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Board of Ed seeks community input

Crittenden County Board of Education has rescheduled last month's community information sharing meetings, inviting the public to comment on the education and economic impact of the school district. Originally scheduled for February at the Ed-Tech Center, the noon and 6 p.m., meetings have been re-slated for the same times next Thursday. Anyone wishing to share input or concerns related to the school district should call 965-3525 to make a reservation, which is needed for the noon meeting only.

St. Patrick, Palm Sunday celebrated

St. Patrick's Day and Palm Sunday may seem worlds apart when considering significant days on the calendar. But the two days share more than adjoining dates on the 2008 almanac.

Both religious feast days with roots in the Catholic church fall during Lent, the Christian observance of fasting and abstinence commemorating Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness.

Palm Sunday marks the last Sunday of Lent, with the following Sunday observed as Easter. Palm Sunday begins what is often referred to as Holy Week and observes Jesus' return to Jerusalem when crowds greeted him with waving palm branches and by covering his path with palm branches. The following Friday, Jesus was crucified on what is observed now as Good Friday. Easter follows on Sunday, marking an end to Holy Week and commemorating Jesus' rise from the tomb.

St. Patrick's Day, now mostly observed with secular celebrations centered around the color green and alcohol, marks the death of St. Patrick on March 17 in the fifth century. He was a patron saint of Ireland, said to lead the snakes out of the island nation. Traditionally in the church, Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on St. Patrick's Day.

Good Friday closing offices around city

Several businesses and government offices will be closing March 21 in observance of Good Friday, though no federal offices will be shutting down for the religious commemoration. State offices will be open only a half day in observance of the holiday, so be sure to check hours with any state agency you may be utilizing.

Locally, Marion City Hall and most courthouse offices will be closing, including the offices of judge-executive, county clerk, circuit court clerk and PVA. Both county and circuit clerk offices will also be closed March 22. Also closed for Good Friday will be The Crittenden Press and PACS Senior Citizen Center in Marion. School will be in session next week for Good Friday.

Local meetings

- Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m., March 17 at city hall.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 9 a.m., March 18 at the courthouse.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m., March 18 at Crittenden County High School.

Weather

Reported by UK Ag Weather Service as of Tuesday at Princeton, online at www.gwx.ca.uky.edu.

| Forecast | |
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| THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| 6 am Mostly clear, 48° | Cloudy, 48° |
| Noon Mostly clear, 60° | Cloudy, 55° |
| 6 pm Overcast, 64° | Cloudy, 58° |
| 9 pm Overcast, 57° | Cloudy, 53° |

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Last 7 days3.39 For 200812.80
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Drugs not likely in city water; county untested

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

An Associated Press investigation shows a vast array of pharmaceuticals have been found in the drinking water supplies of at least 41 million Americans, including those in Kentucky. But local residents may want to hold off on buying bottled water by the case.



Asbridge

To be sure, the concentrations of these pharmaceuticals are tiny – far below the levels of a medical dose. And utilities insist their water is safe. But the presence of so many drugs is heightening worries among scientists of long-term consequences to

human health. In Marion, the city's water supply is relatively isolated, coming from rain and run-off into the Lake George watershed. Locally, recycled wastewater – the primary carrier of pharmaceuticals into drinking water systems – is flushed into a natural drainage system that carries the treated water away and dumps it into one of the most polluted waterways in the nation.

"About 600,000 gallons of wastewater passes through our wastewater treatment plant each day," said City Administrator Mark Bryant. "After treatment, it is discharged into Rush Creek, which drains into Crooked Creek, which ultimately drains into the Ohio River."

While no testing has been

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Graffiti scars school; \$500 reward offered

STAFF REPORT

Marion Police are searching for suspects who vandalized the high school late last Thursday night and a \$500 reward is being offered to anyone with information that leads to a conviction.

Green and black paint was used to spray vulgar, racial and threatening graffiti on the outside walls of Crittenden County High School, Rocket Arena, an outdoor propane tank and a monument behind the gymnasium. Also, an S-10 Chevrolet pickup and white Cadillac parked in front of a nearby residence at 530 W. Elm St., were spray painted. The vehicles belonged to Bobby Long.

The main building and high school annex were vandalized by the painters. Damage at the school was estimated at several hundred

Crittenden County TIPLINE
965.3000
Reward possible. Remain anonymous.
Aware of a crime? Be responsible. Report it.

dollars. Police Chief Ray O'Neal said officers investigating the incident have found one of the spray cans used to do the damage. Police know which store the paint was purchased at in Marion and are currently reviewing videotape from that store's surveillance cameras, trying to identify suspects. Additionally, the can is being checked for fingerprints.

Crittenden County Tipline is offering a \$500 reward to anyone who provides information that leads to an arrest and conviction of the suspect or suspects. Callers may remain anonymous and still receive the reward. Call the Tipline at 965-3000, or the Marion Police Department

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Submitted photo
Tropical flamingos and spring wishes in the yard of Janet Kemper's home on Crittenden Springs Road may have seemed a bit out of place over the weekend. The pink bird ornaments flocked around a "Think Spring" sign and birdhouses were not enough to ward off what will likely be winter's last significant frozen precipitation. About four inches of snow fell Friday and Saturday.

Survey asks for snow-day make-up fix

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County students will learn next week whether they will have to make up snow days by attending school on Saturdays, eliminating their spring break or by adding days onto the end of the school calendar.

Superintendent John Belt said the days could be made up by any combination of those options. A survey sent home with students last week is expected give the board of education a little input. Parents were asked to respond to three questions on the survey and urged to send it back to school with their children.

Belt devised the questionnaire, and wants the school board to make a decision that "affects people less adversely."

In the survey sent home with students, parents were asked whether they supported the idea of students attending class on Saturdays, eliminating at least some of spring break to make up lost days or whether they wanted to extend the school year into the first week of June. If the makeup days are tacked onto the end of the current calendar, the last day for students would be June 4.

The board will make its decision Tuesday night at its regular monthly meeting.

High school representatives say Balfour, which sells gradu-

ation invitations, is holding Crittenden County's orders until the company knows when graduation will be held. Typically, commencement is held the Friday following the last day of school.

Students have missed 12 days because of snow and ice this winter, including four and a half days during early February's history-making ice storm.

Three snow days were built into the current calendar, and the board of education amended the calendar last month to allow for other make-up days prior to the end of the school year. Students are left with three days to make up, Belt said.

Adding minutes onto each school day in order to gradually make up time missed is not an option, Belt said, explaining that students must attend 166 six-hour days.

"If it was just time we were dealing with, we could add time and reach the 1,062 hours required, but the problem is the 166 six-hour school days," he said.

Belt asks that all surveys be returned by Friday so that results can be tabulated. The information gleaned from the surveys will be provided to the school board before its meeting Tuesday. If your child did not receive a survey, you can call the school and request one.

Survey deadline

Magistrates OK insurance premium levy

By **CHRIS EVANS**
PRESS EDITOR

Crittenden County residents who have insurance premiums coming due after July 1 will see at least a two-percent increase in their costs.

Local magistrates approved a two-percent insurance tax during a special meeting last Thursday morning. Insurance companies collecting the tax will have the option of charging an additional 15 percent of the tax rate or two percent of the premium, which ever is less. That fee is for collecting and administering the tax.

Based on a \$1,000 insurance premium, the new tax will cost the consumer \$20 for the tax and another \$3 if the insurance companies take legal fees, which most do.

The State of Kentucky already charges a 1.5-percent insurance premium surcharge on all policies.

The new county insurance toll will be assessed on premiums of all types, excluding worker's compensation,

health and life. Federal crop insurance premiums are also exempt.

The tax will not affect anyone insuring property or risk inside the corporate city limits. They are excluded because the City of Marion already has a higher, four-percent insurance tax.

The tax issue was a controversial one. About 100 residents attended a public hearing on the plan last month and nearly 40 were at last week's meeting where magistrates voted 5-1 to approve the plan.

Magistrate Greg West cast the only dissenting vote. He had voted against the idea when it was initially proposed in January along with Magistrate Dan Wood. On the second reading, Wood voted for the amended ordinance, pointing out that he did so reluctantly and only after determining that it was a last resort in balancing the county budget.

