

AREA NEWS BRIEFS

KSP wants citizens to grade its force

The Kentucky State Police is asking citizens throughout the commonwealth for their input concerning the agency's performance and effectiveness. "The mission statement of the Kentucky State Police directs the agency to promote public safety through service, integrity and professionalism, utilizing partnerships to prevent, reduce and deter crime and the fear of crime; enhance highway safety through education and enforcement; and safeguard property and protect individual rights," says KSP Commissioner Jack Adams. "We want to hear from citizens in communities throughout the state regarding which KSP services are considered positive and which need improvement," says Adams. "Through continuous improvement, it is our goal to provide the highest level of protection to the citizens of Kentucky and make communities throughout the state better and safer places to live. To accomplish this, we encourage open communication." Citizens can visit the KSP web site at www.kentuckystatepolice.org to complete an anonymous survey online or they can download the survey and mail the completed form to Kentucky State Police, Strategic Planning Branch, 919 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Princeton girl is Miss Teen Kentucky

Princeton's Katrina Giannini, 17, has been crowned Miss Kentucky Teen USA 2007, according to the Times-Leader newspaper. Giannini, the daughter of Raymond and Mary Giannini, was crowned Miss Kentucky Teen USA Nov. 25 at the end of a two-day competition at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset. The pageant began with a field of 66. As Miss Kentucky Teen USA, Giannini will be making various public appearances throughout the state; this weekend, she will be in Lexington to ride in the city's Christmas parade. Giannini will now represent the state in the 2007 Miss Teen USA competition, which will be broadcast live on NBC, at a date and time to be announced.

Park restrooms closed for season

Restrooms at Marion-Crittenden County Park have been winterized and closed. Although the park grounds are still open through the winter, restrooms will not be open until next spring. They will be re-opened in March.

Driver charged after wreck on 1668

Kentucky State Police investigated a single-vehicle accident on Ky. 1668 (Crittenden Springs Road) last Wednesday night at about 9:30 p.m. Trooper Matthew Foster, the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, Crittenden EMS and Crittenden Fire and Rescue responded to the scene where Christopher McClure, 22, of Marion had crashed his 2002 Mitsubishi Galant. State police reports say McClure was southbound on Ky. 1668 when his vehicle left the highway, struck a culvert and a steel pole set in concrete. The vehicle flipped at least once, police said. McClure was taken to Crittenden Hospital and treated for head and ankle injuries. State police have charged him with DUI and reckless driving.

CCEDC seeking new executive director

The Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation is advertising for someone to fill its executive director position. Lee Conrad, the CCEDC's director, is leaving to take another similar job in Hopkinsville at the end of December. The CCEDC began running a classified advertisement in this week's newspaper, seeking applicants for the job.

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Book Guardians

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown led a swearing-in ceremony for two new trustees of the Crittenden County Public Library Board last week. Pictured from left are Brown, new library board members Jeannette Phillips and Angel McDonald and outgoing board members Peggy Howton and Harold Grace. The board also elected new officers for 2007. They are Chris Evans, chairperson; McDonald, vice chairperson; George Sutton, treasurer; and Phillips, secretary. Brenda Underdown is also a library trustee.

QUICK FACTS

Crittenden County, Kentucky

(Formed 1842)

Year	Population	Land Area (sq.mi)	Population Density
2000	9,384	362.1	25.9
1990	9,196	362.2	25.4
1980	9,207	362.2	25.4
1970	8,493	362.2	23.4
1960	8,648	362.2	23.9
1950	10,818	362.2	29.9
1940	12,115	362.2	33.4
1930	11,931	362.2	32.9
1920	13,125	362.2	36.2
1910	13,296	391.0	34.0
1900	15,191	390.0	39.0
1890	13,119	390.0	33.6
1880	11,688	363.6	32.1
1870	9,381	363.6	25.8
1860	8,796	365.1	24.1
1850	6,351	364.3	17.4

Grand jury returns 7 indictments, including one for embezzlement

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County Grand Jury returned indictments on seven individuals Monday, indicating there is enough evidence in each case to warrant a trial. Included in the indictments was a woman who worked for a local doctor and is accused of embezzling from the dentist.

The grand jury returned an indictment against Angela Rene Roberson, 43, of 639 S. Main St. She stands charged with four counts theft by unlawful taking. Investigators allege Roberson embezzled \$109,202 from local dentist Dr. Steve Crider between January 2004 and September 2006 while she was employed by the doctor.

Also indicted this week were:
•Angeline Rose Bishop, 35, of 110 S. Walker St., theft of a credit card. Bishop allegedly stole a credit card while visiting the home of Maggie Davidson, using

it to make 34 charges over a six-month period beginning in February of this year. Charges totaled \$1,014, according to information on file in the Circuit Court Clerk's office.

•Bernie Bradford, Jr., 31, of 600 1/2 U.S. 60 West, cultivation of marijuana (less than five plants), possession of marijuana and first degree fleeing or evading police. The charges stem from a Sept. 23 incident in which Bradford allegedly attempted to elude pursuit by the Kentucky State Police.

•Clarence Lee Corley, 36, of 111 Old Piney Road. The alleged charges resulted from the Oct. 5 theft of a CD radio, tools and other items from a Marion home.

•Jimmy Newland, 30, of 209 Oak St., for trafficking a controlled substance and possession of marijuana within 1,000 yards of a school. Newland is accused of selling marijuana in the ally

behind The Coffee Shop Restaurant. He was arrested by Marion Police and the Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force Nov. 16. The Coffee Shop, police say, is fewer than 1,000 yards from Crittenden County High School.

