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2007 2nd hottest for west Kentucky

Last year was the second hottest on record for western Kentucky, according to the University of Kentucky Agriculture Weather Center, where records date back to 1895. The average temperature in 2007 was 59.3 degrees, second only to 1921 when it was 60.4. August 2007 was the hottest month ever for the western portion of the state, averaging 83.7 degrees per day, almost a full 2 degrees warmer than the previous record set in August 1980.

Marion connection on Deal or No Deal

Britney Lewzader, the 28-year-old granddaughter-in-law of Rip and Barbara Wheeler of Marion, will be a contestant on NBC's hot game show Deal or No Deal this month. Lewzader is the wife of Jonathan Lewzader, whose mother Becky grew up in Marion and formerly taught school here. As a contestant of a previously taped game show, Lewzader has not been at liberty to discuss how she did on the program, but her mother said nine of the 26 cases from which contestants choose contained \$1 million. According to Becky, Britney will be the second contestant on the Jan. 21 show and will be featured on the entire hourlong episode two nights later.

New jail now home to county inmates

Inmates in Crittenden County started the first full week of 2008 in the county's new detention center. On Monday, county inmates were transferred to the new \$7.7 million Crittenden County Detention Center. Though those prisoners were filling only 15 of the 133 beds in the facility as of Tuesday, Jailer Rick Riley is hoping to begin housing state inmates later this month once more deputies are trained.

Dairy Queen still closed after fire

Dairy Queen in Marion remains closed indefinitely after an electrical fire last month caused smoke and fire damage to the building. Owner Barry Nasser has said he is uncertain as to when repairs can be finished.

Spaying, neutering out with adoptions

A lack of money will temporarily halt the free spaying and neutering program offered by the county for the adoption of dogs and cats from the Crittenden County Animal Shelter. Adoptions, however, will continue. Volunteer Toya Redd said adoptions at the shelter have tripled since the new facility was opened last summer. She said a grant has been requested that could hopefully revive the spaying and neutering program.

Public meetings

■ Marion City Council will meet 6 p.m., Jan. 14 at City Hall.
■ Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet 9 a.m., Jan. 15 at the courthouse.
■ Crittenden County Board of Education will meet 6 p.m., Jan. 15 at the elementary school.
■ Livingston Fiscal Court will meet 5:30 p.m., Jan. 17 at the courthouse.
■ Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet 1:30 p.m., Jan. 18 at the Extension office.

Weather

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

Forecast
THURSDAY
6 am Cloudy, 41°
Noon Cloudy, 51°
6 pm Cloudy, 48°
9 pm Cloudy, 44°
FRIDAY
Mostly clear, 38°
Mostly clear, 43°
Mostly clear, 39°
Mostly clear, 30°

Precipitation report
Last 7 days0.06 For 2008.....0.06
Last 30 days8.71 Deviation.....-0.92

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Marion turns to police for code enforcement

STAFF REPORT

Marion Police Department has taken on some new duties, mostly as a cost-saving venture for the City of Marion.

Officers will be handling some of the nuisance ordinance issues previously covered by a full-time city code enforcement officer.

Police Chief Ray O'Neal said that his department's new community policing program makes it feasible to handle nuisance issues without much extra effort. That will mean a potential cost savings of about \$35,000 for the City of Marion.

O'Neal said the police department began dealing with such situations as

inoperable or abandoned vehicles, loud noises, animal violations, high grass and trash or rubbish violations last month. Over the past 30 days, the city has put 28 property owners on notice regarding such ordinance violations. Ten have already corrected their problems while four were cited and fined for failure to do so.

Fines and administrative fees for first offenders are \$60. If the problem is not corrected, the offender most likely will be charged with a misdemeanor and cited to district court.

Officers on patrol are reporting ordinance violations to the chief. Either he or the city administrator follows up on the matter within a day or two.

Generally, the property owner or resident is notified in person or through a large, red door hanger left at the premises where the violation occurred.

Offenders have seven days to take care of the matter whether that means getting rid of a junk car, cutting weeds, or penning or quieting a problem dog.

"If we see that offenders are doing something to mitigate the situation, we'll work with them if they need a little more time," O'Neal said. "We're not

doing this to write citations or collect fines, it's just to make sure things are corrected."

City Administrator Mark Bryant said he, too, will be driving around town looking for ordinance violations now that the city no longer has a full-time code enforcement officer. George Foster, now a city patrolman, was formerly the code enforcement officer. When he resigned to become a policeman, the city turned to former Police Chief Kenneth Winn. Winn was going to take the job, but ended up becoming the county's trial commissioner instead.

"I think we have a good plan now," Bryant said.