Magistrates Curt Buntin, Percy Cook, Helen McConnell and Glenn Underdown were for the ordinance



"You're giving me a job that's impossible to do but let's do it. (We'll) cut each item to the bone with no transfers."

– **Fred Brown**
judge-executive on community urgings to cut funds from budget line items to make up for a proposed budget shortfall of about \$150,000

both times it came to a vote. "By law I have to balance the budget and send it to Frankfort," Judge-Executive Fred Brown told those who gathered at the courthouse last

Thursday for the meeting. The meeting, like the hearing late last month, was moved to the upstairs courtroom to accommodate the large crowd. Most fiscal court meetings are held in a small meeting room next to the judge's office. The normal venue holds only about 20 people besides the magistrates and county officials.

"If we cut everything we possibly could from the budget, it still wouldn't meet," Judge Brown explained after going over the spending plan in great detail.

The tax proposal originally called for a four-percent rate and it did not exclude health or life. Magistrates decided that a two-percent levy would generate between \$125,000 and \$200,000 annually; therefore, they lowered the rate before approving the new tax. They also excluded life and health in the final version.

Brown said his projected spending

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American haters: read, heed or leave

First, a big thanks to all who encourage me and have been good to me through the years, and all and all kind words sent to The Press on my behalf, and for the recent kindness from Bob DeLacy Jr. of Marengo, Ill.

Now to my gratitude to God and every service person that ever donned a uniform for this great nation, for all the wonder and greatness of this best nation on earth, and all the suffering and sacrificing of our Pilgrims, founders, and all our forefathers and parents, and a reminder of same to all who love and hate America.

The second, third, and fourth class living, the squalor, the poverty, pain, hunger, and hopelessness I witnessed on my trip around the world brought sorrow to my heart for all the victims, and tears to my eyes when I saw all the white crosses in all the Memorial Gardens of our dead World War II service



personnel who left this wonderful country and all their loved ones and died over there in all that misery and never got to come back to the country, home and family they loved.

After all these years I still grieve over it. Little wonder my blood boils when I hear anyone berate and hate this country and especially the Hollywood so-called celebrities who have made their millions off the backs of Americans and demand to run this nation, and can't even run their own lives except into the gutter.

It also makes my blood boil when I read Barack

Obama's longtime minister, friend, and adviser Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. make the following statements in a so-called sermon at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel in Washington on Jan. 15, 2006:

"America is the number one killer in the world; importing drugs; exporting guns; training professional killers; American started the AIDS virus [when all proven reports says AIDS started in Africa]; puts more money in hate than in humanitarian concerns; Americans are arrogant and ignorant; America is to blame for the 9/11 attacks; America cares nothing about human life."

All of this is heard by his choice for president of this nation, who has voted time and again that if a baby survives an abortion attempt it is not to be fed and nourished, but murdered and thrown into the dumpster. This is in his voting records in the Illinois

Senate of March 2001. Obama votes over and over for partial birth abortion and abortion on demand. Was his pastor talking about his choice for president of this nation that he seems to hate, when he said America cares nothing for human life?

Is the *change* Obama is always preaching, a change for all of us to believe and preach what his friend and confidant peddles? If so, may God have mercy on America!

What other people on earth would let him stand in a pulpit and exude such a vitriolic diatribe of their nation?

This nation is great because it was founded on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and men and women since its inception put their lives on the line, fought, suffered and many died to give us this freedom. They fought to free the slaves in the Civil War, and in later wars to keep this country's national language from being German or

Japanese.

Mr. Wright and all of his kind ought to be forced to live in many other parts of the world where they don't have enough food to eat, free education, air-conditioning in the summer, and heat in the winter, and all the other numerous blessings this nation enjoys.

He lives in a nation where 95.4 percent of the people have jobs, running water and electricity 24/7. Shelves are loaded with food all over America. We have the freedom to drive from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean without having to show papers or passports. There are hundreds of clean motels on the way and all kinds of prepared food to be had on the trip. If we have a wreck, help is on the way almost immediately. Seventy percent of Americans own a home, and firefighters and police are ready to help and defend, neighborhoods free of roadside bombs, where 90 per-

cent of the teenagers own cell phones and computers. How about the complete religious, social and political freedoms we enjoy that are the envy of everyone in the world?

One more question. If America is so bad why are we taxpayers having to spend billions of dollars trying to keep illegal aliens out, and spending billions more on the upkeep of the millions of illegal aliens already here?

One last question. Do we really want a president of this great nation, and the commander-in-chief of the bravest and most sacrificing voluntary military on the planet who chooses to sit under this kind of American hatred for 20 years, whose church ordains homosexuals to their pulpits, and marries same-sex couples in their services?

Oh Lord God, please, no!
(Editor's note: Lucy Tedrick is pastor at Marion Church of God. Her column appears weekly in The Press.)

Bill would exempt OTC drugs from tax

We've now reached the point in this session where the budget is the issue. This is the week the House will pass its version.

Once the budget bill passes the House, it will go to the Senate, where more changes will almost certainly be made. It will then be up to the lawmakers from both chambers to hammer out an agreement on the final version, a process that normally takes place in a House-Senate conference committee during the session's final days.

Last week ended with House Democrats and Governor Beshear agreeing that some additional revenue must be found to avert unacceptable budget shortfalls in education and human services. But we could not agree on how to raise those revenues.

The major point of contention was the size of a raise in cigarette taxes. Kentucky's current rate is 30 cents a pack, well below the national average and the average of bordering states. Last Thursday, the Governor proposed a 70-cent increase whereas the House Democrats' plan called for a 25-cent increase. The difference in revenue would be made up for in the House plan by restructuring all outstanding general fund debt and extending the states' sales tax to a small selected list of services. Both the House Democrats' and governor's plans assume savings by not extending the soon-to-expire state employees retire-



ment window and not immediately filling the resulting vacancies.

In next week's article, I expect to discuss the House-passed budget in detail. But for now, with only three weeks, or 15 legislative days, left there are several bills that have passed both chambers and are ready for the governor's signature.

Two of those will have a positive impact on our men and women in uniform. House Bill 168 would do that by giving active-duty soldiers a 90-day grace period to renew their driver's license if it expired while they were based out-of-state. HB 110, meanwhile, cracks down on those who falsely claim a military status to defraud someone.

Others that should be law soon include allowing 16-year-olds to donate blood if they otherwise meet the health requirements and have permission from home; and adding incentives for older Kentuckians to purchase long-term care insurance. That bill will protect their personal assets while insurance postpones the date in which many would qualify for Medicaid.

Starting about now, the

House will spend most of its time focusing on Senate legislation and working to find compromise in areas of disagreement on each other's bills. However, this past week there were quite a few noteworthy bills that passed our chamber.

HB 186 is important because it would require dental exams for our youngest children before they enter school, starting in 2010-11. Kentucky needs to do more to improve our oral health and this legislation is a positive step in that direction.

Another health-related area needing improvement is trauma care. Kentucky has only two cities ready at a moment's notice to handle the worst injuries, and just one other, Campbellsville, that is relatively well-equipped. HB 371, which is sponsored by a doctor (and I co-sponsored), would marshal the state's resources in an effort to add many more communities, including one in our district, to that list.

We lose far too many Kentuckians because they cannot get proper medical treatment quickly. Those testifying on behalf of the bill say 2,200 deaths each year in Kentucky can be attributed to trauma, or about six a day. We need to do whatever we can to lower that number.

For farmers, two of the bills the House sent to the Senate last week should be helpful. HB 626, for example, tightens the requirements for the "Kentucky Proud" pro-

gram, which promotes Kentucky-grown agricultural products. As it is, some products are not entirely made in Kentucky, a loophole this bill addresses.

HB 623 recognizes the fact that many of our dairy farmers are being forced out of business. If it becomes law, Kentucky will create a new milk commission, in the hope that we can preserve those jobs and keep from having to import more milk from other states.

Three other bills adopted by the House last week may not have generated much news, but their impact will nonetheless be felt by many if they become law. HB 402 would give extra job protection for employees who are the victim of a crime and must take time off to participate in legal proceedings tied to that crime. HB 538 would exempt over-the-counter drugs from the sales tax. And HB 125 would keep young drivers with an instructional permit from using a cell phone while driving.

