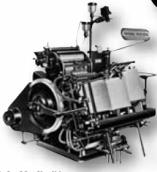


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Holiday affects publication date

The Crittenden Press office will be closed July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Because the holiday falls on a Wednesday, no publication will be produced that day, but instead pushed back a day to next Thursday.

Belt: No 4-day school in 07-08

Though Crittenden County's board of education is beginning to look at options to save money for an ailing budget, Superintendent John Belt assures the notion of a four-day school week is merely being analyzed. In fact, Belt said in no way would any such changes take place this year, if ever.



Belt

"We will be going Monday through Friday beginning Aug. 6," the superintendent said of the coming school year. Next week, The Press will look at the idea of a shorter school week to save money.

Don't set cruise control just yet

Though the law to allow a 70 mph speed limit on some parkways and interstates in Kentucky went into effect Tuesday, transportation officials warn to keep it at 65 mph until you see the signs posting the 5 mph increase.



Studies will need to be completed and signed off on by the state Secretary of Transportation before a higher speed is okayed. "District teams are putting together the engineering studies that were mandated by the law," said Cabinet Public Affairs Officer Keith Todd. "The Secretary will then decide if there are areas in the state where the speed limit can be safely raised." That is expected sometime after the July 4 holiday.

Legislation would eliminate run-off

On the same day Kentucky was expected to host its first gubernatorial run-off election, Tuesday, legislation was filed to eliminate the need for another primary election if no candidate receives 40 percent of the May vote. "Eliminating an unnecessary election saves Kentucky's tax payers and county governments millions of dollars," said Sen. Ed Worley (D-Richmond). The bill will be considered in the 2008 General Assembly.

Local meetings

UPCOMING
• Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet 9 a.m., June 29 at the courthouse to close out the current fiscal year.

Rain gauge

Reported by UK Agriculture Weather Service as of Wednesday at Paducah.

7 days 30 days 2007
0.55" 3.11" 19.68"
below average: 5.87"

Forecast

Reported by the National Weather Service.

Thursday 60%
Showers 87/69
Friday 80%
T-storms 83/67

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Farmers vocal on closure

USDA director points to fed legislation as last great hope for Marion FSA office

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

It's going to take an act of Congress to keep the USDA Service Center in Marion. Literally.

The state director of the USDA Farm Service Agency withstood a firestorm of questions and accusations Tuesday night from area farmers and officials with a stake in the battle to keep the service center open. But in the end, Jeff Hall told the 76 people scattered in seats across the Fohs Hall auditorium that his decision to move the office to Salem had been made.

"It going to take, literally, an act of Congress to stop this process," the director said.

That act would be one of the two bills filed separately in the Senate and House of Representatives to halt the closure of FSA centers across the nation until one year after a new Farm Bill becomes law. The House version, said Michael J. Pape, is backed and even co-signed by his boss, Congressman Ed Whitfield.



Hall

Hall, himself a federal employee through USDA, admitted the best thing local producers can do to save the Marion office from consolidation

with Salem is contact their federal legislators to ensure passage of the stop-gap measure.

"Probably the best chance to stop this is to contact legislators on those particular bills," he said.

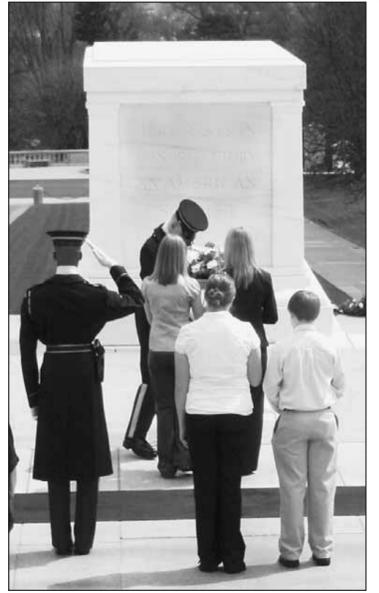
Pape, one of two western Kentucky district directors representing Whitfield at Tuesday's forum, said all is not lost.

"Nothing is a complete done deal yet," said Pape, a director from the congressman's Hopkinsville office.

