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Bride inside

Get ready for your big day with this year's special bridal segment from The Crittenden Press. The five-page feature is full of bargains, specials and tips to make your wedding day a success. There are even tips for the guys looking to pop the big question and slide a shiny rock onto the ring finger of their love. Feature begins on Page 1B.

Superintendent resigns his post

Crittenden County School Superintendent of John Belt announced his resignation Tuesday. Belt made his intentions public at this week's board of education meeting. He will stay on until July 1, 2008.

"It's just time for me to move on," the Tolu native told The Press, adding that other personal obligations have become more important. "The district is at a point where I feel like it needs to find somone who will be in place for

10 or 12 years.' At the time he was hired in the spring of 2005, Belt said he did not intend to be a long-term superintendent. He has one year left on his contract.

Free food given out today to residents

Free food will be available from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., today (Thursday) at the Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street. Residents are asked to pick up food only for themselves.

Board reschedules info sharing meet

Crittenden County Board of Education has rescheduled last week's community information sharing meetings, inviting the public to comment on the education and economic impact of the school district. Originally scheduled for Feb. 12 at the Ed-Tech Center, the noon and 6 p.m., meetings have been reslated for the same times on March 20. Anyone wishing to share input or concerns related to the school district should call 965-3525 to make a reservation, which is needed for the noon meeting only.

Chamber seeking award nominations

The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is asking the community to nominate for recognition some of those people or businesses that make a difference in the county. Nominations can be made by phone, fax, e-mail or mail for the following awards: Person of the Year Community Pride, Unsung Hero, Volunteer of the Year and Customer Service of the Year. The deadline for all entries is March 18. The Chamber can be reached by phone at 965-5015 or 704-2712. The fax number is 965-0058 and e-mail is chamber@

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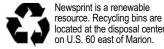
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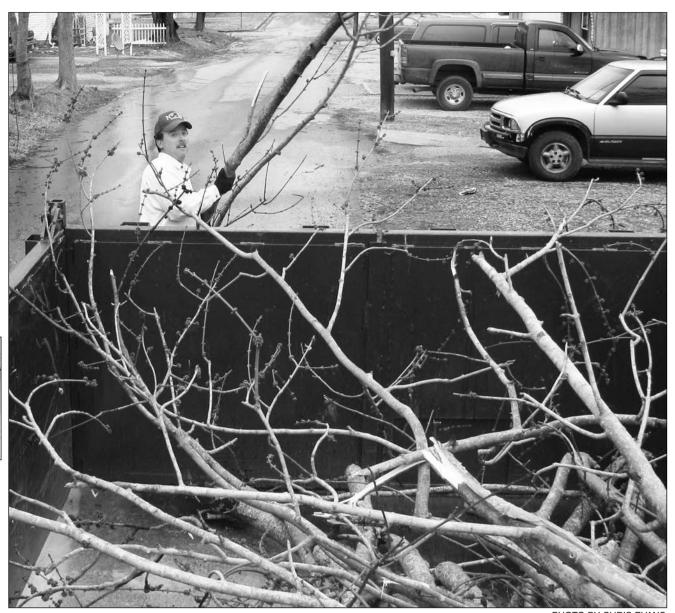
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David Stone, like other enterprising folks around the area, began contracting tree and debris cleanup jobs last week for residents of Crittenden County hit by the witner ice storm.

Lessons from ice storm noted as cleanup, recovery continues

hat will certainly go down in the annals of time as one of the broadest natural disasters in county history has now come and gone. The Winter Ice Storm of February 2008 will long be remembered, not for its destruction to homes nor fatal consequences, but for the greater inconvenience that it caused and the message it sent to disaster preparedness coordinators.

Although damages to homes, vehicles, livestock, barns, standing timber and landscaping was widespread and problematic, it could have been even more dis-We dodged

a big bullet...

astrous "We dodged a big bullet," said Greg Binkley, maintenance supervisor for Crittenden County School District. "The weather cooperated. It never got cold

enough to do major damage while the power was out. If we'd have had temperatures down near zero, there would have been major problems

back in school this week, I can tell you that.'

Homes and buildings that were not well insulated suffered from frozen water pipes, but for the most part that type of damage was mitigated by temperatures that never dipped below 25 degrees during the

electricity outage. At the peak of power outage, electric companies that serve Crittenden County and the Salem area say they had 7,500 customers without electricity. Restoration crews worked 16-hour days clearing right-of-ways and repairing damaged lines. Within a couple of days,

about half of the power to the county was restored. By the weekend, there were about 1,000 homes still without power and a couple hundred started this - Greg Binkley week without lights. Crittenden County Schools That was especially Maintenance Supervisor troublesome for families with school-age children who had to

> report back to class Monday. Schools let out early on the first day of the storm, Monday, Feb. 11, and classes were dismissed the remainder of the week.

Storm coverage

Businesses suffer, flourish from outage Baptist group helps clean up town

Past disasters leave their mark Remembering the disaster in pictures

Tree work requires

consideration

 \blacksquare School buses operated on routes that were cleared of storm debris Monday. Several areas were still too troublesome for the big, vellow buses to navigate. Caney Fork, Nunn Switch, Fishtrap, Sulpher Springs, Airport, Love Cemetery, Youth Camp, Baker Hollow, North Kirk Bluff, Nipper, Copperas Springs, A.T. Crider, Brown School, Moore Springs, Bridwell Loop, Fords Ferry and Roe Wofford roads were either impassable or problematic for

Bus drivers checked their routes Sunday in private vehicles and made special arrangements to pick up students where roads inhibited travel, said school transportation

school buses Monday.

Joe Prather said.

enue shortfalls.

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Tax table

Magistrates delay call on new levy

By CHRIS EVANS

About 100 residents packed into the Crittenden County Courthouse Tuesday morning, many of them armed with their own reasons for opposing a proposed four-percent insurance premium tax. Crittenden County Judge-Executive

Fred Brown and local magistrates had discussed during their January fiscal court meeting the idea of imposing an insurance tax on citizens in order City axes to make up for a projected \$145,000 shortfall in the FY 2008-09 budget. The plan Council tossed passed on a 4-2 vote. out the idea of Before the idea could doubling the city's become law, however, current 4-percent a public hearing and tax on insurance vote second required.



tax hike Marion City were premiums. See story on Page 3A.

The public meeting was held this week amid a hail of opposition, prompting county leaders to back off the idea temporarily while exploring other options. Dozens of people attended the Tuesday hearing, forcing it out of the fiscal court's normal chambers on the main floor of the courthouse and into the more spacious district courtroom upstairs. Still, every bench and chair was filled. Many voiced their opinion regarding the tax; all were against it. However, some in the crowd expressed their understanding of the county's financial woes. A the county's budget crisis.

Of those ideas, many were either illegal or impractical based on federal, state and local laws. Some had merit and were duly

recognized by county officials as possible options. Local businessman

Bobby Martin suggested putting a \$10 surcharge on property tax bills to help pay for county fire departments; Tolu resident John May, a former county judge-executive, suggested taking part of

the county judge's salary out of the road department instead of taking it all from the general fund; county resident Gary Hardesty asked if the insurance tax could be collected one year then eliminated, giving the county some much needed cash right now but not holding up taxpayers from now on.

Magistrate Curt Buntin gave Hardesty's idea some credit when he said, "We just have a shortfall right now and a year from now we might not be having this discussion."

Local leaders have suggested that the new jail will save the county thousands in the coming years, but right now they are not certain enough to pencil those figures

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U.S. 641, ferry remain in new road plan

By DARYL K. TABOR MANAGING EDITOR

The state's plan for road projects through 2014 won't see a lot of new blacktop put down over the next two years, but transportation plans in Crittenden County remain on the map.

Because of massive revenue shortfalls, the 2008 Recommended Highway Plan introduced to the public and legislators last week anticipates no money for new, state-funded projects until mid-2010. For Crittenden County, however, that will have little effect. according to Judge-Executive Fred Brown. In fact, all projects from the last six-year plan issued in 2006 have carried over into this year's version. Those projects include a four-lane U.S. 641 and the Ohio River Ferry at Cave in Rock, Ill.

proposed highway plan unveiled last week by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet anticipates that \$5.3 billion in state and federal funding will be available over the upcoming six-year period - \$1.03 billion less than the basis for the last plan. Moderate growth in the Kentucky

when projects cost more, careful choic-

es must be made about the type and

extent of road system improvements

we pursue," Transportation Secretary

Road Fund has not

kept pace with a 40 percent increase in the price of road-building materials since 2005, the report noted. In addition, the state portion of the plan contains projects that exceed forecasted revenues by nearly \$3 bil-

"As we assess the Transportation Cabinet's ability to meet future high-

Despite the massive revenue problem, full funding for grade, drain and new U.S. 641 in remains intact, but plan through 2014.

appears to have been pushed back a vear. "I was hoping 641 would be slated

for this year," Brown said of the \$49.54 way needs, we must recognize that

million, two-phase construction pro-Instead of that work beginning sometime after Fiscal Year 2009 that begins July 1 of this year, it will now have to wait until after July 1, 2009. That "slippage," as Rep. Mike Cherry

puts it, has nothing to do with the rev-



surfacing work on the 5.2 miles of a **Highway plan money**

Only two projects for Crittenden Crittenden County County are in the state's transportation

> ■ U.S. 641..... ..\$49,540,000 ■ Ohio River Ferry\$600,000

has pushed to 2010, absolutely, but that's as quick as we could spend it," Cherry told The Press Tuesday. Part of the delay is

Construction

due to a hold-up in property acquisition. Because of legal disputes in the court system between local

property owners and the state over the amount offered for the land needed to construct the four-lane road, the next phase must await legal decisions on each case. That next phase will be utility construction, for which \$3.5 million is set aside, according to Cherry.

"It's all on track," he said. The Princeton Democrat said the

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located at the disposal center on U.S. 60 east of Marion.

ILPs best part of education's alphabet soup

I'm not much for soup. In fact, plain condensed tomato soup – made with milk, of course - is about the only flavor I can stomach.

My least favorite is alphabet soup; a concoction ladled out by schools and the federal government. There's FEMA, IRS, CIA, FBI, USDA, CATS, KERA, NCLB, AP, etc. Why, just regurgitating these leaves a foul taste in my mouth.

Education acronyms seem almost to be created with the intent of confusing. But one rendering of the alphabet soup that is quite palatable, but not around in my day, is ILP.

Individual Learning Plans.



They are exactly what they sound like, plans for individual students starting in middle school to get them on a career path that matches their interests. These ILPs have really taken off this year, after weathering out the kinks last

to the Web-based program and answer questions about interests, goals and other things that shape young lives. They start this in sixth grade and continue through their senior year. During that time, the program tracks their direction, takes and inventory, offers suggestions on how to get on a career path and maintains a record of recommendations, experiences and awards that is updated as they are acquired. Come time for post-secondary education or after-school careers, the program can even prepare resumes and college applica-

It's quite the cat's meow. It wasn't around when I had a full head of hair. Nor was it for Robyn Taylor, CCMS guidance counselor.

"The neat thing to me," she said, "is that there are careers out there today that I didn't know existed. When I was a senior, nobody said, 'Robyn, what do you want to do?'

Middle schoolers Cody Caraway and Taylor Champion already have a good idea what they want to do, thanks in no small part to the ILP. They recently had an opportunity to escort the board of education through

their progress. One's interested in the FBI. Another's considering veterinary school.

"I could not believe this was out there to help the kids decide," their guidance counselor said.

I couldn't either when I learned about ILPs. Heck, I could have been an alligator farmer or Hostess taste-tester. I was as lost as an Easter egg in August as a teen. In fact, I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up.

Lucky kids. And it seems the children now have the process down so well, it's now time to educate the parents. The school district on Tuesday guardians, outlining what ILPs are and how they help students. It starts at 6 p.m., in the high school library.

Parents will receive a password and ID to help follow along in the child's career progression. It's not for parents to tinker, so if you find out Johnny wants to join a ballett troupe or Suzy wants to Sherpa hikers up Mt. Everest, let them explore. Besides, the world needs more alligator farmers.

(Editor's note: Daryl K. Tabor is managing editor at The Crittenden Press. His column appears periodically.)

Gaming bill submitted for consideration

To honor Abraham Lincoln's 199th birthday anniversary, the House of Representatives and the Senate met Feb. 12 at the Old State Capital in downtown Frankfort. The last time we met in the Old Capitol was in 1998 so this was a first for me. While I enjoyed the experience and the setting was beautiful, it was extremely close quarters and to do business under such conditions must have been a challenge.

Speaking of challenges, Gov. Steve Beshear may need some of Lincoln's political savvy to help pass his casino gaming legislation announced last week. The governor's legislation (House Bill 550) to support a constitutional amendment that would allow 12 casinos in Kentucky was filed by House leadership last Thursday. It would include seven at existing racetracks and five free-standing casinos which would require approval from voters in the city or county in which they locate.

It's likely this language will be changed to some extent before voted on. Some think it's too long, others don't like the lead-in, and some, myself included, think up to 12 total casinos is too many.

Another piece of related

Rep. Mike Cherry House Review mike.cherry@Irc.ky.gov

legislation (HB 537) was filed to implement the amendment if it were to be approved by a majority of Kentucky voters. This "enabling" legislation goes to great length in spelling out the details that would be involved. For example, it contains the locations of the five possible so-called free-standing casinos -Daviess County; Kenton or Campbell counties; Boyd or Greenup counties; Christian County; and Laurel or Whitley counties.