Finally, there was no discernible movement last week on the issue of putting the expanded gaming/gambling question on the ballot. With each passing day, it looks more unlikely that the legislation will be passed. It's premature to say the bill is dead, but that it's on life support is probably accurate.

(Editor's note: Rep. Cherry represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of McCracken County. His column will appear throughout the 2008 session.)

Senate forms energy team for region

This past week in northwestern Kentucky, we established the framework for a continuing effort on the parts of several counties in the tri-state area to realize America's goal of energy independence by hosting the Illinois Basin Energy Conference, which will hopefully become known as a beginning of energy development in western Kentucky.

To meet the nation's energy and environmental needs, we formed the West Kentucky Regional Energy Team, to draw energy production and research projects to our area. It is time we brought attention to our region of Kentucky with the resources we have, the rivers, the coal and the agriculture. These elements could attract companies like Peabody Energy Corp. to develop industry in this region, or prompt additional research.

Another important issue that is always in the forefront in Senate action is education and this week was no different.

Senate Bill 32 is aimed at students who leave school or do not push themselves because they find traditional classwork boring or irrelevant. These kids just do not want to sit in a classroom focusing on abstract subjects like algebra, English or chemistry. Many of them are more interested in the "real world" — getting a job, earning money and helping their



families. By keying in on ways to help these students match those worldly goals with staying in school, we can lower our appalling dropout rate and make them more productive citizens.

SB 32 would help local school districts expand their career and technical offerings through grant funding. Among available options would be full-fledged career academics that tailor "academic" curriculum to specific careers. For example, a health sciences academy could build its math courses around medical uses for math, while an agribusiness-oriented academy would focus on math skills as they apply in a farm setting.

Kentucky's business community has committed itself to working with our school system so we can make sure students are prepared for the job market that awaits them. We hope that, through this approach, many students will find school engaging again, and, perhaps, even move on to community and technical colleges after high school. Our state colleges and uni-

versities have set a goal of doubling the number of degrees they award by 2020, and for them to achieve that, we have to lure more students into postsecondary studies. By making classes relevant to students' interests — and thereby preparing them for good jobs and productive lives — we can improve life for all Kentuckians.

We also took a step to make state spending more efficient by reviewing our criminal code. It has been more than 30 years since the legislature comprehensively examined the laws we use to put people behind bars. In that time, we have seen a rise in drug use and identity theft, new laws to combat sexual predators, and complications in family and domestic law. Our prison population and its costs have increased to eight times the amount they were in the seventies. Senate Joint Resolution 80 would authorize a subcommittee of the legislature to study the entire criminal code, including what is illegal and what alternatives to prison may help solve the problem with less cost. The panel would report back by the end of the year so that we can make needed reforms.

Finally, we made an attempt to help our veterans, something we have consistently done over the last few years. Senate Bill 181 would

expand our state hiring preferences to include not only veterans of the regular armed forces, but also the military reserves and the National Guard. The preference includes five bonus points on the 100-point test used to evaluate job candidates, 10 points for disabled veterans — as well as their spouses and dependent parents in certain instances — and guaranteed interviews for up to 10 veterans who are candidates for any job. Our reserve and National Guard troops are more involved in international conflicts than ever before, and we need to treat them as they deserve.

Another section of SB 181 would give an edge in winning state contracts to veteran-owned businesses. Just as we make sure that Kentucky-owned businesses and those run by women and minorities win their fair share of state business, veterans who have served our country deserve our appreciation in this tangible way.

We have accomplished a great deal in the first 40 days of this session, but the real work is just getting started. I hope you will stay informed by following us online at www.lrc.ky.gov

(Editor's note: Sen. Ridley represents Crittenden, Livingston, Henderson, Webster, Union and Caldwell counties. His column will appear throughout the 2008 regular session.)

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The Press Letters

Placement of obit for winter poor

To the editor:

I really don't want to be critical, but we just want to express our disappointment of where you placed the obituary of "Old Man Winter."

To us, this showed disrespect to the families who viewed their loved ones' obituary notices. Thank God, none of our family was on the page. Our family has gone through several losses of loved ones in the past year. We can't imagine reading their obituary and then glancing down at a humorous, but well-written, obituary about winter. We believe it would have been better to have placed that particular article in the entertainment section.

This is our opinion and also many in our family.

Joey Hackey and Wanda Hamby
Marion, Ky.

Community help prevents tragedy

To the editor:

So often in today's busy times we tend to forget that we still have heroes walking among us. This weekend I saw for myself some of these heroes.

This is not a complaint, but a praise. This weekend I was blessed to have my grandchildren visiting from northwest Indiana. I left my daughter to sit with my mom while I took my grandchildren for a nice long four-wheeler ride. My step-daughter, Allison, and my granddaughter, Emily, were on one four-wheeler and I and my grandson on the other. We were having a great time

riding through some trails.

We came to a flooded area just over a bridge so we decided to turn around and go back home. My four wheeler wouldn't stop and we were thrown over into the creek. The water was deep and cold, but I got hold of my grandson, Ashton. The girls saw what happened and were there to help.

Allison got on the four wheeler and got three ladies we had just met on horseback to come back for help. In rides our cavalry — Linda and Amy Beth Tinsley and Diane Wheeler.

Diane used her cell phone and got her husband, Kevin and his brother to come and help. Allison stopped Susie and Darren Tinsley. They took me home where I found the girls already giving Ashton a warm bath, getting him warmed up.

While I was home changing and taking care of Ashton, these people all worked and got my four wheeler out.

There are just no words that can express my feelings to these people of Tolu. Everyone was so kind and concerned. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your help and strength. This could have been a tragedy, but by the grace of God and these heroes, we are fine. Allison and Emily, you deserve a medal of valor for your quick thinking and actions.

So the next time someone is down on our young people, just remember, they may be the one to save your life. I am so glad I live in such a good community with a lot of good people.

Gwen Mayden
Tolu, Ky.

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General Assembly watch '08

Smokers would aid in balancing budget

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) – Smokers and businesses would shoulder much of the burden for balancing Kentucky's budget over the next two years under tax increases approved by a legislative committee on Tuesday.

The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee voted 20-9 to raise the state's cigarette tax by 25 cents a pack – a move that is expected to generate nearly \$200 million over the next two years to help erase a projected \$900 million budget deficit.

Other tobacco products also would be taxed at higher rates, as would air charters, armored car services, security services, commercial janitorial services and linen services. Combined, those taxes would generate an additional \$95 million.

Budget committee Chairman Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, said the increased taxes coupled with cost-saving provisions would generate some \$800 million over the next two years. One of the largest of those provisions calls for restructuring and refinancing general fund debts, saving about \$300 million over two years.

Moberly said the House plan calls for reducing the government work force by eliminating positions of more than 3,000 state employees expected to retire by year's end. That, he said, would save about \$85 million a year.

The plan also calls for adjusting the state's "floating" gas tax quarterly rather than yearly – a move that would more quickly raise state revenue as fuel prices increase.

The legislation that contains the tax increases to balance the state's \$18.6 billion budget now goes to the full House for consideration. The budget bill also passed the committee on Tuesday and goes to the House. Both were expected to be voted on Wednesday, but results were not available at press time.

"If we don't pass this, I think the effect on the commonwealth will be devastating," Moberly told lawmakers. Lawmakers who voted for the tax increases said they didn't take the issue lightly.

"There will be political fallout from this for people who support it," said state Rep. Jim Wayne (D-Louisville) who voted for the measure. "There is no other alternative that is realistic that can pass the House."

The additional revenue created under the measure will be used across state government, particularly in education and human services.

Moberly said teachers would get a 4 percent pay raise over two years at an additional cost of \$195 million. Universities, he said, would get \$263 million, which would allow them to maintain current programs without the threat of cuts.

About \$130 million of the money generated would go to a variety of health and human service programs, including Medicaid, which provides medical care to the elderly and poor.

The cigarette tax approved by the budget committee is substantially less than the 70 cents a pack that Gov. Steve Beshear had called for.

Even so, smokers aren't happy. Sherry Curtis, owner of One Stop Tobacco in Marion, said the store's most popular brand, Marlboro, would jump to \$3.45 a pack if the tax hike is approved and signed into law. Curtis, a smoker, said lawmakers seem too eager to increase cigarette taxes.

