any combination of visits until all spaces on the card have

been used. During special events, when additional fees are sometimes charged for admission, the Fun Card can be used toward the total admission cost. The cardholder simply pays the difference for either an adult or child admission for the special program.

Land Between the Lakes is managed by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, in partnership with "Friends of LBL," to provide public lands outdoor recreation and environmental education. Visit the website at www.lbl.org call 1-800-LBL-7077 or 270-924-2000.

Crappie congregate at docks for food, shade and structure

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With R.J. Abernathy

You know the local lake that you spend all your time fishing? The one with all those houses that line the shore - the houses with all the boat docks? Those docks might be clogged with people loading and unloading boats and having all kinds of fun, but some of the best crappie fishing can be found directly below them at almost any time of year.

The allure of docks as they relate to crappie is that these structures provide the necessities that these tasty fish need to survive. Pilings that support docks provide food and cover along a wide range of depths. Grass shrimps, crustaceans and minnows feed on the small plankton, then crappie feed on them. The older docks have algae growing on them, which attracts bait-fish, and that attracts the crappie.

Most importantly, docks are best when its sunny and hot. Clouds tend to make

the cover less important and causes fish to scatter. The bright sun penetration pushes crappie into the most shaded area under the docks, and it's not unusual for crappie to be on one side of the dock in the morning, and then on the other side later in the day. The wooden docks just a foot or so above the water is ideal. The posts and cross-members also provide shade and protection for crappie.

Deeper water, at least nearby, is another key ingredient. Shallow docks may produce during certain seasons, but deep-water structures will hold crappie year round.

Other than the spawning season, the water depth beneath or at the end of a dock should be at least six feet to attract crappie. Docks and piers in shallow water can be productive providing there is nearby deeper creek channels, which are travel corridors that crappie use to migrate in and out of creek arms as the seasons change. Also,

around most docks there will be sunken trees, brush, stakes and other man-made structures that have been placed in the water. Many dock owners do this to establish a holding area for crappie and also to hold a larger concentration of fish.

As for tackle, choose an ultra-light spinning reel and rod, like a Abu Garcia Cardinal 100 on a five-foot Berkley Lightning Rod. Most people prefer 4- to 8-pound test monofilament such as Trilene XL, but let things like water clarity and the structure you are fishing around determine how heavy a line to use. The last thing you want is to lose a big crappie because it broke the line as it rubbed against the dock.

Many people target crappie using live bait - namely minnows. There's ways to catch more crappie using artificial baits, and it lessens the amount of time you spend re-rigging baits and running back and forth to the bait shop.

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