Horse tracks that could apply for a casino include Churchill Downs in Louisville, Keeneland and The Red Mile in Lexington, Turfway Park in Florence, Kentucky Downs in Franklin, Ellis Park in Henderson, Bluegrass Downs in Paducah, and Thunder Ridge in Floyd

It also specifies how tax money from casino gambling could be spent after setting

aside \$2 million for compulsive gambling treatment programs: 50 percent percent for education; 20 percent for health care; 5 percent each to city and county governments; 3 percent for host cities and counties; and 17 percent for other programs including veterans' programs, tourism, fish and wildlife, agriculture, livestock research, and economic development.

Separate accounts would be established for support of racing and to further improve the various breeds of horses found in Kentucky.

The governor said that his proposal could generate up to \$600 million a year in additional revenue for state government once all casinos are fully operating. He estimated that the fiscal impact of the proposal for next fiscal year (2009) from facility application and license fees would be approximately \$500 million.

The House will take a close look at his proposals over the next several weeks, with the knowledge that many polls indicate a strong majority of Kentuckians, even those opposed, want to vote on this

At this point, it is too soon to say whether a gaming amendment will be on the ballot this November. First, it

Proposed gambling amendment As submitted by Gov. Steve Beshear, the 93-word proposed limit-

ed gaming amendment question reads as follows:

"Are you in favor of increasing state financial support for elemen-

tary and secondary education; expanding health care for senior citizens, children and others; support for local governments, and combating drug and alcohol abuse and other important programs by permitting the General Assembly to authorize up to five casinos subject to approval of the voters in the city or county where the casino is located; and up to seven casino licenses for existing horse racing associations, all of which will be subject to the approval of a state agency created to oversee casino gaming?"

has to be approved by threefifths of the General Assembly, which amounts to at least 60 of the 100 House members and 23 of the 38 state senators. Only then, and because it is a constitutional question, would it go on the ballot for the people of Kentucky to, once and for all, decide this difficult and constantly reoccurring issue.

Another issue that is certain to generate much debate and publicity will be the state employees' and teachers' retirement system. The governor's proposed legislation is expected to be made public this week and as State Government Committee Chairman, I'll likely be the legislation's lead sponsor.

Meanwhile, a couple of noteworthy bills passed the House last week:

HB 446, which passed by a vote of 94-1, would keep a governor from spending most of the state's highway emergency fund during a gubernatorial election year. Former Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration spent \$65 million from the emergency fund between last July 1 and Dec. 10, leaving Gov. Beshear only about \$307,000 to spend on highway emergencies for more than half of the current fiscal year. HB 446 would require that no more than half of the Highway Construction Contingency Account be spent during the first six months of fiscal years when a gubernatorial general election is held.

We also passed the "Booster Seat" Bill, by a vote of 68-28. Kentucky is only one of 12 states without

booster seat legislation, even though House Democrats have passed this legislation several times, only to have it stall in the Senate. HB 55 would require that children under the age of 8 and between 40 and 57 inches be secured in a child booster

Finally, HB 9 passed the Banking and Insurance Committee last week. It's the bill I'm sponsoring on behalf of the Retired Teachers' Association and the AARP. Considered a consumer protection bill, it would require more oversight before longterm care insurance carriers could raise rates. It's a bill that would put long-term care insurance on the same oversight footing as health insurance but because the budgetary outlook is so grim and this legislation would cost approximately \$250,000 per year, its outlook is uncertain. However, this is legislation that I believe will keep reappearing until passage.

(Rep. Cherry is a five-term Democratic legislator from Princeton, representing Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and portions of McCracken County. He can be reached at (502) 564-8100, ext. 665 or mike.cherry @lrc.ky.gov.)

Spring thaw starts with stretches

weather continues, many of us are climbing the walls and grimacing when we step on the scale while awaiting spring—and the resumption, or beginning, of our outdoor fitness and conditioning

However, we don't have to wait for spring to begin to prepare ourselves. Even if we don't take advantage of the smattering of mild-weather days to exercise at Marion Park or run in town, we can always participate in guided indoor exercise such as the yoga and stretching programs found at Tumble Extreme, or walk laps at Rocket Arena.

I always compare this period to another activity many undertake in mid- to late February-starting garden plant seeds indoors for transplanting to the warmer soil in April. Let's plant the seeds for a spring, summer and fall of optimal fitness and outdoor recreational enjoy-

ment now. The simplest place to start is by improving our flexibility—especially if we've sent our conditioning into deep



hibernation for the past four months. A series of simple leg, back and upper body stretches, practiced regularly, will help our bodies to loosen up. In addition, the act of stretching speeds up the body's metabolism, burns fat cells, boosts the immune system, and provides a subtle massage to the vital organs. By spending twenty minutes per day of gentle stretching, vou will warm up vour body for outdoor workouts and stimulate your body's ability to maintain and improve your health.

I would suggest the following simple combination of stretches to begin your private "spring thaw." Bear in mind that the goal is to create a gentle stretch and to gradually improve your flexibility—not to see how far you can go on the first trv:

■ Forward bends. Lean ward and try to touch your knees, shins, ankles or toes. Hold your stretch for at least 10 seconds before returning to a standing position. Repeat five or six times. Try to increase your bend slightly with each day.

■ Back warm-up and multiple stretch. Lie on the ground and pull your knees to your chest. Roll gently side to side. Now, hold one leg to your chest while stretching the other out. Hold for 20 seconds, then repeat with the other leg. Finally, stretch your legs forward, stretch your arms behind you as far as they will comfortably go, and hold for 20 seconds. Bring your arms to your sides, and relax. Breathe normally.

■ Knee bends. From a standing position, crouch about halfway down with your arms in front of you. This posture is very similar to sitting in a chair. Hold for up to 10 seconds, then stand again. Repeat five to six

■ Upper back stretch. Kneel on the ground. Stretch your arms in front of you as far as they will go. You should feel a stretch in the upper back, and a secondary stretch in the lower back. Hold for up to 30 seconds. This is a very relaxing stretch, so repeat four to five times.

■ Abdominal stretch and strengthener. If you don't have access to an Ab Lounger or similar equipment, here's an easy stretch to activate those pesky abs. Lie on your back. Bend your knees toward your chest, and lift your head and shoulders slightly. Try to keep your arms in front of you. Try to hold for five seconds. Repeat five to ten times per session for the next week or two.

Always remember to breathe normally during these stretches. The breath contributes greatly to your body's relaxation while exercising.

(Bob Yehling is a two-time Boston Marathoner, long time yoga practitioner and the assistant track coach at Crittenden County High.)

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The Press Letters

Utility workers went beyond duty

To the editor:

I have always appreciated our utility workers; however, after this past week's weather, I have a whole new appreciation. Last Wednesday was the first time I was out to see the damage our county sustained from the ice storm and it was unbelievable.

I realized then I wanted to take time to say thank you to the employees of our local power companies. I have to be honest, we were blessed that our electricity went off and came back on quickly. We did have friends and family not so lucky, several of who stayed at our house and others who spent many hours in the cold and in the dark trying to pass the time. It had to be most miserable.

I also have friends that

work for both electric companies. When we have a problem, and no electricity is a major problem, we want it resolved quickly. However, I think sometimes we don't stop to consider the many long dark, cold miserable hours these workers spend trying to fix it. Not to mention the danger involved.

When the power is off at my house my husband is home with us to make conditions the best they can until help arrives. Their families don't have that luxury. I checked on some of our friends whose husbands were out working this week and they were sitting home with no heat and electricity. Like many others, they to have to wait their turn. So when I see any of the Kenergy or KU employees I plan on saying thank you. I hope you will

Kim Asbridge

Last week's ice storm an education

The Lord has a very compelling method of shutting "progress" down and educating us all.

We have become so dependent on modern conveniences we are becoming weak and void of ingenuity. Now we all know just how we have lost so much of the pioneer spirit that our forefathers had in "making do.'

It has always been my policy to have both electric and gas cook stoves (plus a wood cook stove) so when the electricity goes off we can still use the gas stove to cook and bake.

Not so! Little did I know that when I purchased a gas cook stove that was electrically ignited when you turned on the gas, that if you lost electricity you could use matches to light up the top but not the oven. The older



models have the pilot lights.

The electric ignition was to represent progress, but I decided that progress in this case is regression, because the ice storm did not turn off the Amish lights, refrigerators, ovens, washing machines, or stall their vehi-

Also, I've laughingly told some of them that if the gas prices keep climbing we may have to start hiring them to haul us around.

God was certainly good to

us that tree breakage and the broken electric lines did not cause any causalities. But tragedy still struck with the ice causing two very bad car wrecks. Again, it is surprising there weren't even more of

My commendation goes also to Kentucky Utilities. They really worked hard to get us all hooked back up and even came here twice to make sure we were still on after we were reconnected.

What would it be like if a dirty bomb dropped on us, or all the computers shut down, or all power plants? We are being made into invalids, especially the younger generation that has always had all these conveniences. This country would be incapacitated. Disaster would really be

the mode. One thing I'm sure of. This ice storm will cause many to make some changes and be better prepared for the next disaster that comes our

Please keep in mind: the best preparation any of us can make is be sure we are ready to meet our Creator and make Heaven our home. The other option is out of the question if you want perfection and eternal joy when you leave this world, and don't want to spend eternity in a burning hell.

Besides, living for the Lord makes this life so much more wonderful and has a lot of built-in safety and a multitude of daily blessings, peace, honor, divine help, love, and well-being.

(Editor's note: Lucy Tedrick is pastor at Marion Church of God. Her column appears weekly in The Press.)

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Marion passes on tax hike

What may have seemed a good idea last month was quickly cast aside after a brief discussion at Monday's Marion City Council meeting.

For more than four weeks, council members have been weighing a proposal to increase the city's tax on insurance premiums twofold. But council members on Monday seemed to have their minds made up against the hike even as the gavel fell to open the meeting.

About 15 city residents attended the meeting, presumably to protest an eight-percent tax on insurance premiums that could have started July 1. Introduced in January, the new tax would have generated about \$200,000 more annually for the city, according to City Administrator Mark Bryant.

Councilman Dwight Sherer, a member of the city's four-person finance committee that met last week to analyze the issue, told those gathered Monday that potential increases in revenue are on the city's horizon, despite the near-

\$28,000 jump in required payments to the state's ailing pension system. That additional money, Sherer said, is on the

way in the form of payroll taxes on an increased number of workers at Par-4-Plastics inside Marion. Moreover, the city stands to gain \$1 million later this year from the sale of its hydroelectric licensing rights at Smithland Dam to American Municipal Power of Ohio.



Cruce

"We've got options we've not looked at," Bryant told council members.

The tax measure, magnified in the last month when the fiscal court proposed its own four-percent insurance tax, died on the table for lack of a motion to question. None of the six council members was interested in putting the decision to a vote.

Richard Cruce, a former council member and the only city resident in attendance to speak on the tax issue, liked what he heard but pushed for more.

"Good. Now can we roll back the insurance tax," he said.

With business and rental property interests inside the city, Cruce called for a total repeal of the insurance tax, wiping it off the books for good. The council did not seem interested in that proposal and ended discussion on the item.

Bryant said a bit of relief from mandated retirement payments that have risen 218 percent over the last four years has arrived. The General Assembly, he said, has agreed to back off on the rate municipalities must pay into the state's cash-strapped pension program.

But the administrator warned the city against dipping into its rainy day fund or nearly \$2 million in reserves on a regular basis.

"That's not a good idea," he cau-

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into the budget. Judge Brown said that by state law, the county must present a balanced budget by May.

The idea presented by Martin, to make county fire dues mandatory, has been discussed numerous times by the fiscal court. However, county fire departments have been against the idea.

Judge Brown said if he took May's advice and pulled part of his salary from the road department - which receives greater state funding - then that would leave the road department's budget at a deficit.

For a full three hours, ideas were shared by a sometimes hostile, but mostly amicable public. Magistrates listened attentively to virtually all of them, even those that were clearly impossible to imple-

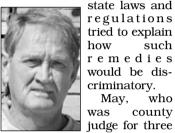
At one point, Judge Brown picked up a copy of the budget and started down it line for line asking what those in the crowd would like to cut. Some said they would support cuts to the sheriff's department, economic development, the airport, parks and more. Some even suggested taking money from the Extension service or public library, each of which

have their own taxing districts. County officials quickly pointed out that by law, those other taxing entities have nothing to do with the county's general operating fund. Those taxing districts, Brown told the crowd, might be cut through various legal means.

county because you cannot divert funds from those tax

receipts to the county coffers. "We don't need to cut the sheriff's department. They're underpaid as it is," said local resident and private contrac-

tor Wayne Crider. Some people suggested finding a way to tax new landowners who have come in from out of state and driven the price of property up to about \$2,000 an acre, mostly for deer hunting. Local officials who understand federal and



Martin

how such remedies would be discriminatory. May, who

county was judge for three terms, he'd looked at

the county's budget and could find no cutback in spending.

A good many attending the meeting stressed over and over their willingness to accept fewer services for lower taxes.

"Take less from us and do less for us, that's what we're asking for," Sister Lucy Tedrick said, summing up much of the crowd's senti-

Local resident Jimmy Curtis suggested letting voters decide if they want to raise property taxes to pay for the services provided by the county.

In the end, magistrates tabled the plan in order to pursue ideas posed during the meeting.

The fiscal court set up three separate committees to further research the county's 12starts July 1. The committees will be looking at ways to cut expenses, shuffle dollars and perhaps raise new revenue as the proposed insurance would

Judge Brown explained that there are limited resources for county funds, among them are increased property taxes, a new insurance premium tax or a countywide payroll tax. The county currently has neither of the latter two, but the City of Marion does. Based on the current projected spending for next fiscal year, the county will have to raise another \$145,000 or cut that much from expenses.

While the insurance premium tax was originally proposed at four percent on all insurance except worker's compensation and state sponsored health plans, magistrates suggested that if the measure does eventually pass, it will be a streamlined version. Most of them, when asked during the meeting, suggested they might be able support a two-percent insurance tax if health and life premiums were excluded. All stopped short of endorsing that as the final plan though.

