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CHS sponsoring AARP Safe Driving

Crittenden Health Systems is sponsoring an AARP Safe Drivers Program that will be held from noon to 4 p.m., Sept. 24 and 25 at the Ed-Tech Center. A \$10 registration is required.

Upon completion of the eight-hour course, the participant will receive a certificate that can be taken to insurance providers for a safe driver discount.

Call Dulcie Hardin at 965-9294 to register.

Food give-away slated for Sept. 25

Free Food will be available to Crittenden County residents from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., at the Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street. The food includes frozen meat and a variety of dry and canned goods. Residents are asked to pick up food only for themselves.

Courthouse offices closing Saturday

Several courthouse offices will be closed Saturday during the Heritage Days activities around the court square. The offices of sheriff, county clerk and circuit clerk will be closed.

Board of Ed seeks input from public

The board of education will be hosting one of two Crittenden County Community Conversations next week, inviting the public to share concerns and ask questions of the board and district administration. The meeting will be at noon, Sept. 26 at Crittenden County Public Library. Lunch will be available.

Adult Ed Center has new fall hours

The Crittenden County Adult Education Center has new fall hours. The center on the elementary school campus is now open 8:30 a.m., to 3 p.m., Monday and Wednesday and 8:30 a.m., to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.



No tests Friday for prospective drivers

There will be no written or road tests given Friday for prospective drivers in Crittenden County. Circuit Court Clerk Madeline Henderson said the tests have been cancelled due to the Heritage Days festival.

Crittenden Press office open 9 to 5

The Crittenden Press is now open weekdays from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m. For communications after hours, visit www.The-Press.com.

Public meetings

■ Crittenden County Board of Education, 5:30 p.m., Tuesday at the middle school library.

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Flu shots more accessible

Health department offers vaccinations in outlying communities next week

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Last year's flu season appears to be the worst since 2003-04, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and Pennryle District Health Departments are hoping to keep it that way.

In an effort to reach more residents in the outer areas of the county with the 2008-09 influenza vaccination than in years past,

Pennryle-area health departments are taking immunization clinics to the people. The endeavor will offer nine off-site clinics in addition to the flu shots available at respective departments in Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and Lyon counties.

"This is the first year we're going to try this," said Jim Tolley, director of Pennryle District Health Department.

In Crittenden County, Marion, Dycusburg and Tolu will host vaccination clinics next week, as will Salem, Smithland and Grand Rivers in Livingston County.

"Because of the tight economy and a lack of people vaccinated the last few years, I thought that would be a good idea," Tolley said of the traveling immunization clinics.

Tolley said that by the time a person in Tolu, for example, drives to Marion for a flu shot, they will have spent almost as much in gas as the vaccination itself, which is

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Ike strikes



Clifton Etheridge (right), who operates Etheridge Tree Service, watches Monday as Shannon Derrington loads a limb from a tree torn apart Sunday at the home of Sarah Davenport in Marion by winds created by the remnants of Hurricane Ike. Damage from winds as high as 65 mph was recorded Sunday throughout the county. Fixtures on the lawn of the courthouse, including trees, road signs and the flag pole (below) also took a hit.

PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Near hurricane-force winds cause sporadic destruction

STAFF REPORT

More than 250 Kenergy Corp., customers and a handful of those on Kentucky Utilities remained without power Wednesday morning throughout Crittenden County after strong winds Sunday from Tropical Depression Ike downed trees and power lines and ripped shingles from roofs as the storm moved across the Midwest.

There were no reports of injuries from straight-line winds gusting to nearly 70 mph, but damage was widespread to homes, businesses and municipal interests, including 280 roads or streets and the county courthouse. Marion City Hall, its dispatch center and Crittenden County Detention Center operated on backup power virtually all day Sunday, and the stoplight at the junction of U.S. 60 and U.S. 641 was without power from Sunday morning until around 1 p.m., Tuesday. Crittenden-Livingston Water District was also

without power for several hours, relying on the City of Marion to supplement its supply of water to rural customers in two counties.

In Marion, the strongest winds from the remnants of a massive hurricane that made landfall in Texas the day before were from the south, laying over trees and structures toward the north. Large trees, some several feet in diameter, were uprooted and pushed over. Some of those trees fell onto homes, crashing through roofs, carports and porches.

The winds were yet another costly weather event for Crittenden County following an ice storm in late winter that shut down portions of the county for several days due to fallen trees and limbs. That was followed by a torrential rain in April that washed away entire portions of roads.

"The damage was more wide-

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Heritage Days event highlights

For a full schedule, visit www.marionkentucky.us/chamber/heritagedays.htm

Today
Opening ceremonies.....6 p.m.
Full-length movie shown behind courthouse

Friday
Kentucky Possum Wranglers7 p.m.
Mix of music from local band behind courthouse

Friday and Saturday
Downtown activities.....All day
Vendors, community yard sale*, horse and wagon rides, rock-climbing wall, blow-up bouncer and slide, children's train ride, more

Saturday
Ham and bean lunch**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Little Miss Contest11 a.m.
Miss, Mrs. and Mr. contest to follow
FFA pedal tractor pull1 p.m.
Cornhole toss contestTBA
Cow chip throwing contestTBA
Hospital bed racesTBA
Petting zoo***10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Street theater performance6 p.m.

Sunday
Gospel music1-3 p.m.
Cornhole toss championship2 p.m.
Cow chip throwing championship2 p.m.

*Held at old junior high school on South College Street
**Held at Crittenden County Historical Museum
***Held at log cabin behind Fohs Hall

Festival opens with questions over finances

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

It took some last-minute solicitation to shore up funding, but Heritage Days returns this week, with a slate of events that began Wednesday night with an outdoor community church service.

On Monday, event organizer Ron Padgett approached Marion City Council with a request to contribute \$1,000 to help erase a shortfall in the Heritage Days budget.

"We're running a little short on funds," Padgett told council members 48 hours prior to the first day of the five-day event. "We sure could use the money."

The \$5,000-plus in expenses incurred by the

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Padgett

CCES already achieving some CATS targets

STAFF REPORT

Still six years from the target date for achievement as outlined by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), Crittenden County Elementary School has reached that goal in two key areas of study according to the most recent testing data released by the Kentucky Department of Education.

The ultimate goal is for schools to reach proficiency - 100 on a 140-point scale - by the year 2014. And while none of Crittenden County's three schools and only 91 of the Kentucky's 1,157 public schools have reached that overall mark, the elementary school has surpassed 100 in both math and practical living, two of eight areas measured by scores from the state's annual Commonwealth Accountability Testing

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City, county to appoint merger committee

Discussion of unification study group met with opposition at council, court meetings

STAFF REPORT

The road to discussing a unified city-county government will be a bumpy one if initial reactions from some elected officials are any indication.

Early this week, Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander and Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown proposed plans to form an ad hoc committee of both city and county representatives to study the feasibility of merging city and county governments. The committee will be powerless to do anything other than explore the issue.

"Is there a cost benefit to merging

the governments?" the mayor asked, restating the proposed committee's primary objective.

Alexander, who introduced the measure the night before Brown had the opportunity to do the same with fiscal court, was met with some resistance and questions from council members. Eventually, the council approved the idea of forming a committee, but the most vocal opponent was a counterpart in county government.

"I don't even appreciate it being brought up," Magistrate Glenn Underdown told the mayor Monday, voicing his opinion against any discussion of

a merger. "I want the folks in the county to know my opinion."

Underdown was equally vocal the following day when he told fellow magistrates and Judge Brown that he didn't want any part of a unified government. Underdown and Magistrate Greg West both voted against forming an exploratory committee, but were outnumbered by those on the fiscal court who wanted to at least look at the idea.

"I'm not saying I will be for it or against it," Magistrate Dan Wood said. "I just think we should look at it to see if there are any benefits."

Magistrate Helen McConnell abstained from the vote Tuesday at the fiscal court meeting. Brown, Wood, Curt Buntin and Percy Cook favored

forming an ad hoc committee to examine the matter more closely. The fiscal court will have six seats on the exploratory committee and the city three.

All five city council members present at Monday's meeting gave their blessing to the idea of forming a joint body to study the issue. Donnie Arflack was out of town and not at Monday's meeting.

"Basically, we're looking for cost-savings and efficiency," City Administrator Mark Bryant explained to council members. "If there aren't any, we just drop it."

As it stands, both governments will begin working on a list of members to serve on the committee. Its findings

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The Press Editorial

Consolidation of local efforts needs study

Recent discussions of a unified city-county government reveals an enterprising effort by local officials to seek an easier, more efficient way to manage resources and duties for the citizenry. Whether or not a merged government comes to pass, exploring the issue is miles ahead of the trend of ever-growing administration at the state and federal level.

Consolidation of several other local efforts would seem an ideal companion.

The cooperative efforts of the Marion Tourism Commission, Marion Main Street Inc., Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and Crittenden County Economic Development Corp., while somewhat similar in goal, are divided in resources. Each strives to present the community in the best possible light for an ultimate economic benefit, but all draw from a small pool of volunteer and financial capital.

The tourism commission, Main Street and chamber all conduct their like business of pitching the community's commerce and nuances from the same building, yet three separate directors and boards must be careful to not hamper the others' forward progress. They, too, operate from three distinct budgets, dipping from some of the same funds, even one another's.

Throw into the mix our CCEDC, a powerful tool backed by public and private funds that has become the face of the local business community to outsiders, and a redundancy is produced tantamount to government.

That is not to condemn the efforts of each, however. For years, the individual entities have contributed countless man-hours, a wealth of ideas and fortunes to advance our community. Each has shared in successes of the past, yet we cannot help but think that consolidation of part, if not all, of the collective effort is an idea whose time has come.

Like the idea of a single government for one small county is ripe for discussion, so, too, is the thought of consolidating other entities and streamlining our community into one highly-efficient machine.

Who is T. Boone Pickens?

In the news business, it pays to be inquisitive and skeptical, even in small-town American.

Over the past few weeks, there have been several seemingly small issues that have captured my attention. I'll try to answer them here and perhaps it will clear up a few things for you, too.

■ Who is T. Boone Pickens and what's his stake in wind power?

For the past month or so, I've watched an 80-year-old man pour out his energy plan for America. He's not a politician seeking votes or a paid lobbyist. He's a billionaire with a crusade.

According to information gleaned from the Internet, Tyrone Boone Pickens, Jr., is an American businessman who chairs the hedge fund BP Capital Management, which invests exclusively in energy. BP is not an acronym for British Petroleum. It stands for Boone Pickens.

Pickens was a well-known corporate takeover artist during the 1980s and has an estimated current net worth of about \$3 billion. He is ranked by Forbes as the 117th-richest person in America and the 369th richest in the world. He gives away a great deal to charity.

Scanning various articles about his investment group and its plans for weaning America of foreign oil dependence, it appears that Boone is buying hours of television commercial time trying to leverage presidential candidates and force America to make a real attempt at giving up oil – preferably for wind energy.



Chris Evans
About Town
Crittenden Press editor/publisher

Pickens' energy plan calls for the United States to spend \$1 trillion-plus over the next 20 years to build windmills.

Barack Obama's proposed 10-year, \$150-billion alternative-energy research plan and John McCain's idea of spending \$300 million on new nuclear plants pale in comparison to his more aggressive plan, Pickens says.

Pickens is becoming so popular because he's spending millions on television commercials that now he's making the talk show circuit. He was on Leno last week.

■ Can I get high-speed Internet if I live in Tolu, Shady Grove or Mattoon?

Weekly, someone tells me they can't get high-speed Internet because they're in too remote of a location.

That's not exactly true. The U.S. ranks 16th worldwide for the percent of citizens that have high-speed internet access, and we pay more when we do have access. In rural areas both access and affordability are significantly worse, but in Crittenden County access in almost always available if you're willing to pay the price.

Virtually everyone has access to some type of satellite

or DSL service as long as you have a clear view of the southern sky. Satellite service may cost a little more up front, but it's available almost everywhere. The equipment generally runs between \$200 and \$400, depending on the service provider. Hughes Net and Blue Sky Communications are the two more prominent and widespread broadband providers. You can Google search for either and ask them about service in your area. Everyone in Crittenden and Livingston counties could hook up with either of those services. The monthly fee is about \$50.

BCS Enterprises in Fredonia also serves many areas of Crittenden County. Several businesses in Marion are connected to the wireless service operated by Reese Baker, who also works at Crittenden Health Systems. Their signal is cast from the Fredonia water tower. If you can see the tower, you're eligible for their service.

BellSouth offers DSL through the phone line that comes into your house. Do a Google search for BellSouth DSL and go to the Fast Access DSL page which allows you to type in your phone number to see if service is available at your home.

■ What's the City of Marion going to do with the property it purchased between Old Piney Road and East Gum Street?

It appears there are no ulterior motives for buying the property other than the original plan, which was to clear it off so standing water on the seven acres will evaporate. The puddling water has for years been a haven for mosquito breeding.

The city figured it would save money in the long run by spending about \$47,000 for the property rather than increasing expensive spraying around town.

Extensive earth-moving work would be required to get the property ready for any sort of future development. Right now, that's not even on the drawing board, according to Mark Bryant, city administrator.

■ Ever wonder what's up with the house at 631 Old Shady Grove Road, on the corner at Town and Country Drive?

It's been vacant for several years and the grass is often high enough to thresh for seed. Did some formal checking and learned that it's currently owned by a mortgage company in Copple, Texas.

The home was last purchased in 2001, but the new owner never moved in. Instead, the \$55,900 investment has been allowed to run down and eventually it was foreclosed upon by a previous lender. City Financial purchased the mortgage at some point in the past and right now it has several years of tax liens against it. The City of Marion also has some liens on the property because every time the grass gets so high, it sends someone over to mow it.

The home is currently on the tax rolls, valued at \$35,000.

(Editor's note: Evans is the publisher and editor of The Crittenden Press. His column appears periodically.)

C4 Sessions a forum for education concerns

What a great time of year to be celebrating the academic performance of the students and staff connected to the Crittenden County School District. The hard work and effort demonstrated by our students on the 2008 Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) give our community reason for tremendous pride. We are putting plans in place to continue on a path toward world class student achievement in Crittenden County. Continuous improvement is our goal to make our school district one of the top performing in the state of Kentucky. The Board of Education certainly serves as a critical partner in working toward our overall goal of becoming a top performing



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school district. Crittenden County Board of Education's top 10 commitments As a result of our two leadership retreats this semester, the Crittenden County School Board has established a list of "Top 10" Commitments focused on improving student achievement for all students in the Crittenden County School

1. Achieve a clear vision for educational excellence in Crittenden County
2. Build a strong foundation between schools and the community.
3. Collaborate with our partners (Community/Industry/Colleges) to improve the overall quality of educational opportunities for students.
4. Do "Whatever it takes" for students of Crittenden County Schools.
5. Work as a team with an emphasis on relationship-building.
6. Listen closely to students, teachers and community members to better address needs of students.
7. Think "outside the box" for solutions to challenges.
8. Always focus on students graduating being prepared for life.
9. Stay focused on the positive improvement of educational services for children.
10. Exhibit lifelong learning.

Building strong relationships between the school and community We are committed to building relationships both within our school community and outside our school community. One of the important ways we hope to accomplish this goal is to create conversations between school district representatives and citizens of Crittenden County. We want to talk with you about how to make our children's educational system more successful. These meetings will be open to the public and all are invited to attend our "C4 Sessions."

Crittenden County Community Conversations (C4) Sessions (two sessions this semester): Representatives from the Crittenden County school and district administration along with members of the Crittenden County Board of Education will be available to meet with local citizens in the community during lunch at scheduled locations for questions/answers, conversation, information, etc. on the following dates this semester:

■ C4 Session No. 1: Crittenden County Public Library, noon, Sept. 26. Lunch provided.
■ C4 Session No. 2: Tolu Community Center, noon, Nov. 21. Lunch provided.
I look forward to sharing our vision for improving student performance in Crittenden County and listening to the suggestions of the citizens on how we can continue to improve educational opportunities for all students at the upcoming "C4" sessions. Together we can achieve more!
(Editor's note: Dr. Yarbrough is superintendent of Crittenden County schools. Her guest column will appear periodically in The Crittenden Press.)

Men should be godly, in control to do His works

Men were made in God's image and He intended them to live like it and take control of His world and its business with women there to help. Even though Margaret Thatcher was a good leader, I've never been for women leading the official business of the nation.



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If all men would follow the plan their Creator gave for them, women would not be needed to preach or hold public office. They could be the keeper of the home and help meet all of man's needs, which is as high a calling as one could ever have sent down from the Throne Room to guide the next generation of leaders.
But too many men today are like they were in the

the battle would be won, but a woman would get the credit. He still said he would not go unless she went with him. So because of the shortage of godly men, God had to use a woman (Judges 4).
On another occasion, God had to use a talking donkey to reprimand backsliding Balaam (Numbers 22), and a rooster to convince a backsliding Peter (Matt. 26). So God has had to use women to do men's jobs many times when men have not done what He made them for.
Another such occasion was on the morning of the Resurrection when the disciples were hiding in Jerusalem for fear of the Jews. Mary was at the tomb

to serve her dead king, so He used her to preach the resurrection sermon (Matt. 28).
When men aren't in their God-ordained place, God will use anything He wants to, to get His will and work done.
Another great example was in the days of Queen Ester when the wicked Haman plotted to have all the Jews killed. The queen's uncle Mordecai got a message to her to go before King Ahasuerus and plead for the Jews. She hesitated because of the danger it posed for her to go before the King without being invited.
Her uncle chided her and said she too would not escape the sword of Haman if the King did not intervene. His following statement

could be applied to the dilemma we find ourselves in today with a woman, Sarah Palin, as the vice presidential running mate of John McCain.
"Who knows whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Ester 4:14).
God commanded His people to rule His world, but the atheists, liberals, far left and the communists have taken control of most of the media. If anyone talks or lives their faith in Jesus, they have to be crucified along with their Master.
Then only the wicked rule, and no truer words were ever spoken than: "When the wicked bears rule, the people mourn."

