

AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Intruder slashes before entering home

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department is looking for a white male of average build who slashed the tires on two vehicles at the home of Bobby Rogers on Blackburn Church Road then entered Rogers' residence through the back door. Sheriff Wayne Agent said Rogers and his wife were home at the time. It was Friday night just after dark when Rogers heard something at the back of the house and when he went to investigate, he apparently startled the intruder, the sheriff said. Rogers told his wife to grab his shotgun then he ran outside after the intruder who stumbled and fell in the yard. The suspect then got back up and ran down the road where he is believed to have jumped into a waiting vehicle that sped away. The sheriff said he didn't know why the intruder might have wanted to disable the vehicles before entering Rogers' home. Agent said the incident happened between 5:30 and 6 p.m., when many deer hunters would have been coming out of the woods nearby. He hopes someone, perhaps hunters, saw something in the area that might lead to an arrest. Anyone with information should call 965-3400.

Search and rescue turns out okay

Search and rescue personnel were called to Fredonia Sunday evening after Macky Boone, 57, wandered away from his caretaker. Boone suffered a brain aneurysm in 2003 and now needs 24-hour care. While walking home around 6 p.m., Sunday night, Boone walked away from his caretaker and was unable to be found, said David Crenshaw, Caldwell County's EMS Director. Twenty-four rescue workers, dogs and a helicopter were called to aid in the search. Divers even searched a pond near Fredonia before a Fredonia firefighter and a family member found Boone near the woods on Ky. 91. Boone was reunited with his family and was "just a little cold," said Crenshaw.

Caldwell trying to identify all veterans

Caldwell County is undertaking a project to identify every one of its military veterans. The project is being coordinated by the Glenn Martin Genealogy Library in Princeton and its director Judy Boaz. The Times-Leader newspaper ran an article last weekend detailing the library's effort to find war veterans from all eras. More than 3,000 Caldwell County residents are known to have served during World War II alone. Anyone with information regarding veterans from Caldwell County is encouraged to contact the library.

Cunningham wants office in Princeton

Supreme Court Justice-elect Bill Cunningham wants to keep his office in Princeton after he makes the transition from circuit judge to the Supreme Court after the end of the year. Cunningham wants his Supreme Court headquarters to be at the corner of Main and West Court streets where his campaign office was in Princeton, according to the Times-Leader newspaper. As a justice, Cunningham will spend most of his time at his personal office reading cases and writing court opinions, what he called a "lonely job." He will spend about one week each month in Frankfort. Cunningham plans to retain his 30-year secretary, Betty Austin, and will hire two law clerks to join his justice staff. Cunningham, a Kuttawa resident, defeated Judge Rick Johnson in the general election. Cunningham received over 61 percent of the vote.

Stevens convicted in Providence case

Sara Stevens, the former Providence city clerk accused of embezzling \$900,000 between 2001 and 2004, has been convicted in federal court at Owensboro. She will be sentenced Feb. 13. Stevens will remain free on bond until her sentencing date, but must report regularly to a probation officer, according to the Providence Journal-Enterprise newspaper. Stevens was convicted on Nov. 14 of four courts of embezzling and two counts of money laundering. Former Providence and Princeton policeman Eric Smith was sentenced to three-years probation for his involvement in the matter. Smith admitted that he accepted a Dodge vehicle purchased by Stevens with money embezzled from the City of Providence, according to the Princeton Times-Leader newspaper. When the City of Providence demanded repayment for the vehicle, Smith told investigators that Stevens took \$10,000 from city funds and gave it to him, which he paid back to the city. Smith had already left the Providence Police Department and was working as a detective in Princeton when he was charged in the case last year. Smith agreed to testify against Stevens in order for a lighter sentence.

City, county make board appointments

During Monday night's Marion City Council meeting, local barber Mike Crabtree was re-appointed to a full-term on the Marion Tourism Commission. Crabtree had been serving on the board, fulfilling an unexpired term of a former member. The Crittenden Fiscal Court on Tuesday appointed Jerrell James and Stuart Collins to the Crittenden Extension District board of directors.

Mediacom may lose Cardinals baseball

Mediacom users may be losing a channel by the end of the year. Negotiation disputes between Mediacom and Sinclair Broadcasting, the second largest broadcasting organization in the U.S., may lead to the cancellation of WDKA "My 49" out of Paducah, according Randy Hollis, Senior Manager of Government Relations for Mediacom. If a compromise on the cost of the Sinclair-owned station is not reached, then Mediacom will drop the channel, which includes St. Louise Cardinals' baseball games. Mediacom is the cable television provider in Marion.