"Where's it going to end?" she said. Three years ago, they raised the tax from 3 cents to 30 cents a pack. That moved the state's cigarette tax from lowest in the nation to third lowest in the nation.

Corvettes, KFC not priority for Cherry

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) – In the new supercharged version, the 620-horsepower Corvette ZR1 has a top speed of more than 200 mph, rivaling even the fastest, most expensive European sports cars.

So when state Rep. C.B. Embry Jr. introduced legislation to make the Kentucky-made Corvette the official state sports car, he expected it to speed through the General Assembly.

Instead, Embry's proposal has been stalled in a committee, badly in need of a jump-start. Embry, a Republican in the Democratic-controlled House, said the measure is languishing with a number of other bills being ignored by legislative leaders who say they're working on more pressing issues.

"It could have passed a long time ago," Embry said.

The Corvette legislation is among a group of "feel-good bills" that state Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton), chairman of the House Committee on State Government, says he doesn't plan to try to advance. Other pending legislation would make cornhole the official state game, burgoo the official state dish, and Kentucky Fried Chicken the state's official picnic food.

Local & Regional Briefs

Electrical, HVAC class rescheduled

Due to inclement weather, the Electrical Contractor/HVAC class at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion originally scheduled for last Saturday has been changed to this Saturday. The class begins at 8 a.m., and runs to 2:30 p.m., for electrical contractors and 4:30 p.m., for contractors who need HVAC continuing education.

For further information, contact Dulcie Hardin 965-9294, ext. 103.

Jobless rate falls from January 2007

Jobless rates fell in Crittenden, Livingston and 86 other Kentucky counties between January 2007 and January 2008, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Education Cabinet.

Crittenden County's unemployment fell from 7.3 percent to 6.7 percent between January 2007 and January 2008. Livingston County's dropped to 7.2 percent from 8.0 percent in the same period. However, both counties saw an increase in jobless rates from December 2007 to the following month. January 2008 jobless rates jumped 1.2 percent and 1.9 percent in Crittenden and Livingston counties, respectively.

In January 2008, Fayette and Woodford counties recorded the lowest jobless rates in the commonwealth at 4.2 percent each, while Jackson County recorded the highest at

12.1 percent. Meantime, Kentucky's unemployment rate decreased from 5.3 percent in December 2007 to 5.2 percent in January 2008, according to the state's employment data. January 2007's jobless rate was 5.7 percent. The nine-county Pennryle Area Development District also saw unemployment drop in the year since January 2007, from 7.5 percent to 7.3 percent.

The U.S. seasonally-adjusted jobless rate fell from 5 percent in December 2007 to 4.9 percent in January 2008, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

U.S. 60 Safety Blitz under way locally

Law enforcement agencies along U.S. 60 in four western Kentucky counties are stepping up enforcement in March. They will be increasing patrols to stop speeders and drunken drivers along the federal highway in Crittenden, Livingston, McCracken and Ballard counties.

"Through our work along the U.S. 60 Safety Corridor over the last three years, we've shown that concentrated enforcement is effective at driving down traffic crashes and reducing fatalities," said Jeff Thompson, coordinator of the Regional Highway Safety Team.

Thompson said the enforcement blitz "is directed at getting people to buckle up, slow down, and drive safely" – not an exercise in writing citations.

Signs and speed monitoring trailers are going up this week

to remind motorists to be on their best behavior. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Drive Smart Coordinator Tony Houser said 10 police agencies will participate in the enforcement blitz with extra patrols.

Through a special grant program, law enforcement agencies along the corridor – including Crittenden and Livingston sheriff's departments and Marion City Police – will be getting \$1,000 each for overtime pay for officers during the enforcement blitz.

Ferry operation iffy due to rising water

The Ohio River Ferry between Crittenden County and Cave In Rock, Ill., reopened today after being shut down due to high water.

Recent heavy rains and run-off from snow and ice melt upstream have sent the river rising. With more rise expected today, continued operation on Wednesday and today (Thursday) seemed in jeopardy at press time, according to Transportation Cabinet spokesperson and Marion resident Keith Todd.

"(Ferry operator) Lonnie (Lewis) says with the river the way it is, he suspects they might have to close about dark, but isn't sure," Todd said of Wednesday's operation. "Another eight inches would put water over Ky. 91 on the ferry landing approach."

A sign on West Bellville Street at the edge of Marion indicates any ferry closure.

In 2007, the ferry averaged carrying about 500 vehicles per day.

WATER

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conducted to check for traces of pharmaceuticals in the city's water. Lake George is not fed by any major tributaries and is subject to little potential contamination outside of shoreline trash.

"It's conceivable that prescription drugs could get into the lake via tossing or littering, but it's not the same as what the media has been talking about recently," Bryant concluded.

Like the city utility, Crittenden-Livingston Water District has not tested for pharmaceuticals in its treated water. It's just never been an issue, said Donnie Beavers, superintendent of the utility that supplies water to rural residents of Crittenden and Livingston counties, as well as several other municipalities.

"If it was there, there is nothing we can feasibly do about it," Beavers said of the costly remedies.

Testing for pharmaceutical is not required by law, the utility director said. However, the water system is this week replacing its seven-year-old filter media, compounds like charcoal and anthracite used in the purification system. The \$33,000 undertaking hastened the replacement of the media by about three years in order to meet water purification standards prescribed in the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996.

"We have one of the cleaner supplies around anywhere," Beavers said of the water drawn from the Cumberland River.

Beavers' more immediate concern for water quality

comes from the things carelessly or intentionally dumped in the water table. Sinkholes, commonly filled with everything from dead animals to old appliances, can have a direct route to drinking water supplies.

In the course of AP's five-month inquiry into the nation's drinking water, the news organization discovered that drugs have been detected in the drinking water supplies of 24 major metropolitan areas, including Louisville and Cincinnati, two Ohio River cities upstream from Crittenden County. Most striking on the list, however, was Philadelphia's water supply, in which traces of 56 prescription drugs were

found. Some of these drugs were so prevalent in some places, that hormonal pharmaceutical caused the development of male genitalia in female fish and vice versa.

In Louisville, caffeine, carbamazepine and phenytoin were discovered in the water supply. In Cincinnati only caffeine was found. Carbamazepine and phenytoin are used to control some types of seizures, while caffeine is a mild stimulant found in many common foods.

Nashville, upstream from drinking supplies taken from the Cumberland River by Crittenden-Livingston Water District, was not tested.



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County planning to solicit bids on garbage collection

STAFF REPORT
In special session last week, the Crittenden County Fiscal Court discussed the county's current trash disposal contract with Freedom Waste.

Freedom recently purchased the Marion trash collection operation previously owned by Waste Management.

The current contract, a non-exclusive franchise agreement with Freedom, expires in September.

Judge-Executive Fred Brown said he will recommend that the fiscal court seek competitive bids for the county's trash collection later this summer.

"With this contract expiring in September, we will need to accept bids in July," Brown told the fiscal court.

Crittenden County originally entered into a franchise agreement with Waste Management on Oct. 8, 1993. The five-year contract has been renewed twice and was assigned to Freedom Waste when it purchased the collection operation here late last year.

Besides Freedom Waste, there are at least three other companies picking up garbage in the county. They are Waste Path, Madisonville Disposal and James Dempsey's trash service. Those three were notified a few months ago that they had until the end of March to request a waiver from the county in order to continue collecting garbage. If they failed to secure a waiver, they would be in violation of the county's solid waste ordinance.

Freedom Waste collects residential and commercial garbage and also operates the county convenience center at the road department on U.S. 60 East.

In other business, magistrates voted to drop earthquake insurance on all county buildings. A few weeks ago, the county chose not to buy earthquake insurance on the new Crittenden County Detention Center, which would have cost about \$9,000 a year.

Judge Brown told magistrates that he recommended foregoing all of the county's earthquake insurance because the premium price wasn't worth the payoff if a major earthquake destroyed county buildings.

"Our coverage would pay a maximum of \$4.4 million if every building collapsed," Brown said. "That wouldn't be a drop in the bucket. That wouldn't even rebuild the courthouse."

