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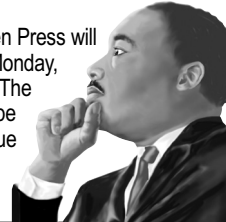
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Monday closings set for King holiday

All state and federal offices, including the U.S. Postal Service and Senior Citizens Center in Marion, will be closed Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr., holiday. Also, Crittenden County schools, Marion City Hall and all courthouse offices will be closed. In addition to Monday, the offices of the circuit clerk, county clerk and sheriff will be closed Saturday.

The Crittenden Press will remain open Monday, but delivery of The Early Bird will be one day late due to the Monday postal holiday.



Free food Friday at local senior center

Free food will be available Friday at the Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street in Marion from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Residents are asked to pick up food only for themselves. Free venison donated by Crittenden County Hunters for the Hungry is available.

Today last chance for Babies of 2007

Today (Thursday) marks the final opportunity to get a baby's photo in our Babies of 2007 feature in the Jan. 24 edition of The Crittenden Press. Any baby born last year is eligible to have his or her picture in the feature, listing their name, date of birth and parents. The cost is only \$10. Call 965-3191 or e-mail information@the-press.com for more information.



Fohs Hall Ball set for next month

The annual Fohs Hall Ball will be held Feb. 9. The formal affair that includes a meal and live orchestra dance music is the main fundraising event for Fohs Hall Inc., each year. For information contact Ethel Tucker at 965-4055.

Mediacom raises cable TV rates

Cable television rates are on the rise again. This month, Mediacom increases its cable subscription rate \$3 to \$53.95 for Family Basic customers. Broadcast Basic rose \$1.45 to \$22.95 and Expanded Basic \$1.55 to \$31. Commercial Family Cable rose from \$64 to \$67 per month.

In a November letter sent to municipalities with franchise agreements with Mediacom, Randy Hollis, senior manager of government relations, cited rising programming and operations costs for the increase. Mediacom offered no additional channels with the new rates.

Legislation would kill primary run-off

A proposal to eliminate primary run-off elections in Kentucky moved to the floor of the state senate this week. Senate Bill 5 would end the required run-off if a party's top vote-getter did not gain 40 percent of the popular vote, which county clerks across the state feared would happen in last year's primary. Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford favors eliminating the run-off, which would cost the county about \$10,000. Rep. Mike Cherry of Princeton has introduced a similar bill, House Bill 18. For more legislative issues, see Page 3A.

Weather

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

Forecast

| THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 6 am Cloudy, 32° | Mostly cloudy, 24° |
| Noon Cloudy, 38° | Mostly cloudy, 35° |
| 6 pm Cloudy, 34° | Mostly cloudy, 31° |
| 9 pm Cloudy, 30° | Mostly cloudy, 31° |

Precipitation report

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| Last 7 days1.26 | For 2008.....1.32 |
| Last 30 days2.42 | Deviation.....-0.40 |

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City eyes tax hike to 'insure' revenue

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

By midsummer, Marion residents could be paying twice as much in insurance premium taxes as today.

A proposal introduced at Monday's city council meeting would double the current four-percent premium tax to eight percent. The specific dollar amount burdening policyholders depends on individual premiums, but the city's revenue from the tax would double to about \$400,000.

"You're probably not talking about a huge amount" for each policyholder, said Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant, "but the bad thing is, people's insurance is going up all the time."

The suggestion of an increased tax on insurance premiums arose several

months ago among council members, but on Monday they took a further step by introducing an ordinance that would enact the hike at its next reading, likely the regular February meeting.

The approximate \$200,000 windfall annually would be used by the city to offset growing expenses, most notably the cost of employee health insurance and pensions.

"What was \$30,000 five years ago is well over \$100,000 now," Bryant said of the city's annual payments to the state's ailing pension system for public employees. But, "if it's not passed, we're still okay."

The county faces the same issue with growing pension expenses. And, less than 24 hours after the city's tax



"We may need to dig a little deeper and look for other solutions."

- Dwight Sherer
Marion City Councilman

proposal, county magistrates began discussing the option of implementing their own countywide tax on insurance premiums outside the city. Currently, the county collects nothing on insur-

ance premiums.

Marion Mayor Mick Alexander said premiums are one of the last sources for increased revenue for the city. Property taxes, he said, are flat. Without a citywide referendum to increase the tax levy on property or annexation to acquire more area within the city, revenue generated from property taxes stays roughly the same each year.

Councilman Dwight Sherer said Monday he has heard from at least one insurance agent that is not in favor of the increase, though he did not name the agent.

On Tuesday, Terry Ford, owner of Terry L. Ford Insurance Agency in

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Gridlock



"We know it is unsafe."

- Al Starnes
transportation director for Crittenden schools



Marion City Police Chief Ray O'Neal directs Friday afternoon traffic along U.S. 60 in front of Crittenden County Middle School as parents turn onto the campus to pick up children. Changes in pick-up procedures should help alleviate some of the congestion.

After-school pick-up procedures changed to address bottleneck

STAFF REPORT

Due to traffic jams in front of the middle and high schools every weekday afternoon, the school system is implementing a new standard procedure for motorists picking up students.

Beginning this week, there will be two lines formed in the parking lot in front of Crittenden County Middle School where students are picked up after 3 p.m. There will be a right-hand lane and a left-hand lane. The right lane will have to turn right when exiting the parking lot onto U.S. 60/Gum Street, and the left lane will have to turn left. There will be no exchanging lanes in the parking lot.

Al Starnes, transportation director for Crittenden County Schools, announced the changes early this week in light of complaints from the Marion Police Department and Crittenden County Sheriff's Department. Both agencies were concerned about traffic being blocked on U.S. 60 in the afternoons when school was letting out.

Problems were arising when the parking lot would fill with one lane of

traffic in line to pick up students. Once the parking lot was full, motorists were stopping on the highway waiting to enter the lot. That caused traffic to back up on U.S. 60, which created delays, hazards and often gridlock that prevented school buses from leaving the parking lot.

"It isn't a problem in the morning," said Greg Rushing, a county deputy and school resource officer who often is in charge of traffic control in front of the schools. "Buses and students are more staggered in the mornings, but in the afternoon everyone is here at the same time."

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal and Sheriff Wayne Agent were in front of the school Friday pointing out the potential for danger.

"When school traffic backs up in front of the hospital, it makes it tough for an ambulance to get in or out, too. That's one of the main reasons we've got to keep the highway open," O'Neal said.

Agent says traffic will not be allowed to stop in the highway awaiting entry

into the school parking lot. He and other officers will be in front of the schools making sure vehicles keep moving.