O'Neal

Back in the game

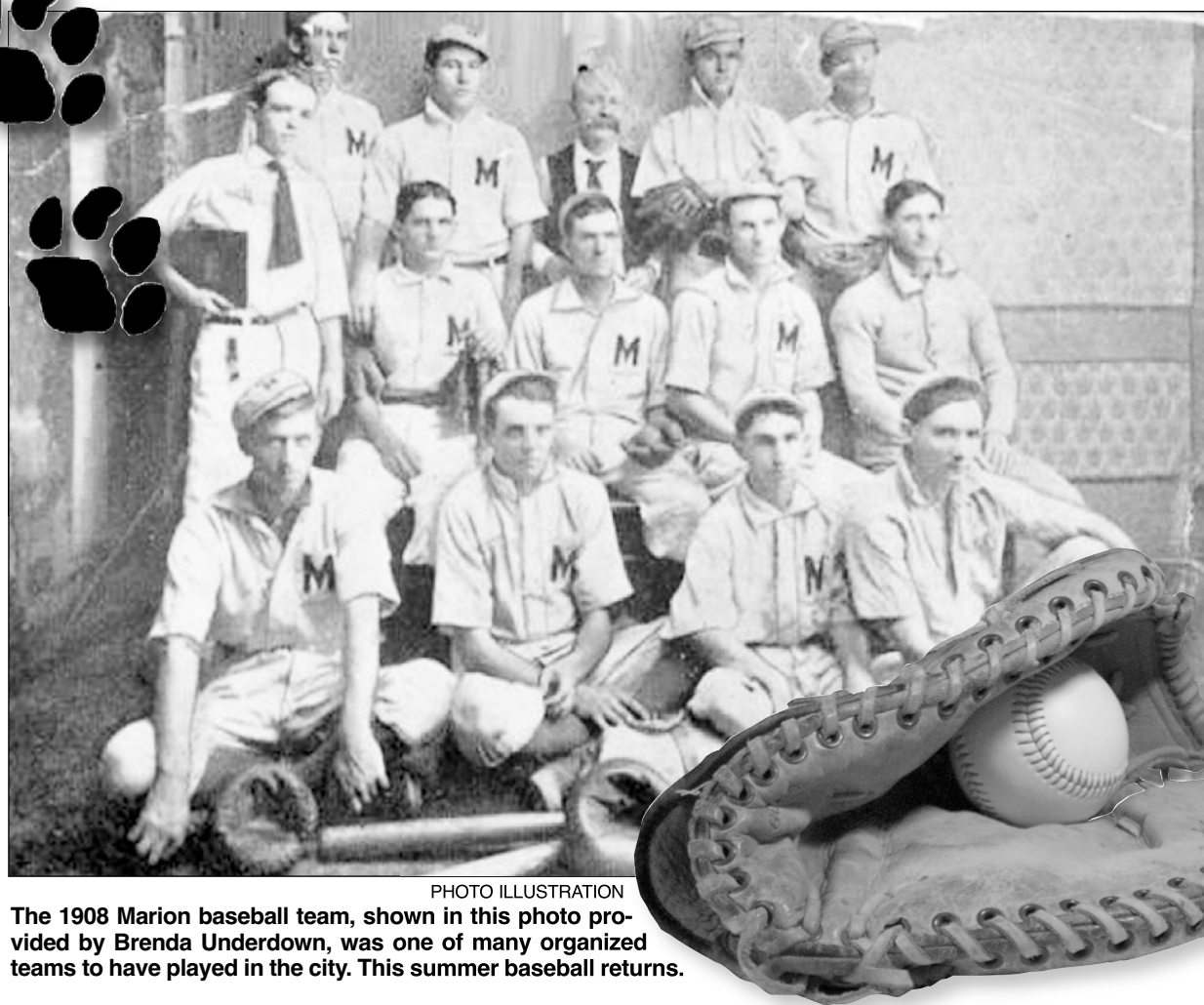


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION
The 1908 Marion baseball team, shown in this photo provided by Brenda Underdown, was one of many organized teams to have played in the city. This summer baseball returns.

Marion backs baseball team to call its own; 1st since 1949

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

America's pastime will hit the basepaths in Marion this summer, when the town fields its own team in the six-member Kitty League.

Marion Baseball Club LLC will take the field in June, competing with the likes of the Dawson Springs-based Tradewater Pirates in the three-year-old collegiate summer league. The Marion Bobcats will play 25 home games at Marion-Crittenden County Park during June and July, with all but Sunday contests being evening starts.

"I think it's great, I really do," said Bob Swisher, a Marion native and member of the last organized baseball team to call the city home.

The team is the brainchild of Gordon Guess, who rounded up 17 other local investors to back the

club and get it off the ground. A passionate baseball fan since his father took him to games as a child, Guess has been working on such a venture for years, but rounded third on his dream after his retirement from The Peoples Bank last summer.

"It is the American pastime, I don't care what people say," Guess said Monday, after confirming the last of his investors.

Cletus Hunt, one of the 18 Crittenden Countians to have pledged \$1,000 initial investments with another \$1,000 at a later date, doesn't follow the game much anymore, but as a child could be found on sandlots and diamonds across

town.

"If you grew up in Marion, you grew up playing baseball," he said. Hunt, like most of the other investors, lives in Marion proper. He made his investment as a contribution for the benefit of the area.

"Anything you can get to attract people to Marion makes the community better," he said.

Swisher, who now lives in Paducah, played on the 1949 Marion Red Sox, an amateur club in the Twin States League and the last to call Marion home.

"For such a small town to have a baseball team of this nature is great," he said.

On Tuesday, Swisher fondly remembered the grand slam he hit in an 11-run fifth-inning explosion that sank Smithland 15-7 in what

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State SEEKs relief

School board met with bleak funding forecast

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

A collective gasp was let out as school board members looked at a prospective six-figure cut in state allocated funds that could leave education in Crittenden County "bare bones basic" in the coming school year.

That was the scene Monday evening during the January work session of the Crittenden County Board of Education. Board members learned from Superintendent John Belt that because of the state's bleak financial forecast by Gov. Steve Beshear, school districts across the state have been asked to begin budgeting for a possible seven-percent cut in the state funding program that provides money to the local schools.

That cut in the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky, or SEEK, base would amount to a loss of \$426,094 for Crittenden County schools, well over five percent of the \$7.9 million spending plan currently used by the district.

"I cannot imagine the nightmare" if this comes to pass, Belt said Monday evening. "I don't think we could cope."

The news of the possible reduction came down Monday from Education Commissioner John Draud on the heels of Beshear's projected budget shortfall of \$500 million.