Whitfield's staff joined a pair of directors representing Sen. Jim Bunning at the meeting. Sen. Mitch McConnell had no representation at Tuesday's forum.

The consolidation proposal has been a two-year process, with Hall and his staff analyzing which of the

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

In April, middle school students Shelby Dunham and Tara Ford were allowed the honor of placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

Risky business

"The risk is not worth the reward... It's stupid. It's the craziest thing I have run into."

- Cliff Feltham

Kentucky Utilities spokesman

Transformers downed, parts stripped for resale value

STAFF REPORT

Authorities are conducting a large scale theft investigation and preparing for a biohazardous material clean up in the Mexico community because of the alleged taking and stripping of up to nine Kentucky Utilities electrical transformers.

So far, two men have been charged with receiving stolen property in connection with the discovery of the transformers, which may contain hazardous Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs).

James Edward Millikan, 31, of 1808 Ky. 70, is charged with three counts of receiving stolen property which includes transformers, a boat motor and 16-foot utility trailer.

Nathan Wade Adams, 40, of Nipper Road, is charged with one count of receiving stolen property in regard to the transformers. Millikan was released from jail on a \$500 bond.

Adams was still being held Tuesday in the Crittenden County Jail.

Authorities have also recovered other items believed stolen from various other locations around the county, plus they have discovered more than a mile of allegedly stolen utility wire.

Inspectors from the Kentucky



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

Strewn among the debris left over from heisted electric transformers at a Mexico community home are children's toys. Two men have been arrested in connection with transformers nabbed from downed utility poles. Worth less than \$100 stripped, the transformers contain dangerous contaminants.

Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet's Division of Waste Management, Kentucky State Police, Crittenden County Sheriff's Department and other local agencies have been involved in the investigation which began June 20.

The utility wire and transformers are believed to have been stolen from old fluorspar mining properties near Frances. A local backhoe operator was doing work at one of the old mine sites last

week when he backed into a downed power line. The operator notified KU officials, said Kentucky State Trooper Chris King.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that between seven and nine utility poles had been pirated on property formerly owned by Lafayette and Penwalt or Atofina mines. The land now belongs to private individuals. The poles had been cut with a chainsaw and stripped of their trans-

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Honor of a lifetime

Teens place wreath on hallowed tomb

By JERRITT HOVEY
PRESS STAFF WRITER

It's not every day that a civilian gets to place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns, let alone get to go into a restricted area. However, on April 12, Shelby Dunham and Tara Ford did just that.

The two Marion girls were allowed to place a wreath on the Arlington National Cemetery monument after being selected to do so from essays that told why they would like to place the wreath on the tomb and what it would mean to them.

The placing a wreath is commonly seen on Memorial Day, when the President conducts the honors.

According to Dunham's mom, Wendy,

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New carnival, talent contest debut at fair

STAFF REPORT

Just one month away, the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair is shaping up to be one of the most exciting and innovative in recent years.

Perry Newcom, Lions Club fair chairman, said fairgoers July 30-Aug. 4 can expect an improved carnival with new rides and an open talent show that seeks local individuals or groups with skills or a flair for showmanship.

The talent show will be held on Tuesday night. It's a new event and will be staged in

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Marion High's last graduates reuniting

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Scores of changes have occurred since Marion High School graduated its last 36 students in the spring of 1957.

Although times are certainly different 50 years later, those who were among the city school's final class remember the dynamic adjustments that followed their commencement.

The winds of change were already blowing in Marion at the beginning of that school year. From desegregation to faster automobiles and the human pacemaker,



Reunions

• **Class of '57 Reunion:** 6 p.m., Friday, Senior Citizens Center
• **All-Class MHS Reunion:** 3 p.m., Saturday, Marion Country Club

innovation and civil rights were on the forefront of everyone's newspaper. The big story in Crittenden County was consolidation. It was to be the last time the county had two high schools.

"It was the end of an era," said Ronnie "Doorknob" Hughes, a 1957 class officer and one of the organizers of this year's 50th reunion.

The reunion will be held starting at 6 p.m., Friday at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. The annual all-classes Marion High Reunion will be held Saturday at Marion Country Club. Social activi-



"It was the end of an era."

