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Spring forest fire hazard season in Kentucky runs through April 15. During this time, it is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. While burning is allowed outside these hours, no one should burn unless the air is calm and there is adequate moisture to prevent the spread of fire. Though there are no local ordinances within Crittenden County against burning brush, burning of household garbage or other waste within the City of Marion, even in barrels, is prohibited. State air quality and state waste management regulations should also be checked before conducting any outdoor burning. The Division for Air Quality can be contacted at 1-888-BURN-LAW. For more, see Page 4A.

Casino proposal facing long odds

A proposal to legalize casinos in Kentucky has been voted down by a sharply divided House committee, putting the future of Gov. Steve Beshear's plan to boost state revenues with gambling taxes in serious doubt.

State Rep. Darryl Owens, chairman of the House Committee on Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs, said the casino proposal faces long odds in the General Assembly.

"I wouldn't bet the house or the outhouse on it, I'll tell you that," said Owens (D-Louisville).

Two separate proposals were up for consideration Tuesday, but the House committee couldn't agree on either, despite the best efforts of Beshear who summoned House leaders to his office Monday to try to jump-start the move.

Owens said time could be running out for the proposal. The committee is not scheduled to meet again until next Tuesday, when only 20 days will remain in the session.

"I don't know where we go from here," Owens said.

— The Associated Press

Web, phone hotline assist motorists

The last couple of weeks have been harrowing for many Kentucky drivers, with ice and snow coating the roads for several days. To help drivers combat the ill effects of wintry weather, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has both online and telephone services to help. On the Web, the Cabinet offers the latest traffic and weather information at www.511.ky.gov. And, a hotline set up to report potholes, many caused by the freezing and thawing of asphalt, will allow motorists to report the hazards 24-7. That number is 1-800-PATCH-IT

March 10 courses offer varied training

Two community classes this month at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion are designed to help emergency workers with their volunteer duties. Basic First-Aid and CPR will be offered from 6 to 9 p.m., March 10, with those who complete the course receiving a First-Aid/CPR card. The cost is \$10 and study books area available at the center. Registration deadline is Monday. On the same night at the center, from 6 to 9:30, the National Weather Service Basic and Advanced Weather Spotters Class will be given. There is no charge to take the course. Anyone may attend.

Local meetings

■ Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 9 a.m., March 6 at the courthouse.

Weather

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

Forecast
THURSDAY 6 am Mostly clear, 26°
FRIDAY 6 am Mostly clear, 26°
NOON Mostly clear, 44°
NOON Mostly clear, 44°
6 pm Overcast, 47°
6 pm Overcast, 47°
9 pm Cloudy, 44°
9 pm Mostly cloudy, 42°

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Last 7 days1.40 For 2008.....8.94
Last 30 days7.26 Deviation.....+1.32

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Search for superintendent already under way: Chair

STAFF REPORT

The search for a new head of Crittenden County schools is already under way, just one week after Superintendent John Belt announced his resignation due to personal reasons. School board members met Monday, along with Belt, to draw up the criteria for selection of a new superintendent.

"Last night we finalized what we wanted in the ad," board Chairman Chris Cook said Tuesday of the notice seeking applications.

Late Tuesday afternoon, Belt was

busy posting an ad for his own position on the Kentucky School Boards Association's Web site.

Belt, who was hired as superintendent in the spring of 2005, announced at a Feb. 19 school board meeting his intentions to retire on July 1 with one year left on his current contract.

"My tenure as superintendent has been rewarding, both personally and professionally," Belt stated in a letter to board members. "However, it is time to pass the responsibility of leading the district to someone else."

Cook said the board will also place notice on the Kentucky Department of Education's Web site. Along with KSBA's site, the chairman said those are the two primary

sources potential superintendents use to locate openings in the state. Placement of ads in newspapers and other outlets will also be considered to draw applicants from within and outside of the state.

One route that the board does not intend to take is securing the services of KSBA's consulting service, which could cost the school district up to \$8,000. Cook said that based upon responses from advertisements on KSBA and KDE's Web sites in the past, he did not think the costly consulting service was necessary this time.

The loss of Belt was hard for many to take. Cook, speaking on behalf of the board, said the admin-

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Cook

Is later greater?



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Students in Vicky Collins' Crittenden County Middle School science class labor Tuesday on projects at iMac workstations in the computer lab. Pictured above are (from left) Kennidy Lanham, Dylan Doyle and Mallory Eubanks. If proposed legislation in Frankfort passes, students across Kentucky would not begin the school year until late August.

Legislation proposes delayed school start

By ALLISON EVANS
ASSISTANT EDITOR

From an educational standpoint, John Belt finds little value in a proposed later start to the school year. Michele Edwards, on the other hand, is like other Kentuckians in the tourism industry, supporting a measure to delay the start of the school year until later in August. She was among tourism professionals in Frankfort Tuesday discussing a bill with legislators that will keep students from returning to the classroom until late August.

Edwards, director of tourism for the City of Marion, said up to 60 groups of people pass through the Marion Tourism and Welcome Center each day throughout the summer. However, that number

drops to just four or five when school starts.

"It lengthens the season," said Edwards, who recognizes the fact that school would not be released for the summer until late May or June if the proposal passes.

"In early June boating and outdoor activities aren't in their prime because of cold waters," she notes. "June has never been an outdoor recreation month, not like August is."

State Sen. Joey Pendleton (D-Hopkinsville) introduced legislation in the General Assembly that would force schools to hold off until at least the third week of August before they could start classes. Similar mandates are already in place in 11 other states.

This school year, Crittenden County started on Aug. 6.

Pendleton said the legislation faces an uncertain future in Kentucky where leading lawmakers have refused even to consider the measure in past years. They contend that local education officials, not lawmakers, should decide when to start classes.

Belt, the Crittenden County superintendent, says the start and end date of the school calendar is and should remain a local board

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Pendleton

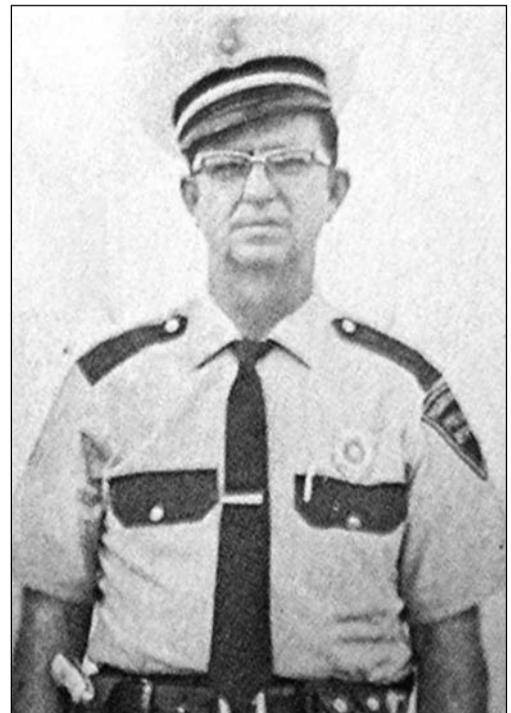


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Louis Myers, a Marion police officer, died in the line of duty on a late August night in 1973. In May, his name will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Myers gave life in the line of duty

STAFF REPORT

Thirty-five years following his death in the line of duty, Marion Police Officer Louis Myers will be honored this spring by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Myers had been a city patrolman only six years when he received a call just before midnight on Aug. 29, 1973. The call came over his short-wave radio that a suspected prison escapee was on foot near Curve-Inn on Sturgis Road in Marion.

Another escapee had been found at a home south of town earlier that day and police here were on the lookout for the second convict believed still at large in the community.

The two men had escaped from the Kentucky State Penitentiary's dairy farm near Eddyville a couple of days earlier. One was a convicted murderer.

Myers responded to the call and reported seeing the suspect, believed to have been William Howard Newton, flee from the loading dock area of the Potter & Brumfield warehouse. Myers called for backup and began pursuing the suspect on foot through a field across the road from the 88 Dip.

Myers, alone at the time, suffered a massive heart attack and collapsed on his way back toward his vehicle. Some witnesses who saw what happened helped Myers get back to his squad car and were getting ready to drive him to the hospital when Police Chief W.O. Brown arrived. Brown loaded Myers into his cruiser and took him to Crittenden County Hospital and summoned a doctor. Myers died less than three hours later at 2:45 a.m.

Just 49 years old, Myers left a wife, Verna, and five children - Eddie Jack, Carolyn, Jerry, Ronnie and Tony.

Today, the family is proud to know that their husband and father will be honored

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Circuit clerk closing for asbestos removal

STAFF REPORT

Asbestos removal will close the Crittenden County Circuit Clerk's office for three full days and parts of two others beginning late next week.

The clerk's office, which handles court affairs and driver's license testing, will close at noon next Thursday. The office will be shut all day March 7-10 and will reopen at noon March 11.