While Belt said it was premature to assume the cut was a done deal, the district's budget committee began laboring Tuesday on two

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"We're facing a huge shortage in what we assumed for the revenue stream. There's no real silver bullet to fix this thing."

— Sen. Dorsey Ridley
on state's \$500 million budget shortfall

Crittenden man tries to pull firearm on deputy

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County man is jailed in Henderson County after allegedly trying to pull a gun on a police officer.

According to police reports, Henderson deputy Jay Workins was patrolling along U.S. 41 South at 1:30 a.m., Sunday when he got behind a vehicle that was swerving. He suspected the driver might be impaired, so Workins stopped the vehicle.

When the officer got out of his cruiser, the suspect exited his vehicle simultaneously, according to a report in the Henderson Gleaner newspaper. The driver was identified as Crittenden County resident Kenneth Brian Fitzgerald, 20. In his right hand, Fitzgerald was holding a

"I pulled my gun and ordered (Kenneth Brian Fitzgerald) to the ground or I was going to shoot him."

— Jay Workins
Henderson County deputy

Mountain Dew beverage box, according to a news release issued by the Henderson County Sheriff's Department. But with his left hand, Fitzgerald allegedly reached into the vehicle and began tugging at a loaded shotgun. The gun's sling became entangled in the steering

wheel and the deputy ordered Fitzgerald to the ground.

Workins told the Henderson newspaper that he had a split-second to decide what he should do.

"I pulled my gun and ordered (Fitzgerald) to the ground or I was going to shoot him," the officer told Henderson reporter Beth Smith.

Instead, Fitzgerald let go of the gun and started running. He was chased by the officer, but the suspect disappeared behind some buildings. The officer radioed for backup which soon arrived at the scene, including a state police and a K9 unit. The officers started searching together and found the suspect's cap, a shoe and the Mountain Dew

box he was holding. The box contained what police said was three ounces of marijuana.

Fitzgerald was later found hiding nearby behind a guardrail on the Pennyrite Parkway, news reports said.

Fitzgerald was charged with driving under the influence, expired plates, failure to wear a seat belt, trafficking in marijuana less than eight ounces (firearm enhanced), first-degree fleeing/evading police and possession of drug paraphernalia. The trafficking charge was enhanced from a misdemeanor to a felony due to the presence of the firearm.

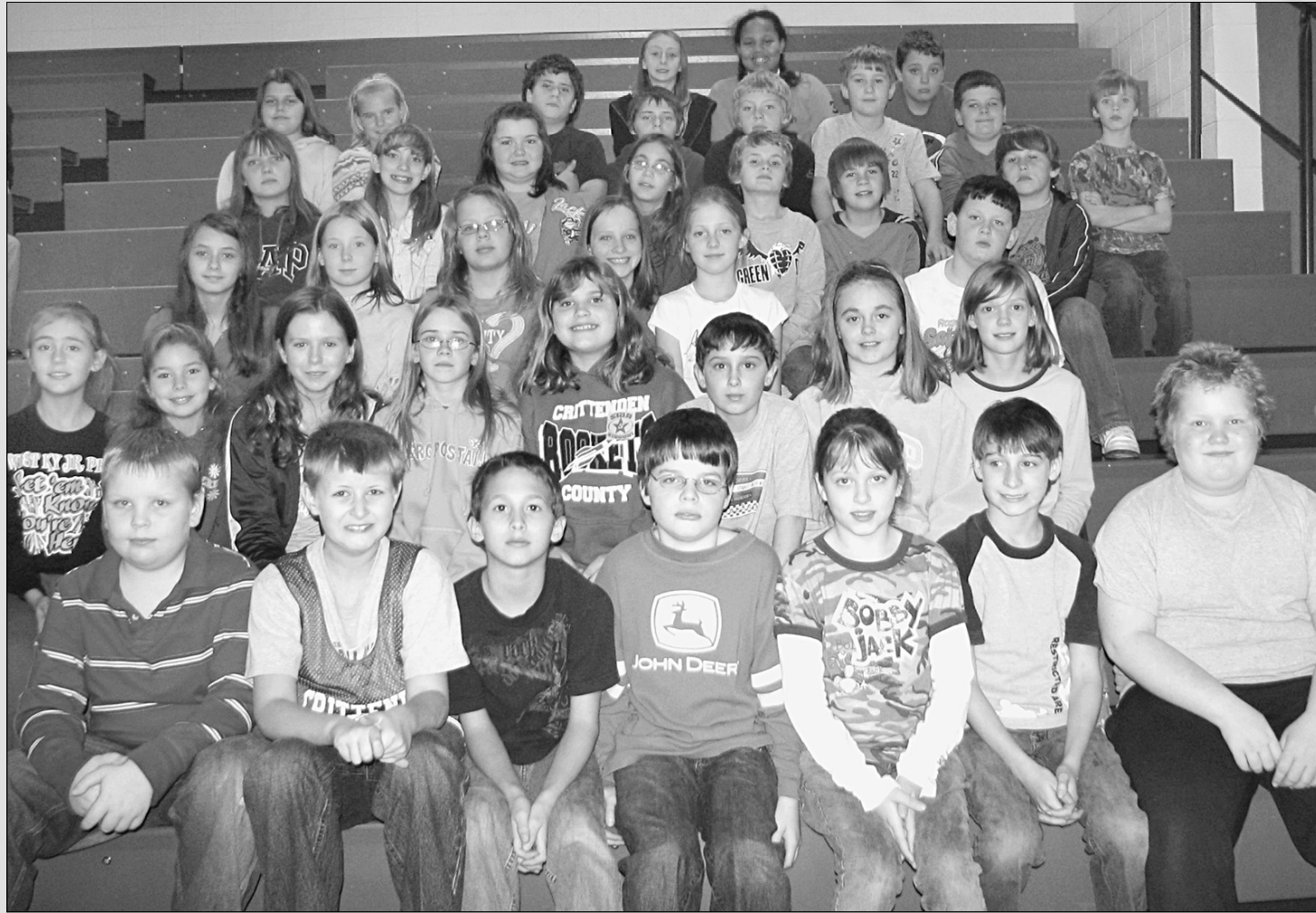
The investigation led Henderson authorities to a home where 20-year-old Jake Edward Cummings was

arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and first-degree possession of cocaine.