Based on risk and reward, Brown said the county would be better off saving the money and using it for something else instead of paying the \$7,767 earthquake premium.

Magistrates unanimously agreed and the earthquake insurance on the buildings was dropped.

Brown said that the Federal Emergency Management Agency would help the county replace lost buildings in the event of a major earthquake.

Woman to pay back 4 years of benefits

STAFF REPORT
A Marion woman must repay \$69,414 after receiving and cashing disability benefit checks for almost four years after the insured's death.

According to Lyon Circuit Court records, Tanya K. Moodie, 47, was named attorney-in-fact for Clara Ingram, a Kentucky Department of Corrections employee who received permanent partial disability benefits due to an injury covered under workers' compensation. After Ingram's death on Nov. 28, 2000, Moodie collected and cashed her benefit checks until August 2004.

Following an investigation by the Kentucky Office of Insurance Fraud Investigation Division, Moodie was charged with one felony count of insurance fraud. She entered a guilty plea in February and spent 28 days in jail. Earlier this week, Moodie received a two-year, suspended jail sentence and will remain on probation until full restitution is made.

"When insurance fraud goes undetected, we all end up paying. This case sends a clear message that we are serious about prosecuting those who try to cheat the system," said John Burkholder, Office of Insurance acting executive director.

The Office of Insurance is an agency of the Department of Public Protection in the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet.



A crowd gathered last Thursday morning in the courtroom at the Crittenden County Courthouse to express opinion on and hear the outcome of a vote on implementing a tax on insurance premiums. The measure passed by a vote of 5-1, with Magistrate Greg West dissenting.

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TAX

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plan for Fiscal Year 2008-09 predicts a \$145,000 shortfall. New tax revenue, he said, should make up the difference.

"We would have been having this same discussion last year had it not been for the fact that we received \$100,000 for leasing the county's land for gas and oil exploration," Magistrate Wood said after the meeting. "That held this off for a year."

A vote was taken following a two-hour discussion of the budget. Line by line, the county judge went through the spending plan and allowed those gathered in the audience to speak in regard to each item. Several supported cuts to various parts of the budget and in most cases, magistrates agreed. Yet after going through dozens of expenses and cutting or eliminating seven items from the budget, the savings amounted to less than \$10,000.

Some residents voiced their disapproval of the tax and suggested that more drastic cuts could be made. Some told county leaders that they would prefer a property tax hike over the insurance charge.

Raising the property tax was not a viable solution, magistrates said, because in order to raise the needed revenue to balance the budget, the tax rate would have to be set higher than the law will allow without putting the idea on the ballot.

According to tax roll information supplied by Property Valuation Administrator Ronnie Heady, Crittenden County currently has real estate valued at \$271,300,000.

Insurance tax

As of July 1, all Crittenden County residents will be paying a municipal tax on various insurance premiums. Formerly, only residents within the City of Marion were asked to pay the levy, but action by the county's fiscal court will place a 2-percent tax on any applicable policies held in the county and previously untaxed. City residents will not be asked to pay the tax in addition to their current 4-percent rate. State and insurance agency collection fees are also added to premiums.

Below is an example of what policyholders will be paying:

| City's insurance tax | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Premium | \$1,000 |
| City tax revenue (4.0%)..... | \$40 |
| State surcharge (1.5%) | \$15 |
| Insurance collector fee 15% of tax rate (0.6%)..... | \$6 |
| TOTAL | \$1,061 |

| County's insurance tax | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Premium | \$1,000 |
| County tax revenue (2.0%) | \$20 |
| State surcharge (1.5%) | \$15 |
| Insurance collector fee 15% of tax rate (0.6%)..... | \$3 |
| TOTAL | \$1,038 |

The county's local property tax rate is 12 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The rate would need to be increased to 17.5 cents in order to generate \$150,000 in additional revenue for the county coffers. Kentucky law does not allow property tax rates to be increased more than four percent in any year without allowing residents to vote on the matter. Taking the maximum increase allowed by statute without a vote would have meant a tax rate of about 12.5 cents, which would generate

less than \$20,000. That amount, even with the suggested cuts, would not come close to balancing the budget, magistrates said.

Judge Brown said he will exercise his own discretion in regard to the budget cuts proposed during last week's meeting. Magistrates had suggested cutting various costs totaling \$9,600, including \$1,500 for temporary help in the judge's office, \$2,000 for the judge's office travel, \$3,000 from magistrates' travel and \$1,500 from magistrates' salary and expenses. Once the judge presents his budget to the magistrates, it can be approved or amended by the fiscal court. That will occur in April.

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at 965-3500.

The police chief believes that more than one person was involved in the crime because a soccer goal was also pushed out into the street and he says it would have taken more than one person to move the object.

The painting was done sometime between the end of school Thursday and 4:43 a.m., Friday, when a school employee found the damage.

The messages left included vulgarity along with names of teachers, a racial insult and a threat to blow up the school. Police checked the buildings and surroundings early Friday morning, but found nothing to indicate the bomb threat was real.

"We're not taking this lightly at all," Chief O'Neal said. "We're actively using all of our resources to find out who did this."

The Eyecare Center, with doctors Daniel Talley, OD and Adria Porter, OD would like to announce that they will be moving to a new location. As of March 10 they will be seeing patients at the newly renovated office at 713 South Main Street, formerly Dr. Howard Mathis Jr.'s office. They will be closed March 6 and 7 for relocation. Please come by and see the new office. To schedule an appointment you may call 270-965-5280 or 270-965-4485.

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Growth more than numbers

Warren Wiersbe says that churches grow by nutrition and not addition. I am prone to agree with him. Modern church people have been taught that if a church is really attracting a crowd, God is pouring His blessings out on that church. We have been programmed to believe that the numerical increase of a congregation is the most desirable and spiritual thing imaginable. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Numerical growth alone may be nothing more than a collection of weeds in a garden. Let me explain.

Imagine a man whose garden was completely taken over by every weed known to man. What if this man was foolish enough to think that because he had something growing in his garden he was a successful gardener? Wouldn't you question his sanity? Oh yes, there might be a struggling corn plant here and weak tomato plant over there. There may even be an occasional rhubarb or zucchini but if the garden plot is over run by carpenter's weed and milkweed, if much of what you find are morning-glories, thistles and saw bri-



Dr. Mike Morrow
Religious Views
Crittenden Press guest columnist

ars, wouldn't you think it silly for him to be so proud of his garden?

And yet I am afraid that is exactly what so many evangelical churches are involved in. There are no doubt saved people in our churches but to glory in multitudes who show absolutely no real love for Christ is foolish.

We think multitudes alone are meaningful. "Growth for growth's sake" is the great goal and it seems that very little attention is given to exactly what it is we are growing. Churches gauge their spirituality by numerical growth. Pastors determine their success by it. Whole ministries rise and fall according to it. The standard always seems to be, "Are we growing numerically?"

I have some questions for you. Does all of this fascina-

tion with numerical growth make men and women more holy? Does it cause them to love Christ more? Does it make them more heavenly minded?

Or does it lead to ungodliness? Does it promote a compromising Christianity? Does it entrench people deeper in the ways of the world?

If churches are mesmerized by numerical growth, it tends toward inflated church rolls with people being counted as members that the IRS couldn't find (especially on Sunday morning!).

If churches determine their success by numerical growth they must lower the standard of salvation. The Gospel is an offense to the world and if the world is putting its approval on us then it must mean that our message is no longer the true Gospel. The results are that people are encouraged to become church members who have no real interest in Christ.

If churches are hypnotized by numerical growth it fills those churches with temporary religionists who stay and play as long as they are in control, but are ready to move on to the next religious

"hotspot" as soon as something doesn't go their way.

Yes, I agree with Bro. Wiersbe. Churches grow by nutrition not addition. Churches grow from the inside out not from the outside in. God establishes a nucleus of people who have been born again and are gathered up around the word of God. That nucleus begins to grow spiritually. Some are attracted as lost people and are saved as they listen to the word of truth. Others are drawn to that church nucleus because they are hungry sheep and they know there is sheep food there. Over a period of time God builds a substantial church that sets back the plans of hell for decades.

I do not write these things to be critical. I write them because I want to see a revival of real church growth in our midst. Only Jesus can build His church and He does that by nourishing those who are hungry for the word of God, not by filling the church rolls with lost people.