Since the tax ordinance proposal was tabled during Tuesday's meeting, there are some special rules that must be followed in order to get that measure off the table at a

future meeting. According to general rules of order, the original tax proposal is not dead and can be revived at the next meeting by a simple majority vote of the fiscal court. A new undebatable motion will be required to take the original proposal from

to Roberts Rules of Order, if the original motion is not revisited at the next scheduled meeting, then it dies. A new and separate tax motion could be introduced later, but it would require another public hearing.

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the fiscal court Tuesday, March 18. However, Judge Brown alluded to the possibility of a special meeting being held prior to that time in order to address the insurance tax matter.

According to state law, the county will have to implement the insurance tax no later than next month in order to begin collecting those funds during the 2008-09 budget cycle.



but that wouldn't help the month spending plan that the table. Generally, according SHOW INFO 365-7900

ROADS

Caldwell-Lyon County portion of the U.S. 641 project also remains in the highway plan, despite some delay in scheduling. That segment will begin in Fredonia and eventually connect Marion to Interstate 24 and the Wendell H. Ford Western Kentucky

Parkway. "What has been presented to the legislature is a draft plan," pointed out Keith Todd, public information office for Districts 1 and 2 of the Transportation Cabinet. "As the agency charged with Kentucky's maintaining highways, we also have questions about a number of details that will have to be worked out for ongoing highway improvement projects."

Meantime, funding for the ferry that joins Ky. 91 in northern Crittenden County to Ill. 1 in Cave in Rock is authorized for another two vears. The commonwealth has set aside \$660,000 to fund the privately-operated ferry through the next two fiscal years, an amount that will be matched by the state of Illinois. Allocations beyond 2010 will be allotted when the next biennial budget and road plan are introduced in early 2010.

Rural and secondary road aid will also stay intact, according to transportation officials. The half-million or so dollars that come to Crittenden County each year based on the amount of gasoline purchased in the county will continue to flow and help keep those lesser-used roads in top order.

"That comes from the gasoline tax and will not be affected by any of the budget said Mark A. changes," Brown, public information officer with the Cabinet's Frankfort office.

In Livingston County, \$12.92 million has been slated for 2009-10 reconstruction, 2.1 miles of U.S. 60 east of Dyer Hill Mine Road to Livingston County Middle School. Also, beginning in 2011. \$1.625 million will be spent over four years to replace the bridge and approaches on Ky. 453 over Echo Spring Branch.

The recommended plan also contains a few new projects, including improvements needed to keep Kentucky's commitments to the World Equestrian Games, to be held in Lexington in 2010, and to accommodate a major enhancement of Fort Knox, soon to be the home of the Army's worldwide personnel management command.

Members of the Kentucky General Assembly have the final say on how the plan is structured, Todd, a Marion resident, said.

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Open letter to residents of Crittenden County

First of all, the recent winter storm disaster in our community was made bearable thanks to 110% cooperation from our citizens, emergency personnel, including law enforcement, rescue squad, fire departments, state, county and city road crews, the Kentucky National Guard, Red Cross, emergency dispatchers, ambulance workers, health department and especially all those who volunteered.

Around noon on Monday, Feb. 11, our community came under attack from Mother Nature in the form of freezing rain and sleet. By that night and into early Tuesday morning, we were experiencing falling trees, tree limbs and utility wires. Early Tuesday morning, I signed an Emergency Declaration for Crittenden County, and our emergency plan was put into action. An emergency operation center was established in the Marion police and dispatch center at city hall, county emergency personnel were paged out, road crews were already in action, the National Guard was called in to assist, the Red Cross was activated and emergency shelters were established to provide medical and evacuation services. The relief effort continued as local individuals worked to open roads for utility crews, provide food for volunteers and assist with evacuations. Emergency services, law enforcement, National Guard personnel and local leaders tried to assist and provide information to our residents by any means available.

Several locations were set up to provide emergency meals for people without power. They were provided by the following:

Meals were provided at elementary school by school, county, Red Cross and volunteers. Meals were provided at the Senior Citizens Center.

Meals were provided at the Crittenden County Detention Center. Now that the storm is over and the cleanup is under way, it should be known that everyone is welcome to cut firewood out of any downed trees on county roadways. However, roads must not be blocked and no debris can be left in roadway.

Judge-Executive Fred Brown and your county magistrates

(LPC) will conduct a PUBLIC MEETING on March 3 at 5:30 P.M. CST at the Crittenden County Middle School, 519 W. Gum Street, Marion, KY 42064. This is one of a series of meetings to develop District Facilities Plan for Crittenden County Schools. This meeting and future meetings will be informal gatherings to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Crittenden County Schools.

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Bill would move up presidentail primary

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) – The state Senate has approved a plan to move Kentucky's presidential primary to coincide with other states in future elections, while maintaining a second, later primary in late August for other state and national offices. The filing deadline for the new mid-summer primary would move from the last Tuesday in January to the last Tuesday in April, after the General Assembly has adjourned.

The plan also removes gubernatorial runoff elections from state law. Currently, runoff elections determine the Republican or Democratic gubernatorial nominee if a single candidate doesn't receive at least 40 percent of the vote in the regular primary.

Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) voted along with fellow Democrats to defeat the bill and its amendments. The bill passed, however, along party

Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton) is one of the original sponsors of the bill to eliminate runoff elections. That version included nothing of changing or adding election dates. The senateamended bill that now includes the early presidential primary returns to the House for consideration.

More than 20 states took part in "Super Tuesday" earlier this month Kentucky would have the option of joining those states in future presidential primary elections

Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford in the past has expressed opposition to two separate primaries, saying that the cost is too high for many rural counties. Each election costs the county about \$10,000.

There was no word on Wednesday if Cherry opposes or supports the amended House Bill 18.



Senator responds to last week's storm

Sen. Dorsey Ridley, a Henderson Democrat who represents six western Kentucky counties including Crittenden and Livingston, responded to the winter storm last week in his weekly communication to media outlets in the district. In Frankfort at the time the storm hit, Ridley said Friday:

"This past week, northwestern Kentucky was devastated by an ice storm. After the storm, our communities resembled a war zone. Up to four inches of ice coated the surrounding area, power lines were downed and homes were damaged. Upon being notified of this natural disaster, I immediately contacted Gov. Steve Beshear's office seeking help for Crittenden, Livingston, Union, Webster, Caldwell and Henderson counties.

"Local and state emergency personnel went beyond the call of duty to provide aide to the residents of our communities. This tragedy would have been far worse without the capable and caring emergency personnel who helped get our communities back on

Committee revises casino legislation

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Gov. Steve Beshear's proposal to allow up to 12 casinos throughout the state got a major overhaul from Kentucky lawmakers Tuesday, less than five days after the governor unveiled it.

A plan by Rep. Joni Jenkins (D-Louisville) would cut the number of casinos by three, allowing for no more than five to be set up at race tracks. The move, Jenkins said, was aimed at resolving some of the concerns House lawmakers had with Beshear's plan.

Rep. Harry Moberly, House Majority Leader, called his fellow Democrat's suggested changes a "feasible compromise.

Though Jenkins' plan would allow no more than five casinos at race tracks. of which Players Bluegrass Downs in Paducah qualifies, some lawmakers issued concerns that all nine allowable casinos could be free-standing, possi-

bly hurting the horse racing industry. Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton), who has voiced personal opposition to any casino plan, is one of the 15 members

on the gaming subcommittee. He has his own concerns. "This is a very difficult bill for me to vote for period," he said in Tuesday's subcommittee hearing, adding that before he can approve an amendment to allow casinos he wants to ensure an

entire population, not just elected leaders, would vote on approval of any proposed casino within a community.

Correction

In the Feb. 7 issue of The Crittenden Press. Rep. Mike Cherry's column should have listed Caldwell and Livingston counties as non-coal counties, not Crittenden. Cherry says there will be pleny of money for Crittenden County from the coal severence fund.

Jailer gets new title, \$35K pay raise

Crittenden County Jailer Rick Riley has a new title to go along with his cur-

During its regular meeting Tuesday, the fiscal court created a new position called County Building Superintendent and hired Riley to fill the job.

The county created the new position largely to compensate Riley for his added duties as head the new 133-bed, full service jail. When Riley was elected a little more than a year ago, the county's 20-bed jail fell under a different state designation, allowing Riley to make only \$29,585 in annual salary.

Now, Riley is in charge of a much larger operation, requiring more work and more responsibility. Because of that, the county voted to pay him more. The funds will come out of jail fees, Judge-Executive Fred Brown

> Riley will paid the equivalent of \$63,446 a year until his term as jailer expires in 2010. During that period, he will receive his normal jailer salary, plus the equivalent of a \$34,861 annual supplement for serving as the

county building superintendent.

When the next election is held and Rilev is re-elected or a new jailer takes office, the salary will be in the \$63,500 range based on the size and scope of the jail. Then, the supplement will be eliminated, Brown said.

In other business Tuesday, the fiscal

court heard a proposal from Kara require a public bid process. No further Harris-Crowell of Crowell Insurance Co. She presented a plan for county employees to enroll in Colonial Insurance, a limited, voluntary health plan. Under the plan, the county's employees could participate at their own expense. Two plans were recommended, one costing \$69.18 a month and the other costing \$112.26 a month.

Under the county's IRS Section 125 Cafeteria Plan, the authorized payroll withholding to pay the premiums would be tax exempt.

Eventually, if the county wanted to participate in providing employees insurance, it could, she said.

Magistrates asked County Attorney Rebecca Johnson to research whether such a voluntary health plan would

action was taken.

■ Magistrates approved a change to the Crittenden County Administrative Code that will allow county employees to be paid for days they missed last week due to the winter storm.

Based on the new provision in the county code, employees may be compensated even though they are not at work if there is adverse weather or adverse conditions. The pay is subject to approval by the judge-executive and fiscal court on a case-by-case basis.

■ The fiscal court voted to not buy earthquake insurance on the new jail. The policy would be about \$9,000. Brown said the company that sold bonds to finance the jail does not require earthquake insurance on the facility.

Businesses flourish, suffer through storm

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times for Marion businesses during last week's prolonged blackout.

While some establishments racked up record sales numbers, others suffered without revenue for as long as the power was out - up to three days for some. Perhaps no place was hurt more than the town's only 24-hour outlet, Five Star Food Mart.

"It hit us real hard," said manager Ken Floyd.

The convenience store and gas station was without power all day Feb. 12 and 13 and didn't reopen until almost 2 p.m., last Thursday when full power was restored to its gas pumps. With an average of 1,200 transactions per day, that amounted to about 3,000 lost sales for the three-day period. And that wasn't all.

"We had to throw away a lot of food," Flovd said.

On the south end of town, it was quite the opposite for Bobby Don Gilland, who never lost power at his

"We had more business than we could handle," said the owner of Liberty Fuels, also a gas station and convenience store.

At one time, Liberty Fuels was the only place pumping gas in Marion. Gilland said business last week was up, as much as 40 percent on the day after the ice storm hit Feb. 11. That Tuessay was the busiest day in store history, he added.

Remaining a vital lifeline Tuesday after the storm hit was Conrad's Food Store. The grocery, like Liberty Fuels,



There was no business as usual in Marion last week. Above, Judge-Executive Fred Brown was at the Emergency Operations Centers for nearly two days straight before power was restored at the courthouse. Also pictured are (from left) Patrolman Chuck Hoover, Police Chief Ray O'Neal and Sheriff Wayne Agent.

was fortunate enough to have never lost power during business hours. The store's deli served more than 1,000 meals on Tuesday alone.

"It's the biggest week this store has ever had," said store manager Mike Wasielewski. "And you don't talk about setting records in February.

Wasielewski counted about 9,500 transactions last week, up from the average of 8,000. Winter is typically slow, he pointed out, with only big holiday weeks rivaling last week's activity.

The store will be handing out "ice bonuses" this week to employees who endured long, non-stop days during the storm. Even Wasielewski, whose managerial duties typically confine him to an office, was washing dishes and emptying trash cans to help the deli keep up with customers.

"They really enjoyed that," he said. A couple of miles down the road, Food Giant suffered Tuesday without power from 9:30 a.m., to 5:30 p.m. However, employees stayed on, awaiting the electricty to return. Meantime, they stocked shelves by flashlight.

We had the stock up in two hours. We never get it up that fast," store

Workers stocked the shelves in gloves and coats, as Marks ordered the doors open to allow the cold air from outside to keep frozen and refrigerated stock cold. That effort saved the entire stock, with no losses due to thawing.

"The ice cream never even got soft and the pizza freezer never got above 20 degrees," Marks said.

In downtown Marion, Thom Hawthorne suffered through a disastrous week, shutting the doors of Marion Cafe and losing a store of food. "It hurt bad," he said. With food costs up 35 percent over

last year, three days without power during an already slow winter destroyed his bottom line. And it took him four hours to cut his way through downed trees just to borrow a generator from his family on White Road.

Both Peoples Bank and Farmers Bank were without electricty for all or parts of three days. Fifth Third lost power only briefly.

"This can be a very serious thing," said Farmers Bank President Gareth Hardin, but "we faired very well."

Hardin said his bank was crippled until power was restored. But while closed to the public, the bank kept tabs on its merchant customers to ensure they had enough cash to operate. On Thursday, before full power was restored at the bank's main office, transactions were taken but could not be entered into the system. This created a backlog of input that had to be entered later that day.

Hardin said the bank will review its performance during the event and use that to prepare for future incidents.

Dycusburg to place veteran's memorial marker

Donations are now being collected for a veteran's memorial marker to be placed at Dycusburg this summer. The granite marker will honor both living and fallen soldiers from Dycusburg.