Workins told the Henderson newspaper that when he saw Fitzgerald trying to pull the gun, "I was scared. I'm not going to lie. I knew it was me or him, and I wanted to go home to my babies."

"It all happened so quickly and all I had time to do was react," he told the Gleaner. "I never want to shoot anyone, but I was prepared to. I thank God the (gun) got caught. Because if I'd shot and killed him, I couldn't have lived with it if I'd killed someone and then it turns out the gun wasn't loaded. I'm glad it all worked out the way it did."

Proficient achievers: Fifth-grade CATS performers



PROFICIENT READING

At left, fifth-grade students at Crittenden County Elementary School recognized for proficient achievement on the reading portion of their fourth-grade Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) test are (front row, from left) Logan Bingham, Adam Driver, Michael Clark, Jacob Berry, Danielle Byarley, Matthew Cox, Chris Andersen (second row) Madison Lynch, Sydney Hunt, Chelsea Oliver, Mallory McDowell, Kayla Davis, Jacob Graham, Erica Hardin, Lauren Watson, (third row) Megan Manns, Haley Skees, Kenzie McKinley, Keiana Baird, Chloe McKinzie, Chase Dempsey, (fourth row) Eleasha Head, Arieal Wright, Sylvana Hunt, Leilani Hutchings, Nathan Burnett, Ryan Dunham, Michael Hassett, (fifth row) Brittany Stone, Layla Underdown, Joey Shewmaker, Dakota Stone, Lane Wallace, Noah Dickerson, Hunter Stone, Austin Travis, (back row) Elizabeth Ritchie, Khyla Moss and Chase Young. Not pictured are Colby Watson and Brayden McKinney.

PHOTOS BY DARYL K. TABOR

Schools urging all to go bully free

By HOLLY WHITE
SCHOOLS COMMUNITY EDUCATOR

The new year is a time for new beginnings and making resolutions to change things for the better. Many people have noticed, since school began in August, on certain days people are wearing yellow T-shirts that say "Bully Free." There has been a lot of talk on these days about what this means and why so many people are doing this.



White

At the beginning of our 2007 school year, Crittenden County School District went Bully Free. On certain days, every staff member wears their Bully Free T-shirt to raise awareness of this issue.

Everyone can remember a time when they were bullied or that they bullied someone. There is a very distinct feeling that goes along with bullying or being bullied, and it is a feeling that a person never forgets. Bullying has lifelong effects on people.

Crittenden County Schools want to take our Bully Free program one step farther for the new year. We want to have a Bully Free Community. We ask that everyone have one

Bully Free public days

The following days have been established as community-wide Bully Free Days in conjunction with Crittenden County Schools:

- Jan. 9
- Feb. 6
- March 5
- April 9
- May 7
- June 4
- July 2

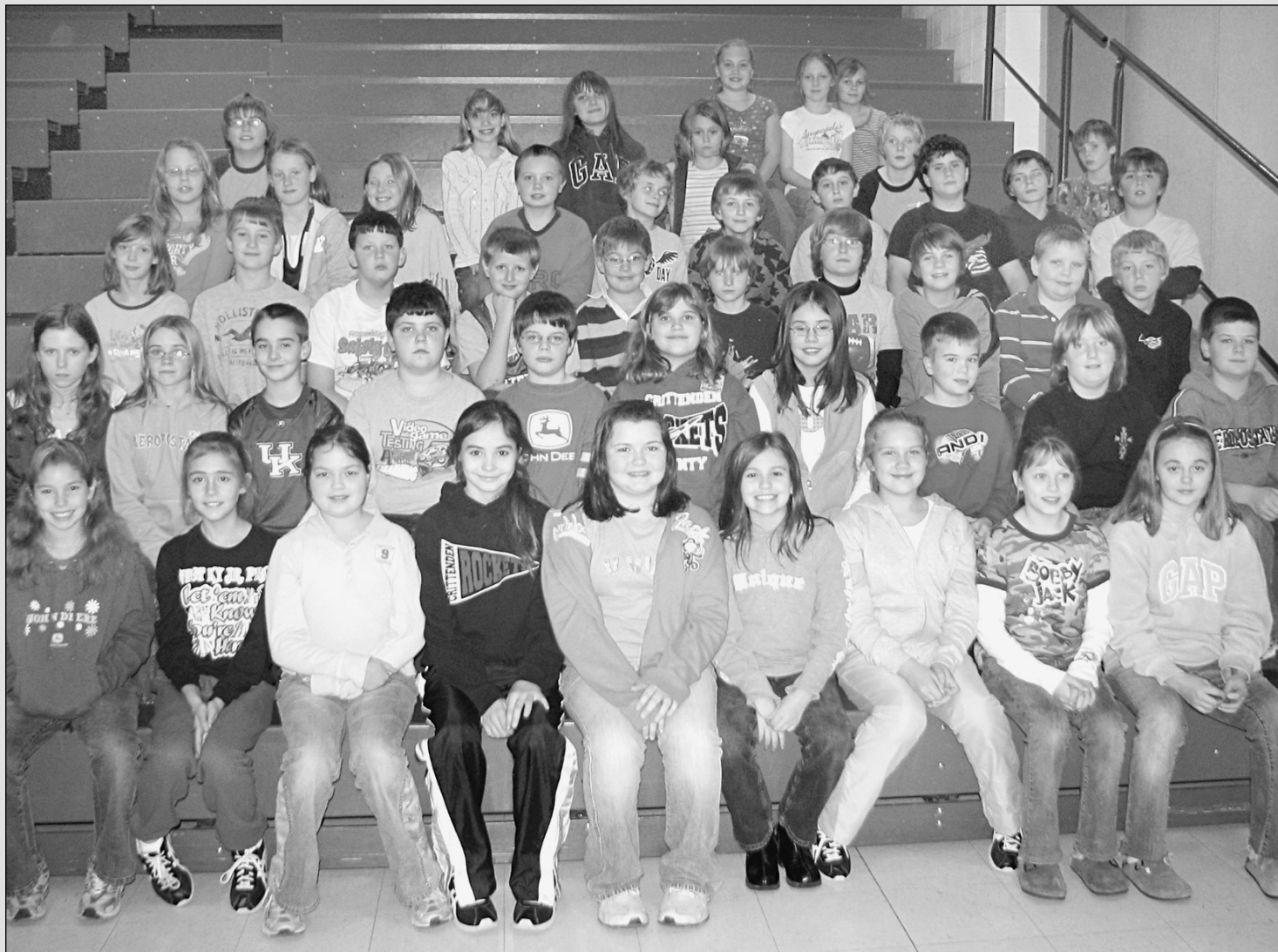
We have established dates that we will be Bully Free, and we ask that the community join in and support us in this effort. Also, there are different things that can be purchased to note that you support and have adopted the golden rule. Those items are:

- Flower pot signs, \$5;
- T-shirts, \$12;
- 9- by 12-inch countertop table tent signs, \$5;
- 12- by 19-inch vinyl yard signs, \$12; and
- 9- by 12-inch window signs, \$5.

To purchase these items, contact Holly White at the board of education central office at 965-3525 or e-mail holly.white@crittenden.ky.schools.us.

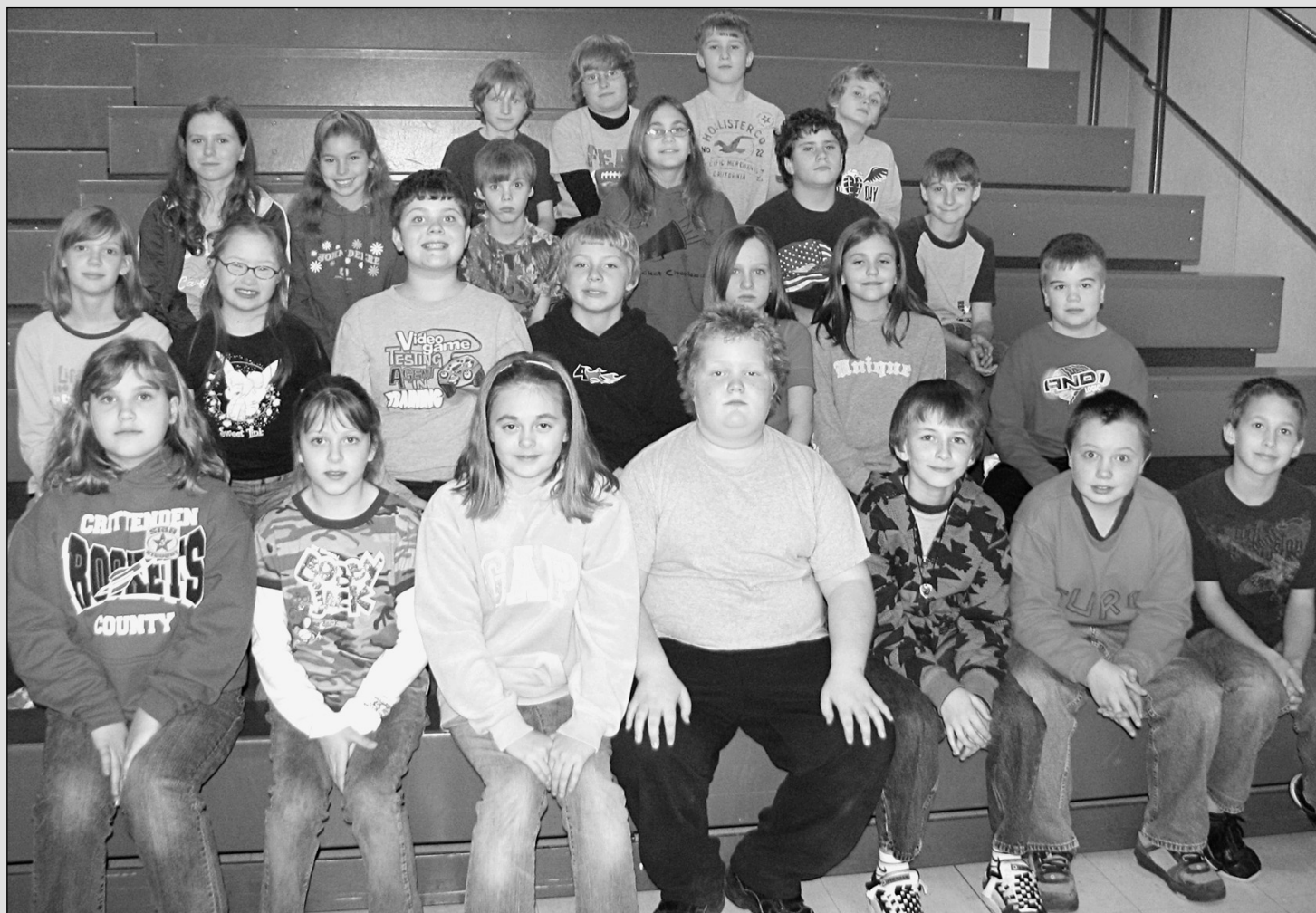
PROFICIENT WRITING

At right, fifth-grade students at CCES recognized for proficient achievement on the writing portion of their fourth-grade CATS test are (front row, from left) Sydney Hunt, Madison Lynch, Katrina Mast, Dianna Bradford, Sylvana Hunt, Anna Bryant, Elle LaPlante, Danielle Byarley, Erica Hardin, (second row) Chelsea Oliver, Mallory McDowell, Landon Young, Cameron Glore, Jacob Berry, Kayla Davis, Lauren Beavers, Trey DeBoe, Noah Hadfield, Hunter Stone, (third row) Lauren Watson, Noah Dickerson, Chase Dempsey, Adam Driver, Cole Foster, Tanner Baird, Jordan Enoch, Ryan Dunham, Logan Bingham, Lane Wallace, (fourth row) Kenzie McKinley, RaKara Knight, Haley Skees, Bradley Harris, Nathan Burnett, Trevor Faith, Jacob Graham, Joey Shewmaker, Dakota Stone, Cole Easley, (fifth row) Cameron McDaniel, Arieal Wright, Eleasha Head, Haylee Tinsley, Johnathan Suggs, Austin Travis, (back row) Paige Winterheimer, Chloe McKinzie and Sami Story. Not pictured are Lacy McConnell, Colby Watson, Chris Winders and Brayden McKinney.



PROFICIENT MATH

At left, fifth-grade students at CCES recognized for proficient achievement on the math portion of their fourth-grade CATS test are (front row, from left) Kayla Davis, Danielle Byarley, Erica Hardin, Chris Andersen, Trevor Faith, Bradley Harris, Michael Clark, (second row) Lauren Watson, Mason Ryan, Cameron Glore, Lane Wallace, Keiana Baird, Anna Bryant, Trey DeBoe, (third row) Chelsea Oliver, Sydney Hunt, Austin Travis, Leilani Hutchings, Joey Shewmaker, Matthew Cox, (back row) Tanner Baird, Jordan Enoch, Noah Dickerson and Nathan Burnett. Not pictured are Colby Watson and Chris Winders.



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God keeps new year promises

A new year has arrived and many folks have made resolutions and promises, knowing that some of them will be impossible to keep. Someone has said, "Promises are like snowballs...easy to make but hard to keep." But when God makes a promise we can have complete confidence that it will be kept.

Several years ago, a fine young man gave me a book-mark, entitled, "God keeps his promises." Listed were six promises from God's word. They are:

- He will never again destroy the earth with a flood.
- He will keep us in perfect peace.
- He will help us when we



Lula Mae Gostley
Crittenden Press guest columnist

are in trouble.
 ■ He will give us wisdom.
 ■ He is with us always.
 ■ He gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ.

To these we can add His promise of protection, provisions, grace sufficient to meet our need and His comfort in our hour of sorrow.

Joshua's message to the

children of Israel is also true for us today. He said, "You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed."