(Editor's note: Mike Morrow is pastor at Union Baptist Church on Levas Road in Crittenden County. He can be reached at 965-9823.)

Churchnotes

■ Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lola celebrated its 166th year this past Sunday. The church was organized 166 years ago today (Thursday), on March 13, 1842. During worship service, a brief history of the church was given and testimonies and remembrances were shared by the members of the congregation. The church is located at 1235 Lola Rd., Salem. Rev. Dean Atchison is pastor.

■ There will be a Beth Moore bible study at the Dycusburg Baptist Fellowship Hall, starting 6 p.m., Monday. In this 11-week in-depth study, participants will seek the Heart of God through a study of David. For more information, call 988-3058 or 988-2492.

■ Bro. Herbert Alexander, Jr., and congregation from Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church invite you to services at 6 p.m., Sunday with Bro. Chris Clarke from "Happy Trails Ministry" speaking. Revival services will begin at 7 p.m., Monday with Bro. Kenneth Watson as the evangelist. The church is located on Ky. 723, about 4.5 miles north of Salem.

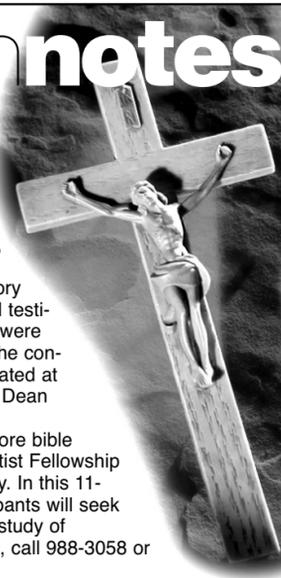
■ Pinkneyville Baptist Church in Salem will have Bro. Kenny Rager as evangelist at 7 p.m., Sunday through Wednesday night.

■ Tolu United Methodist Church will have Sunrise Service at 6 a.m., March 23.

■ Marion United Methodist Church is holding revival March 28-30. Services will be led by District Superintendent Jay Smith of Madisonville. The church is located at 112 S. College St. in Marion. Services begin at 6:30 p.m., nightly, Friday through Sunday of revival week. There will also be a 10:45 a.m., revival service on Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend the revival services.

■ Mexico Baptist Church Clothes Closet will be closed along with school closings.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia will present its second annual Forgiveness House beginning this week. The production is a walk-through drama portraying the last days of Jesus Christ on Earth will be from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday and from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. The production will return from 6 to 9 p.m., March 19-21. All productions will be at the Family Life Center next door to the church on Cassidy Avenue (U.S. 641). Admission is free and child care will be provided for children eight and younger. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is encouraged. To pre-register or for more information, call Kathy Sample at 625-5166.



Southern Baptists address global warming

NEW YORK (AP) - In a major shift, a group of Southern Baptist leaders said their denomination has been "too timid" on environmental issues and has a biblical duty to stop global warming.

The declaration, signed by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention among others and released Monday, shows a growing urgency about climate change even within groups that once dismissed claims of an overheating planet as a liberal ruse. The conservative denomination based in Nashville, Tenn., has 16.3 million members and is the largest Protestant group in the U.S.

The signers of "A Southern Baptist Declaration on the Environment and Climate Change" acknowledged that not all Christians accept the science behind global warming. They said they do not expect fellow believers to back any proposed solutions that would violate Scripture, such as advocating population control through abortion.

However, the leaders said that current evidence of global warming is "substantial," and that the threat is too grave to wait for perfect knowledge about whether, or how much, people contribute to the trend.

"We believe our current

denominational resolutions and engagement with these issues have often been too timid," according to the statement. "Our cautious response to these issues in the face of mounting evidence may be seen by the world as uncaring, reckless and ill-informed. We can do better."

No one speaks on behalf of all Southern Baptists, who leave decision-making to local churches. Yet, the signatories represent some of the top figures in the convention. More than 35 people signed the statement.

Supporters plan to collect more signatures for the declaration through baptistcreationcare.org and encourage congregations to advocate for environmental protection.

Even before Monday's statement, religious activism on climate change had broadened beyond just liberal-leaning churches. The 1993 "Evangelical Declaration on the Care of Creation" became a guiding document for the Evangelical Environmental Network. The Rev. Rich Cizik, Washington director of the National Association of Evangelicals, became a prominent environmental advocate, trying to persuade conservative Christians that global warming is real. Polls of

younger evangelicals found they considered environmental protection a priority.

But many of the most conservative Christians, including some Southern Baptist leaders, remained skeptical, and vigorously challenged evangelical environmentalists.

The last Southern Baptist statement on global warming came at the denomination's 2007 annual meeting, which approved a statement questioning the belief that humans are largely to blame for climate change and warning that increased regulation of greenhouse gases will hurt the poor.

Even so, Jonathan Merritt, a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, began rallying denominational leaders to take a different approach. Merritt, 25, son of former convention president James Merritt, said a theology class had inspired him.

His professor had compared destroying God's creation to "tearing a page out of the Bible."

"That struck me. It broke me," the younger Merritt said in an interview, "and that was the impetus that began a life change, a shift of perspective for me."

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 16th • 2 p.m.
At Tolu Community Center
Sponsored by
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The family of Steffany Smith-Lester would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who has called, sent cards and food, and especially for everyone's prayers during the past month. Over the weekend Steffany had surgery to repair her crushed pelvis. She had to endure a long ten hour surgery to reconstruct her hip. Thankfully, everything went wonderfully and she is doing very well. While Steffany is not yet completely conscious, she has had periods of awakeness and she seems to be more aware each time she wakes. We know many of you are wondering about the baby. The baby made it through the surgery and still has a good heart rate. The doctors are still telling us that the baby has very slim chance. However, they also told us that it was a slim chance it would make it through the surgery. So you can see just how strong Steffany and her little baby are. They just keep fighting together. Words cannot express how truly thankful we are to all of you who have taken the time to pray for us. We would like to ask everyone to please continue to pray for us. Steffany and the baby still have a long hard road ahead of them, and they need your prayers so they can continue to have the strength they need to keep fighting. We would also like to thank our almighty God for His love and for taking care of our sweet Steffany and the baby.

Thank you all and God bless you,
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Parents, Steve and Edna Smith
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The Press Community Spotlight

Crider, Minton receive promotions at bank

The Peoples Bank in Marion has announced promotions for Michelle Minton and Paja Crider. Minton has been promoted to vice-president / loan officer. In this role, Minton will originate and service all types of consumer and commercial loans. In addition to her lending duties, she

Minton

will oversee loan operations for the bank. Minton has been associated with the bank for 14 years.

Crider has been promoted to the position of branch manager / assistant cashier. With this position, Crider will manage all of the bank's day-to-day deposit activities and products for the bank's two offices in Marion. Also, she will be responsible for the bank's tellers and customer service representatives and she will serve as the manager of the bank's office premises. Crider has been an employee for 12 years.

"I am very pleased to recognize two of our employees who have strong leadership and technical skills. With their new positions, they will serve in an enhanced role with the operations of the bank. They are both high caliber individuals and each of them brings strong



News and notes on the people you know from Marion and surrounding communities

Community Spotlight

commitment to customer service," said Terry L. Bunnell, chairman, president and CEO of the bank.

KSP trooper added to Livingston patrols

On Feb 25, Class No. 86 graduated from the Kentucky State Police Academy in Frankfort. Seven members of the graduating class have been assigned to KSP Post One. March 3 marked their first day of service to the people of the Post 1 area. Trooper Anthony Trotter, 24, is a native of Letcher County, Ky., and will be assigned to Livingston County. Trotter attended Southeast Community College in Whitesburg, Ky.



Trotter

LHHS selects native for performance post

Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services Inc., in Salem will be adding Tana Myrick in late March as its new Director of Performance

Improvement.

The hiring of Myrick, MSN, ARNP, was announced recently by Hospital Administrator Mike Budnick. Myrick, a native of Livingston County and current Lola resident, will fill the position for which Judy Martin had been selected. Martin, however, had to withdraw for personal reasons, according to an LHHS release.