The project is being headed up by community members who organized in October into a group called the Dycusburg Community Committee. Among the group's goals are to assemble regularly to identify projects that will help the community advance.

Like many river towns, Dycusburg had a bad reputation because of the less-than-desirable folks who traveled through there on steamboats during its hevday in the 1800s and early 1900s. But, times have changed.

"It's been nearly 100 years since the roughest days of Dycusburg, and yet we are still working to shake that reputation. We want Dycusburg to become known as a clean, reputable and desirable charming little community to live in," the committee report-

Dycusburg was shaken last year when Spc. Chase Matthews was wounded north of Baghdad, Iraq, when his humvee rolled over an improvised explosive device. Matthews was driving the scout vehicle for fuel tankers headed south on the main supply route from Baghdad to Basra.

The committee report continued, "We think this is an honorable way to recognize the servicemen and women who put their lives on the line every

day for the country. Some from around Dycusburg paid the ultimate sacrifice, and we want to acknowledge that with this beautiful marker."

The marker will cost about \$1,500 and the Dycusburg Community Committee is soliciting donations. These can be mailed to: Dycusburg

Community Fund, Barbara Ethridge, Treasurer, 841 Owens Road, Marion, KY 42064. Checks should be made to

A dedication ceremony will take

Flu season worsening; vaccines still available

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

The flu season is getting worse locally and across the state, and U.S. health officials say it's partly because the flu vaccine doesn't protect against most of the spreading flu bugs. Kentucky's flu activity is classified as widesread.

The flu shot is a good match for only about 40 percent of this year's flu viruses, officials at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control Prevention said Friday.

The situation has even deteriorated since last week when the CDC said the vaccine was protective against roughly half the circulating strains. In good years, the vaccine can fend off 70 to 90 percent of flu bugs.

"Reports are coming in of flu locally," said Jim Tolley, director of Pennyrile District Health Departments. "Late season flu vaccination can be beneficial and is encouraged."

Infections from an unexpected strain have been booming, and now are the main agent behind most of the nation's confirmed flu cases, said Dr. Joe Bresee, CDC's chief of influenza epidemiolo-

It's too soon to know whether this will prove to be a bad flu season overall, but it's fair to say a lot of people are suffering at the moment. "Every area of the country is experiencing lots of flu right now." Bresee said.

This week, 44 states reported widespread flu activity, up from 31 last week. The number of children who have died from the flu has risen to 10 since the flu season's official Sept. 30 start.

"High risk individuals including elderly, children, immuno compromised, those with chronic medical conditions and pregnant women are considered high risk and most vulnerable," Tolley said, adding that flu vaccines are still available at the Crittenden Health Department.

Local schools not affected by nationwide beef recall

Crittenden nor Livingston County school districts were among the 17 Kentucky districts to have served potentially tainted beef to students.

This week, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture notified those school districts that 143 million pounds of beef products from the Hallmark/Westland Meat Packing Company of Chino, Calif., have been recalled.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the

recall Sunday. USDA officials said about 37 million pounds of the recalled beef went to the National School Lunch Program and other domestic nutrition programs nationwide. Districts as nearby as Fulton and Marshall counties were affected by the recall.

USDA has ordered that all beef products from Hallmark/ Westland since Feb. 1, 2006, and all foods produced with Hallmark/Westland beef processed since that date be

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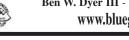
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What is church growth? Churchnotes

Our evangelical churches have been thoroughly immersed in "Church Growth" ideas for the last 40 or so years. We are told that we must be user friendly Can you imagine someone wanting to "use" the church? We are told that we must entertain the people with spectacular singing programs and dynamic dramas. We are told that that we have to sustain a robust youth program that majors in "fun." We are told that the young adults need a church softball league, while at the same time the church must also supply the vans and workers to help the "Antique Kids" keep the highways hot between home base and Branson.

For those who have read this far there is probably beginning to be a little irritation coming into your voice as you ask your newspaper... What in the world is wrong with any of these things?' The answer, of course, is nothing, if they are done in the right place and for the right reasons. But the question is..."Is this what Jesus intended for His Church?" This goes to the very core issues of what is a Church. and what is its purpose?

It is perfectly proper for a community organization to do the kinds of things I am talking about. It is perfectly proper, and even commendable for Christians to be involved in good clean activities that help keep young people out of trouble and



older people enjoying their golden years, but is this why Jesus established His Church? I don't think so.

Jesus did not establish His Church to be the entertainment center for the community but to be the front line in His blood and guts war against the forces of hell. Listen to His own words when He anticipated establishing his church. "And I say also unto thee . . . upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

Jesus did not establish His church to be the showcase of the culture with one gala performance after another. The Lord despises religious performances. He called the performers of His day hypocrites (Greek word hupokrites).

Jesus did not establish His church to be the center of "fun" for the young people. Don't misunderstand. I am not putting a premium on boredom but I do not believe the Lord's church has in its commission go into all the world and have "fun." I doubt seriously if any of those early

Christians who were nailed to a cross for their Lord, would have defined what they were experiencing as "fun.'

Jesus did not establish His church to be the best softball playing outfit in the whole of two counties! He established His church to be a spiritual organism, spreading the gospel message with viral contagion.

The ancient Romans had five different kinds of ball that were very popular among them. They enjoyed: Trigon, Harpastum and Expulsum Ludere. They were constantly playing Pila, Field Hockey and something called Roman Ball. But not once...not once...in the pages of the New Testament do you find our Lord, any of the Apostles, or anyone else for that matter,

of the church. The Christians of the New Testament were exhorted to make melody unto the Lord (Eph. 5:19), but nowhere are they told to put on massive choir spectaculars.

trying to raise a ball team to

help shore up the attendance

Paul makes special provisions for widows that are widows indeed (Titus 5:3) but nowhere is the church instructed to make sure the seniors are properly entertained.

There is a New Testament youth program. Here it is! "Honour thy father and mother; [which is the first commandment with promise;] that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on

the earth."(Eph. 6:1-2). We are nowhere told that it is the churches' responsibility to provide game rooms and gymnasiums and spend half of the churches' resources insuring young people their

Someone might say, "But brother Mike, if we didn't do these things we wouldn't have anybody coming to our church." What? No saints would come to be fed on the word of God? What? No Christian young people would come in order to learn how to better represent their Lord to their peers? What? No elderly people would come who have walked into old age with the banner of Christ flying proudly over their lives?

I believe you are wrong. Jesus said the gates of hell would not prevail against His church. I believe what He said is true. What Crittenden and Livingston County churches need is not another worldly program sent down from the denominational church growth gurus. No. What we need is an old fashioned revival of repenting, praying and Bible preaching. That would do our churches more good than all the worldly programs we could ever conjure up. And it would do us good all the way into eter-

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

■ Marion Baptist Church Youth Suite "The Basement" will be open Friday from 7 to 11 p.m., for youth grades six to 12. For more, call 965-

■ Mexico Baptist Church will host its fourth annual Wild Game Supper at 6 p.m.,

■ Freedom General Baptist Church is welcoming its new pastor Bro. John Dunn this Sunday. The church hosts Sunday school at 10 a.m., and worship service at 11 a.m.

■ Sturgis General Baptist Church will have its homecoming on March 2 at 1:30 p.m., featuring His Praise from Hopkinsville.

■ Rocket Sunday is March 2 at Marion Baptist Church with all coaches, parents, students, administrators, teachers and everyone involved with the school system encouraged to attend. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m., with 10:45 a.m., worship. A meal will follow morning worship in the Family Life Center. All are encouraged to wear their Rocket apparel.

■ On March 9, during morning worship, Marion Baptist Church will be recognizing its Upward ministry, including players, cheerleaders, parents, coaches, referees, concession workers and prayer partners. All participants are encouraged to come and worship.

■ Easter Sunday is March 23. If your church is planning special activities, be sure to place an announcement in this segment of The Crittenden Press. Placement of Church Notes is free to any church or religious organization in the community.

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Tolu United Methodist Church

KBC disaster relief now in Marion cleaning up Webb said the duration of Just days after completing

relief work in five counties tornadoes, Kentucky Baptist Convention disaster relief volunteers are now responding to damage from last week's ice storm in According to Coy Webb,

disaster relief associate for the KBC, chainsaw teams are currently working in Marion to clear debris and assist with cleanup. At least 27 volunteers from Benton, Marion, Scottsville Henderson are already on site. Additional teams are preparing to join the effort.

the relief effort will last approximately a week. Marion Baptist Church is serving as the unit's headquarters.

Webb also noted that efforts to provide relief last week to areas affected by tornadoes involved more than 200 trained volunteers and 194 completed projects.

Kentucky Baptists are part a larger network of Southern Baptist volunteers trained to respond to disasters by manning mass feeding operations, using chainsaws to clear downed trees and limbs, clear mud out of flooded homes and more.

Mohler drops bid for Southern Baptist post

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) -Conservative seminary president R. Albert Mohler Jr. dropped his bid last Thursday to Southern Baptist Convention president after finding out he faces surgery for a precancerous tumor in his

Mohler, who heads Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, said the lengthy recovery from surgery forced him to alter plans to seek the denomination's presidency.

"I have decided to give my greatest attention right now to addressing this new challenge and to ministering to my wife and children," Mohler said in a

statement issued by the seminary. "This is clearly not the right time for me to accept this nomination.

Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, said recently he intended to nominate Mohler at the denomination's annual meeting in Indianapolis this June.

Mohler said last week he asked Jeffress to drop those plans to nominate him.

"Frankly, that decision is made much easier by my knowledge that there is at least one strongly conservative, committed pastor who intends to be nominated," Mohler said without identifying the candidate.

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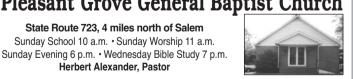
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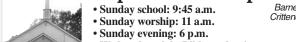
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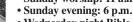


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Disaster has hit in all forms

MANAGING EDITOR

In Crittenden County's 166-year history, floods, fires and freak weather have all left their mark on the popula-

Last week's ice storm left nearly 80 percent of the county without power in its first hours, created hazardous road conditions and closed numerous services. It was certainly one of the most extensive disasters in county history. The power was out for several days in some areas. A few started a new school and work week without lights or hot water.

'We've had other ice storms, but I don't think the power had been out so widespread and for that long," said Brenda Underdown, county historian.

As bad as last week's winter storm was, no one was killed and property damage was limited. This disaster paled in comparison to some in the past that have shut down the county for many days, destroyed an entire city, swamped structures and farmland under feet of water and turned homes to match sticks.



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so widespread and for that long.

Brenda Underdown

With help from Underdown, two published volumes of the county's history and the archives of The Crittenden Press, listed below are some other serious disasters from the annals of local history:

■ On March 27, 1890, a mother and her child were killed when a terrible tornado swept through the northern part of the county around the Mt. Zion Church and Cemetery area, destroying everything in its path. According to Underdown, the tornado picked up a young mother, Susan Moreland, and her daughter, Gladys, and carried them several miles from their home and left them both dead.

"This is the only disaster that I know where a death was reported,' the historian said.

■ Other tornadoes have created more monetary devastation, but have spared lives. One occurred in June of 1993 when a tornado hit Tolu and nearly wiped it from the map.

In January of 2000, Crayne ground zero for an F3 tornado that ripped 25 miles northwest through the county, causing \$11.8 million in damage, destroying 97 homes and leading to a federal disaster declaration.

■ On March 16, 1923, there was a major windstorm that struck the city and county and did much damage to both areas but only minor injuries were reported.

■ With two major rivers and one secondary river bordering the county, several floods have inundated communities from Tolu to Dycusburg. Most notable was the 1937 flood - perhaps the worst natural disaster in western Kentucky history - that left one million homeless and registered damages of \$500 million from the origin of the Ohio River in Pittsburgh to Cairo, Ill. Dycusburg, along the Cumberland River, was evacuated and most of northern Crittenden County was left under water from the swollen Ohio

■ Other floods in 1913 and 1997 also created widespread damage, but nothing near the 500-year event in

■ The county courthouse was destroyed by fire twice, first during the Civil War in 1865 at the hands of Confederate Gen. Hylan B. Lyons. Five years later, the courthouse was again destroyed by a blaze.

■ On March 28, 1905, a stable in the rear of a Marion home burst into flames, spewing spars and embers across the city. Homes and buildings in the downtown business district were destroyed. In 1919, another downtown fire created similar widespread damage.

■ The winter of 1917 and 1918 left the entire county in a deep freeze. According to Underdown, the temperature was in the single digits or below zero the entire month of December 1917 and continuing into January and February of the next year.

"The snow over a period of weeks had risen to well over four feet deep," Underdown said. "Finally, in March, the cold spell broke and it started raining."

■ The winter of 1977 and 1978 was also terrible with snow and below normal temperatures, but the following year, in January 1979, there was so much snow and bad weather that "we didn't go to school the whole month of January and on into February, Underdown said.

Breaking the ice

A look back at last week's winter storm in pictures from The Press and the community.



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS After the storm, a big thaw created runoff, causing an already rising Ohio River to leave its banks. The Cave In Rock Ferry has been closed periodically since last week's ice storm.



A tree fell across a powerline on North Main Street in Marion near Curve Inn.



City of Marion employees worked to clear Clark Street of fallen trees.

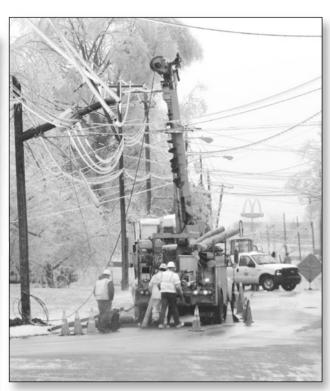


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Power company workers repair the broken pole on North Main Street.