(Prov. 29:2). We don't have to look any further than the 20th century in Europe, Asia and Cuba for proof.
The tragic truth is, the people who want the wicked to rule so they can excuse their own wickedness, do not realize they too will suffer until it is too late. When the Christians have been decimated or destroyed, who will be there to help them from their own self-inflicted hell on earth?
(Editor's note: Rev. Tedrick is Marion minister. She shares her views weekly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

Bobcat investors hedging their bets

This week was not a good one for investors, particularly for those whose fortunes are pinned to Wall Street. But smart investors seek insurance for their holdings.
Hedging, they call it.
In fact, that's what Marion Bobcat investors are hoping to do today (Thursday) when they approach Marion Tourism Commission for financial reserves to ensure a break-even venture for the baseball team in 2009.
It's not that General Manager Gordon Guess is expecting a loss for Season 2, but risk accompanies any venture – especially true in an uncertain economy – and the GM wants to ensure all 20



Daryl K. Tabor
Just My Opinion
Press managing editor

Bobcat investors of nothing worse than a zero on the 2009 balance sheet. The \$5,000 cushion sought would get the team off and running for next season by helping to cover the league entry fee, which was gratis in 2008.
Think of it as sort of like leading off first base en route to second – a few extra steps

can go a long way.
Perhaps it's the baseball fan in me or maybe the pride of having something unique to call our own, but the Bobcats are our New York Yankees, our Tennessee Titans. Last summer, Marion was finally recognized as a *have* instead of the usual *have not*.
The effects of that are far more reaching than baseball, as evidenced by the volunteer participation and corporate interest. The Bobcats were our team, the talk of the town, the happening thing.
People who normally could not be scraped from their recliner after 5 p.m., slid into the blue seats overlooking a sun-bathed field for a couple

of hours of entertainment and fellowship. For the first time with my eyes, I witnessed in Marion an interest among all ages, races, sexes, social classes and any other division that keeps us from knowing our neighbor.
The Bobcats, which carry the same geographic qualifier as the tourism commission from which they seek insurance, offer a larger return than anything measured with a dollar sign.
Twenty risk-takers who invested in their own community deserve that hedge.
(Editor's note: Tabor is the managing editor of The Crittenden Press. His column appears periodically.)

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Philip Parish (second from left), 37, of Crittenden County, claims top prize Aug. 17 at the 42nd National Tractor Pulling Championships in Bowling Green, Ohio. Parish is flanked by Ben McMican (left), formerly of Marion, his father Larry Parish (third from left) and a pull representative.

Parish wins at national tractor pulling contest

STAFF REPORT

For Philip Parish, the excitement of winning a championship ring at the Super Bowl of tractor pulls last month in Bowling Green, Ohio, couldn't have been any different than the charge felt by the New York Giants last January when they won the Lombardi Trophy.

"That was the biggest pull I've ever been in," said Parish, 37, who farms full-time but stays in the tractor seat for his favorite pastime.

Parish's drive to victory behind the wheel of his Case IH MX335 in the 10,000-pound pro stock division wasn't any surprise to those who regularly follow tractor pulling. Parish, his father, Larry, and farming partner, Chris Hooks, are all big-time pullers, traveling the circuit and claiming the most coveted prizes in this part of the United States.

"We probably pull 20 times a year," he said about the mostly weekend events that are sandwiched between a busy farm schedule that includes tending to thousands of acres in Crittenden and surrounding counties.

Parish won his class at the venue known among tractor enthusiasts as Pulltown, U.S.A. His tractor is named El Niño, after the temporary climate phenomena in the Pacific Ocean.

"We named it that because the first year we

pulled with it everyone was talking about how El Niño was causing fires and storms and everything else. It just kind of stuck," said Parish, who lives on the family farm with his wife and two children near the Frances community.

Pulling has been in his blood for years. His father started souping up tractors several years ago after becoming interested in the farm stock pulls that became popular at county fairs in the 1970s.

"About 10 years ago, we got really serious about pulling," Parish said.

The stakes are much higher nowadays and so is the cost to build and maintain one of these heavy-horsepower beasts.

"We do most of the mechanic work, anything to do with the engine," Parish said. "You have to inject water into the cylinders to keep them from burning up."

Other than the outer shell and red paint, there isn't much else that's stock on El Niño. From the chassis to the turbo-charged fuel injection system, nearly everything is modified to improve performance.

"About the only thing that's stock is the engine block," Parish said.

County residents helping to build greener world

Over the past several months I have been seriously impressed with the effort put forth by Crittenden County to build a greener world. I notice that the recycling bins at Freedom Waste fill up more quickly, more stores are carrying a variety of eco-friendly goods, and average citizens are looking at their lifestyle and questioning what changes they can make in order to protect and preserve our planet. If you are new to living green, start small. Simple changes will keep you from feeling overwhelmed and let you observe that even the smallest effort pays off big.

If you haven't begun recycling, why not start now? Try setting aside one bin in your kitchen or a closet for one item to recycle. If you want to see fast results, start with plastic beverage containers. When my family first began recycling plastic drinking bottles, we were amazed at how little we were taking out the trash, we couldn't believe we were throwing out so much that could be recycled. Those bottles in the landfill would have taken 700 years to even start decomposing. Once you see that your efforts are making a difference how could you not be encouraged to do more? The recycling center is located at the Freedom Waste facility. They take a variety of items including plastic food and beverage containers, clear glass bottles and jars, steel cans (including empty aerosol and paint cans), newspapers, magazines, cardboard, food and shoe boxes, and even more. You can find a list of materials accepted and how to prepare them at the Freedom Waste office or at the county extension office. Freedom Waste is open weekdays 8 to 4 and Saturday 8 to 12; they are closed on Thursdays and Sundays.

Another simple change you can make is to cut back on the energy used by you and your family. All of us would



like to save some money in these days of sky-rocketing energy costs. With gorgeous fall weather on the way plan on enjoying the fresh air by shutting off the air-conditioning and opening the windows. Not only will this cut back on the cost of air-conditioning but it can greatly improve the quality of the air you breathe, considering the fumes and toxins released from cleaning products and even furniture and carpet. Replace your light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs. These bulbs use a significantly lower amount of energy and they last much longer. Even something as simple as not leaving the refrigerator standing open while you decide what to snack on makes a difference. Talk to your family about what they think could reduce your energy usage and then look at your energy bill together and see if your changes paid off.

Most car trips are within walking distance of your home. Walking or biking instead of driving your gas gu-

zler is a healthier alternative for both you and the planet. If you live close to work set the green example by riding your bicycle or starting a walking group. Look for ways to spend quality time with your family closer to home. Paducah may have a lot to offer but Marion has many great alternatives right under your nose such as the museums, library and a gorgeous park. You'll spend less fuel and money staying closer to home in addition to discovering your community's hidden treasures.

I feel confident that Crittenden County will continue improving our world and preserving it for generations to come. Encourage your children, friends, and neighbors to find changes they can make and share their ideas with others. Every small change makes a big difference.

(Editor's note: Misti Autry is a guest columnist who lives in Marion. Her column appears periodically in The Crittenden Press.)

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Below is a schedule of flu clinics.

Flu shots are \$20 or we will bill Medicare/Medicaid.
Please bring your Medicare or Medicaid card with you.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY September 24 Ed-Tech Center - Marion 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Dycusburg Baptist Church 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Tolu Community Center 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	LYON COUNTY September 30 Eddyville 1st Baptist Church 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
LIVINGSTON COUNTY September 25 Senior Citizens - Smithland 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Grand Rivers Senior Center 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Salem Baptist Family Life Center 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	TRIGG COUNTY October 7 Cadiz Baptist Church 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
CALDWELL COUNTY October 8 Senior Citizens - Princeton 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fredonia 1st Baptist Church 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	

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APPROX. 1 ACRE - Hwy. 506. \$5,900.00. **dh**

GOOD LOCATION - Lot across from Crittenden Farm Supply on Gum St. \$8,000.00. **rd**

NEW - 3 NICE BUILDING LOTS - On Campbell Lane & Hwy 64. **SP**

VERY NICE BUILDING LOT - In Penn Estates, Lot size 150x200, close to town. Price reduced to \$6,500.00. **jn**

NICE CORNER LOT - This nice 1+/- acre lot is located on the corner of Chapel Hill Rd and Oak Hill Dr. It adjoins the golf course property, has city water & sewer and is nicely shaded with lots of mature trees. \$15,000.00. **js**

3 BEAUTIFUL LOTS - On Hillside Rd. off of Christopher Rd. in Fredonia, KY. Lots of big oak & hickory trees on these lots. Priced to sell at \$12,500.00. **SP**

BUILDING LOT - with underground city electric, phone and county water. \$5,300.00. **kd**

4 BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOTS - County water. \$8,700 to \$12,500. **jn**

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Very nice 2 story home w/ 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 kitchens, formal dining room, living room, basement, 2 car garage and an extra lot.
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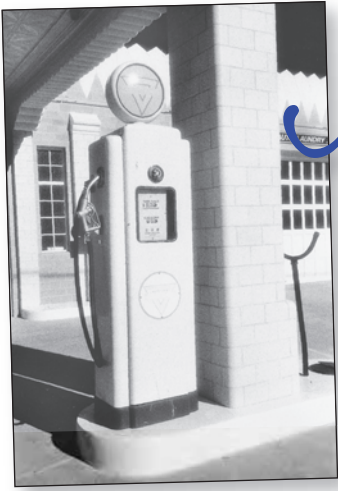
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For Marty Kaiser, starting photography at 40 was just fine



Story by **ALLISON EVANS**
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Beyond her black and white images are the beautiful color images that are taken at locations all across the county. From the close-ups in nature to the magnificent landscapes that cover our countryside, her photographs illicit feelings of peaceful awe.

— www.martykaiserphoto.com

For Marty Kaiser, the art of photography is all about the process.

Without hesitation, those who view her work are awe struck at the natural beauty of her subjects, as is Kaiser; however, getting the subject from the field to the frame is the part she loves most.

When Kaiser moved to Crittenden County in 2007, she brought with her two collections – one being her portfolio of fine photography, and the other, a less assuming collection of 200 species of cactus.

Admittedly an interesting combination.

"Gardening grew out of my love for photography," said Kaiser, who is active in the Salem Garden Club, which recently toured her greenhouse full of cactus and succulent plants. "Early on I took pictures of my flowers, my garden, because I really love flowers and gardening so photography was a good combina-

Marty Kaiser of Salem is not only a professional photographer with a portfolio of amazing images, she is also an avid gardener with a collection of 200 varieties of cacti.

PHOTO BY ALLISON EVANS



tion."

Since her move from California, Kaiser, 60, has displayed some of her photography in Salem, but otherwise has put the camera aside while she and her husband built their home and a second home for her mother.

After a year off, Kaiser is anxious to return camera to hand and go hunting for nature's inspiration, which she finds in old buildings, open fields, flowers, barns and unique landscape.

She loves black and white pictures and often returns time and

again to the same subject after dreaming a way to make it better. Examples of her work can be viewed at www.martykaiserphoto.com.

"I like playing with light, how light affects different things, the color of light, and I love the glow in black and white that you get when you get it right."

Photography hasn't been a life-long aspiration for Kaiser, who grew up in southern Indiana.

"I am one who reinvented myself," says the rural Crittenden Countian, who was a mother before she returned to college.

"At 40 I started taking classes in photography as a hobby at recreation centers, then five years ago my husband suggested photography full time.

"I went back to college and ended up teaching in the photography department at Las Positas, in the San Francisco Bay area."

At the same time, Kaiser began selling her photography at some of the many galleries and art shows in

California.

"I prefer fine art photograph versus portrait or documentary because it allows me to be creative. It's doing something that makes you feel good, and people either like it or they are moved by it."

As the majority of the world gravitated to digital photography, Kaiser stuck to traditional negatives and film.

But now, without use of a darkroom, her goal is to move more toward the digital realm.

IMAGES COURTESY OF MARTY KAISER

Formal sentence gives Damron 10 years in jail

STAFF REPORT

A Marion man originally accused of burglary and sexual assault has been sentenced in Crittenden Circuit Court after pleading guilty to the lesser charge.

Circuit Judge Rene Williams formally sentenced Damron to 10 years in prison last Thursday. He pleaded guilty to first-degree burglary. A sodomy charge was dropped.

Damron has twice been tried on the original charges. The first trial ended with a hung jury. Damron was con-

victed at the second trial, but the jury's decision was overturned on appeal. He was slated for a third trial late last month, but agreed to the plea deal just before proceedings were set to begin in Webster County. The trial had been moved to Dixon by Judge Williams due to previous coverage of the trials by The Crittenden Press.

Damron has already served more than three years in jail while awaiting trial for the Oct. 30, 2002, incident in the Deer Creek community of Crittenden County. A female victim, who was 64 at the time of the burglary, twice testified in court that she knew Damron and that he was the man who shined a flashlight in her face, robbed and assaulted her on her own bed.

Damron maintained at the two trials that he was in Paducah at the time of the assault and had nothing to do with it.

The judge's formal sentencing guidelines call for Damron to serve at least 85 percent of his sentence. He will be eligible for parole in five years.

FLU

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\$20 again this year.

The flu clinics in Crittenden County will be Sept. 24, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion and Dycusburg Baptist Church in that community. The Marion offering will be available until 4 p.m., but at 11 a.m., the Dycusburg clinic will close, allowing staff to set up for a 1 to 4 p.m., clinic at the Tolu Community Center.

Clinics in the neighboring communities of Salem, Fredonia and Eddyville will be provided at later dates.

Flu season in the U.S., generally, runs from October to May but peaks in December through March. Annually, the virus is blamed for an estimated 36,000 deaths in America, according to the CDC. Getting immunized now, Tolley said, should help build a resistance to the disease well ahead of the curve.

"It's a little earlier than usual, but they are recommended by the end of October to build immunity," he said of flu shots.

According to the CDC, the earlier the better. Vaccinations provide protection from a targeted strain for a year, and children getting immunized for the first time need two shots four weeks apart.

Nationwide, the severity of last year's flu season was the worst since 2003-04, with a reported 83 children dying from influenza-related illness. Locally, however, Tolley said the

Flu clinic dates, times

In Crittenden County, flu clinics are scheduled for Sept. 24.

- Ed-Tech Center, Marion: 8:30 a.m., to 4 p.m.
- Dycusburg Baptist Church: 8:30 to 11 a.m.
- Tolu Community Center: 1 to 4 p.m.

In Livingston County, flu clinics are scheduled for Sept. 25.

- Livingston County Senior Citizens Center, Smithland: 8:30 a.m., to 4 p.m.
- Grand Rivers Senior Community Center: 8:30 to 11 a.m.
- Salem Baptist Family Life Center: 1 to 4 p.m.

In Lyon County, a flu clinic is scheduled for Sept. 30.

- Eddyville First Baptist Church, 8:30 a.m., to 4 p.m.

In Caldwell County, flu clinics are scheduled for Oct. 8.

- Senior Citizens Center, Princeton: 8:30 a.m., to 4 p.m.
- Fredonia First Baptist Church: 8:30 a.m., to noon

season was fairly mild. But, there is no way to predict what lies ahead for 2008-09, he countered. That's why the off-site clinics are being offered to encourage increased immunization.



"It's a little alarming that fewer people are getting vaccinated."

— Jim Tolley

"It's a little bit alarming that fewer people are getting vaccinated," he said.

Some pharmacies and doctors' offices also provide vaccinations, accounting for a drop in those provided by public health departments. But Tolley wants to make protection from

the virus as easy as possible for those at the highest risk for infection – elderly and children – whether through private or public clinics.

Medicare or Medicaid will be billed for the cost of the flu vaccine through the health department, but patients must bring their card to the clinic. Patients in neighboring counties are also invited to get the shot at the nearest clinic, even if it is not in their home county. No one will be turned away due to their inability to pay either, Tolley said.

It is recommended that anyone 50 years of age or older, particularly those living in nursing homes or extended care facilities, get a flu shot. Children six months to 18 years old are also encouraged to get immunized against influenza, as are women who may be pregnant.

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EVENT

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annual Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce festival should now be met with the city's approval of the requested contribution when matched with an equal pledge by Crittenden Fiscal Court. Padgett also secured donations of \$250 each from The Peoples Bank and Farmer Bank and Trust Co., to supplement the \$2,900 in the Chamber's Heritage Day fund.

But the city's gift was not without some angst.

City Administrator Mark Bryant, who also heads the Chamber as its president, opposed the tax-funded gift. While commending Padgett for his work organizing the affair, he chided the 130-plus strong Chamber membership for not stepping forward to fund the festival.

"I don't like this," he said. "I hate that it comes down to the city and county governments to fund this."

At least half of the city council expressed a belief that the autumn event should be funded and headed by Marion Tourism Commission.

"To me, tourism should take it over," Councilman Jason Hatfield said.

Councilmen Darrin Tabor and Dwight Sherer vocally agreed with Hatfield.

Tourism Director Michele Edwards was not available for comment Tuesday.

The tourism commission, funded through a citywide restaurant and boarding tax, contributed \$200 in advertising for the festival, which was started several years ago by the Chamber of Commerce. Last year, the tourism commission took ownership of the

Friends of Library plan Heritage Days book sale

STAFF REPORT

"Great books at great prices" is the theme of the Heritage Days book sale in the meeting room of the Crittenden County Public Library on Friday and Saturday. Hardcover, paperback, children and adult books are all included. Book sale hours are Friday from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m.

The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Crittenden

County Public Library to raise funds for library purposes.

At the same time, a silent auction will take place inside the library itself. Visitors will have a chance to write down a bid on fine gift items, ranging from book and video sets to beauty and scrapbooking kits. It is not necessary to be present at the close of the auction. Winners will be notified by telephone the following week.

annual Christmas parade from the Chamber.

Looking ahead to next year, Bryant told the city council members that Heritage Days is not expected to generate any revenue for the Chamber, leaving it with a zero balance in its festival fund for next year.

but the street play, "A New Gang Comes to Town," will headline the day's festivities. The three-act comedy by the Heritage Festival Players of Elizabethtown, Ill., will begin at 6 p.m., behind the courthouse on Court Street.

But opening ceremonies for Heritage Days will be today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. Like most of the activities slated for the festival, it will take place on the court square behind the courthouse. Then, at 7 p.m., two cartoons and a full-length feature film will be shown on a giant television screen in the same area.

Beginning at 9 a.m., Friday, vendors around the court square and downtown will open to customers for the day. This year, vendors will set up on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, sales will not begin until 10 a.m.

Rides, slides, games, horse and wagon rides, a rock-climbing wall and community yard sale will run all day Friday and Saturday. The yard sale will take place a block away from most of the action, however. It will be held on the lawn of the old Marion junior

high school at the corner of South College and East Carlisle streets.