There will be no driver testing on March 7. However, Crittenden County Family Court will not be affected by the closure. It will go on as scheduled March 11.

Appalachian Environmental and Safety Services has the contract to



Asbestos abatement

Crittenden Circuit Clerk's office will be closed for several days next month for asbestos removal.
March 6 ...Closes at noon
March 7.....Closed all day
March 8.....Closed all day
March 10.....Closed all day
March 11..Opens at noon

remove the asbestos from the ceiling. The Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has contracted the company to perform the abatement.

Asbestos was a popular material used by builders during the 1900s because of its resistance to heat, sound absorption and strength. However, studies since the 1980s have found that asbestos can be harmful. The inhalation of its fibers can cause serious illness, including mesothelioma and asbestosis. The material is now banned as a building product and must be abated from public buildings before they can be demolished.

Judge-Executive Fred Brown con-

firmed that asbestos is located in the ceilings throughout the 47-year-old Crittenden County Courthouse. However, he says the county does not have the money to encapsulate or remove it.

The AOC, which rents the circuit clerk's offices in the courthouse, has agreed to pay for the removal of the material in those rooms. Although the AOC pays rent to the county for about 48 percent of the courthouse, Brown said the state is not willing to take care of removing all of the asbestos.

Circuit Clerk Madeline Henderson said she wanted the asbestos gone from the ceiling in her office because of the health and safety risks it poses.

"A lot of mornings when we come in the office there are flakes in chairs and some of the ceiling has fallen off in chunks," she said. "We asked for something to be done about it."

Henderson said she originally asked the county to remove the asbestos, but was told that it didn't have the funds to pay for removal. She then turned to the AOC which contracted a third-party firm to do the job.

Brown said the AOC had been paying the county about \$30,000 a year in rent. The state only recently cut that amount by about \$2,000.

"They were paying us for use of about 52 percent of the courthouse, and now they're paying us for about 48 percent," the county judge said. "They eliminated stairwells and things like that from the payment formula so we will be getting less."

County magistrates have several times over the past 20 years discussed removing or encapsulating the asbestos throughout the courthouse. Funding has always been the stumbling block, Brown said.

From football to to faith, Cozart an all-star

Most of my old memories of David Cozart have something to do with his days as a three-sport athlete for the Crittenden County Rockets. Back in the late 1980s, Cozart was a gangly quarterback with a sharp wit and penchant for using donnish four-syllable words that impressed high school contemporaries and left his teachers wearing a suspicious grin.

I always wondered if he rehearsed those cunning lines or whether they came as natural as his boyish smile. Now I know that his preachy manner was no facade.

Cozart has been gone from Marion for the better part of two decades, but we have kept in touch over the years. He finished his college edu-



cation at Campbellsville University, a private Christian school in Kentucky, where he played football four years. Then, Cozart moved to Lexington where he has been a successful community leader with the Lexington-Fayette County Urban League.

At some point over the past few weeks, it came to my attention that Cozart was now doing some itinerant preaching – this time behind

a real pulpit. One Sunday morning last month, the family and I attended our normal Sunday school class at Marion United Methodist Church then skipped across town for what turned out to be a real treat. We were visitors for Sabbath service at a church we'd never attended before.

Cozart is now preaching on the first Sunday of each month at the tiny Marion Free Will Baptist Church on South Main Street. And I mean he's preachin' Amen sermons. He will be there again this coming Sunday.

The little white frame church just up the hill from Conrad's Food Store is the only predominately African-American congregation in this rural western Kentucky town. Its membership reflects

the small population of African American people in Marion. About a dozen or so regulars make up the Sunday rendezvous. Although the pews are far from full, there's a strong vibrancy among the faithful followers.

There is no question that Cozart brings a renewed vigor to the church, which is made up largely of his own kinfolk. His evangelistic orations will continue to gain more and more attention as he makes a regular appointment at the homey little church. I predict the flocks will grow as his sermons are publicized through word of mouth. A talented preacher, his clear messages are braced by an obvious deep understanding of the Gospels.

Over the years, I have had

the favorable opportunity to hear Russ Davidson's sermons on many occasions. Rev. Davidson is a young – I say young, he's like me in his early 40s – dynamic preacher who has produced large followings everywhere he's gone. He grew the tiny Union Baptist Church in Crittenden County until it was bursting at the seams. Much to this community's chagrin, Davidson was called away to preach in Missouri. For the last couple of years, he has returned to lead the traditional outdoor gatherings in the tabernacle at the annual Hurricane Camp Meeting near Tolu.

Davidson's reputation is of the highest standard and his preaching well known by most in this area. I have absolutely no reservations in

saying that David Cozart, just a lay minister at this point, ranks right up there with Rev. Davidson and any other of the great Men of God produced by Crittenden County.

It doesn't appear that Cozart has an immediate desire to leave his highly-rewarding job with the Lexington Urban League, but you can be assured that his preaching ability will continue to draw followers. As a brash quarterback and fast-ball hurler 20 years ago, Cozart was anything but unassuming. Now, though, he is clearly humbled by his divinely inspired ability to spread the Word of God.

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

The Press Letters Policy

The Crittenden Press accepts and encourages letters to the editor on a variety of subjects. Letters should be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday the week before publication.

Letters must include the author's name, address, phone number and signature. Phone numbers will not be published. They are for our records only in order to authenticate a letter's author.

Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases

should not exceed 300 words. Letters will be edited for spelling and grammar and The Crittenden Press reserves the right to reject or edit letters for clarity, brevity and otherwise at our discretion. Writers should limit their letters to no more than one per month. Original copies of submitted letters will be retained in our files.

Letters may be brought into our office, sent to P.O. Box 191, Marion, Ky., 42064 or press news@the-press.com.

Where are Christ's followers among us?

Every true Christian knows killing innocent people (especially the unborn), homosexuality, lesbianism and gambling are evil. Every true Christian knows all who support these evils and those who vote for them support these evils. My question is, where were all the true Christians in Crittenden County when the majority of Crittenden Countians voted for Beshear, who supports all these evils?

We've sown to the wind and now we will reap the whirlwind, one of God's promises. Now Beshear proposes opening 12 casinos across Kentucky. Because he won by such a large margin he thinks he has a mandate to put all his evils on the backs of Kentuckians.

Gambling becomes an addiction. It breaks up lives, homes, bank accounts and dreams of happiness. It brings on bankruptcy, takes away needed money for all



the necessities of life, brings on drug addiction, especially alcoholism, and who gets rich? No one but the casinos.

Beshears is yelping the same cry Wilkinson did when he ushered in the lottery...."Oh, this will go to education in Kentucky." Well the lottery only went to scholarships to colleges for people that could have afforded to pay for it themselves, and the rest to the lottery companies and a few winners whose lives in most cases were fractured because of the sudden riches, and the state coffer. Wilkinson

did not live very long after all the suffering he put on us.

When will people wake up and realize no one can ignore or disobey God forever and not suffer the consequences?

Look at all the people running after Obama with their tongues hanging out. He is the farthest to the left in the federal government, hates capitalism, loves socialism (nice word for communism), goes to a church that ordains homosexuals to preach, and marries them, is for abortion on demand, promises higher taxes and says he will demand that every family have insurance for their children. He will bring the troops home from Iraq whether it is with victory or disaster to all we've already accomplished and all the brave men and women that have already sacrificed their all. Furthermore, Obama has absolutely no substance in his

credentials.

Most Americans seem to have lost their minds, and all because they do not follow the wonderful and fair instructions our benevolent Creator has given us for happiness, His protection, and blessings and therefore will run after anything and anyone that promises them the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for free.

The liberals, socialists and communists will promise you anything, and will extract from the working people to give to the deadbeats to get more votes to keep them in power until they drop dead.

One of these days this country will be in the demise mode or the Boston Tea Party war if there are enough left with the true American spirit to stop this madness.

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

The Press Letters

Electronic gadget malfunction odd

To the editor:

I wonder if anyone else in town is having the same problem as I am.

Twice in the last week as I was walking in town, my battery-operated watch has lost the correct time and reset itself to Monday 01-01. My MP3 player turned off by itself and I couldn't get it to turn back on until I connected it to my computer. And my cell phone malfunctioned. The ring tone was turned off without being manually turned off.

I know it sounds very strange, almost as if someone is playing a practical joke on me, but no one else was around. These things happened on Monday, Feb. 11 and Saturday, Feb. 16.

Can anyone tell me why my electronic gadgets are malfunctioning? And has anyone else been experiencing anything like this in town?

Lola Palmer
Marion, Ky.

Telefund keeps public TV on air

To the editor:

I am a volunteer on the Friends Board at KET, Kentucky's statewide public television system. I volunteer my time there because for years my family and I have enjoyed the diverse, wonderful programming and services KET provides, and I want to take part in passing those things on to others in my community.