College Street right after the storm hit. PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

her dog

along



ing of Feb. 12. Two dispatchers manned the phones most of the day.

Emergency dispatcher Paula Miniard and Ginny Tinsley answered hundreds of phone calls during the first few hours of the storm on the morn-

Hugh and Shelia Highfil of the Mexico community e-mailed us this photo of the ice covering trees on their farm as the sun popped out briefly last Thursday. The Highfils have lost 15-20 trees on their property.





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At left, Donnie Phillips, manager of the local Kenergy office, said his crews ate breakfast at their Marion headquarters before leaving early Wednesday morning. Few of them had power at their own homes and

hardly any places were open to buy food, so the men made sausage and biscuits before heading out for a 16-hour day. At right, Amy Lee of West Poplar Street fills a pickup truck with limbs that had fallen in her yard.

STORM

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director Al Starnes.

■ So far this year, students have missed 8.5 days due to weather. The school calendar had some snow days built into it and school officials are already planning to make up a day and half by shuffling the remaining schedule.

Ās of right now, students will have to make up four days at the end of the year, meaning the last day will be May 30,

unless other adjustments are made to the calendar such as eliminating spring break or going to school on days already scheduled as holidays.

■ The American Red Cross and Crittenden County teamed up to provide a local shelter during the power outage. Crittenden Elementary School was turned into a makeshift motel and restaurant. It fed several and provided warm lodging two nights. Overnight Tuesday there were 41 at the shelter and overnight Wednesday there were

Geraldine Shouse, local Red Cross coordinator, said volunteers were very helpful in providing services to those in need.

"Conrad's, CVS and other businesses and churches really helped out by providing food, plates, towels, napkins and other items," she said. "We had Red Cross cots and the jail gave us mattress pads and the nursing

home provided blankets. "We even had Bingo and learned ballroom dancing thanks to Doug

Wallace and Don Cruce. Wallace, whose family was staying at the shelter, borrowed Bingo cards from the nursing home and

even bought prizes himself to give

"People were just wonderful helping each other out," Shouse said.

away to winners.

■ Donations to the Lakeland Red Cross, which provided assistance last week, may be made c/o Geraldine Shouse, 60 Lafayette Heights, Marion, KY 42064.

■ The Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center and Crittenden County Public Library were both without power part of last week, disrupting service to local residents. The library re-opened Friday and changed its schedule this week to be open on Presidents Day, a federal holiday, to better serve people needing to use computers and other library material. No late fines are being charged on books turned in this week which were due last week during the power outage when the library was closed.

The senior center was closed last Tuesday and Wednesday and operated on an abbreviated schedule Thursday and Friday. The center, operated by the Pennyrile Area Community Services, provides meals and transportation.

■ Donnie Arflack, chief of the Crittenden County Rescue Squad, said the disaster was the most widespread he's ever seen.

"This was actually worse than a tornado," he said, "because a tornado actually goes in a direct line and you normally have a straight path of destruction. This one affected everybody."

Arflack suggests that area emer-

gency and disaster agencies get together in the coming days to discuss the community's weaknesses in such disasters.

"We got a taste of what could happen if we ever suffer a major earthquake," he said. "If that happens, there will be little or no outside help. All these power crews that came in from somewhere else wouldn't be coming in to help.'

■ The storm earned national media coverage. Crittenden County was mentioned in USA Today's weekend edition and on national

dents do not know where to turn for emergency information.

Because cable television was out for a period and weather radios don't provide such local information, he said many people were left in the dark about shelter availability and where to turn for help.

However, City Administrator Mark Bryant said WMJL and 93.3 FM WKYQ and WPSD TV NewsChannel 6 out of Paducah are the most reliable sources for up-tothe minute news on weather and emergencies in Crittenden County.

Extension agent for agriculture, said most stock animals are well equipped to handle a good bit of bad weather as long as their nutritional levels are high. Because of the poor hay condition this winter, Payne said some farmers were probably on edge, worrying that temperatures could dip lower and indeed been a serious threat to their livestock.

■ Kentucky Transportation Cabinet crews are continuing to make progress on removing downed trees and limbs along high-

ways across the 12 counties and 2,800 miles of road in district one. However, highway engineers expect the clean-up to take up to six weeks or more. It may take another two months before the cost of ice storm response can be fully calculated. According to District One Operations Engineer Henry Luken, highway crews in the hardest hit areas are getting assistance from neighboring counties. "We have a few of our southernmost counties that were not as hard hit as those closer to the Ohio River. Those crews will be assigned to assist their neighbors with removal of fallen limbs and trees to help expedite the process,' Luken said. Two contractor crews are working to cut up and remove trees that may be larger than what highway crews are normally equipped to handle. Luken noted that Ballard, Livingston, and Crittenden counties were

■ Marion resident Steffany (Smith) Lester last week at the onset of

happened Feb. 12 on the U.S. 60 Ledbetter Bridge near the

Lester, three months pregnant, was taken to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville where she remains in critical condition with multiple injuries. A family friend said she is in a coma. Her husband, Shain, was also in the car, but suffered only minor injuries. He was treated and released from the hospital

■ As Kentucky One workers prepped roadways for another blast of expected winter precipitation this week, engineers beganreplenishing stocks of salt and other ice-fighting chemicals. The district has placed orders for 7,000 tons of salt and 28,000 gallons of calcium chloride. So far this winter, the district has used just under half of the ice-fighting supplies it had on hand at the start of snow and ice season Nov. 1. ends for state highway crews on April 1.

■ Sign-ups for free tree removal and maintenance through Marion Baptist Church netted assistance for about 190 after last week's ice event. Eddie based Ohio River Baptist Association Disaster Relief, said Tuesday that the all-volunteer crews had cleaned up about 40 properties. Sign-ups for the free their work. The coordinator said la of the nationwide Southern

hardest hit.

Make or break? Tree species with a high potential for ice damage the storm. The wreck

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Sugar maple River birch

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Redbud

Hackberry

Yellowwood

White ash

Green ash

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Crabapple

White oak

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McCracken County line.

last week.

Transportation Cabinet District Snow response season officially

people in need of help cleaning up Osburn, coordinator of the Salemaid have ended, but the crews will need the rest of the week to fulfill the effort comes under the umbrel-Baptist Convention Disaster Relief.

Trees hit hard by ice storm

Scars from last week's winter storm will be evident for months or years to come despite the best efforts of homeowners to remove limbs and damaged trees from their lawns.

Dr. Bill Fountain, a master arborist with the University of Kentucky, said there are several things property owners should know about damaged trees, foremost is whether the person doing your cleanup work is properly insured.

Fountain said tree trimming specialists cost between \$45 and \$75 per hour depending on the type of equipment they have at their disposal. Smaller operators concentrating on lawn cleanup are fetching around \$25 to \$30 an hour.

A property owner should ask two questions before contracting with an agent to handle storm cleanup.

"Ask them: Are you insured and do you carry worker's compensation insurance?" he said. "If they don't and they are injured on the job, it can bankrupt you. Also, make sure that if they cut a limb and it falls through your roof, their insurance will cover it.

Fountain says tree trimming is the second deadliest job in North America. High winds mixed with widowmakers large, damaged limbs and branches clinging atop trees - can be dangerous for amateurs and professionals alike.

For those doing their own cleanup work, the City of Marion and Crittenden County are each keeping their debris dumps open to the public round the clock. Both locations are for logs, limbs and other plant matter. No garbage or household refuse can be left there. Both are free of charge.

The city's dump site is on Mill Street. Its can be accessed best from East Depot Street. It's a gravel road next to the old

Neither the city nor county will pick up limbs or other storm debris left on the curbside or on rights-of-way of county or state roads. In fact, Judge-Executive Fred Brown says no such material should be left on the edge of the road.

The county's storm debris dump site is located on Bridwell Loop Road at the entrance of the old county dump.

When considering whether a damaged ornamental shrub or a tree with sentimental value should try to be salvaged or cut down, Fountain said it's best to seek professional advice.

"There are so many factors to consider such as what species it is, how many branches it's lost and the size of those

branches. Some trees will recover," said the arboriculture specialist. Fountain was at

Madisonville Wednesday meeting with area Extension agents, providing information they can use to pass along to area property owners who suffered tree and shrub dam-

Cory Payne, Crittenden County Extension Agent for Agriculture, met with Fountain and is available to answer questions about trees and landscaping plants. Payne is also working to schedule a Marion workshop featuring Dr. Fountain.

Tree wounds never heal, Fountain explained. However, trees can survive being damaged. He suggests that if a damaged tree is hanging over a house, a driveway or a place where children play, it's probably best to remove it. Safety should be the primary consideration, he said.

If a limb is damaged, it should be pruned.

Fountain said pruning is a precise process and the limb should be cut at the point just before where it intersects with the main trunk. The exact location of the cut should be where the limb as it gets closer to the trunk begins to flare out in a bell shape.

"We call that the collar," Fountain said. "You don't want to leave too much of a stub or cut it off flush.'

Do not use pruning paint, Fountain says. It will actually slow the closing over of tissue and promote decay.

When negotiating a price for cleanup, Fountain says the property owner may be able to get a discount if the limbs are chipped up on site and left in the yard. That material can be used later for mulch and could save the homeowner because the workers will not have to haul off the

For more about trees and storm damage, go online to www.treesaregood.org.



storm damage through The Crittenden Press Online. Multiple daily updates, video, slideshows and still photographs were posted at www.the-press.com. People around the country and world were able to watch the storm and restoration efforts unfold. The Press Web site had thousands of daily viewers, many of whom were getting information from the Internet then calling powerless relatives in Crittenden County on cell phones to keep them posted on electric company updates.

The Crittenden Press and WMJL radio, the county's only two media outlets, were both disrupted by the storm. The Press was without adequate power to operate its presses on a normal schedule. Without electricity to power computers, newspaper staffers moved equipment to the Marion Ed-Tech Center and set up shop to produce last week's Press. It was on sale at The Press office at 9 p.m., last Wednesday, but wasn't available at normal newsstands until late morning Thursday. The Feb. 14 edition was an abbreviated version, containing just a dozen pages and had to be printed out of town.

WMJL was without power and off the air for more than three days. The station went down due to the loss of electricity overnight Monday and was back on the air at 6:15 a.m., Friday.

Reliable communication to the community as a whole was difficult during last week's power outage from the winter storm. While the City of Marion regularly issues its boil-water advisories and other urgent news to WMJL in Marion and broadcast and print outlets in both the Paducah and Evansville areas, Arflack is concerned resipeople may need to know.

Judge Brown said there is also information made available on the weather radio system.

■ At one point, Liberty Fuels was the only facility in Crittenden County able to pump fuel. Had such private businesses been unable to provide gasoline and diesel, the city would have been without a fuel source for its vehicles, including police and fire units.

■ No set backup to Crittenden County Elementary School existed to shelter residents of the county left without power or whose homes were damaged in the storm, according to Arflack. Had the school lost power in addition to the churches and other large facilities in the county capable of providing refuge and warm meals to several people, no alternatives with backup power were available.

These are things we need to be looking at," Arflack said during Monday's city council meeting.

■ Area farmers were fortunate, as were homeowners, that temperatures staved in the normal range during the icy conditions and subsequent blackout. Van Hunt, a local cattleman, said his animals handled the weather okay.

"I lost a couple of old cows, but they weren't healthy to start with," he said.

Charlie Hunt, who operates the livestock feed mill in Marion, said his business was without power for two days, but fortunately there was enough food in manual bins and stores to keep farmers in grain. Their delivery trucks had trouble getting to some cattle yards early in the week, but they found ways in and out. Hunt said, thanks to their own chain saws.

Corey Payne, the county

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SECTION 8 HOUSING







The Carefree Highway Band, a renowned Bluegrass group based out of Paducah will be performing at Fohs Hall in Marion this Saturday evening.

Renowned Bluegrass band coming to Marion Saturday

By BOB YEHLING

SPECIAL TO CRITTENDEN PRESS Don Douglas has spent the

better part of his lifetime playing, advocating and promoting bluegrass music around the

Now, he and his renowned group, the Carefree Highway Band, will come to Marion to share the musical genre that was born and bred by Bill Monroe, among others, in Kentucky.

The Carefree Highway Band will perform on Saturday night at Fohs Hall, along with special guests Beth Palmer and Billy Robbins. The concert, presented as part of a growing series of special events by the Community Arts Foundation, will begin at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are just \$5.

The concert affords area residents a rare opportunity to see a bluegrass group that is among the best in the business—and a leader, in Douglas, who is one of the nation's greatest contributors to the bluegrass music scene in the last 40 years.

Based in Paducah, the Carefree Highway Band performs at bluegrass festivals, state fairs, college campuses and indoor venues throughout the country. They're considered a top-end regional band, with a following that spreads from northern Indiana south to Alabama, east to North Carolina and west Arkansas. That's not to men-



Tabatha Rowland

Rowland's single hits air Friday

STAFF REPORT

A preview of a local band's first full studio album can be heard on local country radio this weekend.

Tabatha Rowland, singer/songwriter Livingston County, will debut her band's first single, "Hank It Up," played on WKYQ's Outlaw Hours this Friday at 11 p.m. "Hank It Up" is a light-hearted tribute to country legend Hank Williams Jr., and is the first selection from a country album Tabatha & Southern Fry'd is currently recording in Nashville. The title of the 10-song album is "Avoid Heat and Flame."

The album is scheduled for release in April on independent label Everk Records.

Rowland, who works at a dermatology practice in Paducah, lives with her husband Jeff in the Iuka community. Besides having lived in Crittenden County at one time, she has a daughter that is a student at Crittenden County High School.

where Douglas performed with Scenic Route, a now-legendary bluegrass band, before returning home to Kentucky in the mid-1990s and forming the Carefree Highway Band.