On Friday night, the Kentucky Possum Wranglers, a local band, will compete with Crittenden County High School's first home football game for attendance. The mix of music will begin at 7 p.m., on the stage behind the courthouse.

A few extras will blend with some of the usual attractions on Saturday. In addition to the Little Mr. and Miss Heritage Days pageant and the FFA pedal tractor pull, Crittenden County Historical Society will offer up a ham and bean lunch at the museum and a petting zoo and apple cider-making demonstration at the log cabin behind Fohs Hall. A Miss, Mrs. and Mr. Heritage Day Pageant at 2 p.m., will be new this year.

Crittenden County Public Library and the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum will also be open Saturday. Courthouse offices, however, will be closed Saturday.

On Sunday, the festival closes with gospel music from Into the Blue behind the courthouse from 1 to 3 p.m.

A performance by the Alonzo Pennington Band scheduled for last Friday was cancelled due to the threat of inclement weather and will be rescheduled for a later date.

One thing that will be missing this year is Christmas in Marion. Normally scheduled for the same weekend each year, the arts and crafts show and festival will go their separate ways. Christmas in Marion remains scheduled for its usual third weekend in October. The one-day event will be Oct. 18 at Fohs Hall.



"I hate that it comes down to the city and county governments to fund this."

- Mark Bryant

Event still on track

Despite the questions over Heritage Days' future finances, the event itself is on track for this week.

And if the festival seems a bit early, it is. It was moved this year a month prior to its usual late-October arrival. As usual, Saturday's slate of events will be the highlight of the festival.

On Saturday, there will be a selection of vendors around the court square, as well as rides and games for children.



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Remembering 9/11

Starting last year, Woodmen of the World insurance company began presenting local fire departments with an American flag on Sept. 11. Last Thursday, on the seventh anniversary of 9/11, the Woodmen office in Marion, represented above by Orman Hunt (far left), presented flags to eight area volunteer fire departments. On hand to accept the flags were (from left) Hunt for Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department, Donnie Wilbanks for Salem, Don Herrin for Mattoon, Tony Alexander for Tolu and Jim Johnson for Marion. Caldwell Springs, Sheridan and Shady Grove departments will also receive flags from the insurance company.

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Press corrections

Due to misinformation supplied to The Crittenden Press, the age division under which Emily Hendrix was listed as the winner of the Kentucky State Fair Bicycle Rodeo was incorrectly listed in last week's issue. Hendrix was the winner in the 11-year-old division.

Also last week, due to a reporting error, a donation of \$28,000 to Crittenden Fiscal Court for spaying and neutering of animals adopted from the local shelter was incorrectly attributed. Crittenden County Humane Society donated the

money when it was dissolved earlier this year. In His Hands Humane Society, another local organization, donated \$7,584 to a state spay and neuter fund when it was dissolved.

(Editor's note: The Crittenden Press is committed to publishing news and information accurately. Whenever The Press fails to meet this standard, our policy is to set the record straight promptly. The Press welcome contacts from readers who believe a correction or clarification is warranted.)

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HISTORICAL MUSEUM

ACTIVITIES FOR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

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11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Special For The Day - Books On Sale:

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OUTDOORSMAN... 3 BR home is situated on 24 acres. Approx. 20 acres in mature hardwoods. Hunt deer in the fall, turkey in the spring and fish all year round in your own backyard. The lake according to owner is 16 feet deep & stocked w/ largemouth bass, catfish & bluegill. Property is well maintained & 2 detached garages for all your toys.

HANDYMAN'S SPECIAL ... 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath mobile home and lot in Marion. Good investment. Broker owns property. Needs some TLC.

SAVE YOUR GAS AND WALK TO TOWN... 4 Bedroom, 1 bath, home in Marion, investment property or starter home. Located only 3 blocks from the center of town, and kids could walk to school. Call and set an appointment today, list price \$22,000.

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CONVENIENTLY LOCATED... to Marion Country Club. 2 or 3 BR, 2 BA offers a chef's kitchen with lots of cabinets, dishwasher, Jenn-Air range, oven, microwave, refrigerator, disposal & under the counter ice maker, formal dining room, office w/ built in shelves, laundry RM w/ washer/dryer, plus a walk out basement. **SOLD**

ENJOY THE PEACE & QUIET... 28 x 56 Cedar sided Manufactured home situated on 1 acre. Features: 3 BR, 2 BA, large den w/gas fireplace & built in shelves. Kitchen w/all appliances including washer/dryer. Large master BR w/walk-in closets, master bath w/garden tub and shower unit. Detached 2 car garage and storage shed.

MARION HISTORIC HOME... located on corner lot 3 blocks from center of town. Features 3 BR, 2 BA, high ceilings, dining room, butlers pantry, large living room, hardwood floors, original double pocket doors leading to the dining room/kitchen area, sunroom. Also has outside entry for upstairs for separate apartment including kitchen & bath. 2 car garage with side street entry.

WALK TO TOWN... from this immaculate brick home featuring 2 bedroom, 2 bath, foyer, formal living room, separate dining room, family room, eat-in kitchen with appliances. This attractive home has attached double car garage and 34' x 36' shop building with lot situated on large deep lot. **PRICE REDUCED.**

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INVESTMENT OR YOUR FIRST HOME... this 2-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath home comes complete with all appliances including washer/dryer. Approx 1000 sq ft located in Burna, KY including an extra lot for additional rental income potential or added privacy. Property includes large storage building, 1 car garage, paved circle drive and trees to keep you in the shade.

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Marion, KY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, September 17

Church Outside
All Faith Service
6:00 p.m.

Court St. Behind Court House

Fri. & Sat., Sept. 19 & 20

Community Yard Sale
Old High School Building Lot
College St.

Thursday, September 18

Opening Ceremonies
6:00 p.m.

Stage Behind Court House

Night At The Movies
2 Cartoons & Full Length Movies
Shown on 12' by 15' Screen
7:00 p.m.

Court St. Behind Court House

Friday, September 19

Band Night
Kentucky Possum Wranglers
A Mix of Music
7:00 p.m.

On Stage Behind Court House

Saturday, September 20

Games & Activities Around
Court House Square

11:00 a.m. - Little Miss Contest

Mrs. Contest To Follow

FFA Pedal Pull, Corn Toss,
Cow Chip Contest & Hospital
Bed Races In The Afternoon
At 6:00 p.m.

"A New Gang Comes To Town"

On Stage Behind Court House

Sunday, September 21

Bluegrass Gospel Group
In To The Blue -1:00-3:00 p.m.

On Stage Behind Court House

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Crittenden County Detention Center

Crittenden County Detention Center Jailer Rick Riley provides The Crittenden Press with a weekly report of the jail's inmate count and work release program. Inmates are supervised and carry out a variety of labor regularly undertaken by local municipal departments.

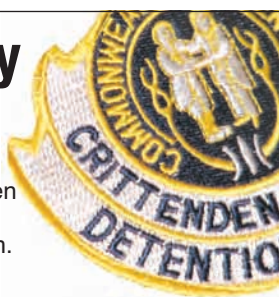
Work-release for the week of Sept. 8-14:

- Six men at 40 hours each mowing crew
 - Marion-Crittenden County Park
 - Crittenden County Courthouse
 - Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum and Cabin
 - Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center
 - Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center
 - Crittenden County Health Department
 - Dam 50 recreational area (includes cleaning restrooms)
 - Crittenden County History Museum
 - Crittenden County fire and rescue department
 - Crittenden County Detention Center
 - Crittenden County (old) Jail
- Three men at 48 hours each to county road department
- One man for 48 hours to Crittenden County Animal Shelter
- Three men at 40 hours each to City of Marion
- Two men at eight hours each to City of Marion
- Four men at 32 hours covering 165 miles and collecting 49 bags of trash on county roads in Crittenden County (includes weekly clean-up at the Ferry Landing and Dam 50)
- One man at eight hours to Marion Police Department for janitorial work
- One female at 40 hours to Senior Citizens Center
- Two females at 16 hours to Senior Citizens Center
- Four males at 40 hours each working on the Blackford Trail-head Facility
- Four females at 40 hours each painting at Crittenden County Courthouse
- One male at 40 hours to the Carson G. Davidson National Guard Armory
- Three females at 40 hours each to Marion City Hall
- Seven men to help with cleanup of wind damage from the remnants of Hurricane Ike

Shea Holliman, CC/CD Coordinator

Inmate count as of Sept. 14 (female count):

Total: **116 (16)** Federal: 1 (0) Crittenden County: 10 (0)
State: 101 (15) Other counties: 3 (1)



County road crews going to 4-day week

By CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Crittenden County Road Department will go to a new four-day schedule starting Sept. 29.

Magistrates approved the new work schedule during Tuesday's regular fiscal court meeting. Citing cost-savings by eliminating one day of travel and overhead, and consolidating work into four, 10-hour days, the court approved the plan unanimously.

Although all six members of the fiscal court approved the change, two originally wanted a five-day, eight-hour work week. Magistrates Glenn Underdown and Greg West pushed for the five-day plan initially, but after their idea was voted down 4-2, the two magistrates agreed with others on the four-day plan.

County road department employees currently work a staggered five-day week, clocking in from 6:30 a.m., to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, then working from 6:30 a.m., to 1:30 p.m., on Fridays.

Judge-Executive Fred Brown said the short work day on Friday was creating a problem because it meant moving equipment to and from a work site for a short period of time. He said crews spent too much time traveling to and from the site instead of actually working.

Brown recommended the four-day, 10-hour work schedule. Those hours will not be applicable to the animal shelter or convenience center, he said. Magistrate Curt Buntin said the four-day week will also help

employees save on fuel driving to and from work.

Longer days, Brown explained, would give the road department a more manageable schedule. They will take off each Wednesday.

Also at fiscal court:

■ Crittenden Health Systems CEO Jim Christensen gave his monthly hospital report and pointed to some major plans on the horizon. The hospital, he said, is currently completing repair and replacement of its HVAC system and will soon turn its attention to building a new operating room.

By October, Christensen said, hospital officials will have a clearer idea of its plans and costs. Right now, it appears that a new operating facility could cost in excess of \$3 million. Grants and other funding mechanisms will be explored to help defray the direct costs to the hospital, the CEO said.

■ Three requests were made for gravel to create school bus turn-around areas. Brown suggested the county look at each individual case to determine whether it warrants funding. He said that historically, the county has only provided gravel for turn-arounds that are on the county right-of-way. It initially appeared that the three requests made Tuesday did not meet that standard.

The sites in question were off Lilly Dale Road, Weldon Road and U.S. 60. Each required an easement to build a turn-around on private property. The court took no action.

City frees up \$100,000 by refinancing bonds

STAFF REPORT

Taking advantage of a friendly borrowing offer should save the City of Marion thousands over the next 20 years.

On Monday, city council members approved consolidating the \$855,000 total value of two 40-year bonds into one 20-year issue at a lower finance charge from the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC). The monthly savings over the previous \$5,070 combined payments on the 1988 and 1993 bonds will not be significant, but shaving several years off the payment period on the 15-year-old bond will be noteworthy.

"Even if we only break even on the payments, it's still a good deal, since we knock five years off the term and we free up about \$100,000 in our reserve accounts," Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant said.

The new bond will mature in 2028, five years before the 1993 bond would have been paid.

The city was paying an interest rate of 4.5 percent on the 1988 bond and five percent on the 1993 bond. Though the new rate available through KLC's bond pool will be variable, amortization was figured at only three percent. KLC's current rate is less than two percent.

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The Press Community Calendar

Today

■ Mid-Continent University in Mayfield will have a representative available from 3 to 6 p.m., today (Thursday) at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion to discuss educational opportunities with the college.

■ Marion Tourism Commission will meet at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Welcome Center in the Marion Commons Complex at 213 South Main St.

Friday

■ The CCHS Lady Rocket basketball team will host a tailgate party before the ballgame on Friday, beginning at 5 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Players will pre-sell pork chop sandwich meals for \$5 and hot dog meals for \$3. Meals consist of a sandwich, chips, drink and dessert. Extra Pork chop sandwiches may be purchased for \$3. All sales at the door will be \$1 extra.

■ The Senior Citizens Center will have bingo at 10:30 a.m., Friday.

■ There will be a Crittenden County High School PTO-sponsored Dance Friday, immediately following the football game. Admission is \$3. The dance will last until midnight

Saturday

■ The Gilland Family reunion will be held Saturday at the Shelter in Old Kuttawa. A potluck dinner will be served around 1 p.m.

■ VFW Ladies Auxiliary will host a Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at the VFW Post located at 412 N. College St. in Marion. The cost is \$5 a person.

■ The Towry/Towery family reunion will be held at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 4 in the Family Life Center at Marion Baptist Church. Come and bring your family, no matter how far removed from Towery line. Reservations for lunch are required by Saturday. Send reservations (\$12 per person) to: President of Ky. State Chapter TTFA, Hazel Manley, 955 W. 1st Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 (684-7305). For more information contact Claudena Towery Travis at 965-3484 or Patricia Beckner Sigler at 388-4644.

Sunday

■ The annual Weston reunion will be held Sunday with lunch at 1 p.m. Weston is located six miles west of Mattoon on Ky. 654. All friends and neighbors are invited.

■ The Nunn family reunion will be held Sunday at the Masonic Lodge building located at 206 Sturgis Road in Marion. The

door will open at 11:30 a.m. for visitation and a potluck lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. All friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend.

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.

■ Crittenden County High School speech practice for Monday has been cancelled.

Tuesday

■ The Senior Citizens Center in Marion will be starting a three-day health fair beginning Tuesday. Call the center at 965-5229 for a ride.

Next Thursday

■ Emmanuel Baptist Church will have free gymnastics/tumbling classes beginning on Monday Sept. 29. Classes are for boys and girls ages 3 and up. Class will be taught by safety certified instructor with assistance.

Registration in the dining room hall of the church from 5 to 7 p.m., Sept. 25. For more information call 704-7125 or 965-4623.

Upcoming

■ The 18th annual Hebron, Dam 50, Colon, and Forest Grove school reunion will be held on Sept. 27 at the Hurricane Campground. There will be a potluck meal at noon. Come and renew old friendships and make new ones. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Loma Hodge at 965-2586.

■ The Class of 1963 will be having a reunion Oct. 11 at Emmanuel Baptist Church fellowship hall. Everyone who attended with the class is invited. Call 965-2413 or 965-2670. Please call if you know the address of the following: Michael Ernest South, James Leon Clark, Johnny C. Fisher or James Earnest Wilson.

■ Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation in conjunction with the Springer Opera House in Columbus, Ga., will host a production of "All the Way from Magnolia Springs" at 7 p.m., Oct. 2 at Fohs Hall in Marion. The price is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students under 12. For more, call Susan Alexander at 965-5983.

Ongoing

■ The Braxton McDonald Foundation is accepting applications for grants. Applications and criteria may be picked up at Farmers Bank and the Historical Museum. Send application by Nov. 1 to Brenda Underdown, 139 Oak Hill Dr., Marion, KY 42064.

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For additional information, please contact Susan Alexander at 270-965-5983

Tiny Tot Day Care announces participation in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program administered by the Kentucky Department of Education.

Meals will be served at no separate charge to enrolled participants at the center and are provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. If you believe you or any individual has been discriminated against in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250.

Participants eligible for free and/or reduced price meals must have a complete application with documentation of eligibility information which may include a food stamp or K-TAP case number, or names of household members and income information.

If you have questions regarding the Program, please contact Chris Hodge at 965-2032.

Family Size	Free Meals		Reduced Price Meals	
	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly
1	\$1,127	\$13,520	\$1,604	\$19,240
2	\$1,517	\$18,200	\$2,159	\$25,900
3	\$1,907	\$22,880	\$2,714	\$32,560
4	\$2,297	\$27,560	\$3,269	\$39,220
5	\$2,687	\$32,240	\$3,824	\$45,880
6	\$3,077	\$36,920	\$4,379	\$52,540
7	\$3,467	\$41,600	\$4,934	\$59,200
8	\$3,857	\$46,280	\$5,489	\$65,860
For each additional family member, add:	\$390	\$4,680	\$555	\$6,660

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Storms of yesteryear devastating to residents

With Hurricane Ike initially being compared in strength and devastation to the 1900 storm that hit Galveston, I thought it was interesting to note that Crittenden County had a local woman and three of her children killed in that storm many years ago.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, Sept. 20, 1900, the headline read, "Former Crittenden County People perished in the Galveston storm."

From a letter to Mr. J.L. Love, of this county, we learn that Mrs. H. C. Cromwell and three daughters perished in the great Galveston storm.

There were seven members of the family, Mr. Cromwell and two of his children were away from home and escaped the sad fate of the other members of the family.

Mr. Henry C. Cromwell and family formerly lived in Marion. He was well known here and did considerable work as a carpenter. His wife was Miss Emma Love, whose family lived in Crittenden County.

She has two brothers and four sisters now living in this county, Messrs J.L. and Charles Love, and sisters, Mary L. Love, married to Anthony Murphy, Mattie T. Love married to Elijah T. Franklin, Hattie M. Love married to J.R. Threlkeld, and Roberta M. Love married to Robert M. Franks. (Mattie T. Franklin was the mother of Hollis C. Franklin of Crittenden County.)

In his letter, Mr. Cromwell says, all the family are gone except Homer, Essie and himself.

"O God, just think, my wife and three children taken to a watery grave in an instant. All we have is gone, except the little change Homer and I had in our pockets and one horse.



"I was not with them, we started home in a buggy, and it was just by chance that we were not swept away, too. Essie was not at home when the storm hit. She was saved after floating on debris in the water for five hours. Homer and I happened to pass the house she was in at two o'clock in the morning trying to get home, and she saw us. We knew as soon as daylight that the family was gone, for not a house was left standing in that quarter. The waves had washed them all out to sea.

"Our folks were said to have been found and all buried in the ground yesterday. They were identified by neighbors. I am thankful that they were not taken to sea for burial.

"We are going to get away from here as soon as we can get out. The three daughters who perished were Effie, Bertie and Ninna, all were grown young ladies."

Here are two interesting accounts from The Crittenden Press archives of storms that hit our community in 1923.

March 16, 1923 Terrific Windstorm Strikes Community

Marion, as well as the surrounding county, was visited by a terrific gale Sunday night, March 11, 1923. The gale carried destruction in its wake, but fortunately no lives were lost.