KET produces programming that focuses on Kentucky and keeps us informed on public affairs, arts, health and education in the Commonwealth. From legislative coverage and weekly public affairs programs to KET's Kentucky Channel – a new digital channel by, for and about Kentuckians – nobody puts the emphasis on Kentucky that KET does. Plus, KET serves the community through its many outreach efforts, including helping people earn their GED or college credits from home.

KET also delivers outstanding national programming, including Antiques Roadshow, Masterpiece Theater, Celtic Woman and the many non-violent, commercial-free children's shows that parents can trust.

For all of these reasons, I support KET and urge others to do so. There is no better time to show your support than during KET's upcoming TeleFund 2008, March 1-16. I, along with other KET

Friends Board Members will appear live on KET Monday to take your contributions. You'll feel proud to be a member of KET, knowing that you're helping to keep great programs and services on the air for all Kentuckians.

Dulcie Hardin
KETs Friends Board Member
Marion, Ky.

Family memories taken from home

To the editor:

When our ancestors came to Crittenden and Livingston counties before 1820, they walked and carried what they had, with the help of one pack animal. At some point, they put part of their possessions on a flatboat to be delivered to Pinckneyville in Livingston County and continued on foot. Upon arrival at Pinckneyville, part of their things were there, but some of their modest household plunder had been stolen.

Over the years, we have been robbed of assorted things, not very often, and usually mundane items of no great individual value – but it was our stuff and was not easy to replace. Any victim of theft will recognize the frustration and grief, along with vulnerable fear that follow these rare, but memorable incidents.

It has happened again. At some point during the 18 months after our mother's death in 2005, while her home in Marion was only intermittently occupied, someone burgled the attic and outbuilding. Among the family and Tolu memorabilia missing are letters, pictures, oil lamps, antique toys, fancywork and the three trunks that contained our treasures – including the brass lock that our father brought home from the Navy in 1937. It was on the outbuilding.

The purpose of this letter is threefold. First, should anyone notice pictures or letters in an antiques store with names of Donakey, Griffith, Croft, Lowery and steamboat-era Tolu, keep us in mind. These, especially, we would like to get back. Second, be reminded that while our community is a wonderful place to call home, there is an element that lives by stealing from the rest of us. Third, remember that true treasure is in Heaven, where moth, dust and thieves cannot touch it.

None of our losses is of eternal significance, but we did not plan to feed the antique market at this time, in this way. We hope you are spared a similar experience.

Mary Ann Lowery Cox
Harrisburg, Ill.
Paul and Karen Lowery
Marion, Ky.

SCHOOL

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decision.

"It is one of the few responsibilities (the board) has left," he said.

"I understand the economic issue that those people are advocating... but it would take away from the freedom of local people," Belt said.

Monica Froedge, spokeswoman for the group Save Kentucky Summers, said children need longer summer breaks.

"They're not ready to go back to school" in early August, said Froedge, who has sons aged 12 and 14 in the Glasgow school district. "It's still brutally hot out. We don't want our kids in triple-digit temperatures on school buses."

Belt disagrees. "If you start later, you get out later," he said. "The biggest argument for (starting later) is to get away from the triple digit heat in August, but they would have the same triple digit heat in July."

A traditional late August or early September start dates for most Kentucky schools have been forsaken. Froedge said local officials are opting instead to restart classes the first week of August in a push to raise scores on government-required achievement tests.

Education officials, Pendleton said, want more instructional days early in the school year so that students are better prepared when the tests are administered. Performing poorly, he said, can lead to sanctions.

Belt said he would like to see an equal number of days in the fall and spring semesters but actually teachers and students need more time in the first semester to prepare for the spring tests.

"Not one school district will risk starting later than their neighboring district because they're too afraid of losing those instructional days," Froedge said. "If everyone had a uniform start date, it would solve this problem."

Pendleton's bill would prohibit school districts from starting classes any earlier than the third Monday in August. School districts that routinely have to cancel seven or more instruction



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR
Some students, like middle-schooler Madison Travis, don't seem concerned with when the school year begins. Above, Travis (right) rehearses history skit Tuesday about Revolutionary War figure Molly Pitcher outside teacher Carol West's classroom. Pictured with Travis are fellow eighth-graders (from left) Nikki Conger, Emily Bruns, Jessica Tinsley and Matt O'Dell.

days because of inclement weather could request a waiver to start earlier from the Department of Education. So far this year, the local district has missed 11.5 days due to weather.

Tina Bruno, executive director of the Texas-based Coalition for a Traditional School Year, said Arkansas, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin already have similar laws that require either late August or early September start dates.

At least six other states are considering similar legislation this year, Bruno said.

Lisa Gross, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Education, said her agency hasn't taken a formal position on Pendleton's proposal.

"This is a complex issue," Gross said. "There is no clear black and white, one-side-right, one-side-wrong, solution to this."

Gross said state education officials have traditionally preferred to give local school districts flexibility in choosing start dates.

"We believe that those kinds of decisions are best made by people at that level," she said.

Pendleton said he's not sure local education officials

August.

"I don't think it really matters," said Crittenden County Middle School eighth-grader Madison Travis. "You've still got to do your time."

As Travis and other students rehearsed a skit in the hallway outside their classroom, their teacher had a different opinion.

Carol West, a reading, arts and humanities teacher at CCMS, said she prefers the traditional late-August or September start she grew up with. To keep schools from being in session until June, she would prefer shaving off vacation periods like fall and spring break.

Even with widespread support for the proposal among parents, Pendleton said lawmakers may be unwilling to take the decision on when to start school away from local education officials.

"It will have a tough time," he said. "But I've asked to at least give it a hearing. Let's get it out there to discuss the positives and negatives."

Read more at www.saveskentuckysummers.com.

(The Associated Press and Managing Editor Daryl K. Tabor contributed to this story.)



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General Assembly watch '08

Bill could help cure ailing pension plan

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) – Gov. Steve Beshear's proposal to overhaul state pensions has cleared its first legislative hurdle.

The House State Government Committee approved Beshear's measure Tuesday, with some added tweaks that would apply to state lawmakers. The measure heads to the full House for consideration and could come to a vote by week's end.

Beshear has said the plan is aimed at eventually steering the state's retirement system, projected to face a \$26.6 billion shortfall, into the financial clear. It calls for small changes to existing employee benefits, but it would mostly affect future employees covered by the state retirement system.

Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton), chair of the committee and lead sponsor of the governor's legislation, said any changes to the retirement benefits of state and local government employees should be applicable to legislators.

"I do not think that we will ever give (legislative retirees) a larger cost-of-living adjustment than what we are going to give our Kentucky Retirement Systems, and if it does happen, I won't accept it," Cherry told The Courier-Journal last week.

Beshear's proposal would set the annual cost-of-living adjustment for state and local government retirees at 1.5 percent.

Pension planning

Highlights of Gov. Steve Beshear's plan to overhaul the state pension system:

- Future employees other than teachers would have to work until at least age 55, with a minimum of 30 years, to be eligible for full retirement.

- State employees' annual cost of living increases in their retirement plans would be cut to 1.5 percent.

- Future employees would have to pay an extra 1 percent in their employee contribution portions for health care.

- Practice known as "double-dipping," in which a retired state employee collects two pensions, would be curbed.

- Retired public school teachers could postpone and enhance retirement benefits by returning to full-time teaching.

Cancer Society to target smokes tax

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) – Anti-smoking advocates have started an advertising campaign aimed at convincing lawmakers in one of the nation's leading tobacco-producing states to increase taxes on cigarettes.

The American Cancer Society will spend \$75,000 on newspaper and radio advertising across Kentucky where lawmakers are considering a proposal to increase the state's cigarette tax by 70 cents a pack.

The proposal by Democratic state Rep. David Watkins would raise Kentucky's tax on cigarettes to \$1 a pack.

Several bills aimed at military veterans

Numerous bills in the General Assembly are geared toward protecting Kentucky military personnel, and the first bill to reach the governor's desk is one of those.

House Bill 168, if signed into law, will give returning military service members a 90-day grace period to renew their expired driver's licenses. Many soldiers coming home from lengthy deployments are being ticketed for driving on an expired license, said Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson).

"It is appropriate that the first bill to reach Gov. Beshear's desk will make life less stressful for our returning military," Ridley said.

Also, Senate Bill 163, introduced to the chamber but not yet voted on, authorizes the military family assistance trust fund to be used for educational expenses by Kentucky members or veterans who lost a limb while on military duty.

'In God We Trust' license plates OK'd

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) – House lawmakers have given their approval for new Kentucky license plates decorated with the national motto: "In God We Trust." It passed 98-0 and now goes to the Senate.

The plates would be available beginning Jan. 1 if at least 900 people are willing to pay a \$28 fee to acquire them. Rep. Jim Gooch (D-Providence) said the overall cost of producing the new plates would be \$300,000 to \$400,000, which will be covered by the fees paid to acquire them.