"We have to keep the traffic flowing," he said.

School officials hope that by adding a second line of traffic in the parking lot, it might alleviate some congestion in the afternoons. If not, they may have to develop a different plan, Starnes said.

Every afternoon, 20 school buses disembark from the middle and high school campus. About 800 students ride school buses.

The rest of the county's 1,300 or so students either stay after school for extra-curricular activities, drive themselves or are picked up by someone else. That puts a great deal of strain on the ingress and egress areas of the school parking zones, Starnes said.

"We think that by putting more cars on the lot in two lines, it will help. We are working with local agencies to alleviate the problem on U.S. 60 because we know it's unsafe," he added.



Rushing

Jail now housing 22 state prisoners

STAFF REPORT

By today (Thursday), the new \$7.6 million Crittenden County Detention Center will be home to at least 42 inmates.

Jailer Rick Riley gave county magistrates an update on the new facility during the fiscal court meeting Tuesday. Riley said jail employees are currently undergoing a week-long training, and once that is complete, the jail will be opening up to even more inmates.

The jail, which has 133 beds and can house even more if necessary, is banking on getting an influx of paying inmates from the State of Kentucky and perhaps others doing time for federal crimes. The state and federal governments pay handsomely for inmates to be kept in such facilities.

Riley said the county had picked up 22 state inmates this week, for which the county is paid about \$32 a day per inmate to house. The facility also includes about 20 local prisoner and foots the bill for those.

The 44,000-square-foot detention center was completed last month. County magistrates reviewed the debt obligation of the new jail with Keith Brock, a representative of bond company Ross Sinclair, during its meeting this week. Brock outlined the county's payment schedule over the next 30 years. It begins with a \$211,350 payment May 20. The county will make two payments each year for an annual total of slightly more than \$500,000. By the time the bonds are paid off on Nov. 20, 2037, the county will have spent \$15.7 million on principal and interest.



Riley

School board delays panic over possible funding cuts

STAFF REPORT

Chris Cook has inherited the headache of leading a school board through dire financial straits that could be made worse by a drastic cut in state appropriations.

On Tuesday, Cook took over from Ronald "Red" Howton as chairman of the Crittenden County School Board. Phyllis Orr was named vice chair in the annual election of officers.

What Cook, the board and Superintendent John Belt will be facing in coming months is fashioning a workable budget amid declining enrollment and as much as a \$426,000 cut in state funding for the 2008-09 school year. That possible seven-percent cut in Support Education Excellence in Kentucky, or SEEK, funding announced

last week is forcing the board to craft two budgets for next coming school year - one with full SEEK monies and another with the funding cut.

But Belt remains optimistic, cautioning worried educators that it's too early to panic. And, at this point, Gov. Steve Beshear has not indicated that the SEEK budget will be cut.

"I don't believe legislators will let the system be gutted," Belt said Tuesday.

Amid a projected \$500 million state deficit for next year, the governor has warned of cutbacks across the board. At Beshear's request, the Kentucky Department of Education has submitted recommendations for a possible 12-percent reduction in its general fund for next year, aside from the

possible SEEK cuts. Those recommendations represent \$46 million in cuts to extended school services, professional development, textbooks and safe schools.

"If these cuts are implemented, schools and districts will see immediate effects," Education Commissioner John Draud said in a letter to Gov. Beshear.

Despite the uncertainty of state funding, the school district faces growing contributions to an ailing state pension system, unfunded mandates and swelling transportation costs. In fact, just hours before Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, the district paid out \$21,447.78 for a 7,000-gallon load of diesel fuel, \$590 more than was paid out for the entire year of 1998.

On the Internet

To read the entire noise ordinance, see the Crittenden County Local Government link that it was at the-press.com

focused on what some think is the potential for growth in the natural gas sector.

Gas and oil companies have been active in the county for a couple of years, leasing land and conducting exploratory drilling. Judge-Executive Fred Brown called the ordinance a proactive approach to a potential problem. He said that individuals with concerns and knowledge about the gas industry recommended that the county put some type of noise ordinance in place before pipelines are built.

The judge and some magistrates explained, that based on their information, gas compressor stations could become a nuisance unless some type of noise regulation was in place throughout the county.

The court voted 5-1 in favor of the measure with Magistrate Greg West, who

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General Assembly watch '08

Funding cuts won't kill rescue squad

State budget cuts won't end the life-saving services provided by Crittenden County Rescue Squad, but it will put more strain on an agency already dependent upon donations and good will to make ends meet.

Rescue Chief Donnie Arflack said the local squad does not depend on state aid to remain functional. Donations and annual fundraisers provide the bulk of its operational expense.

"Unless somebody knows more than I do, it's not going to kill us," he said.

Amid Kentucky's estimated \$500 million budget deficit, the state's 180 volunteer rescue squads have been warned to not count on grant money in the near future. That money is often used to keep equipment up to standard and expand services.

Arflack said Crittenden County relies on its annual portrait fundraiser for the bulk of its money. Regular state funds from \$500 to \$1,500 have helped the squad replace old equipment such as radios. However, larger grants have gone to the purchase of equipment like a pneumatic spreader used to extract people from car wrecks.

Though Arflack is not immediately concerned, a prolonged lack of funding would eventually take its toll, he said.

Abortion bill would require ultrasound

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — They could choose not to look, but women seeking an abortion would have to first undergo an ultrasound and review the results with their doctors, under a measure proposed last week in the Kentucky General Assembly.

Sen. Jack Westwood (R-Crescent Springs), who opposes abortion, introduced the plan that could lead to fines for doctors who don't comply. It would require doctors to perform ultrasounds on women seeking abortions and allow women to see the images before terminating their pregnancies.

Physicians who don't comply could be fined up to \$100,000 for the first offense and \$250,000 for each subsequent offense.

Similar proposals have been introduced in other states.

Law could allow felons right to vote

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Some lawmakers are pushing for a change in the state constitution that would return voting rights to convicted felons when their sentences are served.

Rep. Darryl Owens (D-Louisville), a sponsor of the bill, said he believes it can be passed despite opposition.

Under the proposed amendment, the voting ban would remain for people convicted of "intentionally killing" someone, for child molesters and for anyone charged with heinous sexual crimes.

Many states previously prohibited people convicted of felonies from voting unless granted that right by the governor. But Kentucky and Virginia are the only ones who still have that ban, said Marc Mauer, executive director of The Sentencing Project.

"When you finish your sentence, you should be free to re-enter society," Mauer said.

'F' leads to talk of cigarette tax hike

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Bad grades for Kentucky's anti-smoking efforts could lead to more costly smokes if some legislators get their way.