None of us knows what lies ahead in the new year, but God knows. He said, "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not evil. To give you a future and a hope."

The Prophet Isaiah wrote, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my

"The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore."

— Psalms 121:8

righteousness.
 "God is faithful who promised."

(Editor's note: Lula Mae Gostley is a guest religion columnist for The Crittenden Press. Her column appears periodically on this page.)

Prayer walks continue to thrive

BY ALLISON EVANS
ASSISTANT EDITOR

No one will know what tragedies were thwarted or dangers avoided as a result of the power of prayer. But prayer warriors for Revive Prayer Walks are confident they are seeing God at work in their schools.

Monday marks the first anniversary of the beginning of the Revive Prayer Walk in Livingston County.

It is a day coordinator Wade White will not soon forget.

"More than 100 people gathered for the first time to pray inside the gym at Livingston County," White wrote on reviveprayerwalk.com. "It was people from all denominations in this small county. It was a passing thought that this might actually spread to a couple counties around us."

On Jan. 28, 2007, Crittenden County had its first prayer walk with 150 people. It wasn't until May when one more school added prayer

walks, Lyon County, where more than 175 attended their first prayer walk, White said.

The next prayer walk in Crittenden County is Jan. 20, but beginning in February for the rest of the year, Revive Prayer Walks will be the third Sunday of each month from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., all at Rocket Arena.

To date, 80 school districts have held prayer walks, some monthly, in seven states. Prayer walks have also been held at seven Kentucky colleges and universities, including the University of Kentucky.

Kentucky has the largest number of school districts participating; however, White says the event has spread to other states "through me and my youth going to events and setting up booths and God simply opening the right doors. It has been really amazing how it has spread."

White is youth pastor at Grand Rivers Baptist Church and the son of retired Crittenden County teacher

Janise White. "I have been blessed to attend many prayer walks and walk the

h a l l w a y s and touch thousands of lockers."

The next prayer walk in Crittenden County will be Jan. 20. Revive Prayer Walks will continue the third Sunday of each month.

White writes on the Web site. "As I walk these hallways, I am still overwhelmed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. To travel to so many counties across this state and see so many prayer warriors with one agenda: to see God's Glory in our schools, to see Him change them in a way we can not."

Shea Holliman, youth

director of Marion United Methodist Church, is the coordinator of Crittenden County's prayer walks.

She says an average of 25 people attend monthly prayer walks, but the first several events attracted up to 100 people. The format is typically informal but can vary from school district to school district.