"We play mostly traditional bluegrass, with a little bit of contemporary thrown Douglas said. "When we first started the band in Bluegrass Kentucky, we played about half and half, music but we've gone with The Carefree style."

Carefree at 7 p.m., at Fohs The Highway Band fea- Hall. Tickets are instruments of blue- open at 6 p.m. grass—and an .

esteemed group of musicians. Lead singer Sondra Asa, who also plays dobro, was the Southwest Bluegrass Vocalist of the Year for three consecutive years and toured Europe on several occasions. Lead guitarist, mandolin player and vocalist Jim Nicholas has been a professional bluegrass performer for most of his life, while banjo player and vocalist Larry Barger has participated in the Tipton TV shows in Nashville. Bassist and vocalist Eddie Stubblefield, one of the band's musical arrangers, has played in groups throughout Kentucky and Tennessee.

Meanwhile, Douglas, the band's other primary arranger, received Lifetime а Achievement Award in 1994 for his many years in bluegrass music as a festival coordinator, promoter and bandleader. He created and facilitated many of the ongoing festivals and community bluegrass events in the Western states before returning to

Paducah. Bluegrass has taken on

lishment as a genre by Bill Monroe, Douglas said. Groups such as Nickel Creek and Union Station, founded and led by superstar Allison Krauss, have introduced rock-

abilly, folk, rock and country influences to sell the bluegrass sound to wider audi-

"After she first hit the big time, Allison Kraus did more for bluegrass in five years than most people can more of a traditional Highway Band will do in 30," Douglas said perform Saturday of Kraus, who is now touring with legendary rock singer Robert tures all the classic only \$5 and doors Plant of Led Zeppelin. "She was a tremen-

dous influence to a new wave of bands, and a younger generation."

While the Carefree Highway Band focuses on traditional bluegrass, the Fohs Hall audience will also be treated to a full range of bluegrass tunes. Douglas said the band will choose their set from a regular rotation of 45 to 50 songs. "We're always revolving songs, changing our sets a little from show to show," he said. "We can do that with such a talented group of musicians that enjoys playing the music so much.'

Following their performance in Marion, the Carefree Highway Band will prepare to embark on a 2008 road schedule that already includes nearly 40 shows—and the booking hasn't stopped. The schedule is available at www.carefreehighwayband.com.

After the concert, members of the band will sign copies of the new Carefree Highway Band CD, which will be available for sale.

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The Press Community Calendar

Today

■ The Senior Citizens Center in Marion will host chair volleyball at 10:30 a.m., today (Thursday).

■ Senior Care at 129 W. Main St., in Salem will host an open house today (Thursday) from 2 to 5 p.m. Refreshments and give-aways will be available from the Livingston Hospital facil-

The Habitat for Humanity meeting will be held at 6 p.m., today (Thursday) at the court house. All members are urged to attend. Visitors are welcome.

■ Salem Lodge #81, F&AM will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday (today) at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend and all Master Masons are welcome. The regular monthly meeting is held on the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., with meal at 6 p.m.

■ Paducah Area Amputees in Action will meet at 5:30 p.m., today (Thursday) in the Borders Community Room at Lourdes Hospital Nemer Pavilion in Paducah. Brandon Imhoff will speak on the challenges of life and deer hunting experiences as a paraplegic. All amputees, friends and family members are welcome. For more information, contact 488-3020 or tross@brtc.net.

Friday

■ Bingo will be played at 10:30 a.m., Friday at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion.

■ The Senior Citizens Center in Marion will have no transportation Friday from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m., due to training.

Saturday

■ Mexico Baptist Church will host its fourth annual Wild Game Supper at 6 p.m., Saturday.

Sunday

■ The annual meeting of the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association will be Sunday at the church after the morning church

Monday

■ Preadolescent girls can learn about reproduction and the menstrual cycle at a Western Baptist Hospital Girl Talk Class this month. The class will be from 4 to 6 p.m., Monday at the Paducah hospital. Call 575-2229 to register for the free class.

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

Tuesday

■ Joyce Ray from Lourdes Behavior Health Center will present a program at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion.

■ The Democratic Women will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at Thom's Sweet Shoppe, All Democratic women are invited to attend.

■ Carolyn Halbleib, an admissions counselor at Western Kentucky University, will be visiting area high schools to discuss with prospective students the opportunities offered at WKU. Halbleib will visit Crittenden County High School on Tuesday from 11:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. For more information, contact the WKU Admissions Office via email at admission@wku.edu or by phone at 745-2551.

Wednesday

■ Music by Hershel Belt and Robert Hill will be provided at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, before

lunch at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion.

Next Thursday

■ Crittenden Health Systems will present a seminar at 11:30 a.m., next Thursday at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion

■ Crittenden County Public Library Board of Directors meets at 5 p.m., next Thursday at the

Upcoming

■ Teen Court in Crittenden County will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., March 3.

■ Crittenden County High School prom is May 3 at Madison Hall in Paducah. Pictures will be taken at Rocket Arena from noon to 4 p.m., immediately followed by the grand march. A charter bus to Madison Hall leaves Marion Country Club at 6:30 p.m. The dance begins at 8 p.m., and ends at midnight.

■ Rocket Sunday is March 2 at Marion Baptist Church with all coaches, parents, students, administrators, teachers and everyone involved with the school system encouraged to attend. A meal to will follow morning worship in the Family Life Center. All are encouraged to wear their Rocket apparel.

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.

(Editor's note: Community Calendar items should be submitted by 5 p.m., Monday for publication in that week's issue. Find the calendar online at www.the-press.com.)

CRITTENDEN COUNTY HOMES

MARION HISTORIC HOME...located on corner lot 3 blocks from center of town. This 3 BR 2 Bath home has early 1900's period architecture inside and out, high ceilings, gorgeous dining room with Butler's pantry. Large living room with hardwood floors and original double pocket doors leading to the dinning room/kitchen area. Home also has outside entry for upstairs for anyone looking for rental income. Upstairs has separate kitchen and bath with 2 bedrooms. Two car garage with side street entry, large corner lot with trees and plenty of areas for your favorite flower gardens. Enjoy your morning coffee or evening tea in the sun room. Home also could be converted to professional office/specialty shop. Call today to set up a showing

SALE PENDING GREAT VIEWS...of the Fredonia Valley from this 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home located on Lilly Dale Rd. Sit on the large front deck and enjoy scenic views, or work in the flower garden situated around a stone patio. Quiet and peaceful, this home has large open floor plan so you can enjoy the kitchen and den with fireplace. Large two car garage with work area, yard is landscaped and has large oaks to keep you in the shade, all on 2.2 acres of land. Over 2100 sq. ft. of living area for only \$65,000, call and set an appointment today.

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.

SOLD 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, county 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.

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GOLFER'S FANTASY...Enter down the private drive to this landscaped estate that joins Marion's County Club Golf Course. This magnificent two story home includes 4 to 6 bedrooms, open grand staircase, 2 master suites, 4 bathrooms, kitchen w/appliances, 2 laundries, study, great room with gas log fireplace, recreation room plus bonus kitchen, enclosed glass solarium & private deck overlooking the beautiful greens. In addition this lovely home has a large walk-out heated basement, an attached oversized double car garage plus many additional amenities. Fulfill you dreams by calling for an appointment today.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

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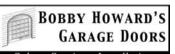
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Words for your Wedding

Writing vows. Making toasts. Sending congratulations. There are many moments in a wedding when people struggle to find just the right words.

The latest volume to offer help has a familiar name attached. "Bartlett's Words for the Wedding" from Little, Brown and Co., is a collection of poems and prose on love, commitment and other nuptial themes.

The volume is meant to save readers from the time-consuming chore of going through the classics looking for that lovely passage vaguely remembered. For instance, it serves up six lines pulled from "Romeo and Juliet," and a long paragraph found in Ernest Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms."

Present for the couple

What to give the bride and groom? And how to give it? Leigh Zarelli at the Web site Gifts.com, offers some tips:

If you've been invited to an engagement party and the couple hasn't registered yet, take the opportunity to be creative. Consider a membership to a wine club, or "experience" gifts like cooking classes, or personalized gifts such as anything monogrammed.

If you think the couple has registered but you don't know where, call their parents, close friends — or the couple themselves — to find out. You might also find answers online, for instance at Gifts.com's Wedding Registry Finder service.

Should you bring the gift with you on the wedding day? No. Better to send it, and give the couple (and you) one less thing to worry about.

Trends

Cocktail hours. Blogs. Orange. Italy. Those are among hot wedding trends for 2008 compiled by the Web site TheKnot.com. More details:

From creamy peaches to mod citrus to deep tangerines and burnt sienas, orange is being used to create a variety of moods.

Listing a personal Web site with a URL on the invitation is now standard. Next, look for daily blogs by brides, digital music, streaming video and online RSVP. To build your own site, check out WedORama.com or WeddingTracker.com.

The pre-ceremony cocktail hour has become a big event, and couples are breaking tradition by seeing each other there and taking pictures.

Wedding cake remains king, but a new dessert star is a massive buffet, traditionally known as the Viennese table. The goodies are rolled out on tables onto the dance floor or occupy a whole room. Popular items include chocolate buffets and cheesecake sampling.

Florists

How to find the right florist

for your shindig?
WedAlert.com, a wedding planning Web site, advises brides to start looking for a florist six months before the date, since good ones will be

You might start by asking the hall where you are having the reception for any florists they recommend, the site says. Also get suggestions from

friends and family.

- Other tips:

 Get price estimates from prospective florists and go see their work. Bring some fabric from your bridesmaids' gowns so the florist can help with the colors and types of flowers to
- use.

 Consider using a florist who has worked in the hall where your wedding will be.
 They may have a better sense of what works there.
- Remember that you may need to work with the florist on many items, including the bride's and bridesmaids' bouquets; boutonnieres; corsages; the flower girl's basket; aisle decorations; altar decorations; candles for the ceremony; table centerpieces; cake table; chair covers.
- Don't feel bad about negotiating the price, and ask whether delivery and setup are included in the price. Ask about what flowers are in season.
- what flowers are in season.

 Don't hesitate to ask for references.
- Get a contract of exactly what will be provided.



engagement.

Hunt said she would never wait to marry as late in life as her parents, Charlie and Nancy, who were 28 when they tied the knot. Now she finds herself in the same boat, ready to marry the love of her life at age

The couple, who were introduced by mutual friends while attending Western Kentucky University, have dated seven years. There was no magical first date; instead, Hunt said their friendship evolved into a romantic relationship over time.

"There wasn't really a big moment when I realized that he was the one, but rather over time we grew to love each other more and more," Hunt said. "We love to laugh. We both can make each other laugh and I believe that has truly impacted our relationship."

The story Vince tells of his proposal would bring tears to anyone's eves.

"After dinner and before dessert at Patti's Restaurant in Grand Rivers, I handed Kim a little black book and told her I had written her something. In the book, at a marked page, was a poem I had written her. In this poem my proposal waited to be read.

After reading the last line she looked at me and with a little smile she simply said "yes." I then instructed her to turn the page. Inside the remainder of the book, in the recess of a heart shaped hole cut into the remaining pages, resided a white gold band which was topped with a round cut solitaire diamond. The ring was tied to the book with a small piece of silver ribbon. Upon removing the ring from its former home I placed myself on one knee and gladly gave the ring a new home on her finger."

Vince, a computer programmer, and Hunt, a history teacher at Crittenden County High School, are ready to end their long-distance relationship. The couple have spent very little time together, by most standards, in the years since their 2003 college graduation. On average, they have seen each other less than once a month for the last four years. Vince works in Madisonville and Hunt in Marion. Last year they compromised, buying a house in Princeton where Vince resides alone until they get married.

Those who know her describe Hunt as very attentive to



Mark Vince and fiance Kim Hunt stand on the porch of Hunt's parents' home in rural Crittenden County, where the young couple will exchange vows on June 21.

detail, highly organized and one who strives for excellence in all she does. With that in mind, it is no wonder that she and Vince planned their wedding around their careers and a dream honeymoon. But she claims organization wasn't the main thing that prompted an 18-month engagement.

"As a teacher it is easier to get married in the summer. We weren't ready to get married last summer, so it was only logical for us to pick a date in June 2008. It's given us time to get all our ducks in a row. We've bought a house, I finish graduate school in May, we both have solid jobs and the timing now is just right."

The couple will tie the knot in an outdoor wedding at Hunt's parent's house in rural Crittenden County on June 21.

"We made our wedding plans after we decided on our honey-moon," Hunt explains. "We're going to London, Edinburgh and Dublin for 13 days. The trips only leave at certain times so we had to plan our wedding around the departure dates. Neither of us has been to the UK and we will be in London during the Wimbeldon tennis tournament, so we are very excited."

Couples share recipes for enduring love

Magic keeps couple together 70 years

By TIM WOODWARD

BOISE, Idaho (AP) – When one of Marvin Sparrell's granddaughters asked him about the best investment he ever made, he told her he'd sleep on it and let her know the next day.

His first thought was to tell her about the stock he bought for \$10,000 and sold for \$200,000. But the answer he gave his granddaughter the next day was very difforent

The best investment he ever made: the \$10 he spent on a marriage license to marry her grandmother.

"She's been my whole life," he said.

"We've been in love ever since."

"Ever since" in their case acquires spe-

"Ever since" in their case acquires special significance. On Jan. 1, they celebrated their 70th anniversary.

They met the night he asked her for a

date at a dance in Whitefish, Mont.
"He didn't ask many girls, so I was delighted," Dorothy Sparrell said. "I thought he was nice looking."

Times were hard.
"We didn't have any money," her husband said. "We went steady for two years and saved a little over \$100 for our honeymoon, a week in Spokane."