About 8:45 o'clock the wind whirled around from the east to southeast and a hurricane swooped down on the city, wrecking the Electric Power House and plunging the town into total darkness.

While it was not a twister, the wind came with such force as to wreck buildings, unroof dwellings and carry terror to the hearts of many citizens, who remembered the terrible tornado that passed thru this county in 1890.

The wind was accompanied by lightning and thunder and a driving rain, which dashed against windows, shattering the glass in many. The storm lasted about thirty minutes, though the wind continued with less velocity through the night.

The power house near the Illinois Central train station was wrecked. The roof was picked up by the wind and carried 200 yards away and the brick walls blown to the ground.

John Travis, employed as electrician, and Jasper Prowell were at work in the building when the storm came. Mr. Travis said a bolt of lightning struck the building, knocking down the smokestack and making a hole through the brick wall through which the wind rushed, carrying away the roof and blowing down the walls.

Other damaged caused by the storm:

- A tobacco barn on the farm of John A. Moore was blown down, his stable and chicken house wrecked and dairy barn damaged.

- L.L. Hughes, Chapel Hill section, tobacco barn blown down.

- James Stegar Gass, north of town, tobacco barn destroyed.

- I.C. Truitt, and J.W. Cook of Repton, barns blown



Clifton Ethridge of Marion examines the large oak tree that fell in front of his home on East Gum Street at its intersection with South College. The winds that knocked down trees and barns and ripped shingles off of homes this week were considered remnants of Hurricane Ike.

down.

- Mrs. Lillie Walker, Weston, barn blown down.

- W.C. Lynn, near Sheridan, barn destroyed.

- Leander White, View community, dwelling damaged. J.W. Paris, stock barn demolished.

- Frank Mathews, Frances, tobacco barn damaged. W.K. Oliver, stock barn wrecked.

- Henry Brown, Shady Grove, residence destroyed.

- Wm. Alexander, Piney, dwelling damaged.

- Mrs. Sarah Ann Lamb, Deanwood, barn blown down and Preston Lamb residence damaged.

- Howard Phillips, tobacco barn damaged.

These are just a few of the damaged properties that were accounted for in The Press.

In May of that same year, the county was hit by another storm. This one was flooding rains. The heavy down-

pour of May 14, caused one of the worst floods that has visited this county in many a year. The rain fell in torrents, almost without a let up all night, causing the creeks and other watercourses to overflow their banks and flooding all the lowlands.

From all parts of the county great damage is reported. Nearly all the bridges in the county are either washed away or damaged, mines are flooded, causing much loss; the public roads lost many culverts and had many washouts.

Fields of crops were flooded, the water washing away the corn and taking the soil down to the solid ground.

The bridge across Crooked Creek, one mile from town on Marion-Salem road, was washed away.

The Crittenden Springs bridge across Hurricane Creek was washed away and destroyed.

The Bill Robinson bridge

across Hurricane Creek was washed away.

The Dunn Springs bridge across Crooked Creek on Fords Ferry Road was washed away.

The iron bridge across crooked Creek near Caroline Hughes was badly damaged.

The Big Four and LaRue spar mines, operated by A.H. Reed, were overflowed and damaged to the estimated amount of \$5,000.

One day in the future from the pages of The Crittenden Press, people will look back and read of our ice storm of February 2008 and the fury of the gale force winds that swirled through our county on Sunday morning September 14. The howling winds from the remnants of Hurricane Ike caused downed trees on power lines, trees and tree limbs were broken, shingles pulled from roofs and other debris thrown all about.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

From The Crittenden Press Archives
News from 1958:

•Officers of the Marion Woman's Club posed with the guest speaker at its annual luncheon. Pictured were Mrs. Byron Jay, Mrs. Oliver Whitt, Mrs. William Penry, Mrs. Clara Cochran and Mrs. Hobart Franklin.

•Miss Shirley Morgan was crowned the queen of Kentucky's rural electric co-ops. She won the title at the Kentucky State Fair in the "Miss Kentucky Rural Electric Co-op" beauty pageant.

•New Salem News: Mike Watson enjoyed a delicious 11th birthday dinner which was prepared by his grandmother, Mrs. Lassie Harpending. Mrs. Tommie Ray Kirk visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kirk. Mr. and Mrs. Burnie Bradford visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Butler; others visiting there too were Mr. and Mrs. Dunk Butler and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Red Asbridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Butler and children. Mr. and Mrs. Reg Wring were at home last weekend; he has been working in Gary, Ind.

•Mary Lou Frazer entertained a group of friends Friday with a hamburger fry and slumber party at her home. The girls who were pre-

sent were Stephanie Henry, Donna Lou Watson, Jerry Tabor, Anna Lou Croft and Delores Riley.

•Denver News, boatswain's male first class, of the U.S. Navy participated in an amphibious training exercise in the San Diego Camp Pendleton, Cal. area.

News from 1983:

•Alicia Lynn Howard was the citizenship award representative for the State of Kentucky in the Miss National Teenager Pageant. She was one of five teenage girls in the nation to be a regional winner of money

for scholarships.

•Glenn Patmor was pictured watching as a dump truck dumped rip-rap on the Patmor farm, located on Chapel Hill Road. A rock chute which prevents the waterway from eroding was nearing completion there.

•The student managers for the Crittenden County Middle School seventh and eighth grade football teams were pictured. They were Ellen Frazer, Julie Stewart, Tricia Crider, Kristie Beavers and Marcia Hough.

•Larry Orr had taken home titles in three categories at the Third Annual Duke's Racquet

Club Invitational Tennis Tournament. He was the champion of the men's 35 and over singles class and earned doubles titles with Steve Crider (men's 35 and over) and Shannon Collins (mixed class B).

•Members of the Marion Volunteer Fire Department, R.C. Hamilton, Ronnie Myers, and Gary Cruce, were pictured attempting to pry open the hood of a car which caught fire on East Depot Street.

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Church hosts fish fry, homemade fun

Annually, Mexico Baptist kicks off its fall series of events with the Brotherhood fish fry and Royal Ambassadors (RA) Racer Day. The fish-eaters and racers were at it again Saturday. "This year had the highest attendance with over 150 attendees and 28 racers," said Brent Highfil. With the help of Charlie Orr and their parents, children cut out and decorated their wooden racers (left) for a run down the track and into the soft cushion of blanket for their next run. The overall winner of this year's event was Lydia Burdon, who also took the first- through third-grade division. Burdon's car design was unique, a camouflage duck blind. Other winners were Don Winters, adult; Lauren Beavers, fourth- through sixth-grade; Gavin Hunt, birth through kindergarten boys; and Macie Hunt, birth through kindergarten girls. The next event at Mexico Baptist will be the fall revival Oct. 26-31 and Trunks of Treats.

Churchnotes

■ Pleasant Hill Church of Regular Baptist will hold its fall revival Sept. 26-28 with speaker Elder Travis Housley at 7 p.m., Sept. 26 and 27. Sept. 28 service will begin at 10 a.m., with Sunday school followed by a congregational song service at 11 a.m. The church is located between Ky. 120 and Ky. 506 on Pleasant Hill Church Road.

■ West Kentucky Associated Revival will be held today (Thursday) through Saturday at 7 nightly at New Union Baptist Church in Lola. Evangelist will be Autry Moore from Lewisburg, Ky.

■ Creekside Baptist Church will have Homecoming on Sunday with a meal at 12:30 p.m., and special singing at 2 p.m. The church is located on U.S. 60 West and everyone is invited.

■ Singers from the churches of the Ohio Valley Baptist Association will present their second annual Praise Fest at First Baptist Church of Sturgis at 7 p.m., Monday. The soloist and ensembles will sing a variety of songs from gospel to contemporary. Kelly Beaver, Associational Music Director, said, "Last year we had a wonderful outpouring of talent. God really blessed. We expect no less this year." Rev. John East, Director of Missions for OVBA, and Beaver extend an invitation for all to attend this special service of praise and worship.

■ Miracle Word Church, located on Main Street in Salem, will have free items to be given away from 9 a.m., to 4 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the church. There will be tons of clothes - infant through plus sizes and household knick-knacks.

■ Harvest House Pentecostal Church at 209 W. Gum St., Marion will be having a large yard sale beginning at 8 a.m., Friday and from 8 a.m., to noon on Saturday. Everything must go. All proceeds benefit the church.

■ Carrsville Pentecostal Church is celebrating 85 years of service. They will have homecoming Sunday with the morning service beginning at 11 a.m. and conducted by Bro. Kenneth Brand. There will be a meal after the morning service and afternoon singing by Victory Way.

■ A Benefit Singing for Dean Atchison will be held at 7 p.m., Friday at Hopewell Church in Lola. The Joy Landers will be singing and all proceeds will go to Dean Atchison for medical expenses.

■ White Chapel Church and Cemetery will have its annual business meeting at 2 p.m., Sept. 28 at White Chapel Church. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting.

■ Harvest House Pentecostal Church is hosting an Olan Mills picture fundraiser. Packages are \$10 and will be back before Christmas. Contact Monica Tabor at 704-3247 for details. All proceeds will benefit the church.

FALL REVIVAL

Pleasant Hill Church of Regular Baptist

SEPTEMBER 26, 27 & 28, 2008

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Friday: Service at 7 P.M.
Saturday: Service at 7 P.M.

Sunday Services:
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OBITUARIES

Decker

Mildred Irene Decker, 78, of Marion, died at 4 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008 at her home in Crittenden County.

She was a member of the Marion Second Baptist Church, a retired teacher, and a member of the Queen Francis' Red Hatters and the Evening Belles Homemakers Club.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas K. Decker; two daughters, Deborah Hamby of Greenville, S.C., and Erin Tyler of White Bluff, Tenn.; two sons, Neil Decker of Marion and Dale and wife Darla Decker of Greensburg, Ky.; four grandchildren, John Hamby, Laura Hamby, Kyle Decker and Leah Barrett; one great-grandchild, Makaylee Irene Decker; one sister Inez Rowland of Rensselaer, Ind.; one aunt, Dorothy Booker of Marion; and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Isabelle Vinson McConnell; and four brothers, Iley, Ivan, Robert and Hayden McConnell.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with Rev. Danny Starrick officiating, assisted by Rev. Jerry Thurman. Nephews served as pall bearers.

Burial followed at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society c/o Betty Sullenger, 130 East Mound Park Avenue, Marion, KY 42064.



McDowell

Thelma Harris McDowell, 87, of Salem, died at 2:25 p.m., Thursday, September 11, 2008 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She attended Lola Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Loretta Millikan of Paducah; one son, Ben W. Harris and wife Delita of Nashville; grandchildren, Tammy Hunter of Salem, Sheila Robinson of Paducah and Troy G. Harris of Mobile, Ala.; three great-grandchildren, Tyler, and Tyanna Hunter and Cora Robinson; and one sister, Sylvia Mae Watson of Salem.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Glynn "Shorty" Harris and her second husband, Lilbert McDowell. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Otis and Nola Shuecraft; three sisters and six brothers.

Services were held Sunday, Sept. 14 at Boyd Funeral Home in Salem. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

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Governments kick in \$2,000 to help finance documentary

STAFF REPORT

As Christmas nears, time is running out to get the funding necessary for holiday delivery of a Crittenden County documentary commissioned two years ago. To help close the gap, Ethel Tucker, a board member of Fohs Hall Inc., which is facilitating the funding of the film, came before elected officials this week seeking assistance.

"We're nearing the end of the effort to get this film done," she told Marion City Council members Monday.

Tucker's request helped push the project near completion, with the City of Marion and Crittenden Fiscal Court each donating \$1,000 toward the \$50,000 goal. Each donation, too, will be matched by Sam Koltinsky, the Princeton filmmaker producing the hour-long documentary.

That puts funding for the film about \$5,000 short of the goal, well within reach for Christmas delivery, Tucker said. Fundraising for the project began early last year. Tucker hopes to have the financing complete by the end of October so that Koltinsky can put the finishing touches on the DVD. Koltinsky has pledged to match every dollar raised toward the \$50,000 goal from this point forward.

"We're anxious to get this done by October," Tucker said.

Tucker, nearing her 91st birthday, said the DVDs will be a great way to preserve and share the county's history for future generations. Despite her past work on several published volumes of local history in text and pictures, she urged that the electronic media is probably the best fit for sharing in today's hurried society.

Mayor Mickey Alexander agreed.

"I see this as a preservation of our history," he told council members.

Magistrate Glenn Underdown, who supported the idea of the county giving \$1,000 toward the project, said he thought the documentary was overpriced. He said he favored approving the funding to help Tucker and Fohs Hall.

The documentary will include footage from around the county during all seasons, interviews with numer-

ous personalities, including Tucker, and stories from the county's past. The DVDs will sell for \$20.

A second fundraiser in October to bolster finances for the documentary will be a repeat of one earlier this summer that generated \$1,000. The Marion Woman's Club will once again host Chocolate Heaven, a buffet of desserts made by some of the best cooks the community has to offer. Tickets for the buffet will be \$10, with all proceeds going to Fohs Hall's documentary fund.

At the Oct. 9 event, a drawing will also be held for a dinner for two from Commonwealth Yacht Club at Grand Rivers and a two-night stay at a condominium at Green Turtle Bay on Lake Barkley. Tickets for the \$550-value drawing are \$10 and can be purchased at Farmers Bank, Quilting Tomorrow's Heirlooms or from Tucker.

Gooch's bill would allow 'Godly' plate

Kentuckians wanting to display the nation's motto on their license plates will soon have their chance if legislation pre-filed by state Rep. Jim Gooch becomes law.

The bill calls for a new license plate containing the words "In God We Trust" and any other design the Transportation Cabinet decides is appropriate. It would be offered as an alternative to the standard-issue license plate featuring the "Unbridled Spirit" logo, and would not carry any additional fees.

Rep. Gooch, whose previous effort to create the plate was supported unanimously earlier this year by the Kentucky House of Representatives, noted that Governor Beshear is a strong supporter of his proposal. So is state Rep. Hubie Collins, the chairman of the House's Transportation Committee and a co-sponsor of Rep. Gooch's bill.

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Retired Teacher Ranks Grow

Crittenden County Retired Teachers Association met Friday to welcome new members (from left) Cathy Hunt, Lynna Woodall, Teresa Foster and Ramona Ford. All four educators retired at the end of the 2007-08 school year. The association also mourned the loss of another member Friday, Irene Decker, who passed away earlier that day. Harold Grace, president of the local retired teachers group, said the educators continue to have a strong economic impact on the county long after they put away the chalk and eraser. Almost \$1.9 million in state retirement and medical benefits made their way to Crittenden County by way of 63 retired teachers in the county during the 2007-08 fiscal year.

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Local author reads online

Marion-based author and poet Bob Yehling's reading from his newest book, "The River-Fed Stone," will stream worldwide next week.

Yehling, who teaches writing workshops at Crittenden County Public Library and is the assistant track coach at Crittenden County High, conducted the reading for the "Poet's Moment" show at KXCI-FM in Tucson, Ariz., hosted by Ron Cipriani.

Yehling is in Tucson to present two workshops at the Society of Southwestern Authors' 36th annual

Wrangling With Writing conference.

Reading dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, Sept. 24, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 24, 10 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 28, 4 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 29, noon

To listen online, go to www.kxci.org and hit the "Listen Live" button on the home page.

The Crittenden County Writing Workshop Series, facilitated by Yehling, will kick off its third season at Crittenden County Library at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9.

The family of Lora Mae Franklin would like to thank everyone for your acts of kindness during the loss of our loved one. We are grateful to Dr. Greg Maddux and the nursing staff of Crittenden Health Systems for their loving care and comfort. The nursing staff of Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation Center were there to provide medical assistance during these days. We also would like to thank the staff of New Haven Assisted Living for all those enjoyable times.
 A special thank you to Dr. Mike Jones, pastor of Marion Baptist Church, for his words celebrating the life of Mother. We were uplifted by the music provided by Linda Brown, pianist and vocalist. Our hearts were also inspired by the vocalists, pianist, Regina Merrick and Rev. Jason Dunbar.
 To the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home and Brad Gilbert, we extend our appreciation and thanks for your compassion and support.
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Storm tips

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If you've been trying to entertain yourself and your family without power this week, you're probably questioning how anything sweet could come out of such an aggravating situation.

We only have to look to Texas to see that things could definitely be worse.

I mean really, lack of electricity isn't such a problem. The sun provides sufficient light to dress, groom and go (to someone's house to shower). The temperatures have been quite cool, so we haven't longed for air conditioning or huddled for heat as we did during the infamous February ice storm. And as an added element of ambience, crickets have provided a nice backdrop to take-out meals consumed under candlelight.

So what is the sugary substance that makes this power outage, which is in its third day at my house, bearable? I struggled to answer that question myself, but I decided it's a combination of two things - optimism and improvisation.

It's sort of sad that the sweet additive I personally seem to be missing the most is Internet service and television. Yes, our news and entertainment sources have been stopped dead in their tracks. I'm missing Sarah Palin! To substitute local and national news I usually receive online, I found myself reading a newspaper by candlelight. Optimist attitude example #1: At least we have candles.

Honestly, kids (as well as adults) are completely lost without television. If nothing else, it's background noise. In the absence of anything to listen to or watch, we pull out the Lincoln Logs, nevermind the fact that my youngest is incessant in her attempts to crash her siblings' creations. Improvisation tip #1: Build something you'd see on TV.

Who knew a hurricane could hit Kentucky so hard? Maybe we didn't, but now we do.

After the height of the storm Sunday, we returned home to move limb after limb to make our way down our gravel road to find shingles littering the yard. Optimist attitude example #2: At least it didn't pour down rain.

If you're used to waking up to fresh-brewed java and don't live just around the corner from a drive-through or convenience store, what do you do? You improvise, of course. Improvise tip #2: Heat water on the grill and sweeten instant granules excessively in order to stomach instant coffee.

We all realize that really these dry, cool days - thus dry, cool (though dark) homes are a walk in the park compared to what our friends in Texas are enduring.

I've had to keep reminding myself that when I complain about wrinkled clothes and eating out of a cooler. That's optimistic attitude example #3 - you aren't expected to iron or cook!



Patriotic portrait

Birdsville Campground near Smithland crowned royalty Labor Day weekend during a campground-sponsored parade. The very patriotic winners, completely decked out in red, white and blue are Logan McDowell, son of Brad and Misty McDowell, and Kiley Croft, daughter of T and Gina Croft, all of Marion.