Kentucky earned an "F" from the American Lung Association for its low cigarette tax and efforts to prevent smoking. The state's cigarette tax of 30 cents a pack is third lowest in the nation, and the Commonwealth has the highest rate of smoking of any state at 29 percent.

Smoking is estimated to cost Kentucky \$3 billion a year in public health expenses. A 75-cent cigarette tax increase to \$1.05 would bring in an estimated \$300 million annually. Nationwide, the average cigarette tax is \$1.11 per pack.

Kentucky's cigarette tax was increased by 27 cents in 2005.

More work ahead than just budget

Members of the Kentucky General Assembly convened the 2008 legislative session last week with a variety of issues that need attention, including the always challenging task of compiling a two-year budget plan for the Commonwealth.

Even-year sessions like this one meet for 60 days. The two-year state budget is written during this "long session," and with the revenue constraints some experts predict, we'll have to be especially thoughtful as we decide what our spending priorities should be. We'll pay particular attention this session to initiatives that could save the state money in the long term.

While a number of state programs can be scaled back, delayed or altogether eliminated, the largest portion of your tax dollars go toward mandatory programs such as local schools, jails and Medicaid. Jails and Medicaid are not only among the most costly for state government, but also two of the fastest growing areas of spending. One key to holding the line on overall state spending will be to manage costs in these areas. For example, the Senate has approved legislation each of the last two years to help drug abusers break their habit and keep out of jail by staying clean in order to save taxpayers money on



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incarceration costs.

On the education front, we will be taking a close look at bills to help bring top-notch teachers of math and science into our public schools as well as boost student achievement in those areas. The global economy is increasingly focused on technology and engineering, and if our Commonwealth aims to gain an edge on other states and nations in the competition for these high-paying jobs, we have to give our citizens the tools to compete. Our educational focus will also spotlight the needs of career and technical education so that all students can take part in the 21st century economy.

Another large chunk of the budget each year is the state's contribution to its employees' pension and health care costs. A comprehensive approach to fixing the retirement system — which faces a \$20 billion shortfall — will be essential to help restore its actuarial soundness and contain costs in the

future. The governor laid out his plan on this and many other issues Monday in his State of the Commonwealth Address and will detail his budget plan later this month (on Jan. 29). I look forward to hearing how he proposes to tackle the challenges facing us. Keep in mind, though, that it is ultimately the legislature that writes the state budget.

One major area of discretionary spending for lawmakers involves roads and bridges, but construction costs are rising faster than inflation, limiting our options. Each year, we try to balance the needs of urban areas with those of the vast stretches of rural road. At the same time, last summer's bridge collapse in Minneapolis highlighted the need for stepped-up maintenance of all our highways and bridges. This year, we'll be considering a plan that would give more control over local highway projects to community leaders, allowing them to decide what larger-scale projects are needed and how they should be funded. This could be especially helpful for communities near our state borders, where Kentucky pays for the roads but commuters from other states often make a disproportionate use of them.

Of course, we'll be dealing with a wide many other

Frankfort: Staying in touch

Online: www.lrc.ky.gov

The Kentucky Legislature's Web site provides information on each of Kentucky's senators and representatives, including their phone numbers, addresses and legislative committee assignments. The site also provides summaries and texts of bills under consideration, as well as information on the progress each bill has made through the legislative process.

Online: www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/listserv.htm

By going to the eNews page you can subscribe to frequent e-mail updates on what's happening at the Capitol.

Online: www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/capitol_notes.htm

Additionally, the General Assembly has its own Web log, Capitol Notes, that will allow you to receive legislative updates at your leisure.

Phone and mail

You can also stay in touch with General Assembly action in the following ways:

- A taped message containing information on legislative committee meetings is available by calling 1-800-633-9650.
- To leave a message for a legislator, call the General Assembly's toll-free Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. People with hearing difficulties may leave messages for lawmakers by calling the TTY Message Line at 1-808-896-0305.
- Citizens can write any legislator by sending a letter with the lawmaker's name to: Capitol Annex, 702 Capital Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601.

issues in the coming weeks, not just spending-oriented legislation. On average, each even-year session sees more than 1,000 bills filed, so the workload will only increase as the days march on.

I hope that you'll take the time to stay informed about what's happening in the state Capitol throughout the 2008 session. In addition to following news reports, you can

keep up with legislative action through the Kentucky Legislature's Web site and the General Assembly's toll-free phone lines or our free e-mail news service.

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

Surveying helps shape decisions

Welcome readers old and new to this, my ninth year of reporting to you from Frankfort. I've discussed many, many issues in the 98 (I've kept them all) columns that I've written. I try to focus on the issues I think you're most interested in, what we're doing in the legislature generally and what legislation I'm personally most involved in. Of course, other topics are occasionally covered; I noticed my first article written in early February 1999 dealt mostly with the renaming of the Western Kentucky Parkway as the Wendell H. Ford Western Kentucky Parkway and the deplorable condition of the parkway at that time. (As one who travels it often, I can attest it's in much better condition now, though some work remains.)

My major problem, as it was at the beginning, is that there's always so much to write about it's hard to condense into a reasonably-sized article. So now, having taken more space than I intended with this intro, let's talk about the 2008 General Assembly.

Speaker (Jody) Richards gave us into session at noon last Tuesday on a bright, sunny winter day with record-breaking temperatures hovering around 70. Inside House chambers, I expect things will heat up



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just as quickly as we tackle hundreds of bills this session, while simultaneously addressing significantly difficult issues such as state employee retirement, casino gaming and a serious budget shortfall.

The budget, since this is our long budget session, will as usual take its place at the top of difficult issues. Unfortunately, this year will be a more-than-normal budgetary challenge as Gov. Steve Beshear has made it clear that his upcoming biannual spending proposal, set to be delivered to the House of Representatives on Jan. 29, will be severely limited in scope. The shortfall for this fiscal year, which ends in June, now stands at \$430 million; revenues for 2008-2009 are projected to be \$500 million less than what was spent this year.

Last Thursday, further proof of the problems facing us came when the governor's budget office announced that the state took in \$16 million less during the last six

months of 2007 than it did during the same time period in 2006. This is a far cry from the nearly double-digit growth we saw just a few years ago.

I'm confident reasonable cuts and some excess funds from various programs will enable us to get through this fiscal year, but all areas of state government are being told to prepare for more belt-tightening during the next two years. The governor says nothing is off the table.

It is too soon to say what the house and senate will ultimately enact to meet this challenge, but we have pledged to work together. Our shared goal is to do what we can with what we have — and hope the national economy rebounds quickly.

While news of the budget dominated the legislative session's opening days, there were other proposals last week that deserve mention as well.