The honeymoon was almost derailed when their friends tried to hold a shivaree and put them on trains heading in the opposite direction

opposite direction.
"We tried to keep our plans quiet, but

we were coming home from getting our marriage license in Kalispell and heard on the radio that the county's last wedding license of 1937 had been given to us," Dorothy said. "That meant that the secret was out. But we got wind of the shivaree and fooled them."

In those days, \$10 for a wedding license was a major expenditure.

Marvin Sparrell, 95, still calls it the best \$10 he ever spent.

"He got a new family for his \$10,"
Dorothy said. "His dad died of diphtheria
when he was 10, and he lived with his
grandparents from the age of 12. When
we got married, my family took him in.
He got four new brothers, a sister and a
second Mom and Dad."

He also got a marriage as durable as a Montana cowboy. The Sparrells have survived the Depression, five wars, 12 presidents, six children, 19 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren. They lived in half a dozen Montana cities before moving in 1964 to Idaho, where he worked as a meat cutter at the first Buttrey Foods store in Boise.

"We've had our ups and downs like all couples," he said. "But more ups than downs. One thing we've always tried to do is never go to bed mad at each other. If we disagree about something, we always try to work through it. We've had one

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Siblings share 391 years of marriage

By RICK CALLAHAN

BROWNSBURG, Ind. (AP) –
Newlyweds could probably learn a few
things from the five Estes sisters and their
two brothers, who collectively have lived
through 391 years of marriage.

In an age when nearly half of new marriages are expected to end in divorce, the seven surviving children of C.M. and Minnie Estes have all been wed 50 or more years.

The youngest, Sue Bass, completed the streak of golden anniversaries Saturday when she and husband Edwin marked their 50 years together in a laughter-filled banquet room, surrounded by Sue's six surviving siblings and many of the couples' 71 children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

"We're the last. We made it," Sue, 69, said after the Basses' spotlight dance. Added Edwin, 73: "The others made it and we weren't about to get beat!"

The Estes siblings, ages 69 to 84, attribute their marital success in large part to the moral example set by their languages.

part to the moral example set by their late parents, who were married 58 years. C.M. Estes was a Christian minister, and he and his wife raised their eight chil-

and he and his wife raised their eight chi dren – one is deceased and a ninth died as a toddler – with the belief that marriage is for life.

riage is for life. Seventy-four-year-old Joyce Samples said her parents endured hard financial times but set a loving example that she's emulated in her 57-year marriage to John

Samples, 74, also a minister.

"They always showed respect for each other, which made us know that was part of marriage. There wasn't a lot of verbal advice. You just watched them and knew how it was done," she said.

Aside from Joyce and Sue and their husbands, the other Estes children and their spouses are: Agnes and Howard Byrd, wed 61 years; Douglas and Kathleen Estes, 60 years; Charles and Grace Estes, 57 years; Eula and L.B. Champion, 54 years; and Gladys and Bob Maple, who were married 52 years when Bob died

were married 52 years when Bob died. An eighth Estes sibling, Joe, died in 1992, by which time he and his widow, Ruth, had been married 48 years. Their marriage boosts the Estes' matrimonial

total to 439 years.
Stephanie Coontz, a professor of history at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., said it's unusual for so many siblings to have such long marriages.

Coontz, who has studied marriages trends for 25 years, said many marriages that began in the 1950s ended as more women entered the work force in subsequent decades. That wasn't an issue for the Estes siblings; all the wives were

homemakers.
David Popenoe, a professor emeritus

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5 tips for choosing an engagement ring

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ferent stones

Before popping the question, most men realize they know little or nothing about their girlfriend's tastes in jewelry… especially when it comes to a ring she will be wearing forever.

It's no wonder then that 75 percent of all bridesto-be give their future husbands direct input on the engagement ring they want, according to industry



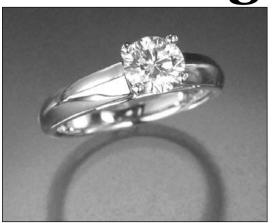
engagement ring: ■ Determine style: Are you and your girlfriend modern, clasand be able to sic or bohemian? Take a look at the style most often worn and guage of of diaconsider the metal: is it mostly silver, platinum, yellow gold? Having a sense of style helps narrow your choices and will allow

the most comfort when wearing the ring.

■ Enlist family and friends: They may provide valuable insight into what she might like or dislike in an engagement ring (If she's clever she will tell them so they can drop you a hint!). If you are feeling brave, ask your girlfriend's best friend or sister to shop with you. It helps to get a good second

■ Decide on a stone: Though diamond is the obvious choice, more and more brides are opting for color with a ruby or sapphire. Also, familiarize yourself with the different shapes -- round, square, marquis, heart, pear ... then buy the most expensive stone you can afford!

■ Go to a reputable jeweler: You don't want to



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take chances here. Make sure they have a solid reputation and are certified by the Jewelers of America and/or trained by the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). GIA also provides diamond-grading

certificates. And don't forget to get it insured.

Think way ahead: Give yourself plenty of time to buy the ring before you pop the question. You might need to save money, or if you are buying a stone separate from the setting the jeweler will need time to set it. Any custom work or engraving takes time, too.

And when getting down to the nitty-gritty of actually choosing a diamond or other gemstone, be sure to visit the GIA's Web site at www.gia.edu to learn how to compare different stones and to be able to speak the language of diamonds with the

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What women want

Engagement rings with personality... and sparkle

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

FASHION WRITER NEW YORK (AP) – Once upon a time, when a man proposed, he gave a woman a shiny solitaire diamond engagement ring. It was the standard. It's probably what her friends had and she was eager to join the

Fast forward to 2007: It's now the norm for a woman to influence what her engagement ring will look like - if not to pick it out herself, says Mary Moses Kinney, director of the Independent Jewelers Organization.

The result is bigger stones, nontraditional settings and some rings that forgo the diamond altogether.

'Size matters," says Millie Martini Bratten, editor-in-chief of Brides magazine. "People love a big sparkly ring, especially coming from the person they love most in the world.

Moses Kinney thinks the larger rocks are being driven by two things: Women aren't shy about asking for what they getting married a bit older, they typically have more money to

The older bride also has had more time to carve out her personal style. "Women want personality in their ring. They want to make an emotional statement with the ring. They want it to reflect who they are," says Moses Kinney.

The groom, Bratten says, if left to his own devices, would probably still go for a classic solitaire because that's what he thinks an engagement ring looks like. But he's rarely left to his own devices.

Usually, she says, "He will take his fiancee to the store and let her point out shapes she likes – the shape is the priority – and settings. She'll drop hints whether she likes gold, platinum or white gold.'

The Diamond Trading Company, the sales and marketing arm of De Beers, recently interviewed 10,000 U.S. couples on their purchasing behavior for diamond gifts: Only 19 percent fit the conventional image of a man presenting a woman with a surprise diamond. Thirty percent of diamond purchases were by women called "assertives" those unafraid of making their views known early. Many went so far as to buy the item, wrap it and hand their partner the

If a man is a little more oldfashioned and does want the engagement ring to be a surprise, he still rarely goes into a jewelry store without doing his

He may have noticed what kind of ring his girlfriend's mother has or if his intended has commented about a friend's ring, says Bratten of Brides. At the very least, he probably has done a little price research to try

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to get the most sparkle for his buck. He also might ask other brides-to-be about their rings.

"We do get on occasion grooms on our site asking other brides for ideas about the ring. The other brides completely get into it: They'll ask, `What's she like?' `What does her other jewelry look like?' `What's the " reports Theresa DiMasi, editor in chief of Brides.com

It's really in everyone's best interest to make sure the bride gets a ring she loves, DiMasi says. "She wears it for many, many, many years. It's not like the dress that you wear for one

Over the years, brides have moved away from yellow gold, both for engagement and wedding bands, in favor of plat-inum, which they consider more wardrobe-friendly, DiMasi observes. Men, she says, still tend to want gold.

The price of platinum, however, has shot up because of increased demand, and couples are again interested in gold yellow, white and rose-tinted.

"Rose gold is pretty, new and trendy," according to Brides' Bratten. "It looks good on many skin tones.

Many rings have micropave diamonds outlining the setting. That makes the center stone appear bigger and sparklier.
"You get the look of the big ring without piling on too much additional cost," she says.

Another trend is three-stone rings, with pink or blue sapphires – or, less often, emeralds or rubies – flanking the center diamond. Colored diamonds are considered chic, but are also expensive, more for the rich and famous, Bratten says.

Model Heidi Klum's engagement ring is a canary yellow diamond, designed by Lorraine Schwartz. Klum says her favorite part about it is that her husband Seal knew her well enough to choose something in her own style.

(Seal was a traditionalist when he proposed two years ago. Klum says she first saw the ring when the singer went down on one knee and put it on her finger.)

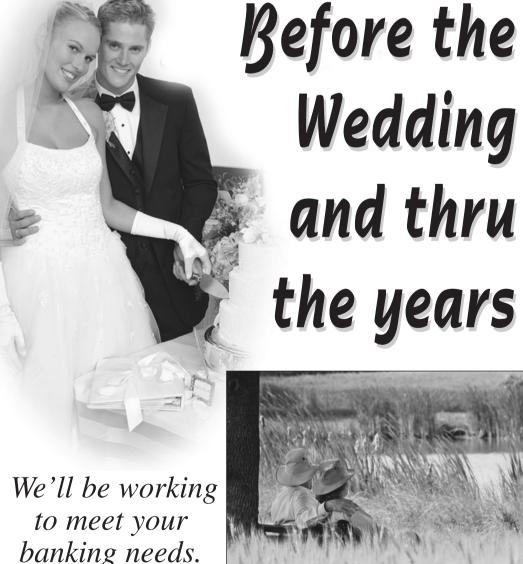
The sentimental attachment is something so special that takes it beyond just a piece of jewelry. I have a great husband with fantastic taste," says Klum, host of TV's "Project Runway" and a jewelry designer for the Mouawad brand.

In the quest to personalize engagement rings, even semi-precious stones are being used.

"There is no right or wrong ring," says Moses Kinney. "It's like a favorite color. If one woman likes a princess cut, the next will want an emerald cut."

Her own 1930s-era ring comes from the estate of a Chicago politician. It features an Art Deco-style emerald-cut diamond that is long and thin.

"I get stopped all the time and hear, `I've never seen any-thing like that,'" Moses Kinney says. "It's my favorite piece of jewelry, bar none. And I think that's how people should feel about their engagement ring.'



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Ask the photographer if he will be photographing your wedding. If not, meet with the photographer who will be shooting it and review photos from several events.

Does the photographer work with an assistant? If so, is that included in the fee?

Check the BBB for reports on photographers you are consider-

ing.
Check references. Someone who is reluctant to provide references is questionable.

Is the package fixed or customized? How many photos are included? What about reprints, enlargements, albums?

What is the time frame for delivery of proofs and other products? Can you keep proofs or neg-

What type and how many cameras will be used? Are color and black-white included?

What types of photos can you expect - formal, informal?

Does the photographer know the policies of your church, synagogue or other institution?



Obtain a written contract detailing every service, payment schedule and the name of the photographer present; location, date and time length of all events; type of package; a list of guaranteed prices for enlargements and

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Dream trip or difficult?

'Destination' weddings ask guests for more commitment

By MELISSA RAYWORTH

It wasn't long ago that attending a friend's wedding meant spending a Saturday night eating prime rib and dancing to cover versions of "Louie Louie" and "Brown Eyed Girl."

Now, it might involve three davs in Mexico or a long weekend in Maine. There could be scuba diving, cruises, square dancing or a marshmallow roast at a national park.

With a growing number of couples opting to exchange vows far from where they and most of their guests live, saying "yes" to an invite has taken on a whole

new meaning.
"Destination weddings" can be fun. And time-consuming. And terribly expensive. Those most likely to be invited to a lot of weddings - people in their 20s, say - also tend to have the least seniority at work and the least disposable income.

Some guests, of course, are happy to pack their bags.

'I love the opportunity to travel and go somewhere I wouldn't have gone, or just to have an excuse to go somewhere that I like," says Tamar Kummel, a massage therapist from New York City. She plans to attend a friend's wedding in California and another on Cape Cod later this year.

'If you didn't have this invitation, you'd never go," she says.

But there's a downside. Kummel's boyfriend, Sean Harris, who works at an investment banking company, has a limited number of vacation days and sees a three-day wedding extravaganza as a drain on his

"He finds it really inconsiderate of people," Kummel says. What's a modern wedding guest to do? A primer:

■ Do you have to attend?

"People who are having a destination wedding absolutely expect certain people can't attend the wedding for financial or schedule reasons," says Carley Roney, co-founder of the wedding planning Web site The Knot.com. But she advises against mentioning your finances when you decline. "It's such a guilt-tripping kind of thing," she says. "Come up with a very appropriate reason, even if it has to be a white lie."

Joanna Hanak of Broomfield, Colo., knew that some invited guests wouldn't attend her wedding last fall in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. "We told people that we didn't expect them to come, but wanted them to know they were welcome," she savs

Hopefully, guests will get plenty of warning.
"Couples should give their

guests at least three or four months to plan by sending out detailed Save-the-Date cards," says Lei Lydle, founder of the Atlanta-based WeddingBasics.com, which

publishes bridal Web sites in several U.S. cities. That's especially important if

the wedding falls on a holiday weekend, when travel can be difficult and expensive. ■ Must you stay where the

bride and groom suggest?
The couple will likely offer information on a range of accommodations, and they may have blocked rooms at several

"In a situation where the bride and groom have not been so thoughtful," says etiquette expert Samantha von Sperling, founder and director of Polished Social Image Consultants in New York, "go online and book your own accommodations and then you can call them and say, 'I'm sorry but I couldn't afford the place you picked, so I've found something else just down the road. But I promise I'll be

there and be on time." ■ Do you have to attend every planned event?