Ratley takes non-traditional route to becoming doctor

STAFF REPORT

Family Practice Clinic's newest physician took a less-than-traditional route to practicing medicine.

Starting her career as a chemist in prescription drug research and development, it wasn't until the age of 32 that Amy Ratley opted to become a doctor. So, in 1999 with two children and a college education in chemistry, the Owensboro native went back to school to become a doctor.

On Feb. 4, Dr. Ratley joined Drs. Gary James and Greg Maddux at Family Practice Clinic in Marion, a service of Crittenden Health Systems. It's her first stint in family practice, after serving several years in area emergency rooms.

Ironically, it was her father's example that led Ratley to the decision to alter her career path. Dr. Shearel Wigginton had urged his daughter even as a teen to pursue a career in something other than medicine – perhaps even music. And, it almost worked.

"My first degree is in vocal performance," said Ratley, who has performed at weddings, in

church choirs and small stage productions.

But, it was her admiration for her father that eventually changed her mind, as well as that of a sister whose career is in nursing.

Ratley graduated a doctor of osteopathic medicine from the University of Health Sciences in Kansas City. Unlike the more common doctors of allopathic, or conventional medicine, Dr. Ratley carries a "D.O." after her name instead of the more recognizable "M.D."

Though the D.O. often leads to some confusion for patients, Ratley's education and qualifications as a physician are the same as her counterparts at FPC. She spent an equal amount of time in medical school, completed a residency at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville and is licensed to perform the same procedures as an M.D. In fact, she has delivered more than 700

babies.

According to the American Osteopathic Association's Web site, "both D.O.s and M.D.s are fully qualified physicians licensed to prescribe medication and perform surgery." It is the ways that D.O.s and M.D.s are different that can bring an extra dimension to your family's health care.

"I hope it gives people a choice," Ratley said. Ratley does differ in one significant aspect from her fellow doctors at FPC – she is a *she*.

"A lot of people want a woman (doctor)," she said, explaining that women inherently feel more comfortable discussing their concerns with another female.

Though Ratley enjoys the steady hours of her foray into family practice, she will continue to work the ER every other weekend, something she has done at Crittenden Hospital for the last two years.

"I like it," she said. "You see a lot there."

Ratley and her husband Tony live in Union County, but plan to relocate to Crittenden County in the near future.



Ratley

MYERS

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as part of the nation's memorial to fallen policemen.

"My youngest brother, Tony and his wife and me and my wife plan on going to the ceremony," said Eddie Jack Myers, the former policeman's son, who himself is a special deputy and former county constable.

"My mother is physically unable to go and some others in the family are not sure if they will be able to attend the ceremony," he said.

Patrolman Myers' name will be formally dedicated May 13 during the 20th annual candlelight vigil at the memorial during National Police Week.

"I think they are going to video it and take pictures for me," said Myers' widow, Verna. "It's a nice thing they're doing."

The Marion Police Department received a letter a few weeks ago confirming that Myers' name would be added to the memorial in Washington. Police Chief Ray O'Neal and members of Myers' family said that former Marion Police Chief Kenneth Winn was instrumental in making sure Myers received his due recognition.

"This is something Kenneth Winn worked hard on during his last few months as chief," O'Neal said.

An honor guard made up of Marion police officers is invited to attend the ceremony in Washington.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was dedicated in 1991 by President George H.W. Bush. It honors all of America's federal, state and local law enforcers. Inscribed on the memorial's blue-gray marble walls are the names of more than 17,500 officers who have been killed or died in the line of duty, dating back to the first known death in 1792.

The memorial sits on three acres of federal park land called Judiciary Square. The site has served for more than 200 years as the seat of the nation's judicial branch of government. A glance around the space finds plush carpets of grass, nearly 60,000 plants and 128 trees decorating the memorial grounds. Each year, around the first of April, some 14,000 daffodils make the memorial one of Washington's most spectacular attractions.

The man Myers was chas-

ing, when he was felled by the heart attack, was arrested two days later less than a mile from where he'd fled on foot from the city policeman. The two prison escapees had taken one hostage and a prison van when they escaped, then later beat a man near Dycusburg and stole his car.

Myers' wife and children say they are proud their loved one's memory will be etched forever in the stone memorial, but it wasn't something they really expected.

"It was kind of a shock really," said Ronnie Myers, who still gets emotional recalling the events that led to his father's premature death.

Eddie Jack Myers said that his father died in the line of duty 18 years prior to the officers' memorial being built. Back then, in the early '70s, the City of Marion created a memorial which hangs in the police department to this day, but there was nothing of national scope honoring fallen officers.

"A lot of time had elapsed, and we never thought anything about it until Kenneth Winn started working on it," Eddie Jack Myers said of the national memorial in Washington.

Family members say they appreciate Winn's initiative and the Marion Police Department's role in memorializing Louis Myers.

Just a month prior to Officer Myers' death, another law enforcement officer from



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LIVESTOCK REPORTS

MARION & LIVINGSTON REPORTS WEEKLY BY KDOA-USDA MARKET NEWS

MARION LIVESTOCK SALE

Monday, Feb. 25, 2008. West Kentucky Livestock Market, Marion Auction (cattle weighed at time of sale). Receipts: Cattle: 257.

| Slaughter Cows: | Percent Lean | Weight | Avg-Dress | hi-Dress | lo-dress |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Breaker | 75-80 | 1025-1405 | 49.00-55.50 | 56.00-57.00 | |
| Boners | 80-85 | 945-1368 | 49.00-52.00 | | |
| Lean | 85-90 | 900-960 | 38.00-46.00 | | |

| Slaughter Bulls: | Weight | Carcass | Boning | Percent | Price |
|------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------|
| Y.G. 1 | 1945 | 80 | | 68.50 | |

Stock Cows: Medium and Large No.1 920-1240 5yrs old full mouth and 5-7 mo bred 650.00-730.00 each.

LIVINGSTON LIVESTOCK SALE

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008. Livingston County Stockyards, Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed at time of sale). Monthly Precondition Feeder Calf Sale. All Feeders, weaned with two rounds of prescribed shots following Pitzeris SelectVac protocol. Receipts: 1,580.

| Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------------------------------------|------|----------|--------|---------------|---------------|
| | 37 | 300-400 | 360 | 126.00-143.00 | 135.95 |
| | 29 | 400-500 | 466 | 119.00-134.00 | 129.05 |
| | 89 | 500-600 | 549 | 116.00-125.00 | 121.14 |
| | 138 | 600-700 | 652 | 104.00-114.00 | 111.53 |
| | 2 | 600-700 | 635 | 101.00 | 101.00 Fleshy |
| | 165 | 700-800 | 754 | 94.50-106.50 | 102.26 |
| | 62 | 800-900 | 844 | 92.50-97.00 | 94.90 |

| Slaughter Bulls: | Y.G. | Weight | Carcass | Boning | Percent | Price |
|------------------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|-------------|-------|
| 1 | 1730-2020 | 80-81 | | | 70.00-73.00 | |
| 1-2 | 1020-2050 | 78-79 | | | 64.00-67.00 | |

| Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 13 | 200-300 | 264 | 107.00-131.00 | 126.18 | |
| 3 | 200-300 | 212 | 145.00-146.00 | 145.66 | Fancy |
| 37 | 300-400 | 342 | 109.00-132.00 | 124.87 | |
| 65 | 400-500 | 452 | 110.00-124.00 | 115.65 | |
| 3 | 400-500 | 495 | 114.00 | 114.00 | Value Added |
| 50 | 500-600 | 560 | 100.00-115.00 | 107.96 | |
| 28 | 500-600 | 576 | 112.00-121.00 | 114.35 | Value Added |
| 10 | 600-700 | 656 | 98.00-110.00 | 101.19 | |
| 13 | 600-700 | 623 | 103.00-109.00 | 108.10 | Value Added |
| 8 | 700-800 | 710 | 86.00-97.00 | 93.06 | |
| 33 | 700-800 | 740 | 97.00-100.00 | 98.71 | Value Added |
| 4 | 800-900 | 853 | 88.50 | 88.50 | |
| 22 | 800-900 | 825 | 91.00-93.00 | 92.82 | Value Added |

| Feeder Steers Small 1 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| 20 | avg/wt. | 824 | Black | 93.00 | Value Added |

| Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 6 | 300-400 | 337 | 100.00-115.00 | 109.99 | |

| Feeder Steers Small 1 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 3 | 300-400 | 367 | 80.00-90.00 | 84.64 | |
| 3 | 400-500 | 432 | 100.00-109.00 | 102.88 | |
| 3 | 500-600 | 542 | 85.00-96.00 | 91.43 | |

| Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | 600-700 | 690 | 60.00 | 60.00 | |
| 1 | 800-900 | 850 | 60.00 | 60.00 | |

| Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2 | 100-200 | 197 | 147.50 | 147.50 | |
| 19 | 200-300 | 256 | 100.00-131.00 | 117.10 | |
| 2 | 200-300 | 282 | 123.00 | 123.00 | Value Added |
| 58 | 300-400 | 351 | 108.00-117.00 | 112.88 | |
| 50 | 400-500 | 456 | 96.00-116.00 | 109.01 | |
| 2 | 400-500 | 412 | 114.00 | 114.00 | Value Added |
| 39 | 500-600 | 539 | 94.00-112.00 | 103.30 | |
| 23 | 500-600 | 541 | 103.00-107.00 | 105.52 | Value Added |
| 23 | 600-700 | 644 | 88.00-99.00 | 94.24 | |
| 59 | 600-700 | 641 | 95.00-100.00 | 98.19 | Value Added |
| 8 | 700-800 | 734 | 92.00-113.00 | 94.56 | |
| 22 | 700-800 | 744 | 87.00-92.00 | 90.61 | Value Added |
| 5 | 800-900 | 862 | 70.00-81.00 | 76.92 | |
| 3 | 1000-1100 | 1013 | 65.50 | 65.50 | |

| Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 3 | 200-300 | 238 | 70.00-88.00 | 80.31 | |
| 3 | 300-400 | 352 | 70.00-108.00 | 83.51 | |
| 7 | 400-500 | 432 | 109.00 | 109.00 | |
| 7 | 500-600 | 540 | 90.00-96.00 | 94.58 | |

| Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 3 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 2 | 300-400 | 362 | 64.00-80.00 | 71.28 | |

| Feeder Heifers Small 1 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------------------------|---------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 2 | 200-300 | 252 | 70.00-88.00 | 78.55 | |
| 5 | 500-600 | 548 | 63.00-90.00 | 79.08 | |

| Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 15 | 400-500 | 470 | 105.00-120.00 | 111.62 | |
| 5 | 500-600 | 547 | 100.00-110.00 | 105.38 | |
| 7 | 600-700 | 641 | 92.00-97.00 | 95.72 | |
| 5 | 700-800 | 737 | 78.00-93.00 | 88.07 | |
| 4 | 900-1000 | 935 | 61.00-74.00 | 69.01 | |
| 3 | 1000-1100 | 1053 | 54.00-61.00 | 58.30 | |

| Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 2 | 900-1000 | 922 | 55.00-64.00 | 59.54 | |

Stock Cows and Calves: Large No.1-2 1100-1500lb. Stock Cows with 125-250lb. 810.00-890.00pair
Stock Cows: Medium and Large No.1-2 915-1210lb. Heifer-2yrs old and 6-8 mo bred 810.00-870.00each, 975-1565lb. Cows 5-7yr old and 5-8 mo bred 610.00-800.00each, 8-9 yrs old and 6-7mo bred 530.00-670.00each.
Calves: Beef baby 65-135lb. 100.00-240.00each

-- SPECIAL SALES --

FRIDAY AT SMITHLAND

Friday, Feb. 22, 2008. Livingston County Stockyards, Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed at time of sale). Monthly Precondition Feeder Calf Sale. All Feeders, weaned with two rounds of prescribed shots following Pitzeris SelectVac protocol. Receipts: 1,580.

| Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 37 | 300-400 | 360 | 126.00-143.00 | 135.95 | |
| 29 | 400-500 | 466 | 119.00-134.00 | 129.05 | |
| 89 | 500-600 | 549 | 116.00-125.00 | 121.14 | |
| 138 | 600-700 | 652 | 104.00-114.00 | 111.53 | |
| 2 | 600-700 | 635 | 101.00 | 101.00 | Fleshy |
| 165 | 700-800 | 754 | 94.50-106.50 | 102.26 | |
| 62 | 800-900 | 844 | 92.50-97.00 | 94.90 | |

| Feeder Steers Small 1 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| 22 | avg/wt. | 525 | Black/Char | 125.00 | |
| 51 | avg/wt. | 630 | Mixed | 114.00 | |
| 29 | avg/wt. | 726 | Char | 106.00 | |
| 35 | avg/wt. | 756 | Mixed | 103.00 | |
| 31 | avg/wt. | 759 | Black-Char | 102.25 | |

| Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 2 | 300-400 | 340 | 102.00-124.00 | 111.71 | |
| 11 | 400-500 | 450 | 123.00 | 123.00 | |
| 30 | 500-600 | 533 | 101.00-120.00 | 112.35 | |
| 4 | 700-800 | 746 | 80.00-91.00 | 86.90 | |

| Feeder Steers Small 1 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| 20 | avg/wt. | 514 | Mixed | 114.50 | |

| Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 2 | 400-500 | 475 | 79.00-101.00 | 90.23 | |
| 9 | 500-600 | 532 | 71.00-114.00 | 100.58 | |

| Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 2 | 300-400 | 392 | 119.00 | 119.00 | |
| 11 | 400-500 | 467 | 112.00-118.00 | 114.19 | |
| 17 | 400-500 | 400 | 125.50 | 125.50 | Thin |
| 160 | 500-600 | 553 | 99.00-115.00 | 108.14 | |
| 310 | 600-700 | 650 | 95.00-106.50 | 99.54 | |
| 3 | 600-700 | 651 | 88.00-90.00 | 89.33 | Fleshy |
| 363 | 700-800 | 771 | 86.25-95.00 | 92.11 | |
| 9 | 800-900 | 836 | 86.00-86.50 | 86.17 | |

| Feeder Heifers Small 1 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------------------------|---------|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| 29 | avg/wt. | 529 | Black/Char | 111.00 | |
| 29 | avg/wt. | 553 | Black | 108.50 | |
| 66 | avg/wt. | 602 | Black/Char | 104.25 | |
| 38 | avg/wt. | 599 | Mixed | 103.50 | |
| 26 | avg/wt. | 666 | Black | 104.25 | |
| 41 | avg/wt. | 688 | mixed | 101.00 | |
| 63 | avg/wt. | 694 | Black | 95.00 | |
| 35 | avg/wt. | 757 | Black | 90.00 | |
| 57 | avg/wt. | 771 | Black | 92.75 | |
| 160 | avg/wt. | 799 | Black | 95.00 | |

| Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 26 | 400-500 | 433 | 106.00-121.00 | 115.90 | |
| 34 | 500-600 | 542 | 85.00-112.25 | 108.32 | |

| Feeder Heifers Small 1 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------------------------|---------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| 21 | avg/wt. | 535 | Mixed | 112.25 | |

| Feeder Heifers Small 1 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------------------------|---------|----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 7 | 400-500 | 470 | 93.00-100.00 | 96.03 | |
| 1 | 600-700 | 645 | 96.00 | 96.00 | |
| 3 | 700-800 | 761 | 83.50 | 83.50 | |

| Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2 | Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| 17 | 700-800 | 762 | 90.00 | 90.00 | |
| 3 | 900-1000 | 903 | 90.00 | 90.00 | |

FRIDAY AT MARION

Friday, Feb. 22, 2008 KDOA-USDA Market News. West Kentucky Livestock Market, Marion Auction (cattle weighed at time of sale). All feeders preconditioned, weaned and with 2 rounds of prescribed shots. Receipts: 949.

| Feeder Steers: Medium and Large No.1-2 | 300-400lb. | 400-500lb. | 111.00-127.00 | 500-600lb. | 107.00-119.00 | 600-700lb. | 103.00-112.50 | 700-800lb. | 98.00-104.00 | 800-900lb. | 98.00-103.00 | 900-1000lb. | 86.00-103.00 |
|--|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
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| Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large No.1-2 | 400-500lb. | 97.00-116.00 | 500-600lb. | 102.00-110.00 | 600-700lb. | 93.00-99.00 | 700-800lb. | 94.00-100.00 | 800-900lb. | 90.00-96.50 | 900-1000lb. | 83.00-84.00 | groups of 20 hd or more: |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
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| 39hd Black 423lb. | 114.50 | 49 hd Black 496lb. | 110.00 | 90hd Black 543lb. | 107.00 | 80 hd Black 611lb. | 98.00 | 20hd 698lb. | 95.25 | 130hd Black 755lb. | 94.50 | 20hd Black 807lb. | 96.50 |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|-------|-------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|-------|-------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|

| Feeder Bulls: Medium and Large No.1 | 500-700lb. | 100.00 |
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STAFF REPORT

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Family says woman passing strength on to unborn baby

By MATT SANDERS
THE PADUCAH SUN

Steffany Smith-Lester, a Crittenden County woman who remains in a coma after being injured in a Feb. 12 crash on the Ledbetter bridge, is passing her strength onto her unborn child, said Smith-Lester's cousin Jayna Tabor.

Doctors at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., had given little hope to Smith-Lester's family that her 13-week-old fetus would survive. However, recent tests show that the fetus has a strong heartbeat and has not suffered stress, Tabor said.

"The baby is taking after her and fighting right along with her," Tabor said. "Steffany is the strongest person I've ever met, and it's not surprising that they are fighting together."