- "Doorknob" Hughes
Marion High Class of 1957 graduate

ties for that event start at 3 p.m., with dinner at 5.

Hughes, who is suffering from a degenerative heart condition, says he'll certainly be at this weekend's 50-year celebration.

"It doesn't seem like it's been that long," he said. "The doctor says I've

only got 20 percent of my heart left so I won't be doing any softshoe."

As most from the class approach their 70th birthdays, they're still all pretty close and very active.

Twenty-six of the graduates had already made reservations as of late last week, said Hughes, who along with Jimmy Alderdice, is heading up the plans. Of the 36 members of the Class of '57, just six are deceased.

Allen Franklin remembers his classmates very fondly. Like Hughes, he says the group was very close.

"We all knew at the start of the school year that consolidation was coming. We didn't like it, but finan-

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AreaNews

Man again accused of sex crimes

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A Franklin County man previously accused of sex-related crimes in Crittenden County has made bond and been released from jail in Frankfort, Ky., after being held in connection with similar accusations there.

Lawrence Limp, 44, was released on \$50,000 bond last Friday after being indicted May 30 on two counts of sexual abuse, three counts of rape, sodomy, incest and two counts of intimidating a participant in the legal process, according to the State-Journal.com. The abuse charges stem from allegations made by one victim under 12 and another under 16 years of age.

Dana Todd, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, said there were three victims, all women or girls related to Limp.

Four years ago, charges here against Limp went to grand jury, but no indictment was returned.

Freeze victims offered disaster aid

PADUCAH, Ky. — Small businesses in Crittenden, Livingston and three other western Kentucky counties are eligible for federal disaster loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration. The disaster aid was made available in relations to damages caused by freezing temperatures between April 3 and 11. Aid is available to farm- and non-farm-related businesses. Farmers and ranchers, however, are not eligible through this program, though assistance through FSA is available.

Loans are available at a 4-percent interest rate with loan terms up to 30 years.

To determine if you are eligible, contact SBA at 1-800-659-2955 or visit www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

Princeton preps for super Wal-Mart

PRINCETON, Ky. — Rezoning in Princeton to accommodate a new Wal-Mart Supercenter has been recommended to city council members there.

The proposed 150,000-square foot-facility would replace the current Wal-Mart Discount Center on U.S. 62 West, moving the operation just up the road across from Bremner cookie factory. The giant store would be situated on about 23 acres of real estate, with a one-acre area carved out for Wal-Mart to market "to a fast food user or something along that line." The Times Leader newspaper reported last week.

Caldwell hospital location optioned

PRINCETON, Ky. — Caldwell County Hospital officials are eyeing farmland near the proposed location of a new Wal-Mart Supercenter in Princeton for construction of a new hospital.

According to The Times-Leader newspaper, Hospital CEO Charles Lovell Jr., has acknowledged the hospital had optioned 36 acres of farmland behind the current Wal-Mart and E.W. James & Sons on U.S. 62 West. The land is owned by Rick Morgan.

The project, however, still hinges on a \$25 million loan from the Kentucky Association of Counties.

Juggalos to gather at Cave in Rock

CAVE IN ROCK, Ill. — Hardin County, Ill., authorities are preparing for the Insane Clown Posse in August.

But what's an Insane Clown Posse, you may ask? It's a hip-hop duo from Detroit consisting of Violent J and Shaggy 2 Dope, who typically wear "evil" clown make-up. They will bring their Gathering of the Juggalos to the same privately-owned grounds that hosts the annual HogRock Rally in Hardin County.

Clown Posse fans have dubbed themselves Juggalos, following the band each year at their "family reunion." The event spans four days, and includes concerts, wrestling, games, contests, autograph sessions and seminars with artists.

Earlier Gatherings were plagued with problems such as fires and unruly behavior that prompted the intervention of police and firefighters, and that's why Hardin County authorities are concerned. This is the eighth Gathering.

HogRock earlier this month was relatively quiet, according to the Hardin County Independent, but Sheriff Tom Seiner is most concerned with traffic come August. Twenty-four-hour patrols are planned for the Juggalo gathering.

Webster city fighting 'fowl' odors

CLAY, Ky. — In a fight familiar to Marion, the City of Clay has gained more support for its battle against a stench reportedly coming from chicken farms there.