"At the prayer walks we come together as a group and then we disperse for about 45 minutes and pray on our own," Holliman said. "We come back together with about 15 minutes left and get in a circle, hold hands, and give testimonies, prayer request and praises, and then we sing Sanctuary and then someone prays to end the prayer walk."

Churchnotes

- Marion Baptist Church will have a service at Crittenden County Health and Rehab Center at 1:30 p.m., Sunday.
- Youth Suite Open House is Sunday at Marion Baptist Church immediately following morning worship service. The Youth Suite is a place to hang out for those in grades 6-12. A very important youth and parent meeting regarding the Youth Suite will be at 5 p.m., Sunday.
- Unity General Baptist Church at Crayne will host a singing at 5 p.m. Sunday, featuring His Song. Everyone is invited.
- Marion General Baptist will dismiss Sunday night service in order that they can join Unity General Baptist.
- Glendale General Baptist Church will have a Memorial Plaque to honor those who assisted in the cost of paving the parking lot by donating \$50 or more. If anyone is interested in having their name engraved or a name in memory of someone, call 965-1637.
- Bro. John Dunn will be bringing Sunday services at Freedom General Baptist Sunday. Everyone welcome.



A special gift was delivered this Christmas to our family on Dec. 13. Allie would like to welcome her new baby sister, Ella Christine. She is an awesome big sister.

Children of Ken and Shana Wheeler Geary

Thank You

Linda, Carol, Doris, Nancy, Debye and Marian for the beautiful salt and pepper shakers for our 50th wedding anniversary.

A retirement reception for ELVA LEE CROWELL

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Pastor Tim Burdon
 Minister of Music Mike Crabtree
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730 E. Depot St., Marion

Sunday Bible study and coffee 10 a.m.
 Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. • Sunday night study 6 p.m.
 G-Force children fellowship Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday Bible study and prayer 7 p.m.
 Bro. Danny Starick, Pastor • Bro. Chris O'Leary, worship leader

Marion Baptist Church

College and Depot, Marion • 965-5232

• Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
 • Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
 • Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
 • Mission Possible (Grades 1-12): Wednesdays 3:10 p.m.

Pastor Mike Jones

Marion General Baptist Church

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— Matthew 18:20

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Marion United Methodist Church

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 Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.
 www.the-press.com/MARIONunitedmethodist.html
 Pastor Wayne Garvey

Marion Church of God

334 Fords Ferry Road • Marion, Kentucky

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 Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
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Census guru: County part of changing America

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
MANAGING EDITOR

The average worker in Crittenden County earned \$15,262 and spent 28 minutes and 30 seconds on the road to work. There was a 98-in-100 chance they were white and an 8-in-10 possibility they owned their home. If the average resident didn't work, they may have been part of the 16.5 percent who were over 65 or perhaps one of the 19.1 percent living in poverty.

What does all of that data from the 2000 Census mean? Who can make heads or tails of the picture these numbers paint?

Ron Crouch is who, and he'll be speaking to the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce next week on

how Crittenden County's declining numbers – down in 2006 estimates to 9,070 from 9,384 in 2000 – and relatively undereducated populace – only 7.3 percent hold a bachelor's degree or higher – fit into trends across the nation.

The director of the Kentucky State Data Center specializes in knowledge dissemination. In other words, his job at the University of Louisville is to analyze data from the nationwide 10-year head count, developing information in ways that enhance understanding and sharing that knowledge with groups or organizations that make use of those stats.

In other words, Crouch takes all of the ingredients that define a geographical area and boils them down into

an easy-to-digest stat soup. Next week, Crouch will be serving that soup at the Chamber's January luncheon.

The meal and presentation will begin at noon next Thursday at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. The cost of the chili meal is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend.

A U of L graduate with specialties in sociology, business administration, economics and political science, Crouch heads the state's clearinghouse for Census data on population, housing, employment and other social indicators. Projections based on this historic and current data can help illustrate trends and issues facing certain geo-

graphic areas.

For instance, Crouch said Kentucky and the nation are undertaking a major change with an aging Baby Boomer population and only 1-in-3 households containing children while about one-quarter have a sole resident.

Each state, as well as the entire United States, is undergoing major demo-

graphic and economic revolutions," he said. "Our population is aging. Our economy is moving from a manufacturing to a knowledge economy. We are growing more diverse."

Crouch has developed a national database analyzing trends by both Census regions and states. He also has developed Census profiles for all 50 states, including population pyramids by race and Hispanic origin, a population chart showing population trends by age, race and Hispanic origin, and tables indicating trends on demographic, social and economic variables.

And those profiles seem to show the Bluegrass State is faring well.

The Southeast, of which Kentucky is a part, is moving

forward economically while other portions of the nation appear to be falling off, Crouch points out.

"The Northeast region is experiencing decline and the Southwest region is headed toward being the new Appalachia," Crouch indicated in a preview of his presentation provided by Chamber Executive Secretary Kelly Heady. "We, as a nation, are in for a period of major change."

Sharing his breakdown of data to more than 150 groups per year across 27 states in the last three years, Crouch will provide that insight during next week's luncheon.

For more information on the January Chamber gathering, contact Heady at 965-5015.



Chamber luncheon

Ron Crouch will speak on Census matters and how they affect the county at a Chamber luncheon at noon next Thursday at the Ed-Tech center in Marion.

The Press Community Calendar

Today

The CCMS Site-Based Council meeting will be at 3:30 p.m., today (Thursday) in the CCMS lobby.

Friday

CCHS grade cards will go out Friday.

Saturday

The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday in the meeting room at the library. The program will be a work session on organizing obituaries.

Monday

The Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug Free Community will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday at the Crittenden

Health Systems Annex Building in Marion.