Derrington-Winstead

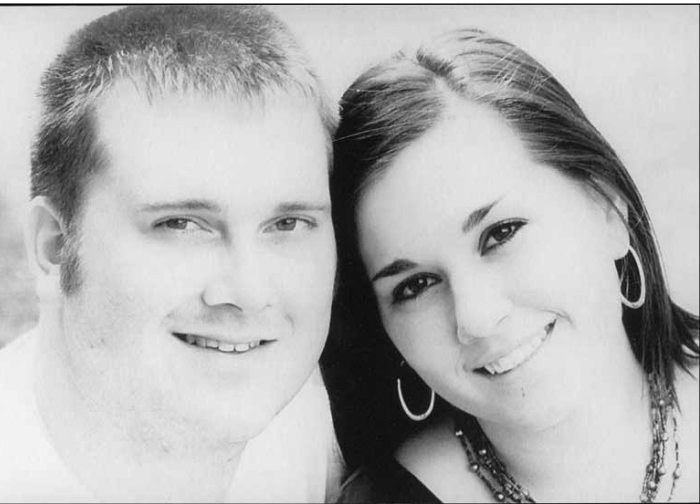
Eddie and Connie Perryman of Marion and Danny and Paula Stallion of Portland, Tenn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Casey Leann Derrington, to Billy Ramsey Winstead, son of Frank and Kim Winstead of Dixon. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Bill and Betty Lynn of Marion and Linda Perryman of Marion and the late Ken Perryman.

She is a 1998 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a member of Marion Baptist Church. She owns and operates Shear Illusions Beauty Salon in Marion.

Mr. Billy Winstead is the grandson of Elson and Portia James of Providence and Frank and Virginia Winstead of Dixon. He is a 2001 graduate of Webster County High School and is a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and Providence General Baptist Church. He is employed by Wild Wing Inc.

A private ceremony will be held Oct. 4 at the home of Jean-Claude and Caroline Kieffer, 22 Repton Cemetery Road in Marion.

All friends and family are invited to a reception beginning at 6 p.m.



Rogers-Cope

Steve and Sherry Rogers of Marion and Andy and ReNea Riddle of Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslee Jane Rogers, to Mark Kenn Cope Jr., son of Pam and George Sutton of Bardwell and Mark and Nora Cope of Paducah.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Phillip and Lucy Hunt of Cunningham and Jane Rogers of Marion and the late Bobby Rogers. She is a graduate of Carlisle County

High School and West Kentucky Community and Technical College. She is employed by South Marshall Elementary.

Cope is the grandson of the late Betty Hawkins of Bardwell and the late Loyce and Sue Cope of Bardwell. He is a graduate of Carlisle County High School and Paducah Technical College. He is employed by James Marine, Inc.

The wedding will take place at 6 p.m., Oct. 18 at Corinth United Methodist Church in Cunningham.

Southern Crittenden News

By Michelle Henderson and Matthew T. Patton

The windstorm on Sunday left many in this area in the dark when the remnants of Hurricane Ike passed through the area. Throughout the area, trees were downed, including some over homes and cars. Several reported devastating damage to property. It's clear the cleanup efforts will take quite some time.

Happy belated birthday to Vern Huff (Sept. 12).

A Little Miss and Little Master contest has been added to the lineup of Dycusburg Day. Interested applicants can find entry forms at www.dycusburg.com/dcg or at the Dycusburg Grocery. Entry fee is \$15, payable to Dycusburg Community Group. Each of the winners will receive a certificate, trophy and a \$50 savings bond, courtesy of Fredonia Valley Bank.

Dycusburg Grocery will be hosting karaoke on Fridays, and continues to host bingo on Thursdays and Saturdays. Bingo proceeds are donated to the fireworks fund for Independence Day celebrations.

If you haven't had a chance to do so, please review the lineup of activities for Dycusburg Day (Oct. 11) at www.dycusburg.com/dcg.

Do you think you may have an ancestor who served in the American Revolution? If you do and can prove your lineage, you are eligible to join the Daughters or Sons of the American Revolution. It's a great way to honor your ancestors, and several from this area definitely descend from a Revolutionary War patriot. For tips on how to get started, e-mail matthewtpatton@yahoo.com.

BIRTHS

Duncan

Sonny and Jenny Duncan of Marion announce the birth of a son, Jaxton James Duncan. Jaxton was born at 3:16 p.m., Aug. 13, 2008 at Deaconess Women's Center in Evansville. He weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Darrell and Robbie Walker of Sturgis.

Paternal grandparents are James and Anna Duncan of Marion.

Maternal great-grandmother is Bonnie Dempsey of Sturgis.

Jaxton has one sister, Jaelyn Duncan, 5.

Births are printed at no charge in The Crittenden Press.

Help kids avoid path to violence

Do you have sons or daughters between the ages of 12 and 24 years? Did you know that one of every 12 high school students is threatened or even injured by a weapon each year? These are startling numbers! Children and young adults between these ages are at the greatest risk of being affected by violence and violent behavior.

There are many reasons for violence. Often teens will use violence to express their feelings. If an individual needs to get rid of frustrated or angry feelings, then she might act out. Other reasons for violence include a desire to control other people to get what she wants or to get even with someone she cares for who have hurt her. Research shows that violent behavior is more likely in those who experience a good deal of peer pressure or bullying, low self-worth, abuse and neglect earlier in life, or unmet needs for attention and respect.

Signs that you need to seek help immediately for your child:

- Loses his temper every day
- Takes part in frequent vandalism
- Growing tendency to use drugs and alcohol
- Shows increasingly risky behavior
- Carries a weapon
- Has detailed plans for violence, discusses those plans with others, or threatens to hurt others
- Gets into physical fights a lot



Nancy Hunt Home Notes U.K. Cooperative Extension Agent

Warning signs that your child has potential for acting out violently:

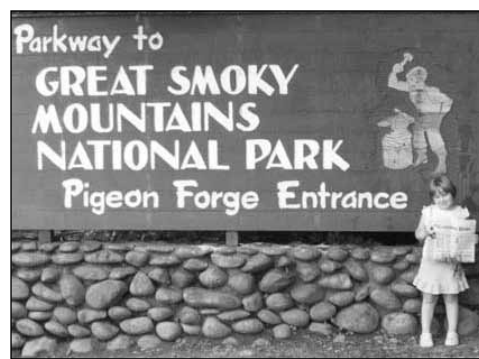
- Withdraws from activities and friends
- Is fascinated with or accesses weapons
- Shows mostly negative feelings and attitudes, such as rejection, isolation, or disrespect
- Has trouble controlling negative feelings
- Regularly fails to recognize the feelings of others and threatens them with harm
- Heavily uses drugs and/or alcohol
- Has a record of violent behavior

If you recognize some of these warning signs, there are steps you can take to help! The first thing to do is remove your youngster from the situation that brings about her negative feelings. Talk about your concerns with someone you respect and trust. The key is to not walk through this alone. Partner with a friend, family member, clergy, or school administrator to help your child get to the safe side of this battle.

Reference: APA Help Center: American Psychological Association. Warning signs of youth violence.



Shana W. Geary and her grandmother Helen Hunt visited Minneapolis, Minn., for the National American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Convention in August.



Chloe James spent vacation in July with Granny and PaPa, Danny & Donna Starrick, in the Smoky Mountains. Chloe is the daughter of Jordan and Sarah James.



The Press went to Nashville's Adventure Science Center with the Hunt Family Reunion over the holiday weekend.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

SEPTEMBER 19 DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ACT TEST

The next ACT test will be administered on Oct. 25. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register by Sept. 19 – the deadline for having the registration postmarked. Late registrations, with an additional fee, will be accepted until the final postmark deadline of October 3. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org or pick up registration packets from high school counseling offices.

The cost is \$31 for the traditional ACT and \$46 for the ACT Plus Writing. Some colleges require or recommend ACT's optional Writing Test score, so students should find out the requirements of prospective colleges before registering for the exam. ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States.

Additional information about registration for those with special needs can be found at www.actstudent.org.

ADULT ED HAS NEW FALL HOURS OF OPERATION

The Crittenden County Adult Education Center announces new fall hours: Monday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information contact the Learning Center at 965-9435.

BABY SHOWER PLANNED FOR CYNTHIA BYRD

It's a boy! The family of Cynthia Byrd would like to invite family and friends to a baby shower at the home of Alesha Beans, 312 S. College St., at 1 p.m., Saturday, Please RSVP 965-4031 or 965-5740. No invitations are being sent.

BRIDAL SHOWER IS SATURDAY FOR WHITE, WATSON

A bridal shower for Morgan White and Eric Watson will be held at 2 p.m., Sept. 20 at Emmanuel Baptist Church.



Cool deal
Johnson's Furniture and Appliances gave a GE Hotpoint refrigerator to s Ronald "Tink" Hicklin of Marion. Hicklin was one of many people who registered to win the refrigerator at the Marion Bobcats' last home game. Hicklin cheerfully claims this was the first time he's ever won anything. With Hicklin (center) are Jim Johnson and Patty Lester.

Yesh, Lucas to marry

Donna Yesh and Todd Lucas, along with their children, invite friends and family to celebrate with them as they exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m., Sept. 27.

Vows will be exchanged at their residence on SR 1901 in Mattoon. Only out of town invitations are being sent.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

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U.S. 60 yard sale stretches 175 miles

Over the weekend of Oct. 3-5, seven western Kentucky counties will team up to present the third annual Highway 60 Yard Sale. This year's sale will stretch for 175 miles along U.S. 60 through Crittenden, Union, Henderson, Daviess, Hancock, Breckinridge and Meade counties. Cities lying along the route include Marion, Sturgis, Morgantown, Waverly, Corydon, Henderson, Owensboro, Lewisport, Hawesville, Cloverport, Hardinsburg, Irvington and Muldraugh, as well as dozens of quaint communities in between.

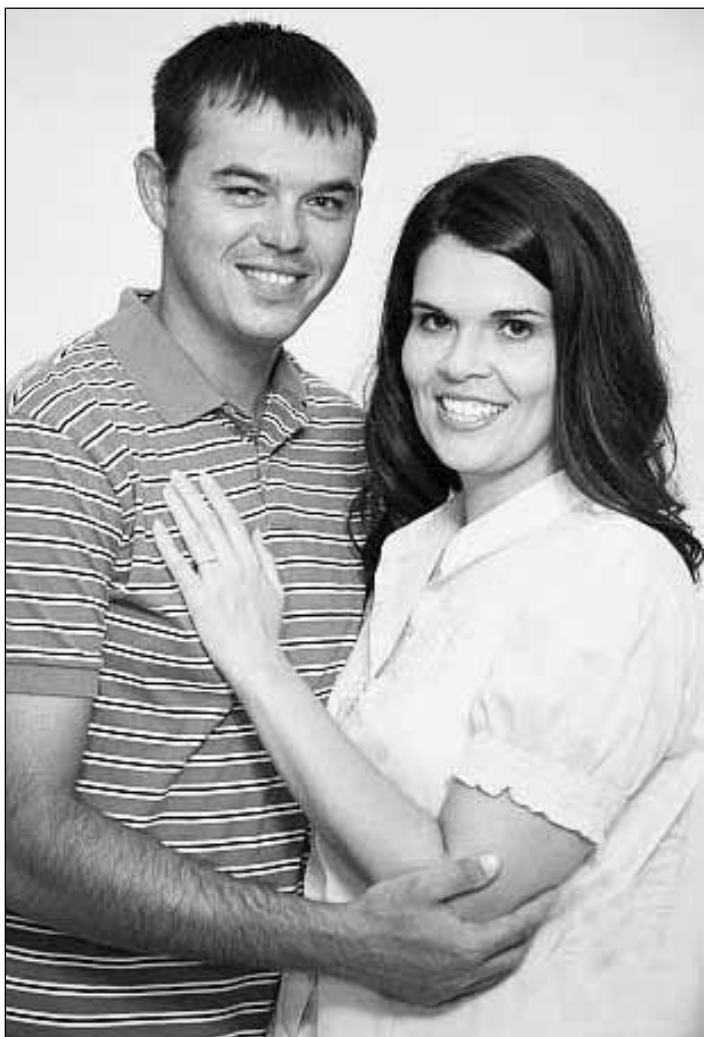
Hundreds of local individuals, businesses and groups are expected to participate this year, setting up yard

sales and craft booths on their properties. This unique event allows visitors from Kentucky and surrounding states to enjoy an exciting shopping experience, while taking in the Ohio Valley's unique restaurants, shops and southern hospitality. The sale will also provide an excellent opportunity for local organizations and clubs to hold fund-raising events.

Property owners located along U.S. 60 may participate in the event by either holding their own yard/sidewalk sale or by offering the use of their property to yard sale participants. Participants who wish to sell food should also contact their local representative to receive food preparation and serving guidelines, per-

mits, and fee payment forms from their local health department.

In Crittenden County, contact Michele Edwards at 965-5015.



Brown-Lanham

David and Patsy Brown of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Misty Lynette Brown, to Scotty Lee Lanham, son of Jerry Lanham of Marion and Patti Gregory of Tucson, Ariz.

Brown is the granddaughter of the late Tommy Hurst, the late Owen and Mamie Johnson of Salem and the late Robert and Edith Brown of Marion. She is a 1996 graduate of Crittenden County High School, a 2005 graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor's degree in

advertising and will graduate from Murray State in December with a master's degree in human development. She is employed by Murray State University.

Lanham is the grandson of Leona Gregory of Marion and the late Elzie Gregory and Dorothy Lanham of Marion and the late Eugene Lanham. He is a 1999 graduate of Crittenden County High School and is employed by Pride Industries in Pride.

A Sept. 27 wedding is planned at Marion Baptist Church.

HOMEMAKER NEWS

The Crooked Creek Homemakers met Sept. 9 for the first meeting of the club year at the home of Wanda Rudd. We welcome new member Donna Rushing, and new member-at-large Becky Long.

Present were 11 members and visitor Sue Weaver. President Wanda Rudd called the meeting to order. The pledge to the flag was led by Gladys Belt. Mona McDaniel led the devotional time with all members quoting Psalm 23. She read "Quilter's Dream," and "Feeling Poorly," something we could all identify with.

Roll call was answered with a happy memory from our school days, some of the stories showed a marked difference from present school days. One member recalled having to run around the school building three times because she couldn't tell time. Another memory involved petticoats and jumping rope, very interesting.

recreation leader, and presented us with some thought-provoking questions. Mona McDaniel and Gladys Belt taught the lesson on basketry with a history of baskets and the role Kentucky played in bringing the craft back as an important product. Several members brought baskets, giving a wide variety of styles and materials used in basket making.

A committee was selected to oversee the decorating of a Christmas tree for the Marion Welcome Center. We decided to continue each month with the projects of bringing canned foods for the Krisis Kitchen, donations of change for the Living Hope Pregnancy and Family Care Center and items to be used at the Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Hostess Wanda Rudd and co-hostess Dot Boone provided extras to go with our sack lunches. Lunch was a fun time to catch up after the summer months.

Bridal Shower
Morgan White & Eric Watson
September 20 • 2:00 p.m.
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Greenwood Heights, Marion, KY

Happy 2nd Birthday
Cody!
Love,
Papaw & Nanny
Grandson of Larry & Brenda Alexander

Happy 2nd Birthday
CUTTER
On Sept. 20!
Love, Momma & Daddy
Son of Jason & Shelley Singleton

Happy Birthday
Sweetheart On
September 20!
I Love You
Jessica

HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY
COLTON!
We Love You,
Daddy & Momma
(Son of Craig & Melissa Gilland)

HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY
ON SEPTEMBER 17TH
BAILEY BROWN!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Briley

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Dear Friends and Neighbors
of West Depot Street,

We thank you so much for the beautiful red Carnation wreath for Lora Mae Franklin. You have been such dear loved ones all these years. She treasured your friendships and enjoyed living in this wonderful neighborhood. We are especially grateful to Ruth Ann Farmer for all those times she gave our family such compassionate care.

We will remember your friendships with warm, wonderful memories. Our heartfelt thanks go to Ruth Ann Farmer, Donnie Farmer, Brian Farmer, David Farmer, Merrill James, Don James, Ronnie Davidson, Patty Wheeler, James Wheeler, Ruth Veasy, Gladys Riley, Myrna Wheeler, Linda Schumann, Wanda Berry, James Berry, Dana Berry, Jerry Berry, LaNora Metheny, Wilma Robertson, Phyllis Springer, Neta Pine, Gerladine Neighbors, Shelby Clevenger, Vicki Ford, Kenny Ford, Peggy Sherman, Roger Hughes and Dona Browning.

Our love,
Ronnie & Kay Stubblefield

LIVESTOCK REPORTS

MARION & LIVINGSTON REPORTS WEEKLY BY KDOA-USDA MARKET NEWS

MARION LIVESTOCK SALE

Monday, September 15, 2008. West Kentucky Livestock Market (cattle weighed at time of sale). Receipts: 438. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers 4.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls mostly steady.

Slaughter Cows:

Pct Lean	Weight	Avg-Dress	Hi-Dress	Lo-Dress
Breakers	75-80	1105-1570	51.50-58.50	
Boners	80-85	990-1305	47.50-53.00	
Lean	85-90	770-1140	40.00-46.50	

Slaughter Bulls:

Y.G.	Weights	Carcass	Boning	Percent	Range
1	2055-2330	77-78			70.00-76.00
2	1420-2070	75-77			67.00-71.50

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-300	275	131.00	131.00
8	300-400	311	115.00-127.00	124.19
9	400-500	489	100.00-106.50	105.90
2	500-600	560	105.50	105.50
24	600-700	645	96.00-105.00	101.39
3	700-800	712	97.50	97.50

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-300	272	91.00-111.00	101.28
2	300-400	388	110.00-113.00	111.47
3	400-500	465	82.00-96.00	86.97
12	500-600	520	87.00-90.00	88.68
6	600-700	632	85.00-91.50	89.80

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-300	228	114.00	114.00
24	300-400	357	97.00-106.00	103.35
18	400-500	457	88.00-98.00	95.94
17	500-600	532	90.00-98.50	94.69
14	600-700	615	85.00-95.00	93.59
5	800-900	848	73.00-76.50	74.39

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-300	200	75.00	75.00
10	300-400	351	85.00-95.00	92.29
3	400-500	423	81.00-85.00	83.02
13	500-600	523	73.00-85.00	77.79
4	600-700	641	74.00-84.00	80.25
2	700-800	752	67.00-70.00	68.55

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	300-400	363	111.00-114.00	112.28
19	400-500	422	98.00-114.00	107.98
14	500-600	523	90.00-97.50	96.53
7	600-700	639	80.00-88.00	85.65
3	700-800	773	78.00	78.00
2	900-1000	942	60.00-70.00	65.15

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300-400	375	105.00	105.00
4	400-500	431	85.00-95.00	91.93
7	500-600	572	77.00-86.00	83.81
2	600-700	638	76.00-82.00	78.87

Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	400-500	465	81.00	81.00

LIVINGSTON SALE

NOTE: THESE ARE LAST WEEK'S MARKET FIGURES. THE MARKET TUESDAY REPORT IS NOT BEING RELEASED UNTIL AFTER THE PRESS' 9 A.M., WEDNESDAY DEADLINE.