For example, last Thursday at a press conference, Gov. Beshear unveiled an ethics agenda designed to strengthen the integrity of the executive branch. The bill, House Bill 250, includes stiffer penalties for violations of state ethics laws, expanding the number of individuals covered and setting up a more independent ethics board. As chairman of the State Government

2008 legislative events calendar

- ✓ Jan. 8: Session convened.
- ✓ Jan. 14: Governor's State of the Commonwealth address.
- Jan. 29: Governor delivers budget address.
- Feb. 25: Last day for new bill requests.
- March 3: Last day for House bills to be filed.
- March 5: Last day for Senate bills to be filed.
- March 31: Final day before veto recess.
- April 15: Last day.

Committee, I worked with the governor's staff in the bill's preparation and was proud to be introduced by the governor as its primary sponsor.

I expect HB 250 to pass the house quickly and see no reason why the senate wouldn't give it favorable consideration. Strengthening ethics codes and standards is a non-partisan issue that should be part of everyone's agenda. I've also introduced another ethics bill, HB 212, to strengthen Kentucky's legislative code of ethics. Our ethics laws are already considered to be among the nation's strongest, and most of us would like to keep them that way.

Later that same day I was part of Gov. Beshear's second

press conference. Following his remarks proclaiming January as "Blood Donor Month," the governor called on me to speak on behalf of a bill I'm sponsoring in support of the American Red Cross' effort to sure up blood banks across the country. HB 139 would add Kentucky to the growing list of states that allow healthy, as is the case for all donors, 16-year-olds to donate blood with written consent of their parent or guardian.

In conclusion, I'd like to take a few lines to invite everyone to take part in a confidential and informal survey I'm conducting. The survey contains only 17 questions on issues where your input will help my deliberations. They are issues you'll most likely find familiar. I've randomly sent out some 500 of them, but the larger my database the better. You can participate by simply requesting a survey form by emailing me at mike.cherry@lrc.ky.gov or by calling toll-free at 1-800-372-7181.

As always, I welcome your advice views, and concerns through any channel you choose to use.

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

Attorneys push for drugged driver bill

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

One sunny June morning in 2006, four community leaders from Bowling Green set out for a scenic drive on their motorcycles. For two of them, the ride would be their last.

As they were driving through Logan County, a truck driver crossed a double-yellow line, killing two men and seriously injuring another. The truck driver had marijuana and drug paraphernalia in her possession. In fact, she admitted to driving with drugs in her system, and tests verified that she had smoked marijuana before driving.

In a separate tragedy in 2007, 17 children were injured in a Grant County Middle School bus crash. The bus driver was driving with cocaine, marijuana and prescription painkillers in her system.

"In both of these tragedies, we see a disturbing fact," said Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson. "In neither case was the drugged driver convicted of DUI."

"The number of arrests for drug DUIs in Crittenden County last year was equal to the number of arrests for alcohol-related DUIs — this trend is typical of all counties in Kentucky," said Johnson, who prosecutes DUI cases in Crittenden District Court. "Kentucky lawmakers have not kept pace with this emerging trend."

According to Johnson, Kentucky's laws are vague in relation to drugged driving and need to be changed. There are no laws in Kentucky that provide

for a presumption of being under the influence of drugs. This differs from an alcohol-related DUI, where the law states that if one drives with a blood-alcohol content of .08 or higher, he or she is presumed under the influence and guilty of DUI. Prosecutors do not have to prove that the alcohol was influencing the driver while he or she was operating a vehicle.

The Kentucky County Attorneys Association, made up of county attorneys across the state, supports two pre-filed bills, BR 97 (Rep. Jim DeCesare) and BR 169 (House Speaker Jody Richards), which state, in effect, that drivers with traces of controlled substances in their blood are presumed to be under the influence of those drugs and are therefore guilty of DUI.

According to Johnson, the bills provide an absolute defense to an offender who is driving with a legally prescribed controlled substance in his or her blood, as long as the driver is following the prescribed dosage and the proper driving restrictions.

"Drugged drivers are causing countless accidents and threatening the lives of those who drive on Kentucky roads," Johnson said.

The Kentucky State Police Lab reported that, in 2006, 63 percent of all DUI cases tested positive for controlled substances. Kentucky Crash Data for 2006 reports that more than 20 percent of vehicle accidents involved drugs and that more than

1,000 people were killed or injured at the hands of drugged drivers in 2006.

"Our legislative leaders showed great insight several years ago by enacting the zero tolerance DUI law for minors," Johnson said.

The law, which prohibits those under age 21 from driving with even trace amounts of alcohol in their systems, bases its foundation on the theory that since it's illegal for a minor to buy, possess or consume alcoholic beverages, it should, likewise, be a crime—and a more serious offense—for an underage person to have a measurable amount of alcohol in his or her system while driving.

"We believe this theory is sound and should be applied to illegal drugs," Johnson said. "Since it is illegal for any person (regardless of age) to possess or consume illegal drugs, our laws should reflect a zero tolerance for those who drive with illegal drugs in their systems."

Johnson said she thinks simple logic would help our laws dealing with driving and drugs make more sense.

"Currently, our laws more harshly punish those who simply possess illegal drugs than those who drive with those drugs in their system," Johnson said.

She cited an example of a person



Johnson

convicted of a felony for possessing cocaine, for which they would receive five years in the state penitentiary.

"If that same person were caught driving with cocaine in his or her system, that is only a misdemeanor, even though the drugged driver is far more dangerous, as he or she is endangering the lives of innocent motorists, passengers and pedestrians," Johnson said.