Myrick comes to LHHS having been the executive director of Cumberland River Homes, a support organization serving individuals with disabilities in Pinckneyville since 2005. Myrick had also been working at LHHS in various full- and part-time capacities from 1980 to 2007. She also taught for six years as an instructor and then assistant professor of nursing at Paducah Community College. In her nursing career, Myrick worked as a staff development educator at Regional Medical Center in Madisonville and as a critical care nurse at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

Her education includes a bachelor's degree with honors in nursing in 1981 from Western Kentucky University, a master's degree in nursing in 1988 from the University of Evansville, and a post-master's adult nurse practitioners degree in 1988 from the

University of Louisville.

"A fast study, she will quickly pick up on the responsibilities of her new position and lead our efforts to better the care and services we offer while using her educational experience to strengthen our continuing educational efforts," Budnick said. "It is great to have her rejoin us as well."

McKinney promoted to KSP Post 16 sergeant

The Kentucky State Police announced the promotion of 20 officers at a special ceremony held last month at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort. Three captains, nine lieutenants and eight sergeants were commissioned, including one native of Crittenden County.



McKinney

Tpr. Sean L. McKinney was promoted to sergeant and will remain assigned to KSP Post 16 in Henderson. A seven-year veteran of the agency, McKinney is a native of Marion and a resident of Henderson.

Addressing the new promotions, KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer spoke of the special nature of servant leadership. "It's not about position or skills, but attitude," he explained.

"It's a positive attitude that allows one to put aside their own agenda and serve others for the good of the mission or objective. It's more about character than style."

The Press Community Calendar

Today

■ Crittenden County Even Start, Crittenden Co. Family Resource Center and the Audubon Area PACS will be presenting a family night from 5 to 7 p.m., today (Thursday) in the Crittenden County Elementary School multi-purpose room. The focus for the night will be nutrition and physical fitness activities for the whole family. There will be door prizes for students and parents. Refreshments will also be served.

■ Carrsville Masonic Lodge 812 will have its stated monthly meeting today (Thursday). The DDGM will make his official visit. All members and guests are urged to attend.

■ The Democrat Executive Committee will meet at 6 p.m., today (Thursday) at Thom's Sweet Shoppe. All Democrats are welcome.

■ PACS NOW Nutrition Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m., today (Thursday) at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion.

Friday

■ Crittenden County High School PTO will be hosting an 80's theme dance from 9 to 11:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

■ W.T. and Rosa Collins will play music at 10:30 a.m., Friday at the PACS Senior Citizens Center in Marion.

■ The Area 4-H Variety Show will be held this Friday at Fohs Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. The show is free and open to the public. Come and support our local 4-H members.

Saturday

■ Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center will be having an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m., Saturday.

■ The Crayne Cemetery Association will have a cleanup day at the Crayne Cemetery beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday. Rain day will be March 22.

■ The Glema Mahr Center for the Arts at Madisonville Community College presents on Saturday Bawn In The Mash. Tickets are \$18. For more information please call 821-ARTS.

Sunday

■ Star Family Circus is coming to town this month. The one-day-only performance will begin at 3 p.m., Sunday at the Carson Davidson National Guard Armory on Rochester Avenue in Marion. Since the circus will be inside, it will be held rain or shine. Featured acts will be Rocky the boxing kangaroo, other trained animals, aerialists, jugglers and acrobats. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students 15-17 years old and children 14 and under enter free.

Monday

■ Bingo is hosted every Monday at the Marion VFW post on North College Street. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., with Bingo following an hour later. Food is also available.

■ The Relay for Life committee will meet at 6 p.m., Monday. Team captains need to be there at 6:30 p.m.

■ Crittenden County Retired Teachers will meet at 4 p.m.,

Monday at the public library in Marion.

■ Marion City Council will meet 6 p.m., Monday at City Hall.

Tuesday

■ Chair volleyball will be played at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday at the PACS Senior Citizens Center in Marion.

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

■ Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday at Crittenden County High School.

March 19

■ Practice and tryouts for Little League cheerleading will be March 24-27 with tryouts on March 28. Anyone who has not turned in a form needs to contact Stephanie 704-2478 or Michelle 704-2010 by March 19.

■ The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) local chapter 1373 will meet 11:15 a.m., March 19 at Marion Café. Featured speaker will be Brandi Hagan, board member of the Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-free Community. She will be presenting a short program beginning at noon to raise awareness about this organization. The Coalition is dedicated to distributing informa-

tion and raising funds to assist those struggling with drug addiction and/or alcohol abuse. Members of the public are invited to attend this informative program. For more information,

contact NARFE President Tom Diaz at 965-2621.

■ Mona's nutrition class at the PACS Senior Citizen Center will be at 10:30 a.m., March 19.

March 20

■ The Crittenden Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m., March 20 in the hospital cafeteria. All members are invited to attend.

Upcoming

■ Several businesses and government offices will be closing March 21 in observance of Good Friday, though no federal offices will be closing. State offices will be working only a half day in observance of the holiday, so be sure to check hours with any state agency you may be utilizing. Locally, Marion City Hall and most courthouse offices will be closing, including the offices of judge-executive, county clerk, circuit court clerk and PVA. Both county and circuit

clerk offices will also be closed March 22.

Ongoing

■ The Senior Citizens Center at 210 N. Walker St., is open for lunch weekdays at 11:30 a.m. The meals are \$2 for anyone over 60 and \$4 for others.

(Editor's note: Community Calendar items should be submitted by 5 p.m., Monday for publication in that week's issue.)

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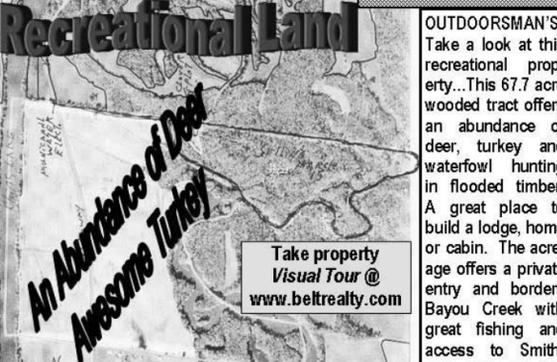


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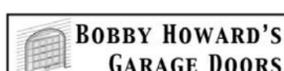
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2. The Purchaser shall be required to assume and pay any ad valorem taxes and all taxes assessed against said property by any City, State, County or any school district which are due and payable at any time during the current year and all subsequent years. Said sale shall be made subject to: all easements, covenants and restrictions of record; assessments for public improvements; and any facts which an inspection and accurate survey may disclose. Said property shall be sold with the improvements thereon "as is".

3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on January 24, 2008 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendants, taxes, attorney's fees and for court costs expended herein. Dated this the 20th day of February, 2008.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Case No. 07-CI-00166

HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc., Assignee of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Nominee of Oak Street Mortgage, LLC

vs.

James M. Pigg, Mary E. Pigg
City of Marion
Commonwealth of Kentucky
County of Crittenden

Plaintiff

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on January 24, 2008, I will on Friday, March 14, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described

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OBITUARIES

Shelby

Evan M. Shelby, 85, of Marion died at 4:05 a.m., Sunday, March 9, 2008 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.



Born Dec. 27, 1922 in Evansville, Shelby retired after 28 years from the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals as an instructor, inspector and teacher. He was the last surviving member of the Crittenden County 149th National Guard Unit, a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Shelby was an active Mason. He was initiated on Nov. 10, 1952 at Richland Lodge #39 in Columbia, S.C., and became a Master Mason on Feb. 23, 1953. In 1977, Shelby became affiliated with the Bigham Lodge #256 in Marion where he served as Master in 1982 and remained active until his death. In July 1979, he became affiliated with the Princeton York Rite Bodies and presided over each of them: the Clay Chapter, Princeton Council and Princeton Commandery, Knights Templar. He served as Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Kentucky in 1989.

Additionally, Shelby was an active member of the Rizpah Shrine of Madisonville and the Princeton Shrine Club. He maintained active membership in several Masonic Orders, including National Sojourners, Heroes of 76, the 45er's, York Rite College and the Red Cross of Constantine.

Shelby was a skilled and well known Mason and received many Masonic honors, including Knight York Court of Honor in recognition of his having duly presided over each of the four bodies of the York Rite, Grand York Court of Honor in recognition of his service as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Kentucky, and Knight Commander of the Temple, awarded in recognition of his exemplary service to the Knights Templar.