Tuesday, September 9, 2008. KDOA-USDA Market News.

Livingston County Livestock, Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed at time of sale). Receipts: 783. Compared to last week: Feeder steers steady to 2.00 higher. Feeder heifers 2.00-4.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady. Slaughter bulls 2.00 lower on limited test.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 200-300 lbs

121.00-128.00; 300-400 lbs 119.00-125.00; 400-500 lbs 107.50-114.00, few 119.50; 500-600 lbs 104.00-114.50; 600-700 lbs 92.00-100.00; 700-800 lbs 83.00-90.00, few 104.00; 800-900 lbs, 95.00-98.00; 900-1000 lbs 80.00.

Medium and Large 3: 200-300 lbs 90.00; 300-400 lbs

105.00-112.00; 400-500 lbs, 100.00-102.00; 500-600 lbs 94.00-103.00; 600-700 lbs 85.00-97.00; 700-800 lbs 70.00-81.00. Small 1: 200-300 lbs 108.00; 300-400 lbs 100.00-112.00; 400-500 lbs 105.00-107.00; 500-600 lbs 94.00-102.00; 600-700 lbs 80.00.

Holstein Steers: Large 3: 500-600 lbs 65.00; 600-700 lbs

66.50; 700-800 lbs, 64.50.

Feeder Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs 109.00-

114.00; 500-600 lbs, 97.00-107.00; 600-700 lbs 90.00-100.00; 700-800 lbs 82.00-87.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 200-300 lbs

97.00-123.00; 300-400 lbs, 102.00-110.00; 400-500 lbs 97.00-106.00, few 109.00; 500-600 lbs 100.00-109.50; 600-700 lbs 92.00-101.50; 700-800 lbs 83.00-94.00; 800-900 lbs 74.00-87.00. Groups of 20 head or more: 22 head 542 lbs 109.50 mixed.

Medium and Large 3: 200-300 lbs 110.00-116.00; 300-400

lbs 95.00-98.00; 400-500 lbs 88.00-96.00; 500-600 lbs 88.00-98.00; 600-700 lbs 85.00-90.00.

Small 1: 300-400 lbs 99.00; 400-500 lbs 85.00-94.00; 500-

600 lbs 90.00-98.00; 600-700 lbs 86.00-92.00.

Slaughter Cows:

Percent Lean	Weight	Average Dress	High Dress	Low Dress
Breaker	75-80	730-1590	50.00-55.00	56.00-63.50
Boners	80-85	885-1655	47.00-53.00	54.00-55.00
Lean	85-90	795-1185	45.00-49.00	40.00-43.50

Slaughter Bulls:

Yield Grade	Weight	Carcass	Boning	Percent	Average Dress	High Dress
1	1240-2160	77-78			63.00-68.00	
2	1185	74-76			57.00	

Stock Cows: Medium 1-2: Cows 2-4 years old and 5-7

months bred 700.00-900.00 per head. Cows 6-10 years old and 6-8 months bred 580.00-750.00 per head.

Stock Cows and Calves: Medium 1-2: Cows 5-8 years old

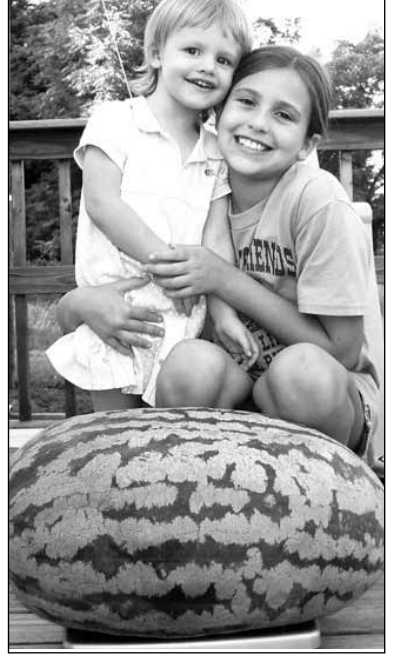
with 250-375 lbs calves at side 1075.00-1150.00 per pair. Cows 5-10 years old with 100-175 lbs calves at side 810.00-840.00 per pair. Aged cows with 125 lbs calves at side 500.00 per pair.

Calves: Baby Beef 115.00-125.00 per head. Weaned

160.00-190.00 per head.



Anna Bryant, 11, and Laney Hunt, 2, show off a melon and pumpkins grown on their Crittenden County farm on Towery Road. They are children of Perry and Lisa Hunt of Marion. Two of the pumpkins above weighed over 100 pounds and the melon at right was 44 pounds.



Local rodeo to benefit Hodge scholarship

STAFF REPORT

A benefit rodeo will be held in Marion on Saturday, Sept. 27. All net proceeds will go to the Jake Hodge Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The event, which will be held at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds, will feature a variety of events. It will begin at 4 p.m.

General admission to the rodeo will be \$2.

Any donations and administrative help will be appreciated by the organizers. Concessions will be available.

For more information, call Dale Fowler at 704-9676, Michele Fowler at

704-9067 or Jim Vaughan at 836-1092.

Jake Hodge died in his sleep in June. The 12-year-old was a very successful cowboy and had only recently qualified for the National Junior Rodeo Finals.

The Jake Hodge Memorial Scholarship Fund has already raised \$23,000. The scholarship committee will be selecting annual recipients from Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties, as well as one for the Kentucky High School Rodeo Association.

To contribute to the scholarship fund, go online to jakehodge.com.

Scholarship Fund Rodeo

Events and entry fees are as follows:

Open Barrel Racing\$20
Youth Breakaway2 for \$30
Open Breakaway3 for \$60
Open Tie Down3 for \$100
Youth Team Roping2 for \$20
Open Team RopingTeam \$40

All events are three-head progressive.

Especially for women in agriculture Annie's Project deadline Oct. 1

Women wanting to take a more active role in the business side of farming operations will be interested in Annie's Project, being offered by the UK Extension offices of Crittenden and Livingston counties.

The goal of the series of classes is to help farm women be better business partners in the complex world of agriculture.

Topics to be covered in the six sessions include how property is titled, retirement and estate planning, USDA programs, spreadsheets and FAST Tools, grain marketing, alternative enterprises, farm leasing, insurance and more.

Presenters include professionals from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and the community.

Sessions will be held six Thursdays beginning Oct. 16.

All sessions will be from 5:30 to 9 p.m., and will include dinner.

Three sessions will be at the Marion Ed-Tech Center and three at Salem's Deer Lakes Golf Course conference room.

Cost to participate is \$50 and due by Oct. 1.

The following banks and farm businesses in Crittenden County are helping to sponsor the program:



Farmers Bank & Trust Company, The Peoples Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Marion Feed Mill and Crittenden Farm Supply. Registration forms are available at all of these locations and the FSA office.

Annie's Project is named after a farm wife in Illinois who spent her lifetime learning how to be an involved business partner with her husband. Annie's daughter, an Extension Agent in Illinois, created the program to take her experiences and share them with other farm women.

A statewide grant made it possible for the local program to be offered. The grant is available on a limited basis to counties so this will be the only opportunity for it to be held in Crittenden and Livingston counties.

The workshops are not limited to residents of Crittenden and Livingston but pre-registration is required.

For further information call the Crittenden County Extension office at 965-5236 or Livingston at 928-2168 or e-mail: nancy.hunt@uky.edu.

BRIEFLY

Conservation Dist. accepts KARE applications

The Crittenden County Conservation District will begin accepting applications for the Kentucky Agricultural Relief Effort (KARE) Program next week. The program will provide assistance for producers affected by the 2007 late freeze and drought. Applications will be available Monday and the deadline to return them will be Sept. 26. The conservation district will cost-share up to 50 percent of the cost for eligible items. The maximum amount a producer will receive is \$1,000 on any practice. There are 18 eligible items offered in the program: Drilling for subsurface aquifers and well establishments; Developing and piping of farm springs; Construction of small stream water basins; Establishing and enhancing farm ponds; Water hook-up to city/county water lines for farm usage; Irrigation equipment, structures and components; Forage/pasture development; Pasture/grain improvement; Filter fabric pads for heavy use areas; Fence and water; Seeding; Custom services and rental of equipment; Cooling fans and sprinkler systems; Shade cloth and other temporary or permanent agricultural shelters; Feeding equipment, commodity storage structures, hay wrappers, feed mixers and silage feeding/storage equipment (excludes forage harvesting equipment); Crop insurance premiums; Trailers, wagons and other forage/commodity transportation related equipment (excludes livestock trailers); Animal waste handling equipment; Rootstock and trees and certified, hybrid and/or other seed varieties. Tractors, skid steer loaders, and other motorized self-propelled equipment and vehicles (except irrigation systems) are excluded from this program. For more information, stop by the county conservation district office in the USDA building at 118 East Bellville Street, or contact the office at 965-3921.

Corn crop damaged by high winds Sunday

The harvesting of corn for grain and silage continues, but remains behind normal. As of Sunday, 12 percent of the state's corn had been harvested. Some Crittenden County producers are reporting damage to their corn fields. Charlie Hunt at Marion Feed Mill, which buys corn from local growers, said that while ready-to-harvest corn suffered the most damage, stalks with a little green left in them survived much better. He said soybean damage appears to have been minimal. Those with corn damage will still be able to harvest their crop, but may lose a portion of it, Hunt predicted. Overall across the state, the crop was rated two percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 28 percent excellent as of Sunday. Farmers are continuing to report that soybean yields, both full season and double crop, may be reduced because of the dry conditions. Soybean condition was rated 5 percent very poor on Sunday, 15 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 35 percent good, and 18 percent excellent. Sixteen percent of soybeans have dropped leaves, compared to 41 percent last year. About 36 percent of soybean leaves had turned yellow. Pasture conditions continue to decline due to dry weather. Kentucky's pastures on Sunday were rated 29 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 12 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Hay crops were rated 17 percent very poor, 31 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 16 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

Livestock disease center gets \$20 million

Gov. Steve Beshear has given the University of Kentucky Livestock Disease and Diagnostic Center officials \$20,000,000. The funds were provided by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and will be used to renovate and expand existing space to meet the most up-to-date standards for health and biosecurity. The Livestock Disease and Diagnostic Center is a full service animal diagnostic facility that helps identify infectious diseases, identify regulatory diseases, provides the means to meet export sales requirements and provides an early warning system for impending epidemics.

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GOLF

Upcoming events

4-Person this weekend
 •36-hole Marion Country Club 4-Person Scramble, Saturday and Sunday. Register at pro shop.
4-Man Scramble Oct. 18-19
 •Two state park golf courses will be the sites for the Lake Barkley-Mineral Mound 2-Man Scramble on Oct. 18-19. The Saturday round will be played at Mineral Mound State Park at Eddyville and the Sunday round will be played at Lake Barkley State Resort Park Boots Randolph Golf Course. Entry fee of \$200 per team covers green fees, cart and lunch both days (Kentucky State Park Golf Pass holders do receive a discount) along with hole and team prizes. The tournament features an 8:30 a.m., shotgun on both days. For more information about the scramble, call Lake Barkley's pro shop at 1-800-295-1878 or Mineral Mound at 1-866-904-7888.

OUTDOORS

October Hunter Ed

There will be a Hunter Education Class at the Marion Ed-Tech Center Oct. 3-4. The class on Oct. 3 will be from 6-9 p.m., and on Saturday from 8 a.m., until completion. For more information, contact Greg Rushing at 965-3400 or Danny Belt at 988-2406.

Woodies fair game

The Kentucky early wood duck and teal season opened Wednesday and runs through Sunday. The bag limit is four birds with no more than two wood ducks. Creeks and marshes that have not been affected by the summer's mild drought are good places to set up for wood ducks. Teal are commonly found around larger bodies of water.

Sloughs blind drawing

Sloughs Wildlife Management Area near Henderson will have its waterfowl blind drawing starting at 6 p.m., Sept. 30 at Union County Middle School. Applicants must have all Kentucky hunting licenses and state and federal waterfowl permits.

FOOTBALL

Young Rockets Night

All Crittenden County youth football players in the flag football and junior pro leagues will get into the Friday night high school football game free if they wear their team jersey. All of the players attending will be recognized prior to the game. The pre-game introduction of players will begin at 7 p.m.

Tailgate party Friday

The Lady Rocket basketball team will host a tailgate party at the CCHS multi-purpose room starting at 5 p.m., Friday before the football game. Players will pre-sell pork chop sandwich meals for \$5 and hot dog meals for \$3. Meals consist of sandwich, chips, drink and dessert. Extra pork chop sandwiches may be purchased for \$3. All sales at the door will be \$1 extra.

FITNESS

Second Sunday event

Second Sunday, a statewide event encouraging physical fitness, is scheduled for Oct. 12 at the Marion City-County Park from 2 to 5 p.m. The Crittenden County Extension Service is organizing the local effort to encourage families and individuals to come out to the park to walk or play sports. Efforts are being made for this event to be held in all Kentucky counties on this same date. Churches, businesses and organizations that would like to have an educational health related booth or sponsor an event such as a kickball or softball game can contact Nancy Hunt at 965-5236 or via e-mail at nancy.hunt@uky.edu.

SOCCER

Crittenden beats Caldwell

Crittenden County's 10-under soccer team beat Caldwell County 5-4 Saturday at Princeton. Crittenden's Kali Travis scored three goals while Francesca Pierce and Alexis Tabor had one apiece. Meredith Evans had five saves at the goal. Travis scored the game-winner with 30 seconds to play.

District up next

Rockets fall to 2nd ranked foe

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County had the ninth ranked team in Class 4A on the ropes early Friday at Murray, but turnovers killed the Rockets' hopes of an upset as Calloway County cruised to a 28-6 victory.

Crittenden will be at Rocket Stadium this week for the team's home opener against Fulton City, a Class A District 1 opponent. Crittenden is ranked 13th in Class A and Fulton is ranked 15th.

At Calloway, the Rockets trailed 7-6 near the end of the first half then failed to stop the Lakers on an 81-yard drive to the end zone before fumbled the ensuing kickoff. Calloway punched in another touchdown after the turnover and just before the half for a 20-6 edge.

Laker quarterback Casey Brockman stretched the Crittenden secondary for 242 yards on 18-for-37 passing, which included two touchdowns. Brockman also rushed for another.

The Lakers scored just once more in the last half after Crittenden fumbled near midfield. Calloway also intercepted two Crittenden passes late in the game.

It was the Rockets' second straight game against a ranked Class 4A opponent. Crittenden lost to sixth-ranked Lone Oak the previous week. This time, the Rockets were playing without leading rusher Rodney Robertson, who broke his hand in the Lone Oak game. He is expected to be out for at least four



Crittenden's Dustin McConnell (85) above returns a kickoff during the Rockets loss Friday at Calloway County while teammate Dyllan Thornton (right) gives Laker quarterback Casey Brockman a shot as he throws a pass.



Starnes pointed out that Dyllan Thornton and Berry both played well at linebacker. Berry, he said, also had a big game at receiver, where he started for the first time. Additionally, the coach pointed to the play of Aaron Berry, Dylan Clark and Terry Werne as positive aspects of the game.

"There were just some little things that we have to quit doing if we're going to beat teams like that," Starnes said. "We fumbled that

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FALL SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Brantley 21st at state's Class A golf tournament

Crittenden County's Hannah Brantley finished 21st in the Touchstone Energy All A Classic State Golf Tournament Saturday at Arlington Golf Course in Richmond. Brantley shot an 86, finishing 13 strokes off the lead. Brantley was the First Region Class A champion.



Brantley

Owen Townsend of Russellville shot a 1-over-par 73 to win the state title.

Crittenden's Lonna Starnes fired a 93, finishing in 38th place in the girls' tournament.

Crittenden's Janson James shot a 90 Saturday and tied for 71st in the boys' Class A Tournament at Gibson Bay Golf Course in Richmond. James shot a 43-47 split at the tournament. His round took about seven hours to complete in a heavy windstorm.

Jared Flanery of Elliott County shot a 70 to capture the boys' title.

LOCAL GIRLS CLASS A SCORES

Hannah Brantley, Crittenden.....	86
Lonna Starnes, Crittenden.....	93
Mariah Owen, Livingston Central.....	99
Tesa Durard, Livingston Central.....	104
Laken Durard, Livingston Central.....	107
Tana Durard, Livingston Central.....	108

LOCAL BOYS CLASS A SCORE

Janson James, Crittenden.....	90
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Results from Sept. 9, 2008

Crittenden vs. Lyon County at Marion County Club

Team Results:

Crittenden Varsity.....	173
Lyon Varsity.....	204
Crittenden JV1.....	195
Lyon JV.....	218
Crittenden JV2.....	222

Individual Results:

Crittenden Varsity

Janson James, Co-Medalist.....	41
Justin Defreitas, Co-Medalist.....	41
Alec Pierce.....	44
Cody McDonald.....	51
*Hannah Brantley, Medalist.....	47
*Lonna Starnes.....	49

Crittenden JV1

Paxton James.....	45
Cameron McDaniel.....	49
Jordan Croft.....	45
Jordan Enoch.....	56
Cory Prado.....	56

Crittenden JV2

Tyler Robertson.....	45
Devin Belt.....	54
Jason Enoch.....	61
Adam Deboe.....	62
Cole Foster.....	62

*Brantley and Starnes both played with the varsity boys in order to count the match as an official competition.

VOLLEYBALL

Girls get back on track

After a disappointing league setback to district foe Caldwell County, the Lady Rockets got right back on track Tuesday



Members of the Lady Rocket volleyball team get ready for a serve during recent action at Rocket Arena. Pictured are (from left) Casey Knox, Torey Baker, Kaitlyn Maynard, Megan Roberts and Taylor Venable.