The Salem Garden Club will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday at the Christian Life Center in Salem. Club members will be leaving the Life Center 6:35 p.m., and carpooling to Burna to see the hundreds of plants in the Quimby's greenhouse. Meetings are held the second Monday night of each month. For more information, call Janet Hughes at 988-3835.

Wednesday

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Local Chapter 1373, will meet at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday at The Marion Cafe. All current and retired federal employees are invited to attend. Contact Tom Diaz at 965-2621 or narfe2005wk

@gmail.com

Next Thursday

The Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council will meet at 9:30 a.m., next Thursday at Crittenden Health and Rehab. Crittenden County Board of Education Community Educator Holly White will be sharing information about the Bully Free Program implemented in the school system this year.

The Crittenden hospital auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m., next Thursday in the hospital cafeteria. Officers will be installed and volunteer hour pins and bars will be presented to members.

Ongoing

The Senior Citizens Center in Marion, located at 210 N. Walker St., is open for lunch

weekdays at 11:30 a.m. The meals are \$2 for anyone over 60 and \$4 for others.

Upcoming

CCHS is hosting an Information Session from 6 to 7 p.m., Jan 31 for all sophomore parents to review their students PLAN (pre-ACT) test results and learn how their student can perform well on the ACT.

The Crittenden County Even Start Center and the Crittenden County Family Resource Center will be sponsoring a Winter Dance Festival on Jan. 24 at the Crittenden County Elementary School multi-purpose room. The festivities will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Lona Starnes will be teaching dance steps to all parents and students attending. STLP stu-

dents will also be presenting Power Point programs on various aspects of dance. Refreshments will be provided as well as drawings for door prizes.

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Peck serving as Salem mayor

STAFF REPORT

Salem will have a new mayor for next Tuesday's city council meeting.

Rell Peck Sr., elected last November to Salem City Council, will replace outgoing Mayor Andy Fox at the head of city government. Peck's first meeting as mayor will be next Tuesday. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

According to City Clerk

Hazel Croft, Fox resigned his post due to increasing obligations.

"He just had too much on his plate," Croft told The Press Wednesday morning.

Peck, who had his own trucking company, is retired. He was appointed to replace Fox by his fellow council members at the last meeting. On Tuesday, council members will appoint a replacement to

fill Peck's vacated council seat.

Livingston County Clerk Carroll D. Walker said Fox's term expired this year, so a new mayor will be elected in November. At that time, a replacement to finish out Peck's unexpired two-year term will also be elected.

Janet Hughes, John East and Jimmy Randolph round out the Salem council.

Whitfield near bottom in congressional mailings

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) – Congressman Ed Whitfield spent less tax money to send mailings to constituents in 2006 than 347 other members of the U.S. House of Representatives, including four fellow Kentucky congressmen.

According to The Associated Press, Rep. Whitfield, a Republican who represents Crittenden County and the 1st Congressional District, spent \$12,910 on mailings. Only 6th District Rep. Ben Chandler, a Democrat, spent less among Kentucky congressmen. His use of the congressional franking privilege carried an overall cost of only \$5,096, ranking 401st of the 435-member House.

Overall, U.S. House members spent \$20.3 million to send nearly 116 million pieces of mail last year, an AP review of public records shows. Franking lets members of Congress send mail with just a signature where the postage would normally be affixed.

CONGRESSMAN (DISTRICT)	SPENT	RANK
Geoff Davis (R-4th)	\$165,316	5th
Anne Northrup (R-3rd)	\$18,615	327th
Ron Lewis (R-2nd)	\$16,330	333rd
Hal Rogers (R-5th)	\$14,266	339th
Ed Whitfield (R-1st)	\$12,910	348th
Ben Chandler (D-6th)	\$5,096	401st

Rep. Geoff Davis, who represents the 4th District in northern Kentucky, sent out 716,803 pieces of mass mailings in 2006 at a cost of \$165,316 to taxpayers. He was outspent by only four other congressmen, all fellow Republicans.

Whitfield, who did not send out mass mailings last year, said he used to send them but decided they weren't especially effective. He said his office found out that some of the mailings were never delivered.

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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 loft situated on large deep lot.

SALE PENDING LIVING IN THE COUNTY AT ITS BEST...this 3 BR, 2 BA split level has been completely remodeled and maintained top to bottom. Modern kitchen appliances, lovely den with large stone fireplace, master BR has large closets and separate bath, central HVAC, country water and well. Home is on 3 plus acres with small pond and stable overlooking beautiful fields and woods. Walk out your back door and enjoy the water garden or sit on the deck and enjoy the pool. Home is ready for you to move right in. List price \$144,900.

SALE PENDING WANT THE CONVENIENCE...of town living without paying city taxes, this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick home is located less than half mile from city limits on Hwy 120. Home has partial finished basement, detached 2 car garage, very nice 16 x 30 metal shop building, a barn all on approx 2.5 acres. Basement with bath/shower and would be very easy to use one of the rooms downstairs as extra bedroom if needed. Call us to set up a showing, \$105,000.

COUNTRY LIVING... 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home situated on approx. 2 acres in Crittenden County. Also features stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, 24' x 30' garage with concrete floor and work benches. Plenty of room to have a garden or let the kids run. Call today for more info.

STARTING OUT OR SLOWING DOWN...this is right for you. Nice 2 bedroom mobile home w/deck, porch and portable 10' x 16' storage building. Must be moved. Reduced \$15,500.

SOLD AFFORDABLE AND CONVENIENT...location to center of Marion. This home would be a nice starter home or an addition to your rental investments. Features: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Call for appointment. Price Reduced. \$23,900.

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

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

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