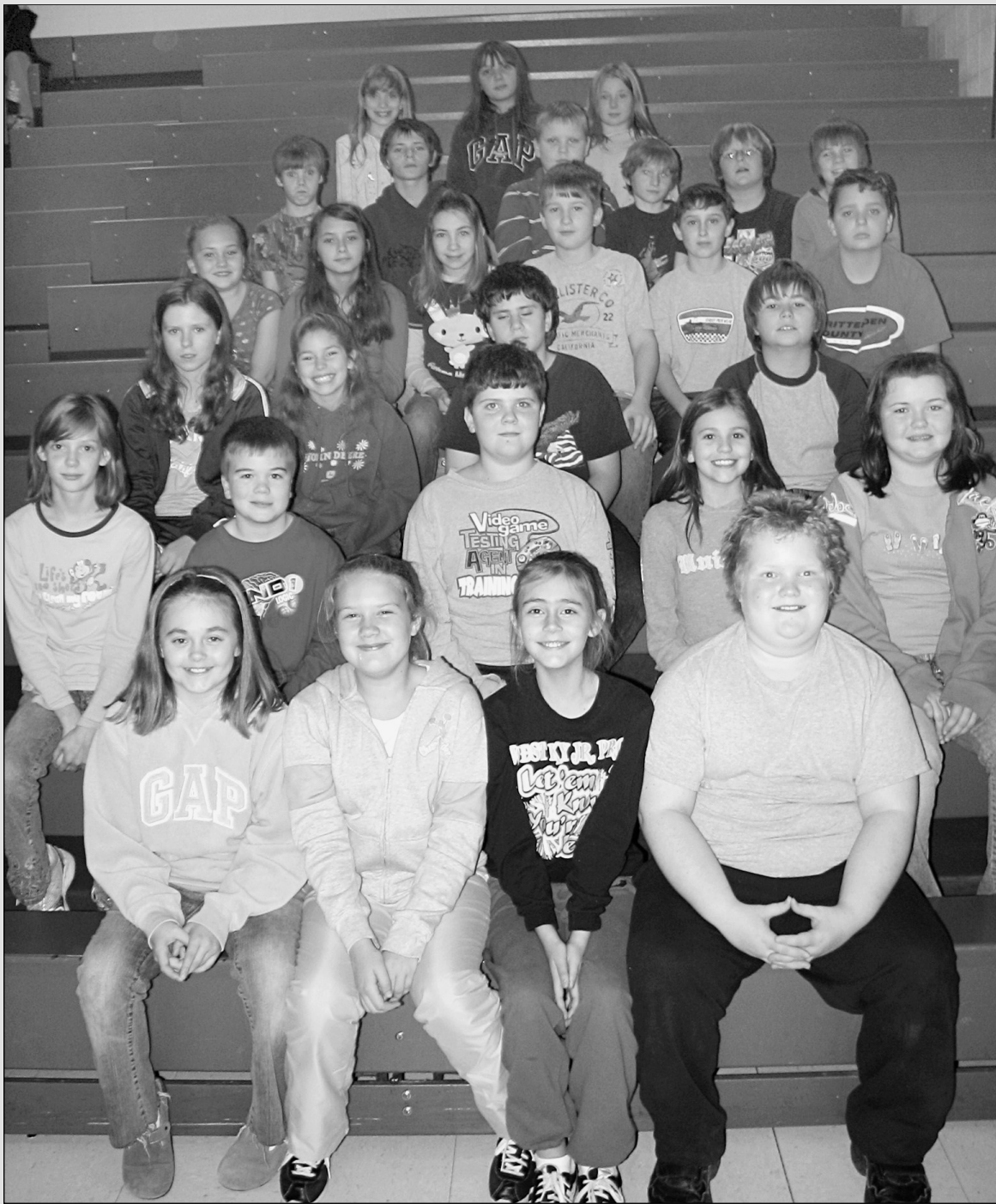
In 1991, Kentucky enacted its first per-se law stating that those who drive with a blood-alcohol level of 0.10 or higher are guilty of DUI. Since that time, DUI injuries and fatalities have steadily decreased. In fact, when comparing 1991 DUI injuries and fatalities to those in 2006, we find that the number of injuries and fatalities has been cut by more than 43 percent.

"So following that same logic, if Kentucky passed a per-se law for those driving with controlled substances in their systems, we could see a similar decrease each year, thus preventing an estimated 430 injuries and fatalities due to drugged drivers in a calendar year," said Johnson.

The Kentucky County Attorneys Association has sought a drugged driving bill three times before this year, but has found stiff opposition in the legislature each time, said Johnson.

"Community support is crucial to getting this important bill passed," Johnson said. "I encourage those who support these drugged driving bills to contact their legislators."