Smith-Lester, 21, remained in critical condition Monday, according to a Vanderbilt spokeswoman. Smith-Lester suffered numerous injuries in the crash, including a tear in the amniotic sac which was leaking fluid, Tabor said. Doctors told the family that there is a chance that the tear will heal itself, said Tabor, who was at the hospital over the weekend.

Smith-Lester also has a crushed pelvis on her right side, three fractures to her skull and a bruised brain. She was in a coma as a result of her injuries, and doctors put her into a deeper, medically induced coma, Tabor said. Tubes were initially placed in her brain to drain excess fluid and then removed to let her brain



PHOTO SUBMITTED
A photo from Steffany Smith-Lester's MySpace page shows her with her husband Shain. Smith-Lester remains in critical condition at Vanderbilt University Medical Center after a Feb. 12 wreck on the Ledbetter bridge.

heal.

Smith-Lester was taken out of the medically-induced coma over the weekend, but remains in the coma caused by her injuries.

"She's doing a little bit better today," Tabor said Monday. "She has very mini-

mal movement in her hands and feet. Her eyes are twitching."

Doctors are waiting until Smith-Lester comes out of the coma before performing surgery to repair her pelvis.

Smith-Lester is married to Shain Lester of Burna and is the daughter of Steve and Edna Smith of Marion.

Tabor said her cousin was looking forward to a career of helping people and has been studying to be a nurse. Smith-Lester is enrolled in the nursing program at West Kentucky Community & Technical College and has worked in a nursing home.

"She's the most wonderful person you could meet," Tabor said. "She's always happy and makes friends with everyone she meets."

The Lesters' crash happened during the snow and freezing rain storm on Feb. 12. Shain Lester was driving west on the Tennessee River bridge near the McCracken-Livingston county line, according to the McCracken County Sheriff's Department wreck report; Aaron Tucker of Ledbetter was driving east.

Tucker told deputies that he started to slide as he braked after realizing the bridge was slick, according to the report. Tucker said he hit the bridge and crossed the center lane, according to the report. Shain Lester told deputies that he saw Tucker lose control, and attempted to swerve his Ford Bronco to avoid a collision but was unable to avoid Tucker's Chevrolet Blazer. Shain Lester suffered minor injuries.

Defendant acquitted in transformer case

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Timing is everything. And it was a question of timing that apparently convinced a Crittenden Circuit Court jury last week to find a Marion man not guilty of stealing a Kentucky Utilities transformer.

John R. Loewen was acquitted Friday of a charge dating back to April of last year when police found an allegedly stolen transformer on the lawn of his Lewis Street home. Evidence for the prosecution placed the equipment at Loewen's home for the first time in the spring of 2007, while the defense maintained it had been there since before Loewen and his wife Amanda moved to the rental property in July of the previous year. The state's evidence, however, was not enough to convince the 12-person jury that Loewen was guilty.

Loewen let out a sigh and collapsed in his seat next to Public Defender Brad Shuffett as the verdict was read after only 20 minutes of deliberation. Loewen's wife, the lone person in the courtroom gallery, burst into tears as she hugged her husband.

"Obviously, we're overjoyed that they were able to keep their family together," Shuffett said this week in response to the verdict.

The couple has two young children - one just under two and another just more than three months old, according to Shuffett. Loewen could have received one to five years in the state penitentiary for the Class D felony for which he was charged - receiving stolen property over \$300. Because Loewen had a prior felony conviction of possession of cocaine, that sentence could have been enhanced to five to 10 years if found guilty of being a persistent felon.

According to court testimony, landlord Mike Perryman reported to Marion police in early April 2007 that he had discovered what appeared to be parts of a transformer at his rental property at 112 Lewis St. Perryman, who regularly maintained the lawn at the mobile home, testified that the transformer was not there prior to

that date.

However, Loewen contended the electric apparatus as well as other items at the residence were there when he and his wife moved in nine months earlier. Defense witnesses, Suzanne Rush with Pennyville Area Health Department, and Loewen's wife corroborated the story on the witness stand. Photos of pots and pans left in the kitchen from previous tenants, as well as photos of items on the lawn were used as evidence to back up the Loewen's claim.

The state's most damning evidence came with KU employee Logan Pace, who presented testimony and documents citing the 13-year-old transformer as having been stolen after November 2006, when it was last inventoried by the utility company. Zac Greenwell, Commonwealth's Attorney prosecuting the case, said the transformer couldn't have been at the Loewen's home when they moved there in July 2006 because it was still in KU's possession as much as four months later.

"Clearly, we were disappointed with the outcome of the trial," said Greenwell.

The charges against Loewen were filed by Marion Police Officer Chuck Hoover on April 24, 2007. The following June, a Crittenden Grand Jury issued an indictment against Loewen. Shuffett had been assigned the case since Loewen's arraignment in district court.

"It's a great feeling," said Shuffett, who was noticeably affected when the verdict was read. "I've been emotionally involved in this case."

The Loewens still live in Marion, but moved from 112 Lewis St., shortly after the charges were filed.

The case involved a growing concern among law enforcement and utility companies - theft of a transformer for its scrap metal value. Aside from the cost to replace the device, about \$500 in this case, oil inside such units has been linked to cancer. Spills of the liquid can create an environmental concern, and it can cost around \$10,000 to clean up the mess when a transformer is broken open.

Greenwell said it is his third case as a prosecutor involving the theft of transformers in Crittenden County. Shuffett, too, said he has seen multiple cases as a defender.

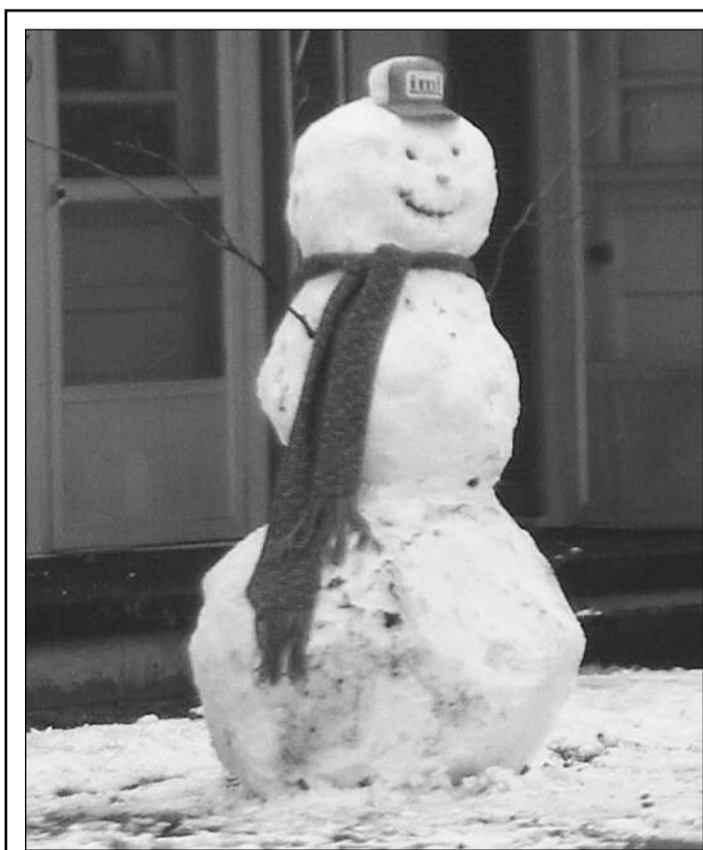


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Frozen in time

Wintry weather made another appearance last week and into this week, when sleet and freezing rain last Thursday and snow this Wednesday cancelled school for three more days, bringing the total to 11.5 for the year. Enough snow fell overnight Saturday to make this snowman early Sunday in the yard of Mandie Robinson on East Depot Street. Several wrecks attributed to the snow were reported Sunday morning and again Wednesday morning.

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istrator's resignation was accepted "with heavy hearts."

"His leadership has been a balance of wisdom - from his variety and years of experience - a humble spirit that connects with people of all walks of life, character and integrity," Cook said in a prepared statement. "Mr. Belt has served as a mentor for our local schools' administrators, staff and board."

Though a superintendent cannot be contracted for more than four years at a time, according to Cook, he said the board is hoping for a long-term commitment from the next superintendent, the fourth in the last eight years.

When Belt was hired three years ago following a controversial term by former Superintendent Fredericka Hargis, he gave notice that his tenure would be a short one.

"From the beginning, my tenure as the administrative

leader of this school district was not intended to be very long," he said in his resignation letter. "Then, as now, my primary focus has been what is best for students."

He went on to state that through the efforts of the board and the entire district, "I think that focus has been achieved."

Cook said Belt has pledged his insight and cooperation in the hiring of his replacement. One of the first steps will begin with the formulation of a screening committee mandated by Kentucky statutes. Cook said Belt is already beginning the process of selecting names that must include two teachers, one board member appointed by Cook, one principal elected by other principals, one parent elected by the presidents of parent-teacher organizations of the district and one classified employee selected by fellow classified staff.