801 have died on Kentucky roadways

Preliminary statistics indicate that 17 people died in 13 separate crashes on Kentucky's roadways from Monday, Nov. 13 through Sunday, Nov. 19. All of the fatalities involved motor vehicles and one pedestrian was killed. Preliminary data indicate that alcohol was not a factor in any of the crashes. Seven of the motor vehicle victims were not wearing seat belts. There were four double-fatality crashes - one each in Logan, Madison, Oldham and Wayne counties. Two single-fatality crashes occurred in Greenup County. The remaining six single-fatality crashes occurred in Estill, Laurel, Meade, Rowan, Taylor and Wolfe counties. The pedestrian was killed in Rockcastle County. Through Nov. 19, a total of 801 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways this year. That is 78 fewer than were reported for this time period in 2005. Of the 801 fatalities, 668 were motor vehicle victims, 423 of whom were not wearing seat belts. The seat belt status of 42 of the victims is not known. Sixty-nine fatalities involved motorcycles, and 45 of those victims were not wearing helmets. There were 10 ATV crash fatalities and none of the victims was wearing helmets. There were four bicycle victims, one of whom was not wearing a helmet, and 49 pedestrians have been killed.

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Grandma upset with poachers

Sheriff says road shooting bad this year

STAFF REPORT
Jeannie Boone doesn't have a problem with legitimate deer hunters, but when night gunners start firing near her home on the edge of the city, she's had enough. Last Wednesday, Boone was asleep when the loud crack of a rifle woke her at 2 a.m. She looked out of the window of her Travis Street home to see two men dragging a dead deer from Mapleview Cemetery. "They shot the deer right there in the cemetery about 30-40 feet from house where my four-year-old grand-

Report poaching

To report poaching call the statewide hotline at 1-25-ALERT or call your local police or sheriff's department at 965-3400.

daughter was sleeping," Boone said. "I am appalled that people would do something so dangerous for a deer."
Boone said she didn't report the incident that night because she doesn't have a phone at the residence. By the next morning, there was a blood trail, but of course the poachers had gotten away.
Sheriff Wayne Agent said his office has received an unusually high number of complaints about poachers this season. "We always get a few, but this year there have been so

many," Agent said. "We've had complaints of people shooting deer out of people's front yards at night."
Agent said too that residents are finding carcasses that have had the heads or antlers cut off and the rest of the animal has been left to rot.
Crittenden County Conservation Officer Randy Conway said he has received several such complaints, too, but it's nothing out of the ordinary. The game warden said people who shoot deer and discard the carcass illegally can be charged with criminal littering.
Those who shoot from the roadway or at night face more serious charges, according to the officers. "They can be charged with wanton endangerment and have their gun and vehicle

confiscated and then lose their hunting privileges, too," the sheriff said.
Conway said he's written nearly a dozen citations against poachers shooting from roadways or spotlighting at night.
"Everybody wants a big buck and that's the way they think they have to get it," the game warden said. "It's very dangerous."
Boone said poachers should think about the lives they are endangering when they fire into the night. "It's just crazy," she said. "My little grand-daughter's head was right there just feet from there shot this deer. I wish I could show them a picture of my grand-daughter so they could see the life they endangered."
You can call 1-25-ALERT to report poaching.

Jobless rate falling here

Crittenden County's unemployment rate continued downward in September, according to the latest statistics released by the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training in the Education Cabinet. Jobless rates fell in Crittenden and 104 other Kentucky counties between September 2005 and September 2006, rose in 13 counties and stayed the same in two counties. Crittenden's rate fell to 4.9 percent its lowest of 2006. Highlighted among the September unemployment numbers is that none of Kentucky's 120 counties had a jobless rate at or above 10 percent compared to one county that recorded a double-digit rate last September. Woodford County's 3.4 percent jobless rate was the lowest in the commonwealth. Other counties with low rates

were recorded in Warren County, 3.5 percent; Fayette and Jessamine counties, 3.6 percent each; Boone, Madison and Scott counties, 3.7 percent each; Mason and Taylor counties, 3.9 percent each; and Bourbon and Franklin counties, 4 percent each. McCreary County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 8.9 percent. It was followed by Clay, Jackson and Magoffin counties, 8.6 percent each; Muhlenberg County, 8.4 percent; Wolfe County, 8.1 percent; Leslie County, 7.8 percent; Owsley County, 7.3 percent; Lawrence County, 7.2 percent; and Spencer County, 7.1 percent. Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. They do not include unem-

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For Counties in Western Kentucky
SEPTEMBER 2006