The Journal-Enterprise newspaper reported last week that County Attorney Clint Prow has expressed his support for the city in its dispute over broilers operated by Tyson.

Prow said that after reviewing Clay's nuisance ordinance, he agreed to send a letter to the landowners giving them a month to correct what nearby residents are calling a foul odor emanating from the farms.

REUNION

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cially it was the only way to go," said Franklin, himself a career educator now at Lone Oak High School in Paducah.

Although Marion High was a small school in a small town, those who attended received a first-rate education. Franklin says that is clearly illustrated by the successes most of the classmates have achieved. More than half of the class went on to college and a majority of those earned degrees.

"Every kid in school participated in something," Franklin recalled, pointing out that with baseball, football, band, basketball, Key Club, Beta Club, debate, speech, yearbook staff and other extra-curricular activities there was no room for someone not interested in staying busy.

"We had a small school but received an excellent education. We were fortunate because at the time, most of the faculty had come from different places and brought a lot of ideas into our school."

Hughes remembers playing football at Grady Field, changing into his band uniform to play the bass drum for halftime then jumping back into shoulder pads for the second half.

Franklin fondly recalls some of his teachers like Mrs. Chippis, Mrs. Guess, Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Westberry. He also remembers that "Doorknob" Hughes was very proficient at making a signature that looked very much like the principal's, Tom A. Parrish.

"He could sign 'TAP' on a late excuse and no one could tell the difference," said Franklin with a chuckle.

A little mischief like cutting class and faking a teacher's signature was about as rough as it got.

"We had a really close-knit group. Even the kids in the classes behind us and in front of us were close," said Franklin.

Hughes still keeps in touch with many of his classmates by phone. Going down the list of names he quickly recites where each is living and what he or she is doing nowadays.

He talks about the issues surrounding Thelma Hughes, the first African-American to graduate from Marion High School. At the time, desegregation was a hot-button issue throughout the South, but here there was little fanfare over the subject.

The only real question about race surfaced when the senior class was plan-



MARION HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK PHOTO

Marion High School Class of '57

Carolyn Chandler, Eddie Joe Buckalew, Shelby Jean Gass, Oliver "Ottie" Lindsey, Nancy Claire Corley, Robert Perry Chippis, Jim Alderdice, Shirley Fisher, James W. Gregory, Joanna Stemberbridge, Lynn Boyd Bridwell, Peggy Nail, Patsy Nail, Lois Dean Watson, Maurice Farmer, Martha Crider, Cynthia Iberg, Gail Parry, James A. Frazer, Corbin Edwin Travis, Linda Gass, Ronnie "Doorknob" Hughes, Clara Gass, Allen Franklin, Sandra Whitt, Linda Clark, Hughie Farmer, Jeanette Robertson, John Rose, Truman Croft, Glenn Cosby, Betty Richardson, Thelma Hughes, Jean McChesney, Jan Foster and Sandra Brown.

ning its trip to Washington, D.C. As a group, they had raised enough to pay each students' cost for the trip, \$357.

"Thelma came to the class officers and said she didn't want to take the class trip," Hughes said. He remembered that she was concerned about getting into restaurants and motels with the other students.

"We wanted her to go with us," Hughes said, but she preferred to take the time off and visit family in Wisconsin. So, the class decided to give her the money she'd raised and she went to Milwaukee.

Today, Hughes said that Thelma owns an apartment complex in Wisconsin and has done quite well for herself.

Other than a few bumps

along the way, Hughes and Franklin said the Class of '57 fulfilled most of its dreams.

"It was a great time to grow up and we had a lot of great kids there," Franklin said about those high school days.

As for this weekend, those old kids will be looking forward to more fellowship and reminiscing about the last year of Marion High School.

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NEW HOUSE... to town from this neat vinyl siding 1 bedroom home. Nice kitchen including dishwasher, laundry room, basement and large back yard. Price reduced to \$34,500.

FIXER UPPER...investors take a look at this 3 bedroom, 1 bath house located in Marion. Priced at \$14,500.

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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. PRICE REDUCED.

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.