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at Graves County, winning in straight sets 25-12, 25-23. Crittenden (14-4) jumped on the Lady Eagles in the opening set and dominated the entire way.

The second set was much tougher as the hosts ran out to an early 6-2 lead. But the Lady Rockets kept their composure, battling back for a 20-all tie. They continued strong, nipping Graves by two points to sweep the season series.

Crittenden has not lost two straight the entire season.

"It is fun to coach when the girls are enjoying playing," Lady Rocket skipper Larry Duvall said after the victory.

The Lady Rockets missed out on any opportunity to garner the No. 1 seed for the post-season tournament next month when they lost to visiting Caldwell County in three sets last Thursday, 8-26, 25-20, 17-25.

After a slow start, the Lady Rockets never found their rhythm and fell to 2-2 in Seventh District play.

Meanwhile, the Lady Tigers (21-2, 7-0) have now clinched the top spot for the post-season affair.

FOOTBALL

CCMS beats Caldwell

Crittenden County Middle School improved to 4-0 with an easier-than-anticipated 36-6 win at Caldwell County Tuesday. Brenden Phillips rushed for 237 yards and Grant Gardner ran for 108. Bowe Wallace and Aaron Owen gained 44 and 30 yards, respectively.

Phillips and Gardner accounted for all five touchdowns as Crittenden scored all of its points in the first three periods. Caldwell's only TD came in the second.

QB Travis Gilbert completed 2-of-3 passes for 21 yards. Ethan Hill and Gardner had the two receptions.

Defensively, Crittenden was led by Stephon Cozart's 4 solos and 1 assist. Phillips intercepted a pass and Wallace, Owen and Gilbert added three solo stops apiece. Eli Bebout had two.

Crittenden lost the B-game 18-14 as Owen rushed for 41 yards and Gilbert passed for 110 to lead the Rockets. Clint Asbridge caught 2 passes for 72 yards and Hill had two catches for 38 yards.

Juniors split at Webster

Crittenden County's Junior Pro football teams split a doubleheader last Thursday at Webster County. The fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets beat the junior Trojans 28-0 and the third- and fourth-grade Crittenden boys lost 12-6 in triple overtime.

Crittenden's Paxton Riley scored the only touchdown in the first game while Colby Watson and Dakota Stone scored twice each for the fifth and sixth graders. Stone also had two conversion runs.

Fifth and sixth graders

Offense - Rushing: Cole Easley 3-15, Noah Dickerson 1-7, Colby Watson 3-96, Dakota Stone 9-75. Passing: Matthew Hassett 1-4-0, 11 yds. Receiving: Michael Hassett 1-11.

Defense - Tackles: Easley 4, Watson 3, Chase Young 3, Travis McKinney 3, Dylan Hollis 3, Dickerson 3, Mi.Hassett 2, Ma.Hassett 1, Jesse Belt 2, Dylan Hicks 1, Stone 1, Jacob Greenwell 1, Brandon Martin 1, Chase Dempsey 1. Fumble recoveries: Watson 1. Sacks: Young 1.

Third and fourth graders

Offense - Rushing: Ethan Hunt 12 yds., Adam Beavers 9 yds., Paxton Riley 55 yds., Trent Champion 1 yd. Receiving: Noah Sallin 59 yds. Passing: Riley 54 yds.

Defense - Tackles: Logan Belt 4, Wade Gilbert 1, Ben Brown 5, Hunt 1, Riley 6, Sallin 2, Champion 3, Triston Thompson 1, Cody

This week's game

ROCKETS
Bulldogs
Kickoff
 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY
 at Rocket Stadium

CRITTENDEN COUNTY (1-2)

Offense: Multiple
 Defense: 50
Player Report: Rodney Robertson (broken left hand) is out; Andrew Freeman (elbow) is questionable.

FULTON CITY (2-1)

Offense: I-Formation
 Defense: 4-3
Results this season:
 Won at West Carroll, Tenn., 34-26
 Lost at home to South Fulton, Tenn., 36-30
 Won at Fulton County 37-13

The series: The Rockets are 16-20 all time against the Fulton Bulldogs; however, Crittenden has won 10 of the last 11 meetings. Fulton won the game last year on its home field, beating Crittenden 26-22 in the final seconds of the contest. From 1994 through 2004, Crittenden beat Fulton 10 straight times, its second longest winning streak against another team. The longest was 16 straight wins against Ballard Memorial. The Rockets are 24-27 in home openers. Coach Al Starnes is 11-2 in his last 13 home openers. The Rockets, who lost their home opener last year to Calloway County, have not lost two straight home openers since the 1993 and 1994 seasons. Fulton is 7-25 in road games since 2002.

Game Notes: Rocket QB J.D. Gray is currently ranked 2nd all-time in pass completion percentage with at least 130 career pass attempts. His 50.7-percent passing efficiency is second to all-time leader Austin Berry with 57.3 percent.

Scouting Report: The Bulldogs play an unorthodox defense that puts emphasis on stopping the run. Offensively, Fulton relies heavily on QB Aaron Wilson and tailback Jacquise Lockett. Wilson is a fair passer and very dangerous runner. Lockett and Wilson both are capable of going the distance on any play. TE Cody Taylor is Wilson's favorite target on passing plays.

Crittenden County Prep & Youth

Upcoming school sports events

Thursday
 Soccer at Trigg County
 Volleyball hosts Trigg County

Friday
 Football hosts Fulton City
 (Hall of Fame & Young Rockets)

Saturday
 Jr. Pro football hosts Caldwell Gold

Tuesday
 Golf at Novadell Golf Course
 Soccer hosts Fort Campbell
 Volleyball at Livingston Cent.
 MS football host So. Hopkins

Belt 7, Shelby Robinson 11, Jake Ellington 5, Dakota Koerner 4, Maeson Myers 12. Fumble recoveries: Robinson 2, Myers 2.

SOCCER

Offense missing in loss

The winless Lady Rockets (0-7) were shutout for the second consecutive game Tuesday night, dropping a 10-0 decision at University Heights.

"They're the best team by far we've played this season. Our kids battled hard," Crittenden coach Michael Gibson said.

A lack of offensive punch was the same problem last Thursday at Christian County. Crittenden was blanked 5-0.

Despite controlling the ball for 50 minutes of the game and getting 20 shots on goal, the visitors never got on the scoreboard.

"We took a lot of shots. They just did not go in," Crittenden coach Michael Gibson said.

Lady Rocket backup goalie Emily Owen - filling in for Brantley who was golfing (see above) - had 15 saves.

Hall of Fame inducts 2 storied teams

War was over: 1945 team like a band of brothers

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

World War II was over and football season was on everyone's mind in the fall of 1945.

Marion High School was the smallest institution playing in the West Kentucky Conference, but fielded one of its best teams.

In the backfield were four seniors who were among the top players in the conference. In the single wing formation, Bob Roy Swisher took most of the direct snaps. Flanking him were halfbacks Buddy Loyd and J.D. Vaughan and fullback Jesse Hansen. Each of the four earned all-state honorable mention that season as Swisher averaged seven yards per carry, Vaughn and Hansen averaged five and Loyd four.

The heralded offense was led by a tough front line that included ends Charles "Hoggy" Gass and James "Burlap" McChesney. McChesney was inducted into the Hall of Fame as an individual in 2003. He also had a successful collegiate football career at Western Kentucky University. The interior line included tackles Hadley Foster, Bill "Copper" Johnson, Herman Lowery and Rowndy Hill, and guards Billy Reeder and Bobby Hunter. With a thin roster, most all of the starters played both ways on offense and defense. Some of the key reserves were Billy Joe Williams; David Stalions, who was known as the fastest kid on the team; Joe Tabor; Willard Clay Moore; Jimmy "Red" King; Jim "Hoot" Gibson; Bud Foster; Charlie Conyer; Robert Jenkins, who still lives in Marion; Buddy Hamilton; Harry Crider and Bobby John Crider.

About a half dozen of them are still living. Gass and Jenkins are the only ones still in Crittenden County, but Stalions is a farmer in Livingston County. Swisher lives in Paducah and Vaughan in Owensboro, and both are planning to attend Friday's induction ceremony.

Johnson, who now lives in St. Louis, said he recalls that season quite vividly. He was just a junior and remembers the special senior class that led the way to seven wins and just one loss. The only defeat came at the hands of a very talented Henderson team that had several future collegiate football stars.

"They had two guys I remember. One was MoJo Hollowell and the other was Wilbur 'Shorty' Jamerson," said Johnson. "Jamerson went on to become an All-American at UK and Hollowell played at Louisville. You couldn't tackle 'Shorty' Jamerson."

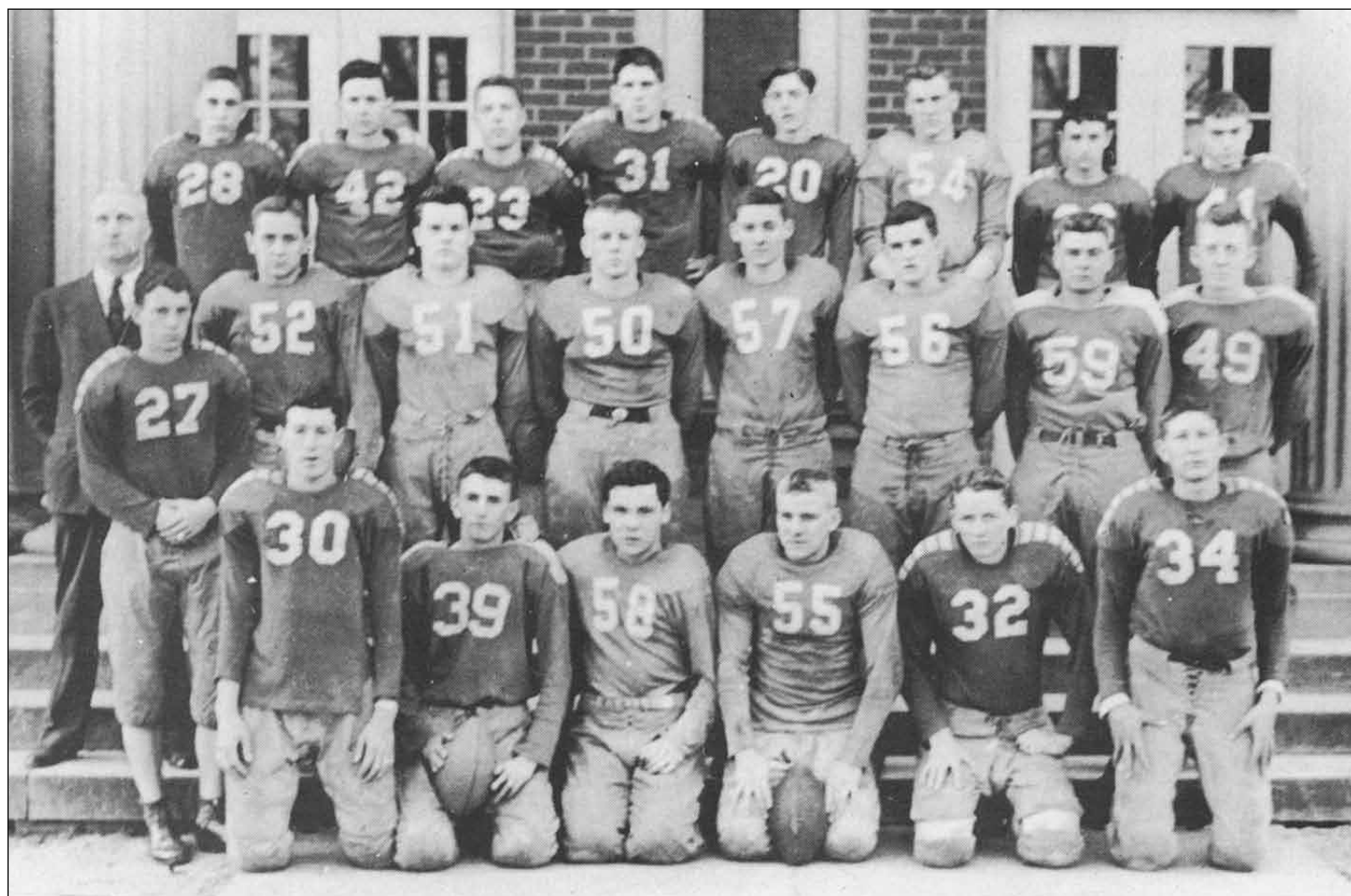
Despite being the smallest school playing football between Fulton and Bowling Green, the Marion Blue Tigers finished tied for first place in the West Kentucky Conference. Out of 14 teams, Marion, Henderson, Owensboro and Hopkinsville finished the season deadlocked for the championship with one loss apiece, Swisher said.

Back then there was no playoff system. "We beat Sturgis, Morganfield twice, Madisonville, Princeton, Murray and Eldorado, Ill.," recalled Swisher, who is also an individual inductee into the local football hall of fame. "We were all good little athletes but not outstanding. We were all pretty intelligent and just played well together."

Vaughan echoed that explanation, pointing to a special bond that helped the team overcome its small numbers and overachieve against much more talented teams.

"We were like a band of brothers. We all knew each other so well. We had played together all our lives," Vaughan said. "We had a good little team, but there weren't many of us."

The 1945 team will go down in history as one of the greatest to ever play in Marion. It joins the 1985 Class A state champion and the 1963 state semifinalist as the only team members to be inducted collectively into the Marion-Crittenden County Hall of Fame.



Members of the 1945 football team as they appeared in the 1946 MHS Yearbook were (front from left) Charles Gass, Harry Crider, Billy Joe Williams, Glendell Hill, Miley Johnson, James Gipson, (second row) coach C.A. Hollowell, David Stalions, Bobby Swisher, J.D. Vaughan, Buddy Loyd, Bill Tabor, Bobby Hunter, Robert Jenkins, Jimmy King, (third row) Buddy Foster, Charles Conyer, Herman Lowery, James McChesney, Joseph Tabor, Jesse Hansen, Bobby John Crider and Buddy Hamilton.



Members of the 1963 football team as they appeared in the 1964 CCHS Yearbook were (front from left) Ed Vied, Larry Brantley, Charles Doom, David Haire, David Brantley, Dwight Little, Ronnie Mott, (second row) Jimmy Hopper, Dennis Mott, James Murray, John Walker, Barry Gilbert, Thomas Vaughn, Larry Orr, (third row) Jerry Hill, Donnie Orr, Gerald Kinnin, Ray Davis, James Riley, Kenneth Travis, David Martin, (back) Stanley Bailey, Jerry Mills, Bill Towery, Ed Davenport, Butch Fletcher and Tommy Hughes.

1963 Rockets finished one short of state championship game

BY CHRIS HARDESTY
PRESS SPORTS WRITER

After school consolidation in 1958, the young Crittenden County football program had not enjoyed much success, going 7-41-2 in its first few years.

The 1963 Rockets were determined to change that trend. The hungry Rockets did just that with an 8-3-1 season that ended in the state semifinals.

Coach Bill Huff was quoted in The Crittenden Press saying, "This Rocket team will be the Class A darkhorse, capable of upsetting some higher ranked rivals."

Indeed, that prediction held true as Crittenden County beat Paducah Lincoln, Sturgis, Henderson Douglas, Morganfield and Christian County.

Its average margin of victory that breakout season was 30.7 points per game. Only two of its eight wins came by fewer than 30 points.

After a 6-0 start, injuries began to bite the team as senior standout running back Jimmy Hopper was sidelined with a pulled side muscle. Meanwhile, two-way senior lineman Dwight Little suffered a bruised tendon in his ankle.

That brought their undefeated streak to an end the next week as Daviess County handed the Rockets a 34-6 setback in Owensboro.

Jamie Champion, a junior tight end and middle linebacker on the squad, believes having those two stars healthy would have made all

Halftime Ceremony

The Marion High 1945 football team and the Crittenden County High School 1963 team will be honored at halftime of Friday's Crittenden County High School football game against Fulton City. The teams will be inducted into the Marion-Crittenden County Football Hall of Fame. There will be a pre-game hospitality tent in the east end zone for inductees, their families and friends. All players, coaches and support staff for those teams are encouraged to attend the induction ceremony, which will be at halftime. All those participating in the ceremony should be in the east end zone two minutes before halftime.

the difference.

"It would have been a lot closer than that," he said of the game.

It didn't take long for the Rockets to get back on track with victories over Trigg County and Sturgis to improve to 8-1.

Champion attributes the successful season to team chemistry.

"We were like one big family. We all did our jobs," he said.

He recalls one time when he missed a practice. Coming in the following day, he found that coach Huff had removed his equipment from the locker room. Huff told Champion that if he wanted to remain on the team, he would have

to run 100 wind sprints and 100 laps that week in practice.

Champion followed his coach's demands and also sat out a game.

"Coach Huff had rules and I had to abide by them," said Champion.

After advancing to the playoffs, the Rockets hosted Murray in the regional final in front of more than 2,000 fans. The Tigers entered the game as a two-touchdown favorite, but the Rockets battled them to a 14-14 tie, and winning the game on a statistical tie-breaker.

Donnie Phillips, an end on the team, recalls the excitement of the program's first ever playoff game. He recalls, too, the anxiety of waiting at the conclusion of the contest as the statistics were tallied to determine that the Rockets gained two more first downs than Murray. That statistic gave Crittenden an edge and allowed it to move ahead in the playoffs.

"That was probably one of the best high school games I've ever seen," he said.

Phillips, who went on to be named All-State defensive end by the Louisville Courier-Journal his senior year, still has fond memories from 45 years ago.

"I was proud to be on the team. I don't think there are any more loyal fans than there are in Crittenden County," he said.

After the win over Murray, Crittenden traveled to Shelbyville for the state semifinal.

With the Rockets leading 21-20

Marion-Crittenden County Football Hall of Fame

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Dwight Little (98)
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Woodson "Chuck" Rushing (99)
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Charles "Turkey" Hughes (99)
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Bob Swisher (00)
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Tom Johnson (01)
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James "Burlap" McChesney (03)
Charles "Bill" Tabor (03)
Ronnie D. Moss (03)
Al Starnes (04)
Jerry Woodall (04)
Jimmy Hopper (05)
Josh Andrews (05)
Clinton Easley (05)
Jamie Champion (06)
Denis Hodge (06)
Chad Mott (06)
Wompie Stewart (07)
David Beverly (07)
1945 Marion High Team (08)
1963 Crittenden Co. Team (08)

in the second half, the Red Devils struck for 19 unanswered points on their way to eliminating the Rockets from the postseason.