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	SEPT. 06	AUG. 06	SEPT. 05
Statewide	2,034,051	1,935,577	98,474	4.8%	5.5%	5.6%
BALLARD	4,203	4,008	195	4.6%	5.2%	5.4%
CALLOWAY	17,592	16,844	748	4.3%	4.8%	4.7%
CARLISLE	2,306	2,196	110	4.8%	5.3%	6.2%
FULTON	2,910	2,742	168	5.8%	6.8%	7.3%
GRAVES	15,790	14,893	897	5.7%	6.7%	9.1%
HICKMAN	2,002	1,896	106	5.3%	6.3%	7.1%
MCCRACKEN	31,560	30,165	1,395	4.4%	5.2%	5.7%
MARSHALL	14,391	13,715	676	4.7%	5.4%	5.7%
CALDWELL	6,335	6,050	285	4.5%	4.9%	5.0%
CRITTENDEN	4,087	3,886	201	4.9%	5.5%	5.7%
HOPKINS	23,124	21,944	1,180	5.1%	5.9%	5.3%
LIVINGSTON	4,891	4,677	214	4.4%	5.3%	5.0%
LYON	3,095	2,929	166	5.4%	5.8%	5.9%
TRIGG	6,564	6,283	281	4.3%	4.7%	5.7%
HENDERSON	23,610	22,627	983	4.2%	4.1%	5.1%
MCLEAN	4,830	4,504	326	6.7%	8.2%	7.0%
UNION	7,246	6,921	325	4.5%	5.4%	5.2%
WEBSTER	6,853	6,547	306	4.5%	4.7%	4.4%

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet

employed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not season-

ally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and counties figures.

Local woman finds credit card fraud


STAFF REPORT
Thanks to close examination of her credit card statement, Pat Winn learned quickly that she had been a victim of credit card fraud. Two charges, one for \$39.98 and another for \$59.94, were applied to her credit card during October. Curious as to the nature of the charges, Winn called the phone number listed out beside the transactions. "The second time I called the person had all of my personal information," Winn said. She immediately alerted her credit card company and Kentucky State Police. Access to her credit card apparently was gained via an online purchase. "I only had the credit card four or five months and this should serve as an alert to people to pay attention to their charges," Winn said. Some credit cards offer a program that protects cardholders in the case of such fraud. If you find a questionable charge on your statement, contact your credit card company immediately and then notify the police that a crime has been committed.

Injection okay

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Kentucky Supreme Court has ruled that the state's lethal injection method is constitutional, possibly clearing the way for at least two inmates to be executed. Kentucky Death Row inmates, Thomas Clyde Bowling, 52, and Ralph Baze, 49, challenged the state's method of executing condemned prisoners, saying the drug formula used amounts to cruel and unusual punishment. The ruling handed down Wednesday in Frankfort affirms a prior ruling in Franklin Circuit Court.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Crittenden County for the support and confidence shown during this election year and for allowing me to continue to serve as your county clerk. I'm sincerely thankful to each voter that cast his or her vote for me on Nov. 7. If I can ever be of service, please call or stop by the office.

I want to thank the Precinct Workers, Alternates and Election Commissioners – H.F. Simpson, Jared Byford and Hugh Highfill – for their contributions to the election process. Also, I want to thank my loyal and dedicated staff.



Happy Thanksgiving!
Carolyn Byford
Crittenden County Clerk

**REMEMBER TO KEEP OUR TROOPS
& THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS**

CRITTENDEN COUNTY HOMES

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 your dreams by calling for an appointment today.

IDEAL FAMILY HOME...features 3 bedrooms, living room with gas log fireplace, knotty pine walls in kitchen and dining room, appliances, new carpet and newly remodeled bath, beautiful landscaped with mature trees. Shown by appointment. Price reduced to \$62,900. Motivated Sellers. **Reduced to \$59,900.**

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

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

IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

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

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

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

COUNTRY LIVING...if you like the country life you will enjoy this home. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large kitchen with appliances,

dining room, living room, full basement with lots of storage shelves. Laundry area in basement includes the washer & dryer. All this on 3.80 acres.

LOTS / SMALL TRACTS / FARMLAND

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

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

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

55 +/- ACRES...located on Hwy 60 in Crittenden County. All open fields with sun drenched and rolling. Features a 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch style home with a 70 x 95 molton building. Owner will sell ground away from home. Call today for more details.

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

225 SECLUDED ACRES...located in Crittenden County with approx. 70 open acres. **SALE PENDING**...features a 3 bedroom, 2 bath, and a 10 x 12' turkey hunting.

265 +/- ACRES...Features: 2 bedroom house, detached garage, 1 barn, 2 grain bins, 2 ponds, CRP, approx. 195 open, balance in woods, and a creek that runs thru property. Great location for hunters.


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 details.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING...(formally known as Mel's Market) 107' x 108' corner lot in Marion.

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

ONGOING BUSINESS... Investors take a look at this large commercial building that offers many opportunities. It includes a complete laundry service fully equipped, plus a beauty shop and an internet business. Great location on corner lot U.S. Hwy. 60 Marion.



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