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Churchnotes

■ Due to the weather the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday. The meeting will be after the Sunday morning service at the church, weather permitting.

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

■ Rocket Sunday is this weekend 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.

■ ACCESS Christian Singles will meet next Saturday at Riverport Bowl next to Hanks True Value on Paducah's Southside for bowling at 5:45 p.m. After bowling, the group will go out for pizza about 8 p.m. Bring a friend or your kids or grandkids and join the fun. ACCESS is an inter-denominational Christian singles group serving west Kentucky and Southern Illinois. The group meets regularly on the second Saturday of each month and has other impromptu activities from time to time during the month. For more information call 559-4788 or 556-0175.

■ 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.

■ Emmanuel Baptist Church is offering parenting classes two more times this year with the second session beginning on May 6 and running through Aug. 19. The third session and last session for 2008 will begin on Aug. 26 and be completed on Dec. 9. The classes begin at 6 and end at 7:30 p.m., every Tuesday. A nursery and small groups are provided for the children while parents are in the class. Contact Marilyn Belt or call the church at 965-4623 for additional information or to enroll.

■ 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.



Freedom Church adds pastor

By CHRIS HARDESTY
PRESS STAFF WRITER

After accepting Christ as his Savior during a 1971 revival at Oak Grove General Baptist Church around Eldorado, Ill., Bro. John Dunn had no idea what the Lord had in store for him over the next few years.

The Stonefort, Ill., native surrendered to the ministry in 1977, and the Lord has been using him ever since to be an encouragement to many people.

After leading churches in Rosiclaire, Stonefort and Murphysboro, Ill., dating back to 1978, the minister

has crossed the Ohio River to try and be a help to another congregation.

A week and a half ago, Bro. Dunn accepted the pastorship at Freedom General Baptist Church and is already excited about the good things God has in store.

Through it all, he maintains a humble spirit and has no desire to be in the limelight.

"I like to stand in the background," he said.

Dunn moved to Crittenden County in August of last year and joined Marion General Baptist Church.

"I just wanted to move here

for a long time," said the minister.

While Freedom is the first church he has pastored in Kentucky, he is no stranger to this side of the river, having held revivals and filled in at various churches. Some of those include Cave Springs, Barnett Chapel, Glendale, Sturgis General Baptist and Wickliffe General Baptist in Ballard County.

While Bro. Dunn preached to a congregation of only 19 at the first service at Freedom, he has, over the years, stood before as many as 120 to delivery his message.

In a day and age when

spiritual matters seem to be the last thing on many people's minds, he would also love to see that growth spurt take place at the church located on Freedom Church Road off Ky. 91 North.

"I don't know if I can help them, but I know the Lord can," said the new pastor.

Along with desiring to see Christians strengthened and sinners saved, Dunn has another wish which he believes will occur while at Freedom.

"I want to provide a family type thing," he said, referring to the importance he places on a church family.

Largest church bodies losing flock

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Most of the United States' 25 largest church bodies either lost members or experienced no growth in the past year, according to a 2008 yearbook produced by the National Council of Churches.

The Episcopal Church, locked in a conflict over the Bible and homosexuality, suffered the steepest decline, reporting a more than 4 percent drop to slightly fewer than 2.2 million members. Another mainline Protestant group, the 3 million-member Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), facing similar divisions, suffered a 2.4 percent membership decrease.

The figures are outlined in the 2008 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches, which tracks membership and trends from

224 national church bodies.

The book's editor, the Rev. Eileen W. Lindner, said many churches said many in their 20s and 30s attend and support local congregations but resist becoming members.

Of the churches that reported growth, the Jehovah's Witnesses said their group had a 2.25 percent increase to 1 million members, while The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints said it grew 1.56 percent to 5.8 million members in the U.S.

The Roman Catholic Church, Southern Baptist Convention, Assemblies of God and African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church also reported membership gains under 1 percent each.

A dozen churches said membership remained steady, while seven reported declines.

World church body searches for new leader

GENEVA (AP) — The World Council of Churches has started searching for a new leader after the organization's current head announced he will not seek a second term.

The body that brings together about 350 Protestant, Orthodox, Anglican and other churches, representing more than 560 million Christians in some 110 countries, said its general secretary, Kenyan Methodist Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia, will step down when his term ends in December. Kobia cited personal rea-

sons for not seeking to extend his leadership, the Geneva-based body said in a statement. He was the first African elected to the post and took office in January 2004, starting a five-year term.

Kobia met and prayed in Rome last month with Pope Benedict XVI at a service marking the 100th anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Elections for a new World Council general secretary are expected to take place in September 2009.

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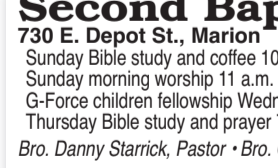
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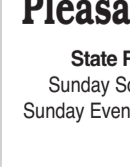
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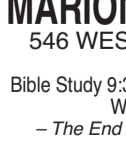
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The Press Community Spotlight

Winders retiring from work at Jones' 88 Dip

Donna Winders is retiring from her part-time job at Jones' 88 Dip in Marion. She started working at the Dip in 1963 as a teenager before landing a position at Potter & Brumfield, where she stayed for 35 years as that company changed names a few times. In 2002, Winders, 61, went back to the Dip in a part-time capacity, working nights and weekends. She will continue working at the Crittenden County Elementary School cafeteria.



Winders

Board of Ed applauds its own shelter helpers

Crittenden County Board of Education last week recognized the efforts of district employees Janet Stevens, Julie Hodge and Greg Binkley for their help with the shelter established at Crittenden County Elementary School during the recent winter storm. Over two nights, the shelter housed more than 100 people whose homes were without electricity.



Stevens

New CFO at Livingston hospital starts Monday

Glenn "Dale" Kromminga has been hired as the new chief financial officer/controller at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services Inc., in Salem.

Kromminga, who begins his duties at LHHS on Monday, most recently served as a business office director for Advanced Healthcare System in Poplar Bluff, Mo., an integrated healthcare delivery network including hospitals, a surgical center, a diagnostic center and multiple rural clinics. Kromminga, a certified pub-



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

Community Spotlight

lic accountant, has more than 33 years of experience in the financial field and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.; a master's degree in business administration from San Diego State University in San Diego, Calif.; as well as a certification in computers and programming from California State University, San Bernardino.

Kromminga and his wife, Sandra, will be relocating to Livingston County from Auburn, Ala. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

"Dale will be a real asset for the hospital - his extensive experience and knowledge make him an excellent choice from among the many qualified candidates who applied," Mike Budnick, administrator of LHHS said.

City's tourism director now president of KWW

Marion Tourism Director Michele Edwards has been selected as president of the Kentucky Western Waterlands Council, a 15-county regional tourism organization. The organization promotes and stimulates tourism in western Kentucky. Edwards has served as a member of the KWW board of directors and executive board since 1984. She also previously served as president in 1990. In 1991, Edwards received the organization's Member of the Year Award and in 1996 received its Outstanding Service Award.



Edwards

Hunt receives award from alma mater

Nancy Hunt, Crittenden County Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, was awarded the Outstanding Alumni from the Home Economics Department at Western Kentucky University during a ceremony this month. Hunt has been employed in the Crittenden County office for 28 years. Hunt graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1973.



Hunt

Law firm transforms, grows into Livingston

Greenwell & Frazer law firm in Marion has merged with Peek & Peek law firm in Smithland. The new legal services group is now Greenwell, Frazer & Peek of Marion and Smithland.

Attorney Richard Peek, 57, of Smithland is retiring but will remain of counsel as will Bill Greenwell of Marion.

Greenwell, Frazer & Peek is a comprehensive legal firm that focuses on real estate law, probate, family law and civil litigation. The legal team includes Bart Frazer, 40, and Brandi Hagan, 26, both of Marion; and Stuart Peek, 50, and Clint E. Watson, 30, both of Smithland.

Watson is the newest member of the firm, joining it only recently after a three-year stint in the appellate division of Kentucky Attorney General's Office in Frankfort. Watson earned his law degree from Southern Illinois School of Law at Carbondale.

Frazer earned his jurisprudence degree from Mississippi

School of Law; and Hagan and Stuart Peek both graduated from Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. Frazer joined Greenwell & Greenwell law firm in 1998 and became a partner in 1999.

The Greenwell law firm was first established in Marion in 1968 by Bill Greenwell, who is also a former county attorney and Commonwealth's attorney.

Peek law firm is a two-generation practice started in 1957 by the late Richard Peek Sr., who was a native of Dycusburg. Richard Peek Jr., said the merger will provide continuity in legal services that have been available in Livingston County for the past 50 years.

"This gives our legal firm greater resources in order to serve the people of Crittenden and Livingston counties," Frazer added.