Proficient achievers: Fifth-grade CATS performers



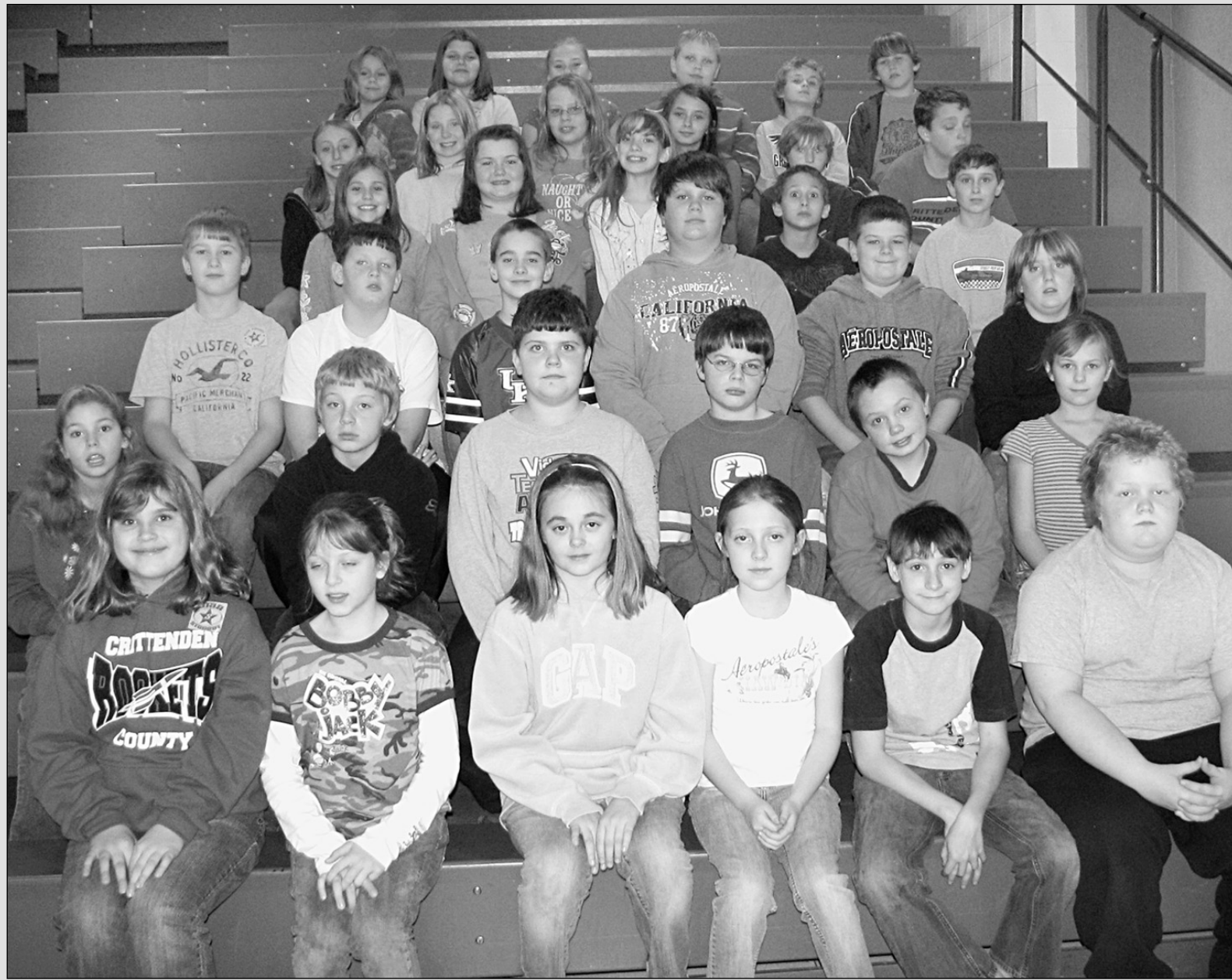
PROFICIENT SCIENCE

At left, fifth-grade students at Crittenden County Elementary School recognized with certificates of proficient achievement on the science portion of their fourth-grade Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) test are (front row, from left) Erica Hardin, Elle LaPlante, Madison Lynch, Chris Andersen, (second row) Lauren Watson, Trey DeBoe, Cameron Glore, Anna Bryant, Sylvana Hunt, (third row) Chelsea Oliver, Sydney Hunt, Joey Shewmaker, Cameron McDaniel, (fourth row) Paige Winterheimer, Megan Manns, Amber Smith, Noah Dickerson, Jacob Graham, Chase Young, (fifth row) Austin Travis, Dakota Stone, Logan Bingham, Tanner Baird, Jason Enoch, Ryan Dunham, (back row) Arieal Wright, Eleasha Head and Haley Skees. Not pictured are Brayden McKinney and Chris Winders.

PROFICIENT PRACTICAL LIVING

Below, fifth-grade students at CCES recognized with certificates of proficient achievement on the practical living portion of their fourth-grade CATS test are (front row, from left) Kayla Davis, Danielle Byarley, Erica Hardin, Chloe McKinzie, Matthew Cox, Chris Andersen, (second row) Sydney Hunt, Lane Wallace, Cameron Glore, Jacob Berry, Bradley Harris, Sami Story, (third row) Noah Dickerson, Chase Dempsey, Landon Young, Brandon Martin, Hunter Stone, Noah Hadfield, (fourth row) Anna Bryant, Sylvana Hunt, Arieal Wright, Michael Clark, Jacob Graham, (fifth row) Elizabeth Ritchie, Haley Skees, Kenzie McKinley, Megan Manns, Tanner Baird, Chase Young, (back row) Haylee Tinsley, Brittany Stone, Paige Winterheimer, Logan Bingham, Nathan Burnett and Michael Hassett. Not pictured are Lacy McConnell, Brayden McKinney, Zac Smith and Chris Winders

PHOTOS BY DARYL K. TABOR



Aid at scene of accident by untrained ill-advised

Keeping victim calm best act by passerby

STAFF REPORT

Local paramedics and law enforcement officials are reminding citizens of the dangers involved in trying to help at accident scenes.

Sheriff Wayne Agent says that passersby have wonderful intentions, but they can sometimes create more problems by trying to lend a hand to victims of automobile accidents.

Agent said that his department's own policy prohibits deputies from touching accident victims until EMS personnel arrive, unless extraordinary circumstances exist.

"The best thing our deputies or anyone else can do is to try to keep the victim calm and still," Agent said. "Unless their life appears to be in immediate danger."

Immediate danger might include a vehicle on fire or submerged in water. Then, he said, it might make sense to get the victim away from the vehicle.

James Ivy, director of the Crittenden Ambulance Service, said good Samaritans might be doing more harm than good by moving or pulling victims out of vehicles unless, like Agent explained, there is reason to believe they might be in imminent danger.



Agent



"If you don't do it correctly, you can endanger the patient by aggravating injuries and worsening their condition."

- James Ivy
Crittenden Ambulance Service director

"We call those life over limb situations," Ivy said, pointing out that unless there is very good reason to believe an accident victim might be in more peril by staying put, it's best to leave them alone.

Ivy said paramedics, First Responders and other emergency personnel are specifically trained in extricating injured people from vehicles.

"If you don't do it correctly, you can endanger the patient by aggravating injuries and worsening their condition," the ambulance director said.

For instance, he explains that people with fractures or spinal injuries can sustain life-threatening injuries if moved by untrained personnel. Some patients should not be moved until they have been stabilized or immobilized, he said.


Although it's natural instinct for people to want to help, Ivy recommends the best thing for passersby to do is to keep the victim calm, still and warm.

"If you have a blanket or a coat, you can cover them with it to keep them warm, but try to get them to stay still and avoid getting up and walking around until they can be assessed by a trained professional."

Passing motorists who stop to help at an accident scene can also endanger their own lives or the victims' lives by not understanding how air bags work. Sometimes airbags not deployed upon impact may be on a hair-trigger, ready to go off at the slightest bump.

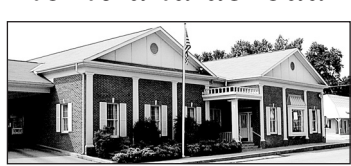
"There have been responders killed by air bags," Ivy said. "Those bags deploy at 200 mph. They can hurt you or the patient if either are in compromising positions when they go off. You have to be conscious of those things and make sure you don't put yourself between an airbag and solid object or the patient."

The bottom line, Ivy said, is that untrained individuals, no matter how good their intentions, can create potential health and safety risks for the victims and themselves by trying to inappropriately help at accident scenes.




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Apply your heart to wisdom

That is good advice at the beginning of a new year. Time is probably the least appreciated and least thought about commodity in our lives. We set budgets for our financial health. We plan our grocery lists. We even make sure the oil is changed in our cars, but we give little thought to time. Time is the substance of our lives. What we do with time is what we do with our lives.

Moses suggests that there is some specific things we need to do with our time.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Youth is amazingly optimistic. It is the rare individual who begins to think about the impact of his life before he is forty. Some never do. And yet we are here only once. What we do with our time determines if our lives really count for anything or if we are just along for the ride.

The Scriptures teach that applying ourselves to wisdom



Dr. Mike Morrow
Religious Views
Crittenden Press guest columnist

is the only thing that will make our lives count.

There is a story in the New Testament about a man whose land brought forth plentifully. He had so much that he didn't have room for it all. Finally he made a decision: "This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods (Luke 12:18)." So far so good. But then he made a major mistake. His next words show him to be a complete fool. This is what he said: " And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry."