Senior two-way tackle Dwight Little, who went on to play at the University of Kentucky, recalls a controversial ruling by the officials in the second half. On a fourth and one, it appeared that Hopper had gained enough for a first down, but the officials did not think so and awarded the ball to the Red Devils on downs.

"It shifted the momentum of the game," Little said.

He also thought Hopper was hit

late several times after plays ended, but no penalty flags were thrown.

Still, he was thrilled to be on the team which recorded the school's first winning season and initial postseason victory.

"That was such a thrill to play on a winning team," he said.

Hopper, who still holds the school record for most rushing yards in a game with 343 against Sturgis in '63, remembers quarterback Larry Orr's patented two-handed jump pass that proved to be a big weapon.

Despite coming up short of a coveted state championship, Hopper still labeled it as a championship season.

"It seemed like everybody clicked together. We had to be tough or we would not have gone as far as we did," said Hopper, who rushed for 1,581 yards that fall.

He also had tremendous praise for assistant coach Bill Elder, who helped him have a solid career.

"He was a super backfield coach," said Hopper, who is the third leading rusher in school history with 2,746 yards.

After the thrilling '63 season, the Rockets did not have another winning campaign until 1972 when that squad finished 6-5 under Dickie McDonald.

ROCKETS

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onside kick right before the half, just like we did the week before against Lone Oak. Those kinds of things really hurt you."

This week's Class A First District game with Fulton City will also be Young Rockets Night and the Hall of Fame Game. Young Rockets are going to be recognized starting at 7 p.m., and the Hall of Fame induction for the 1945 Marion High and 1963 Crittenden County High teams will be at halftime.

Calloway 28, Crittenden 6

Score By Quarters

Crittenden	6	0	0	0
Calloway	7	13	8	0

Scoring Plays

Call-Casey Brockman 10 run (Garrett Schwettman kick) 5:03, 1st
Critt-J.D. Gray 14 run (kick failed) 1:45, 1st
Call-Tyrell Willis 16 run (Schwettman kick) 3:21, 2nd
Call-C.J. Dial 28 pass from Brockman (kick blocked) 2:18, 2nd
Call-Chris Dobbins 2 pass from Brockman (Schwettman run) 5:04, 3rd

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Crittenden 6, Calloway 19
Penalties: Crittenden 2-6.5, Calloway 6-4.5
Rushing: Crittenden 21-101, Calloway 39-120

Passing: Crittenden 10-20-2, 64 yds., Calloway 18-37-0, 242 yds.

Total Yards: Crittenden 165, Calloway 362

Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 3-2, Calloway 2-2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Crittenden: Gray 15-79, Andrew Freeman 6-22.
Calloway: Brockman 9-49, Josh Friedrich 3-14, George Garner 1(-5), Willis 13-19, Austin Hargrove 6-25, Jordan Bumpus 4-20, Jordan Burkeen 3(-2).

Passing

Crittenden: Gray 10-20-2, 64 yds. Calloway: Brockman 18-37-0, 242 yds.

Receiving

Crittenden: Brian Berry 3-39, Gaige Courtney 4-14, Dustin McConnell 2-3, Joey Pluskota 1-8. Calloway: Chris Dobbins 9-111, Garner 5-69,

Willis 3-41, Hargrove 1-21.

Defense

Clark 2 solo, 3 assists, sack; Courtney 8 solos, 8 assists, 4 TFL, fumble recovery; McConnell solo, assist; Gray 3 solos, 3 assists, blocked kick; Thornton 2 solos, 7 assists, caused fumble; Fletcher solo, 3 assists; Cudnick 2 solos, 4 assists; A.Berry 5 assists; Freeman 4 solos, 4 assists, TFL, caused fumble; Werne 6 assists; Pluskota solo, assist; Nix solo, assist; Long 2 solos, 3 assists, TFL; Copeland assist; Urbanowski 5 solos, Wallace solo, assist; Willis solo, assist; Hernandez assist; Atwell solo, TFL; B.Berry 3 solos, assist, TFL.

Records: Crittenden 1-2, Calloway 3-0.

Players of the Game: Offense J.D. Gray; Defense Gaige Courtney; Lineman Aaron Berry and Dylan Clark.

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yard sales

LARGE YARD SALE, Fri. 8 a.m.-?, Sat. 8 a.m.-12, at Harvest House Pentecostal Church- 209 West Gum St. Everything must go. All proceeds benefit the church. (11-12-p)

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YARD SALE, Saturday only, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 1920 SR 70. Lots of boys and girls clothes and other misc. items. Rain or shine. (11-12-p)

COMMUNITY YARD SALE - There will be a Heritage Days community yard sale Sept. 19 and 20 at the old junior high school lot on College Street in Marion. There will be no charge for set-up or advertising. If interested in participating, call Judy at 704-2367 before 9 p.m. (2t-37)

3 FAMILY YARD SALE, Thurs.-Fri., 9 a.m.-?, 224 E. Elm Street in Marion. Children's clothing from 0-8 yrs., mostly girls, women and men of all sizes. Toys, large area rugs, exercise equipment and etc. (11-12-p)

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Case No. 06-CI-00026

New Century Mortgage Corporation

plaintiff

vs.
Natha Lafayette Way,
and Angela R. Way

defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on July 18, 2006 and an order rescheduling the sale entered June 2, 2008, I will on Friday, October 3, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, at the Court-house 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 and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit-)

Parcel No: 071-00-00-023.01

Legal Description: All iron pins set are 1/2 x 24" rebar with a plastic cap stamped "B.J. May L.S. 878".

BEGINNING at an iron pin set on the east side of and 90.45 feet from the center of U.S. 641/Ky. 91, corner to Becker (D.B. 184 P. 224). Being S. 21 deg. 38 min. 07 sec. W. 228.54 ft. from a concrete right-of-way marker found, also being S. 18 deg. 47 min. 31 sec. W. 1163.73 ft. from the center of the bridge on U.S. 641 over Crooked Creek; thence leaving the highway and Becker's line N. 83 deg. 09 min. 43 sec. E. 146.50 ft. to an iron pin set, a new corner; thence with a new division line S. 05 deg. 27 min. 55 sec. W. 412.22 ft. to an iron pin set, and S. 79 deg. 51 min. 19 sec. W. 287.43 ft. to a concrete right-of-way marker found on the east side of and 59.24 ft. from the center of U.S. 641/Ky. 91; thence with the east side of the highway N. 21 deg. 43 min. 33 sec. E. 477.45 ft. to the beginning.

SOURCE OF TITLE: Being the same property conveyed to Nathan Lafayette Way and Angela R. Way, married by Deed dated March 19, 2004 and recorded in Deed Book 198, Page 620, Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

The description provided herein was provided by the parties and is contained in the Judgment and Order of Sale.

Address: 2722 US Hwy 641, Marion, Kentucky 42064

1. The Master Commissioner will sell same at public auction to the highest and best bidder at the Courthouse door for cash or a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. The successful bidder shall be required to give a bond with good surety for the unpaid purchase price with said bond bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of the sale.

In the event Plaintiff is the successful purchaser, Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obligated to pay the Court costs, fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any delinquent real estate taxes payable pursuant to the Order of Sale. Furthermore, the Plaintiff will not be required to post a bond in the event it is the successful purchaser.

2. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on June 5, 2006 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendants, Nathan Lafayette Way and Angela R. Way, no marital status given, for the sum of \$51,872.50 as of the date of entry of the Order, attorney's fees and for court costs expended herein.

3. The proceeds of sale, or a sufficiency thereof, shall after the payment of all court costs, costs of sale,

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4. The Master Commissioner shall pay any unpaid property taxes (including 2007 taxes) out of the proceeds of the sale. 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."

5. 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 year 2008 or thereafter.

6. The right is reserved to the Plaintiff to make a later claim for amounts advanced for taxes, insurance, assessments, sums expended pursuant to KRS 426, 525, and other levies and costs paid by the Plaintiff, and for its reasonable attorney fees expended.

Brandi D. Hagan,
Special Master Commissioner,
Crittenden Circuit Court
P.O. Box 361
Marion, Ky 42064
(270) 965-2261
Fax: (270) 965-2262

NOTICE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

City of Marion
Board of Adjustments

The Marion Board of Adjustments will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, October 6, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Marion City Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the following request:

Case # V-02-2008 - Dimensional variance request application submitted by Virgil and Linda Cook for property located at 317 West Bellville Street. The requested variance is to correct a 6-inch encroachment of a garage into the required 6-foot rear setback.

All evidence and comments for the Board of Adjustments to use in deciding this case must be presented at the public hearing. General questions regarding the case or Marion's zoning procedures should be directed to Mark Bryant, City Administrator, at 965-2266, or at mbryant@marionky.gov.

NOTICE

I, Madeline Henderson, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, KY do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Ralph L. Brown of 235 SR 139, Marion, KY 42964 Executor with will annexed of Mary Jane Brown, deceased, whose address was 235 SR 139, Marion, KY 42064. Alan Stout, Attorney.

The foregoing Settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on October 15th 2008. All persons having exceptions to said Settlements are to file same at once.

Madeline Henderson, Clerk
Crittenden District Court

NOTICE

I, Madeline Henderson, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, KY do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Kara Ann Harris Crowell of 15418 SR 120, Providence, KY 42450 Administrator of Bobbie Don Crowell, deceased.

The foregoing Settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on October 15th 2008. All persons having exceptions to said Settlements are to file same at once.

Madeline Henderson, Clerk
Crittenden District Court

NOTICE

I, Madeline Henderson, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, KY do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Keith Chandler of 187 Rudolph Chandler Road, Sturgis, KY 42459 Executor of Mary Katherine Chandler, deceased whose address was Crittenden County, KY. Rebecca J. Johnson, attorney.

The foregoing Settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on 10/1/08. All persons having exceptions to said Settlements are to file same at once.

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Numerous homes suffered damage from trees felled by Sunday's winds, including one on West Bellville Street in Marion (below) whose front porch was ripped off by a downed tree. Rural residents like Kenneth Boling (above) and his wife Shirley in Dy-cusburg also fell victim to the storm, with both the back glass and windshield of their car broken out by a tree. "They were very lucky though," said their daughter, Kim Guess. "It could have (fallen) the other way and ended up on their house." Two cars at an East Depot Street home in Marion (right) were also crushed by a downed tree.



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spread this time," said KU spokesman Cliff Feltham of the winds in relations to the winter ice storm. "Amazing damage. It was spread across the county."

Feltham said at the height of the KU's outages in the county, 3,200 customers were without power. Utility crews were working around the clock to get power back to homes and businesses, but the sporadic and severe damage made repairs difficult.

"It was just indiscriminate winds," he said. "They just picked what they wanted to."

Feltham said about 95 percent of KU's outages were reported in western Kentucky.

At least one church, Emmanuel Baptist in Greenwood Heights, met Sunday morning without power and held services in the dark that night.

Among other damages from the storm:

■ The 70-foot communications tower and antenna at the courthouse was blown down Sunday. The antenna



provides for the primary communications system for the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, and is also the backup for the main 911 dispatching system.

Sheriff Wayne Agent said an electronics contractor has been contacting about replacing or repairing the damaged tower and antenna.

The sheriff's department is still able to communicate with central dispatching from its cruisers. The damage was

limited to the office communication system.

■ Kentucky Farm Bureau in Marion reported receiving about 150 claims by early afternoon Monday. That figure was expected to rise.

At State Farm in Marion on Tuesday, more than 100 reports had been filed and they continued to pour in. Most of the claims, said Marlene James, were for roof damage, but several claims for autos damaged by trees or

limbs had also been filed.

■ Judge-Executive Fred Brown's damage assessment turned in to the State of Kentucky included the listing of 280 roads or streets damaged during Sunday's high winds. Additionally, the report showed that two public buildings were damaged. Those were the Crittenden County Courthouse and the Tolu Community Center, which is operated by the Tolu Fire Department. The courthouse lost its flag pole, sustained structural and landscape damage and the communications tower was blown down.

Although 250 county roads were temporarily blocked by downed trees or debris, county road crews worked to make all of them passable by mid-afternoon Monday.

■ Crittenden-Livingston Water District lost power for more than 24 hours and had to shut off service to some areas of Livingston County. By shutting off northern Livingston County, the district was able to continue serving life-supporting facilities such as the hospital and nursing home in Salem, according to Donnie Beavers, district su-

City brush dump available again; county's open, too

STAFF REPORT

The City of Marion's debris pile initiated after February's ice storm is once again available to residents for disposing of storm debris. The site is located off Mill Street in Marion.

The city will not offer curbside pick-up of limbs and other storm debris, cautions City Administrator Mark Bryant.

"If anyone puts theirs at the curb, it will sit there and they will be contacted by code enforcement," he said.

The city administrator said the brush pile will be open for

as long as the state allows, in the hope of curbing less desirable methods of debris remediation.

"We recommend people bring their debris here instead of burning," Bryant said. "If they do burn, it must be vegetation only and done within state burn guidelines."

Basically, this means burning within 150 feet of other standing trees is prohibited.

The county's brush dump off Bridwell Loop is also open for free disposal of tree limbs and other vegetative debris.

perintendent.

The City of Marion helped the rural water district keep customers in Crittenden served during the down time. But Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant said the city's water treatment facility would not have been able to keep that pace much longer.

"If it had lasted for much longer," Bryant said, "the district would have been hurting."

■ Bryant said city hall op-

erated on generator power Sunday, but an overheating air-conditioner began filling the building with smoke, making matters even more troublesome as the city tried to get its services back online.

■ Greg Rushing, Crittenden County emergency services coordinator, says sustained winds of 60-65 mph were to blame for the damage here. He said the storm was officially considered part of Hurricane Ike.

Deputy warns of check scams

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department has been notified of a mail fraud scam that its targeting elderly residents and using a familiar sweepstakes name to entice unsuspecting residents to cash fake checks.

Deputy Greg Rushing said one Marion woman recently received two letters, one from PSS World Clearing House and another from American

Claims Services. Both letters included checks and encouraged the recipient to cash them and mail back a large portion to the company so that a much larger prize could be claimed.

Rushing said both letters were part of a scam.

"They are preying on the elderly and using the name Readers Digest Sweepstakes," Rushing said.

The deputy encourages

residents to be guarded when they receive a check in the mail from a source that promises greater rewards for cashing it and returning part of the money immediately. One of the checks recently received by the Marion woman was for \$3,044. The other was for \$3,176.66. The letters promised \$75,000 and \$100,000 for following the instructions and mailing back part of the money.

CATS

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System.

"For the first time since the beginning of this type of testing process, Crittenden County Schools can celebrate that at Crittenden County Elementary we met that 100 mark in two content areas," said Crittenden County Schools Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough.

The elementary school as a whole improved from last year's 93.1 on the state's nonadjusted accountability index to 93.4 in 2008. However, the school's scores in reading, social studies, arts and humanities and writing on-demand dropped slightly.

Still, the elementary school scored higher on the state's accountability index than any other school in the district. The middle school rated an 89.3, down from 90.3 a year ago. Meantime, the high school showed a slight improvement from 74.8 in 2007 to 75.5 this year. The district as a whole

"We are proud of the tremendous improvement demonstrated by the staff and students in Crittenden County as a result of the 2008 CATS results," Yarbrough said.

Statewide, CATS results show that Kentucky's public elementary schools slightly increased their overall accountability scores. Meanwhile, the state's high schools saw a slight drop.

The elementary school was the only in the district to meet its state-mandated goal for 2008, but many Kentucky public schools are still far from meeting those academic goals.

The district as a whole also came up short of its goal, but Yarbrough is encouraged by the progress shown across many areas.

MERGE

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will be presented to both bodies of local government in the coming months. If the city and county eventually agree that a merger would be equitable for the entire community, the matter would then be placed on the ballot for voters have the final say.

"Because Kentucky is a

non-referendum state, it is seldom that our voters get to make these kinds of decisions, and I think it's good that they will be able to on this one," Judge Brown said.

The ad hoc committee will not receive any pay nor have any authority to spend municipal monies. Mayor Alexander said the work of the committee will be difficult, handling an array of complex issues on a controversial mat-

ter without compensation.

"Obviously, they have to be people willing to get phone calls at home," he said.

The mayor said that he was neither for nor against a merger at this point, but merely wants to explore if there is a more efficient way to govern in Crittenden County.

"I'm not pushing either way," Alexander said.

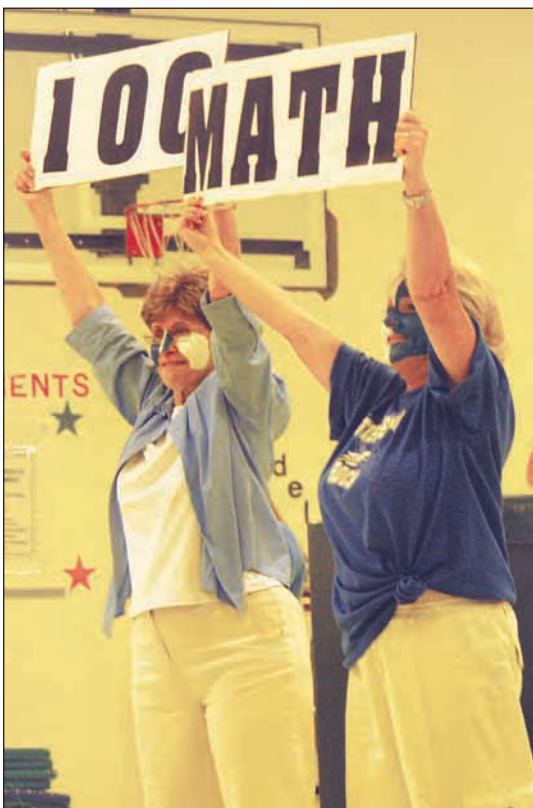


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Crittenden County Elementary School Principal Melissa Tabor (right) and Assistant Principal Sylvia Thurman tout the school's high performance on the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System at an assembly Friday.

"We are continuing to improve the quality of instruction and opportunities for students to demonstrate learning at a proficient level within our schools," she said. "Our goal is for the Crittenden County Schools to be one of the top performing districts in the Commonwealth within the next few years."

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