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IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

SOLD BURNA AREA... 4 bedroom, 2 bath 28 x 56 2000 Fleetwood double wide.

331 E. MAIN ST... Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 and half story home located in Salem. Priced to sell at \$27,500.

CHILDREN WANTED... in this 4 bdrm., 1? story family home that enters into living rm. w/grand open staircase. The nice colonial column front porch house has vinyl exterior with replacement windows and concrete double drive with large 30' x 40' building. Situated on beautiful corner acre lot in Salem.

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SOLD GREAT CORNER LOCATION... describes the setting for this 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath brick with attached double car garage. Home redecorated last year with new carpeting includes nice kitchen w/major appliances; formal dining room, family/Florida room, laundry hookup w/washer/dryer, central heat & air plus private deck. Situated on 2 nice lots in Salem. Call today for details.

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SOLD 5.59 ACRES... all open. Located in Crayne.

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state's 90 FSA centers need to be closed to meet federal limits on employees. In an earlier round of closures, offices in a quarter of Kentucky's counties had been closed to cope with decreased funding.

"It's difficult to get funding when it comes to agriculture," Hall told the crowd at the meeting, one of seven he has or will conduct over a three-week period in Kentucky counties with an office designated to be closed.

As it now stands, the Marion office would be officially notified of closure in early September. There would then be a 120-day period before all staff and services are moved to the Salem office in January 2008.

The House legislation to stop the closures in 36 states is currently before an agriculture committee, said Judge-Executive Fred Brown.

Brown, at times, went toe-to-toe with Hall on his reasoning for slating the Marion office for consolidation with Salem, instead of vice versa. The

judge-executive reiterated what local officials have been saying all along, that the Marion office represents more farms, more acreage and a greater workload than the Salem office. He even offered for local government to purchase the building where the FSA office is currently housed so that it could be offered rent-free to the agency.

Hall said that would be against federal regulations. He added that because both the Crittenden and Livingston offices represent workloads below the minimum established federally, the final decision on consolidation was based on geography, with Salem more centrally located

between the two counties than Marion.

"This is just wrong," said Magistrate Greg West, the most vocal of elected officials besides Brown. "There's no other way to say it."

Local producer Adam Barnes argued that Salem has nothing else to offer farmers when a trip to the FSA office is required.

"There's not a lot in Salem," he said. "There's four gas pumps."

However, Hall assured Crittenden County producers that once the closure is finalized, they will be able to transfer their files to the service center of their choice, whether Salem or elsewhere.

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OUTDOORS

2007-08 Deer Seasons

Proposed dates by KDFWR

Archery	Sept. 1-Jan. 21
Crossbow	Oct. 1-21
Youth Hunt	Oct. 13-14
Muzzleloader	Oct. 20-21
Rifle	Nov. 10-25
Crossbow	Nov. 10-Dec. 31
Muzzleloader	Dec. 8-16
Youth Hunt	Dec. 29-30

Bag limits same as last year

SWIMMING

Pool open to public

The Marion Country Club pool is open to the public each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m., until 4 p.m. Admission is \$5. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by a guardian who is at least 15 years old. Swimmers must check in at the pro shop to get a bracelet.

GOLF

QB Club golf event

The annual Quarterback Club Golf 4-Person Tournament will be held Wednesday, July 18 at Marion Country Club. Tee time will be noon. Cost is \$40 per player. All proceeds benefit the high school football team. To register, call Ronnie Myers at 965-3104 or coach Al Starnes at 965-3525.

SOCCER

British soccer camp

Challenger Sports will again this summer offer a week-long soccer camp led by British soccer players. The camp will be for all ages July 23-27. Call Kory Wheeler to register at 704-0279 or go online to www.challengersports.com.

FOOTBALL

All-star fumble

Crittenden's Justin Asbridge recovered a fumble late in the all-star football game June 8 at Southern Illinois University. The Press wrongly reported that it was someone else.

Rocket Stadium signs

Anyone wishing to have their business displayed on a sign at Rocket Stadium should contact coach Al Starnes. Last year, nine signs were stolen from the stadium. Starnes said those are being replaced.

PREP SPORTS

Dead period underway

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association's mandated dead period is underway. The two-week summer period which gives high school athletes a break from sports ends July 9.