Survivors include his wife, Emily Shelby of Marion; two sons, Ron Pittenger and his wife Jeannie of Worcester, Mass., and Paul Beard and his wife Nikki of Cave City, Ky.; three daughters, Chauncy Buchan and her husband Walter of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Miriam McCune and her husband Stan of Ledgewood, N.J., and Yvonne Evans and her husband Daryl of Columbia, S.C.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Opal Davidson Shelby; a brother, Albert Shelby; and a sister, Mable Wells.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 12 at Myers Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Thurman, Rev. Stan McCune II and Rev. Mike Jones officiating. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rizpah Shrine Temple, PO Box 1105, Madisonville, KY 42431 or Marion Baptist Church, PO Box 384, Marion, KY 42064.

Riley

Delmer Riley, 79, of Marion died Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Livingston Hospital.

He was born Oct. 15, 1928 and attended Union Baptist Church.

Riley is survived by two sisters; Minnie Lane of Marion and Gracie Wyatt of Jeffersonville, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews. Proceeding him in death were three sisters and one brother.

His parents were Jim Blaine and Ida Mae Hunt Riley.

Funeral services were Monday, March 3 at Gilbert Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Morrow officiating. Burial was at Hurricane Cemetery.

Robertson

Ella Marie Hodge Robertson, 89, of Marion died Thursday, March 6, 2008 at Livingston Hospital.



She was a member of the Marion General Baptist Church.

Survivors include five daughters, Carole Robertson, Betty Jones, Judy McDowell and her husband Eddie, and Diana Hosick and her husband Roger, all of Marion, and Martha Devine of Calvert City; a son, Mark Robertson and his wife Sherri of Marion; two brothers, A.C. Hodge of Marion and Oliver Hodge of Evansville; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Robertson; a son, James Robertson; a grandson, Timothy Devine; and two sons-in-law, Doug Jones and Ron Devine.

Funeral services were Sunday, March 9 at Gilbert Funeral Home with Rev. Tony Perryman and Rev. Nicky Davis officiating. Burial was at Freedom Cemetery.

Condolences may be offered online at www.gilbertfunerals.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 304, Salem, KY 42078.

Ferguson

Dorothy Ferguson, 81, of Kuttawa died at 4:20 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2008 in Rivers Bend Retirement Community in Kuttawa.

Ferguson was a homemaker and a member of Dycusburg United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Tommy and his wife Marybeth Ferguson of Newburgh, Ind.; two daughters, Diane Ferguson of Memphis, Tenn., and Denise and her husband Clyde "Bud" Adams of Kuttawa; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Ferguson; and by her parents, Ewell George Cruce and Wilma Evans Paris Cruce.

Services were Monday, March 10 at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Rev. Jim Keegan officiating. Burial was at Dycusburg Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Rushing

James "Pop" Rushing, 74, of Fredonia died at 7 p.m., March 9, 2008 at Princeton Health and Rehab Center.

He was a retired truck driver and farmer.

Survivors include his wife June Connor Rushing of Fredonia; six sons, Jimmy Rushing of London, Ky., Mike Rushing of Fredonia, David Rushing of Cadiz, Elvis Rushing of Fredonia, Billy Rushing of Evansville, and Jeff Rushing of Buford, S.C.; two daughters, Dottie Knapp of Henderson and Kathy Ramey of Princeton; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and one brother, Spurlin "Spud" Rushing of Louisville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Allie Doreen Holloman Rushing; four brothers, Vernon, Kenneth, Dennis and Howard Rushing; two sisters, Eva Mae Jones and Etha Fralix; and one granddaughter, Laura Ramey.

Services were held Wednesday, March 12 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Roger Waters and Kathy Ramey officiating. Burial was at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Probus

Charles William "Butch" Probus Sr., 56, of Smithland died at 8:05 p.m., March 7, 2008 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

Probus attended the Potter's House Baptist

Worship Center and was a Kentucky mussel shell harvester.

Survivors include his wife, Vi Marie Probus of Smithland; sons, Charles "Bill" Probus Jr. and Brad Probus, both of Smithland; sisters, Freda Kellums of Kokomo, Ind., Sharon Earnst of Chrisney, Ind., Terry Probus and Linda Probus, both of Rockport, Ind.; three grandchildren. Nathan Cockran, Tea Probus and Briar Probus, all of Smithland.

He was the son of Claude and Charlotte Graham Probus.

Services were Tuesday, March 11 at Boyd Funeral Home in Salem with Rev. Fred Lowrance officiating. Burial was at Cothran Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3140 Parisa Drive, Paducah, KY 42003-4582.

Turley

Steve Turley, 56,



of Dycusburg died at 9:45 a.m., Thursday, March 6, 2008 at his residence.

Born Oct. 6, 1951 at Gary, Ind., Turley had served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by two sisters, Judy Kinnes of Princeton and Reeta Wharmby of Benton; a half-brother, Jerry Walner of Brenham, Tex.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carter and Katherine Tosh Turley.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m. at the Dycusburg Baptist Church.

Myers Funeral Home is charge of arrangements.

Riley

Glynn Evans "Radar" Riley, 81, of Salem, died at 11:05 p.m., March 9, 2008 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

He was a member of the World Wide Church of God and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was the son of Audie Evans and Nelda Pearl Croft Riley.

Survivors include three daughters, Gail Hall and Yvonne Walker, both of Smithland, and Linda Vniard of Paducah; two sons, Darrell Evans Riley of Grand Rivers and Gerald David Riley of Jackson, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roger Dale Riley and a sister, Margaret Gilland.

Services were March 12 at Boyd Funeral Home in Salem with Bro. Harold Rittenberry officiating. Burial was at Lola Cemetery.

Harmon

Opal Woodside Harmon, 92, of Paducah, formerly of Marion, died Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at Parkview Nursing Home in Paducah.

She was a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Benton.

Survivors include one daughter, Vicki Perkins of Paducah; a grandson, Michael Chumbler of Paducah; and a great-grandson, Kameron Chumbler of Paducah.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor Harmon.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m., until service time today (Thursday, March 13) at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. The funeral will be at 1 p.m., with Rev. Jerry Thurman officiating. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery.

Alsobrook

Mary W. Alsobrook, 92, of Portage, Ind., died March 4, 2008 in Portage.

Alsobrook was formerly of Livingston County, a member of the First Baptist Church in Portage and enjoyed reading her Bible and memorizing scripture.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Agnes Twilla of Portage; three grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William David and Georgia Woodring; and brothers Gerald, Coy and Roy Woodring.

Services were held Monday, March 10 at Boyd Funeral Home in Salem with Bro. John East officiating. Burial was at Hampton Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 6129 Mulberry, Portage, IN 46368.

Heritage Days to benefit from dinners

Heritage Days committee members will be cooking and serving at Cozy Hearth Restaurant in Marion on March 20 and 21 to benefit the annual fall festival.

Ron Padgett, chairman of the Heritage Days organizational committee, said Dennis Martin, owner of the restaurant, has pledged 10 percent of the sales both evenings, plus tips, to the Heritage Days effort.

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To our wonderful friends in the community of Knoxville, thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you held during her visit, and the lovely meal you provided after the funeral.

Thank you to the staff of Crittenden Home Health for your loving care during her visit. She looked so forward to seeing T.L. each week.

Thank you to the Boyd Funeral Directors for the caring professional way you took care of everything. Also to Ricky Chew and Tom Scarborough for making her look so beautiful.

To the staff of Livingston Hospital, you guys were beyond wonderful. Thank you to the nursing staff for the loving care you gave to not only Helen, but also to Jimmy during Helen's stay there. Thanks so much to Kathy Fairclough for staying to Helen during her last hours, it was truly comforting. Thanks to the wonderful Respiratory staff and Dan Speed, you truly lit up her face every time you walked into her room. Thanks to Teresa Statecraft for all of your hard work without making a sound. To Dr. Dayfield, Dr. Young, Jimmy and Helen's dear friend Dr. Gavin and but not least, Dr. Yuzigi, Helen would have been so pleased to know you were there with her after she passed from this life. You were her angels.

Helen was a very special, loving person who touched so many lives in so many ways, and she will be greatly missed. Thank you all again so much.

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