•Tammy A. Reed, 31, of 211 Travis St., theft of controlled substance. Reed allegedly stole 120 Lortab Sept. 27 from the home of James and Sue Williams.

•Charles Keith Shook, 29, of Travis St., for alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, two counts third-degree assault, carrying a concealed deadly weapon (knives) and possession of a controlled substance (Xanax). According to court documents, the charges stem from an Oct. 13 incident in which Shook assaulted two officers and damaged the inside of a police cruiser while officers attempted to take him into custody.

Bike shop gets away from basics

STAFF REPORT

Basic Bike is now more than just bikes.

With its inventory of motorcycle and ATV accessories growing daily, Basic Bike The Store opened Saturday in the Five Star shopping center on Main Street in Marion.

Owners, Darron Millikan and Wendy Withrow, realize the store was a surprise to many people, and admit they worked behind pulled blinds

to get the showroom set up and stocked over the last couple of weeks.

Millikan has been an owner in Basic Bike, a motorcycle and ATV repair shop south of Crayne, for 13 years.

"He was looking to expand, and I was looking for something, too," explained Withrow, a Lyon County native, who has worked the last 10 years as a real estate agent in Nashville.

Millikan said the original Basic Bike remains open, and Basic Bike The Store is an extension of it. The new store will offer Thor and Moose racing gear, apparel, riding boots, accessories, doo rags and helmets for dirt bikes, street bikes and ATVs. Basic Bike The Store,



Darron Millikan and Wendy Withrow.

located next to Subway, also will sell motorcycles on consignment. While its shelves are not yet fully stocked, Withrow says new items are arriving daily, and she can order from numerous catalogs which will be

displayed for customers' viewing.

"Our idea is to help riders and their parents so they don't have to drive to Paducah, Princeton or Evansville to find what they need," she said.

Road checks, patrols planned for holiday

Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. In fact, during 2005 nearly 17,000 people were killed in highway crashes involving an impaired driver.

In Kentucky, during 2005, 220 persons were killed in fatal collisions involving a drunk driver. Sixty-two percent of the drivers involved in these fatal crashes had a BAC of 0.15 or above.

The relative risk of a crash of any severity increases as BAC increases. Compared to drivers with zero BAC, the risk of a crash is five times higher for a BAC of 0.10; 22 times higher for a BAC of 0.15; 82 times higher for a BAC of 0.20; and 154 times higher for a BAC of 0.25 or

higher.

That is why The Governor's Highway Safety Program has announced that Law Enforcement will be out in full force looking for and cracking down on impaired drivers this holiday season.

Since 1981, every president of the United States has demonstrated the commitment to preventing impaired driving by proclaiming December as National Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

Driving with a BAC of .08 or higher is illegal in every state, but too many are still not getting the message. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, more than 1.3 million people were

arrested for driving under the influence during 2005.

"Unfortunately, many people continue to operate vehicles while impaired, endangering themselves and everyone else on the roads," said John (Jack) Adams, Kentucky State Police Commissioner. "Some make excuses, like 'I didn't think I was drunk' or 'I didn't think I had that much to drink.' The cold fact is they do not think. We need to continue to send the message that there are no excuses for this selfish, criminal behavior."

The Crittenden County Sheriff and Marion Police Department are working with state police this holiday season to set up road checks

in Crittenden County.

"State, county and local officers will be out in force conducting traffic safety checkpoints and saturation patrols to get more drunk drivers off the road," said Captain Eric Walker, Governor's Highway Safety Program Commander. "We want everyone to play it safe and always designate a sober driver or find a different way home if they have been out drinking."

"Drunk driving is simply not worth the risk. It is deadly serious and against the law," said Walker. "So don't take the chance."

Kentucky citizens eligible for tax credit from phone co.

Kentucky's citizens are eligible for a telephone tax credit on their 2006 federal tax return. Individuals can claim a standard refund for up to \$60 for federal excise taxes previously paid on their long distance telephone bills for landline, cell phone, or Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), according to Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

Everyone who had long distance service between Feb. 28, 2003 and Aug. 1, 2006 is eligible for the refund, Stumbo said.

Individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations are entitled to receive the one-time refund. The amount for individuals depends on the number of exemptions they claim, if they use the standard refund, or they can calculate their actual amount paid. Businesses and non-profits, however, must determine the actual amount they have paid if they want a refund.

"Amazingly enough," stated Stumbo, "this is a tax that was first imposed in 1898 to help fund the Spanish-American war. It was not until this summer that the Internal Revenue Service was forced to stop collecting it."

For more information, please visit the IRS website:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=161506,00.html>

May the true meaning of this Christmas season give you joy and peace, and hope for the coming New Year.

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.**

TAKE A LOOK... 3 bedroom, 1 bath on deep lot in Marion.

GREAT BUSINESS PROPERTY... Investors take a look at this commercial property

YOU MUST SEE THIS... **SOLD** bath brick home situated on large lot.

3 ACRES... 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, great view at air.

WALK TO TOWN... from this large older 7 room, 2 bath home with vinyl siding. **SOLD**

LOTS / SMALL TRACTS / FARMLAND

1.29 +/- ACRE lot located on Hwy 120 & Smithland. **SOLD**

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

12.44 ACRES... **SOLD** down as Chippes Lake.

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 **SOLD** features a 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch style home with a 76 x 45 Morton building. Owner will sell ground away from home. Call today for more details.

61.15 ACRES... located in Crittenden County on Hwy 723 and Lewis Croft Rd. Features a barn, 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. **SOLD** Turkey hunting.

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

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.

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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