BOATING

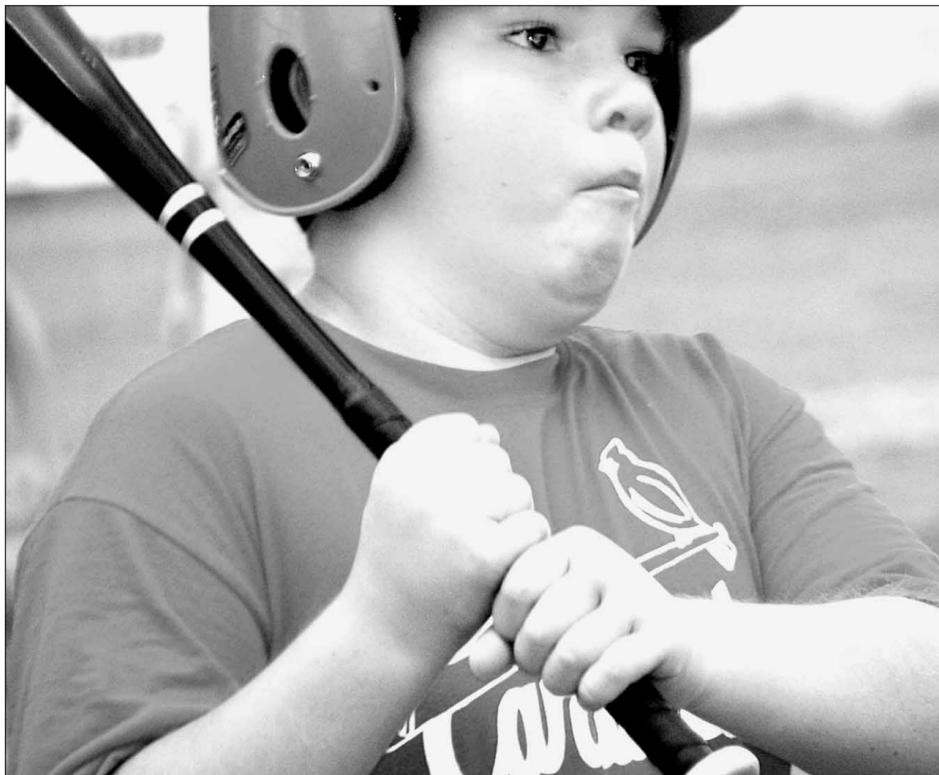
Kentucky Lake races

Kentucky Drag Boat Association (KDBA) will host its annual boat races at Pisgah Bay on Kentucky Lake July 7-8. Racing runs from 10 a.m., until 5 p.m. Test and tune-up runs are Fridays, with time trials on Saturday and featured races on Sunday. There is a \$5 fee at Birmingham Landing at LBL. Under 12 are free.

BASKETBALL

Melendez walks on

Despite being cut from his basketball team during eighth grade, recent Livingston Central graduate and point guard Justin Melendez has parlayed his talents into a walk-on slot at West Kentucky Community and Technical College (formerly Paducah Community College). The point guard said the two major factors in choosing WKCTC were proximity to home and belief that he had the ability to play there. He has already been playing pickup games with his future teammates during the off-season trying to hone his skills for the next level. Melendez was among the leading free throw shooters in the state during his senior season, converting on 89 percent of his shots. Since he only played four years of organized hoops, the two-time All Fifth District Tournament team member admits to still being surprised that he will be playing at the collegiate level.



Post-season playoffs

Devin Tanner takes a called third strike to end the first inning in which Crittenden got out to a 3-2 lead against Lyon County in 11- and 12-year-old playoff action Monday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Lyon eventually won the game 9-8. Girls' softball and boys' baseball league tournament action continues through tonight (Thursday) at the park.

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MARION SWIM TEAM RESULTS

Marion Swim Team - Home Meets

Thursday, July 5	LAKESHORE
	MADISONVILLE YMCA 5 p.m.
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Marion's swim team finished second in a three-club meet last Thursday at Mayfield. The local swimmers netted 515 points behind Murray's 590. Mayfield was a distant third. Local results follow:

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