That statement prompted God to call this man a fool! "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided (KJV Luke 12:20)?"

He was a fool because he thought his life was certain. He thought he had "many years" when he only had hours. He was a fool because he thought things laid up in barns could satisfy his soul. And he was a fool because he thought life was made up of eating and drinking and being merry

Many people today are living exactly like the rich fool. They are doing their best to build bigger barns to hold what they think they have. Many people are counting on years of "merry" living. The

truth is you may have only moments before you stand before the Judge of all the earth. The Bible says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. To apply ourselves to wisdom, as Moses directs us in Psalm forty, is to apply ourselves to the knowledge of God. When your life comes to an end, how will God judge you... as a fool...or as a man or woman who applied their whole being to knowing the only true God?

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psalm 40:12)

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom..." (KJV Psalm 111:10)

(Editor's note: Mike Morrow is pastor at Union Baptist Church on Levas Road in Crittenden County. His column on religion runs periodically.)

“ So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

- Psalm 40:12

Anti-casino faction speaks to lawmakers

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

Gambling opponents urged lawmakers last Thursday to defeat any proposals to legalize casino gambling. Just one day earlier, thoroughbred horse track representatives made their pitch to have casino gambling placed on the ballot.

Gov. Steve Beshear wants lawmakers to pass a constitutional amendment aimed at legalizing casino gambling in Kentucky. If the General Assembly approves the proposal, Kentuckians would then get to vote on it.

"Ultimately, the final say in any constitutional amendment is up to the voter," Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) told The Press. "That's one thing I want to get out there."

Beshear, a Democrat, says the state could collect more than \$500 million in annual tax revenue from the plan. A 15-member House subcommittee, of which Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton) is a part, is reviewing the gambling issue for the legislature.

John-Mark Hack is a spokesman for an anti-casino group called Say No To Casinos. He says legalized

gambling will lead to moral problems.

In a letter to Gov. Beshear, Hack doubted the validity of proposed revenue casino gambling would create: "Governor, you tell us state government is in a hole because it's spending more than it makes. Now you are also telling us we can gamble our way out of this hole by going to the slot parlors and gaining \$500 million every year, a figure for which you have provided no valid evidence."

The entire letter can be found on saynotocasinos.com.

Ridley recalls similar issues 20 years ago when Gov. Wallace Wilkinson began pushing the lottery. At the time, Ridley was a representative serving Henderson.

"I think there's a great parallel in the lottery issue and the casino issue," he said.

The senator said any amendment would likely limit the number of licenses allowed to operate in the state, perhaps nine. If the amendment passed in that manner, no additional casinos would be allowed without another statewide vote, he said.

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Churchnotes

■ Providence General Baptist Church will host a concert featuring Jeff and Sheri Easter at 7 p.m., Friday. Everyone welcome. The church is located at 309 W. Main St., Providence.

■ Enon General Baptist Church will have revival with Evangelist Bro. Jackie Brantley, at 7 p.m., beginning Monday and will continue nightly as the Lord leads. Bro. Chris Brantley and congregation invite everyone to join them in worship. For more information, call Brantley at 965-8164 or 339-2241.

■ Old Salem Baptist Church will have a women's conference and luncheon Saturday from 10:30 a.m., to noon with guest speaker Inge Burnett. The church is located at 717 Old Salem Church Road, Salem.

■ New Life Baptist Church will host a concert featuring the Hawkins Family at 6 p.m., Saturday.

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Croft killed in weekend crash

STAFF REPORT

A third person in just more than a month has died in a traffic accident near the U.S. 60 junction with River Road in Livingston County.

Saturday night, Kevin Croft, 36, of Smithland, died in a single-vehicle wreck three miles east of Smithland, shutting down the road for an hour and a half.

According to Kentucky State Police, Croft was east-bound in his 1999 GMC when the pickup left the roadway on the right shoulder, traveling in a ditch line about 250 feet. The vehicle came back onto the road, and threw Croft from the truck as it overturned three times.

"The vehicle came to a final rest just off the right shoulder," investigating Trooper Daniel Jones said in his report.

The wreck occurred just before 8 p.m. Croft was pronounced dead at the scene by Livingston County Deputy Coroner David Koon. (See obituary on Page 7A.)

On Dec. 8 of last year, two Livingston County teens were killed near the same area along U.S. 60 after their vehicle left the roadway and slammed into a concrete culvert. Brothers Joseph Andrew "Joey" Martin, 16, and Donald Brandon "Donnie" Martin, 18,

both of Smithland, were also pronounced dead at the scene of their one-vehicle wreck.

Keith Todd, public information officer for Districts 1 and 2 of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, said his office investigates serious wrecks that occur near the same area to determine particular road hazards that may contribute to accidents. In many cases, he said, there is no connection between characteristics of the incidents.

Todd did say the portion of U.S. 60 near Smithland has narrow shoulders, with little area between the paved roadway and ditch. In both recent Livingston County fatalities, the vehicles left the roadway and traveled along the ditch.

Speed appeared to have been a factor in the December wreck, according to the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, but no contributing factors were cited in the Croft fatality. Trooper Jones' investigation, though, is continuing.

While Croft was thrown from the vehicle, there was no indication on the police report if he was wearing a safety belt.

Todd said seatbelts can often make a difference in life or death. In fact, a person traveling in a vehicle is 51 percent less likely to be injured or killed in a traffic accident if wearing a seatbelt, he said.



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Bridging the gap

On Friday, work continued on a bridge across Crooked Creek deep in the Amish community.

Above, a \$250,000 span has been placed along Beachy Road to allow for crossing the Ohio River tributary during all seasons. At right, a water-logged ford about 50 yards from the new bridge is at present the only way to cross the creek along Beachy Road. Judge-Executive Fred Brown said work could be finished in as little as two weeks.



Bullying bill encourages Golden Rule

STAFF REPORT

Anti-bullying legislation sponsored by Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton) makes its fifth trip through the General Assembly this year.

House Bill 91, which cleared the House Education Committee Tuesday, would establish the Golden Rule as the model for improving conduct at Kentucky schools. The legislation would require school districts across the state to implement procedures and policies dealing with bullying or intimidation of another student.

"It is important to teach our kids the Golden Rule and hold them accountable for it," said Holly White, community educator for Crittenden County's school system. "This important lesson that parents are teaching at home needs to be reinforced at school."

Crittenden schools have already taken a step to address bullying, having implemented a district-wide Bully Free program. Last week, White announced a Bully Free Community program designed to bring the entire county on board.

"Treating others the way that you would want to be treated is a lifelong lesson," White said. "Adults have to remember to do this and be conscientious of this as well."