Destination weddings often involve a raft of events, including a cocktail party to welcome guests and a brunch the morning after the ceremony. If three solid days of bonding with relatives, co-workers or strangers doesn't appeal to you, Roney says it's fine to opt out of a few daytime events. But if you're skipping something, let someone in the bridal party know so that no one waits or searches for

■ What if you've got kids? If children are invited (with destination weddings, they often are), your hosts may have some childcare planned. Ask whether kids are welcome at all the weekend's events, then ask if baby-sitting is available during any that are grown-ups only. If nothing has been arranged, you might contact the hotel where the wedding is happening or where you're staying and inquire about baby-sitting services.

Some guests, like New Yorkers Michele Clarke-Ceres and her husband, Rudy Ceres, see destination weddings as an opportunity for a private getaway sans kids.

"We take advantage of taking time away to just spend time

alone," she says.

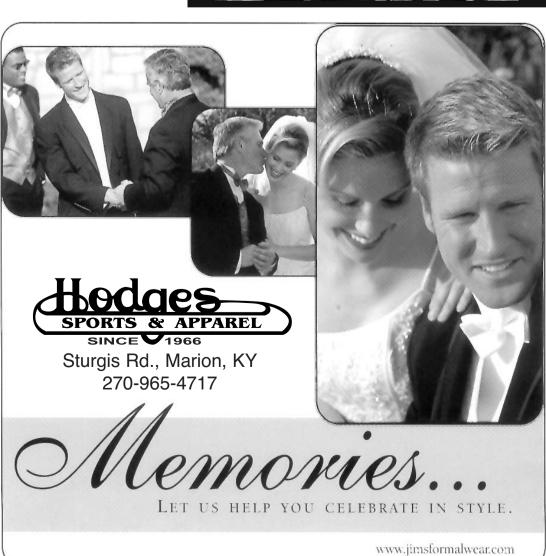
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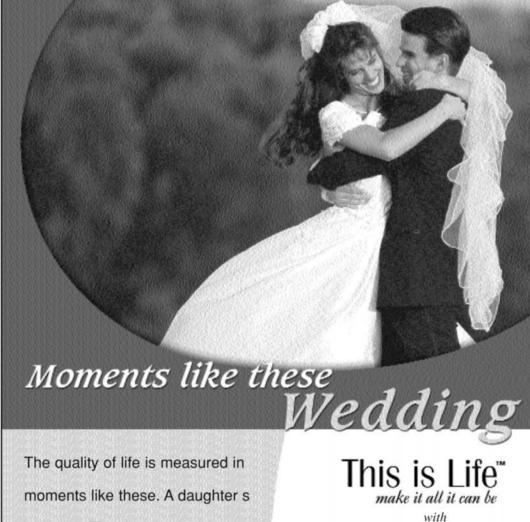
"You can definitely scale back," says Roney. "But unless they specifically say, 'the present is your presence,' you should buy a gift, even if it's a \$30 something off their registry. People who are in that age range where they are going to a wedding every weekend can chip in with a group of people and do a group gift."

Amid all the travel plans and scheduling difficulties, remember that "being invited to witness their union is an honor, says von Sperling. "Even if it is an inconvenience.









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Some brides buy two dresses instead of one

FRANKSTON LORIN

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER NEW YORK (AP) – Melania

So did rock star Avril Lavigne,

with designs by Vera Wang. Now, some regular women are following suit, deciding that one dress isn't enough for their wedding day. They want princess-like ball gowns as well as sexier sheaths for the party that they can dance in.

For her April The second wedding in Palm Beach, Fla., Kathy dress is more of a Reilly wore a sweet, flowing statement of who gown for an they are, as a young afternoon ceremony and a sleek number for the party getting married.

that evening. "It's an overwhelming choice to try to

narrow it down to one," said Reilly, 42, a consultant to luxury brands who lives in Manhattan. On the other hand, "It's cer-

tainly a big deal to purchase two dresses and get them altered and pressed. It's a big economic con-Maybe not for Trump, whose

Vera Wang and Christian Dior dresses were featured in Vogue, or Lavigne, who wore an ivory strapless tissue organza gown with wrapped bodice and applique lace beaded skirt, and then an ivory strapless draped Chantilly lace dress.

Still, brides say they like the idea of a second dress for comfort, to display another side of their personality and, of course, for show. The trend could have a big impact on the wedding industry, always looking to create new revenue streams.

And it's not only those aiming for the fashion stratosphere who opt for two dresses

Some brides want to wear vintage gowns worn by their mothers or grandmothers, then emerge in

to blend different cultures, changing from a traditional white gown, say, into Chinese or Indian bridal

Mark Ingram, who runs the Bridal Atelier on Manhattan's East Side, said he began noticing women buying a second wedding dress about a year and a half ago.

"As the primary dress is becoming a little bit more elaborate, they wanted to change into something slinkier or shorter or sexier, that they could really party

in," he said. He said the first dress may conform to a parent's or

fiance's wishes. "The second dress is more of independent woman a statement of who they are, as a young independent woman - Mark Ingram getting maron buying two wedding gowns ried.

> Women in his shop, which sells designers such as Oscar de la Renta, Karl Lagerfeld, Monique Lhuillier and Carolina Herrara, sometimes spend more than \$6,000 for the first dress, then \$2,500 and up for the second, Ingram said.

> Reilly wore a \$7,000 backless silk taffeta designed by Amsale for her ceremony. With thin straps, a fitted bodice and a bubble skirt, it was more bride-like and appropriate for a church, she

> Later for the reception at the Breakers, an oceanfront resort, she changed into a white sheath, more "slinky, Hollywood and red carpet-y," she said. Its price tag was about \$3,000.

"It iust flowed so naturally and it was just a great dancing, party dress," said Reilly. "I could not have gone solely for the second one. It was probably a little too sexy for the church and probably not high impact enough.

Kiki Hronis, whose alterations have been fitting brides into gowns for more than 15 years in Manhattan, worked on Reilly's dresses. She said she isn't surchange mid-wedding.

'Of course not. It's their wedding day. It's a very special day. They can keep the other dress and wear it again.'

For her ceremony, Stacy Deemar stepped into the same gown that her grandmother, mother and sister wore at their weddings. Then she changed into a more bubbly dress later. She even explained the reason for the change in the program for her 2002 wedding in Chicago.

People thought I was nuts, but it was important to me," said Deemar, 35, a drama teacher.

"I didn't want to ruin it dancing and having dirt scrape on the bottom," she said of the heirloom dress, a hoop-skirt satin with freshwater pearls and 6-foot train that had faded from white to ivory but otherwise held up since her grandmother first wore it in 1941. Her grandmother paid \$66.75 for it, which included \$5 for alterations.

For Swati Bose, 31, the challenge was including her Indian culture and her husband's Afghan one in their May wedding in New

She donned a red sari for the ceremony and switched into a white dress with mermaid black lace for the reception. He changed too, from a traditional Afghan embroidered long shirt and pants into a tuxedo.

Since it's an interreligious, intercultural and interracial wedding, we wanted to find ways to incorporate both of our cultures," said Bose, a law student.

Even two dresses wasn't enough for Jane Chew at her 1998 wedding in New York. In Chinese culture, she said, the more times a bride changes the wealthier it shows she is. But she had other reasons, too.

I wanted to wear a white wedding gown just because I was born and raised in the States, said the dermatologist, 38, who practices in Columbia, Md. "The Chinese dress is a nod to my strong Chinese heritage. It would-

Her three changes also displayed her thrift. She began the night in a Vera Wang ball gown, found at a sample sale for \$1,500.

"It was very simple, no lace, no stones, with a princess bodice,' Chew said.

A few courses into the Chinese banquet, she changed into the red Chinese silk with a mandarin collar and prints of dragons. The \$250 dress was made for her in Chinatown.

After the cake was cut, Chew emerged in a red taffeta strapless dress with matching red shawl.

"I found the dress for 100 bucks at Saks, so I thought it was

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Trouble finding that perfect wedding dress?

When selecting a wedding dress, be daring and style-savvy, but remember to consider com-

Your wedding gown provides a chance to dress completely differently than you do on any other pursue your bridal fantasies when you start shopping," says Diane Forden, Editor-in-Chief of Bridal Guide magazine. "Even if vou don't choose an ornately styled gown, it can't hurt to try one on. Many brides report being talked into trying on a more elaborate dress than they'd envisioned and then falling in love

with the look. Experimenting can be a good thing, so try different styles to see what matches your figure. Don't eliminate anything based on how it looks on a hanger - many gowns look odd without a body

Be sure to consider the formality of the day, Forden stresses. Generally, the more formal

...Feel free to pursue your bridal fantasies when you start shopping.

Editor-in-Chief. Bridal Guide magazine

the wedding, the more formal the bride's attire. And keep the season in mind, since some fabrics might be too heavy or light for certain times of year.

"Also consider your comfort, both physical and emotional," she says. "All eyes will be on you throughout your big day, so this might not be the best occasion to wear your first strapless gown. And a body-skimming sheath won't let you kick up your heels on the dance floor as freely as you might like.'

For more tips, visit www.bridalguide.com.







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'I love you' doesn't have to be difficult

Saying "I love you" is all about celebrating what makes every relationship special and unique in a way that reflects your personality and style. And, many people choose to share that feeling in a greeting card, whethere on Valentine's Day or any other time of year.

Here are some tips from American Greetings valentine writer Nicole Fraser for

adding sincerity and flair to your card:

Don't over-analyze the act. In all honesty, it doesn't take a greeting card writer to get the message just right. "Saying, 'I love you' can be a vulnerable moment for some," said Fraser. "Opening up and revealing your true feelings to someone can bring a lot of relief and peace, but the most important thing to remember is to be true to who you are and the relationship you

■ Make the greeting reflect your relationship. If you are in a budding romance filled with fun, your message should reflect that spirit. If you've stood the test of time together, acknowledging your commitment to the relationship is a very personal way to bring in a bit of reality.

■ Use lists to get yourself going. Make a list of what you love about the other person, the inside jokes you share, the nicknames you have for one another and the memories you've made together. The list will help you craft a message that fits the two of you. "Anytime you can reference personal attributes you admire or

shared experiences you cherish, you're sure to strike a chord in the recipient," Fraser added.

■ Don't worry about how you say it, just say it. It's a romantic greeting, so it only sounds right if it truly comes from the heart. Don't dwell on perfect grammar; your relation-ship isn't perfect so you don't need to be either. The important thing is that you tell the other person how you feel.

■ Sometimes, less is more. Instead of attempting to write original poetry or just copying down the lyrics to your favorite song, keep in mind that a few welldirected and meaningful words often have more of a positive effect than a long ramble. Look at your list of what you love about the other person, and simply write what's in your

■ Don't stop after finding the right card. Finding the right card and including the perfect personal message is just the beginning of how you show someone

Of course, as with all gifts, presentation is everything, so consider one of these special deliveries for your card this year:

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serious argument in our marriage. That was my fault. I apologized, and now I'm ready for the second 70 years.

Dorothy, 90, attributes the harmony of their marriage to being in the same mental groove. "When you're with one guy

this long, you start to think like him," she said. Some of their secrets for a life-

long love might surprise you: Don't get too busy to have fun. Once or twice a month, Marvin said, they made it a point to go

out to dinner and a movie "and

have a couple of beers. "Have some kids," Dorothy said. "Kids keep you together." Invest something from every paycheck. It leads to financial

security, peace of mind and fewer arguments over money, often cited as a factor in troubled mar-

Take a week of vacation every year just to be with each other. No kids, no work, no distractions. It's a way of reconnecting with what attracted you to each other in the first place.

Set an example for your children by keeping your relationship

In the Sparrells' case, it appears to have worked.

"Two of our kids have been married over 20 years, two of them over 40 years and one of them over 50 years," Marvin said. "Divorce has never come up in our family.

He'd be the first to admit that there's also a little magic involved. "I've always loved her, and I always will," he said. "That helps."

"A marriage is definitely team-

work. It's not one-sided, that's for

added Edwin. "You've both got to pitch in, in order for it to work.

You have to work at it, and we

still work at it every day."

You've got to let love grow,"

and working together to overcome problems.

sure," said Sue.





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of sociology at Rutgers University, said religion, commitment to the marriage and a willingness to overlook problems are often factors in long unions.

One wag says the most important thing for a marriage is having a bad memory – in essence, you overlook things that would cause other people to break up," said Popenoe, co-director of Rutgers' National Marriage

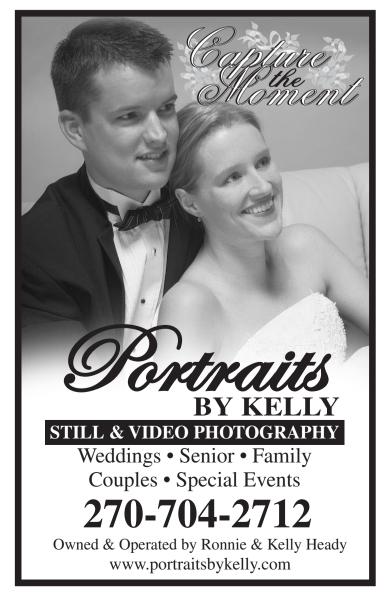
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"They're committed through thick or thin to the other person and the marriage. They're willing to work through problems as they arise and overlook things.

The Basses' love story began in 1957 when they met at a Georgia grocery store, where Sue was a cashier and Edwin was a stock boy. After a few dates, they were smitten.

They tied the knot on Feb. 9, 1958, in the only traditional church wedding of the Estes children. All the others had low-key weddings, typically with only a minister in attendance.

A half-century on, the Basses, who have three daughters, agree that the key to a long marriage is listening to their mate's concerns









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