NBC PHOTO: TRAE PATTON

Britney Lewzader, granddaughter-in-law of Rip and Barbara Wheeler of Marion, will appear with host Howie Mandel next week on NBC's game show "Deal or No Deal."

Marion connection on 'Deal' gameshow

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Britney Lewzader has a million-dollar secret.

Next week, the 22-year-old's appearance on NBC's "Deal or No Deal" will finally air. After having been filmed weeks ago on the hit game show, she has been contractually obligated to be mum on the outcome despite her better than 1-in-3 shot at becoming the first person to leave the show a millionaire.

"I don't know how well she did because she has not been allowed to discuss the outcome," said Becky Duda, Lewzader's mother-in-law and a Marion native.

Duda is the daughter of Rip and Barbara Wheeler of Marion. She grew up in Crittenden County and even taught school here. Now, she and the rest of the family, including her son Jonathan who is married to Britney, anxiously await the outcome of next week's airing.

"It should be entertaining; Britney is very dramatic (and hopefully lucky)," Duda wrote The Press in an e-mail.

Leslie Juarez, an employee of the show in Los Angeles, confirmed that Lewzader appears on the show next week.

She will appear with host Howie Mandel as the second contestant on Monday's episode of "Deal or No Deal." She will follow New Yorker John Buonviaggio who apparently failed in his Million Dollar Mission to become the first seven-figure winner on the show. Because of his inability to win the grand prize with eight of the 26 cases filled with \$1 million prizes, Lewzader will have a shot to break the bank with the

stakes raised.

As the show goes, Britney will hold on to one case hoping it contains the top prize. According to promotional photos made available to The Press from an NBC Universal Web site, Lewzader selects case No. 1. As she eliminates the 25 others containing various amounts of cash, nine will contain \$1 million - the best odds on the show to date.

"She said all she is allowed to say is, 'She can confirm she went to L.A., and confirm it has been taped...'," Tiffany Stewart, Marion resident and aunt of Jonathan Lewzader, told The Press last week of Britney's appearance.

Episode No. 333 of "Deal or No Deal" airs at 8 p.m., Monday on NBC. But watch-

ers, and apparently family, will have to wait until the next episode two nights later to find out if Lewzader returned from the West Coast taping to her Gilbertville, Ky., home a millionaire.

"All I know is that there were nine \$1 million dollar cases available when she played and they are very pleased with the outcome," Duda said.

When Lewzader, a student at Murray State University and former Miss Tater Day, continues her Million Dollar Mission at 7 p.m., next Wednesday, six \$1 million cases are left on the board from the original nine.

The Press has scheduled an interview with Lewzader before next week's publication.

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RELAX ON LARGE BALCONY...overlooking your own private stocked lake. Attractive brick features: 3 bedrooms, 2

baths, family room, kitchen w/built-in appliances; formal living, & dining room with full glass panels overlooking lake. Has 2 car attached garage plus nice double unattached garage/workshop w/heat & air plus other amenities. Located on 3 beautiful lots in Salem Heights.

CHILDREN WANTED...in this 4 bdrm., 1 1/2 story family home that enters into living rm. w/grand open staircase. The nice colonial column front porch house has vinyl exterior with replacement windows and concrete double drive with large 30' x 40' building. Situated on beautiful corner acre lot in Salem.

LOTS / SMALL TRACTS / FARMLAND

1.27 ACRE LOT...located in Marion. Many possibilities. Call today. Owner/Agent.

27.994 ACRES...of prime deer & turkey hunting ground. Located in Crittenden County with 3-5 open acres and the balance in woods. Last select timber cut was 20 years ago. Some highway frontage. Perfect for building your secluded dream home. Call for more info.

LAKE AREA LOT...located south of Eddy Creek Marina on Hwy 93. Perfect for mobile home or build your dream home. Utilities already on property. Call for more information.

7 BEAUTIFUL LOTS located in Hickory Hills Subdivision. Call for more information. PRICE REDUCED.

GREENWOOD HEIGHTS...looking at building your dream home? Here are the lots for you. Priced to sell at \$8,000. Call for more information.

SOLD APPROX. ONE HALF ACRE...lot fronting the Ohio River & Crooked Creek.

SOLD 45 ACRES HUNTING RETREAT...approx. 5 acres open balance in woods. Located on Old Fords Ferry Rd.

60.5 ACRE CATTLE FARM...with portion of farm in timber with road frontage on two roads. Farm is fully fenced and cross fenced and has two ponds. Property has several areas that would make great home sites that have wonderful views of Crittenden County. Abundant deer and turkey also make this farm a great place to harvest that trophy deer or turkey. Call us for a showing. \$119,500.

AWESOME DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING...on this 75.5 Acre Crittenden County Farm. 30 acres of tillable farm land surrounded by hardwood timber and creeks. Great views from atop this farm, several areas of the farm would make a great home site or a place to put that secluded cabin. Several nice trophy deer and turkey have been taken from and around this location. Give us a call to view. \$149,500.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

1800 KENTUCKY, PADUCAH KY...Midtown office location. Access to bldg. from KY Ave. or thru the alley off 18th St. Professional office bldg. w/ many rooms available. \$139,900.

1806 KENTUCKY, PADUCAH, KY...Commercial bldg. Located on corner of 19th & KY Ave. Has over 2400 SF of space that currently has 1100 SF leased to "Man's World" barber shop. Balance of approx. 1300 SF recently has been used as convenience store. Features a storage bldg. in rear w/over 950 SF. Conveniently located near hospital and DR. offices & other professional bldg. This would be a great investment opportunity. \$165,000

112 S 5th ST., PADUCAH, KY...located in heart of downtown renovation area. Building was home to "Conway's" barber shop for over 50 years and bldg. dates back over 100 years. Period architectural designs are still very visible & attractive. \$80,000.

RESTORED HISTORICAL COMMERCIAL BUILDING...located Main St. in downtown Marion. This renovated building has original ornate tin/medallion ceilings, hardwood/mosaic tile flooring, replacement windows plus central heat & air. The building has 1 and half baths, 2 stories with an open staircase leading to the balcony and second floor. Excellent for various retail businesses and downtown apartment. Come take a look and began a new business or transfer your location to this unique building. Call today for more details.

GREAT LOCATION...in Salem. Commercial building and lot. Many possibilities. Call for more information.

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS...from this 30 x 50 garage. Features (3) 10' x 12' overhead doors, office space, propane heat, exterior lighting, concrete floors, city water. Call for more details.

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

SAT. MAR. 15, 10 AM - 67.7 acres of hunting land. Deer, turkey, duck. Location: Hwy. 137 in Livingston County.

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