Crittenden GOP elects its new chairman

The Crittenden County Republican Party Executive Committee has elected a new chairman for the coming year. Fred Stubblefield, 55, will be the new chairman, replacing Dr. Johnny Newcom, who resigned after two years as head of the local party.



Stubblefield

Newcom said he gave up the post in order to concentrate on his chiropractic practice.

Stubblefield is a long-time party supporter, but this is his first stint on the executive committee. No other committee offices have been filled at this time.

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Documentary still raising funds

The Crittenden County documentary film being produced by Fohs Hall Inc., and videographer Sam Koltinsky of Princeton is moving along quite well, according to Judy Winn, one of the coordinators. The documentary, expected to be complete and ready for sale by Christmas, will trace Crittenden County's history, heritage and culture. Interviews have already been conducted with various personalities and others are scheduled for later this winter and spring. Fohs Hall Inc., is the fundraising agent for the project. So far, the group has collected \$35,000, but needs an additional \$20,000 to fund the project. "We haven't had any fund drives lately. We're just encouraging people to donate," Winn said. Winn said the making of the documentary and the fundraising effort are both slow processes that she hopes will culminate later this year. Above, Koltinsky shows a brief preview of the film to Fohs Hall Inc., board members at a meeting earlier this month.

County voting will transform to paper by 2010 elections

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County voters will see a new voting system by the next countywide election in 2010.

As part of the Help America Vote Act, Crittenden and other Kentucky counties will be required to provide a voting system that will produce a permanent paper record with an audit capacity that can be manually recounted. Every county has two years to install such a system.

Cost to implement the new voting procedure will be about \$60,000. A federal grant will help defray the costs of implementing the new system, said Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford. However, there will be additional expenses that the county will have to cover such as paper ballots, privacy booths and tables for each precinct, training and two

extra scanners for backup.

A \$54,000 grant will pay for a dozen scanners, one for each precinct, Byford said.

Balloting for the spring primary and fall general elections this year will likely be just as others in the past. Ballots will be cast on the common touch-screen, closed curtain machines.

"It is not mandatory to use the paper ballot until 2010 elections," said Byford. "I'm not sure that we will have it ready for this November election."

However, beginning in the spring of 2010, local voters will start marking paper ballots, then having those ballots scanned by a computer. The device will read the ballot,

tabulate it automatically then save the paper ballot in case of a recount.

Each of the county's 12 voting precincts recently got new fully accessible touch-screen voting machines as part of the same federal act passed in 2002.

HAVA was passed by Congress after problems surfaced during the 2000 presidential election, particularly in Florida. Handicap accessibility, elimination of punch cards, uniform voter databases and easily audited paper backup systems are all part of the new requirements. Funds to implement the changes have largely been provided through federal grants, Byford said.

The small touch-screen, fully accessible voting machines will remain at each precinct along with the new paper balloting system in 2010.



Byford

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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.

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

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 Trapping.....Nov. 12-Feb. 29
 Squirrel.....Nov. 12-Feb. 29
 Crow.....Jan. 4-Feb. 29
 Coyote.....Year round

Bird dog trial March 8

Tradewater Outfitters on Ky. 120 in Crittenden County will host another of its amateur bird dog trials on Saturday, March 8. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call 836-7998 or 667-2154. Cost is \$35 per dog.

NWTF banquet

The Cumberland River Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will meet at 6 p.m., Monday at the public library. It is hosting its annual fundraising banquet at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, March 8 at the Crittenden County High School multi-purpose room.

LBL opens for spring

Land Between the Lakes begins its 2008 operations on Saturday by opening several popular visitor attractions. The Homeplace and Woodlands Nature Station will be open Wednesday through Sunday during March, and then open seven days a week beginning April 1. Golden Pond Planetarium and North & South Welcome Stations also open their doors this weekend, along with Hillman Ferry, Piney and Energy Lake Campgrounds. The Elk & Bison Prairie remains open from dawn until dusk every day, year-round. The Golden Pond Visitor Center, Wranglers Campground and Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area remain open year-round as well.

Campfire cafe class

Learn to cook more than marshmallows with the campfire with a community education class offered in Marion in April. Join veteran camper Jim Littlejohn as he shows how to cook a variety of foods in a variety of ways on your next camping trip. Preparing nourishing foods in the great outdoors does not have to be a big challenge, Littlejohn says. Littlejohn's course will be offered April 21 and 28 from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. Class size is limited and registration must be made by April 14. The cost for the two-hour course is \$22. To register or for more information on this or any number of other classes offered at the center, contact Dulcie Hardin at 965-9294 or e-mail dhardin@crittendencountyedc.com. You can also visit www.crittendencountyedc.com to learn more.

Time to remove grain

Beginning Saturday, it is illegal to feed grain or other types of feed to wildlife. This year, the KDFWR is prohibiting the feeding of grain, seed or manufactured feed between March 1 and May 31. Last year, the regulation stated that feeding was prohibited until July 31. Additionally, any area with grain or feed as of March 1 will be considered baited for the spring turkey season. Homeowners who put out grain or food for wildlife near their houses may continue to do so.

BASEBALL

Bobcats seek reserves

The Marion Bobcats will be hosting a tryout of sorts for reserves on May 24. Though the 22-man roster is set, if injuries or other occurrences force any of the team's players to miss games, reserves will be used. Prospective players must be college-eligible. Further details will be made available prior to May 24.

Dugout Club meeting

Crittenden County Dugout Club will meet at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 9 at First Baptist Church to elect four new board members. Anyone interested in serving on the board should attend the meeting or email hmm@vci.net and express your interest. The club will also discuss the 2008 baseball and softball seasons.

FOOTBALL

Spring practice

Rocket football spring practice will begin as soon as both the girls' and boys' basketball seasons conclude. Once basketball is over, the football team has 15 days in which it can schedule 10 practice sessions. Players need to contact a coach about getting their physical exam forms then scheduling the exam with their family doctor. An announcement about the first day of practice will be made at school, according to head coach Al Stames.

Lady Rockets' season comes to end

By CHRIS HARDESTY
 PRESS SPORTS WRITER

Although it came a month late for their liking, the Lady Lyons got some vindication for the Class A Second Region Tournament championship loss to the Lady Rockets. On Tuesday night, Lyon County eliminated Crittenden County from the Fifth District Tournament in Eddyville, 59-50.

While Lyon center Abby McLeod scored 21 of her team's 38 points in the Class A title game earlier this year, she needed plenty of help this time around. In fact, the Lady Rockets (13-12) stepped up their defense on McLeod after the first quarter, holding her to only nine points.

However, guard Hayley Parrent, came through with 21 points and three steals to help her team clinch a spot in Friday's Fifth District championship game.

It did not help that Lady Rocket guard Misti Wallace, who doggedly defended Parrent last month in the Class A tournament, was unavailable to play.

Crittenden trailed 21-16 after the first quarter, but senior Breanna Cozart, playing in the final game of her prep career, gave the Lady Rockets a 26-24 lead near the end of the first half with a three-pointer.

After a 26-all tie at intermission, Lyon wasted little time breaking the deadlock at the start of the second half taking a 29-26 lead with an old-fashioned three-point play — a field goal and accompanying foul shot. In the process, Cozart picked up her third foul and was sidelined for much of the third quarter.

Trailing 33-27 in the third quarter, Cozart, Ali Shewcraft and Jessi Hodge ignited a 14-0 run as the Lady Rockets took a 41-33 lead with around 1:00 left in the frame. The momentum was turning as



Ali Shewcraft (10) drives against a Lyon County defender Tuesday in the Fifth District Tournament at Eddyville.

PHOTO BY ANNA JIMINEZ

the Lady Rockets appeared to be on the verge of taking control of the contest.

However, the host Lyons had other ideas going on a run of their own, posting 11 unanswered points to take a 44-41 lead. Crittenden did not score again until the 4:45 mark in the fourth period and could never retake the lead.

It did not help matters when Cozart fouled out of her final high school game at the 4:23 mark. She finished with eight points, two rebounds and a pair of steals.

Rebounding and free throw shooting also proved huge factors in the Lady Rocket setback as Lyon outrebounded

them 27-16 led by McLeod with 10.

The winners also went 21-of-31 at the charity stripe, while Crittenden was 8-of-12.

That helped to negate the Lady Rockets' advantage from three-point territory as they finished 6-of-15 while Lyon was 2-for-6.

Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge lamented the fact that her team failed to execute against Lyon's 3-2 and 2-3 zone defenses as well as they did in the last meeting. "We just stood around a lot," she said.

She also pointed to a lackluster defensive effort as a huge reason for the defeat.

Lady Rockets end regular season with winning record

By CHRIS HARDESTY
 PRESS SPORTS WRITER

Crittenden County's Lady Rockets clinched a winning 2007-08 season last Friday night at Fort Campbell, defeating the hosts 56-38.

It marked the 14th game this season that Crittenden has held an opponent below 50 points. The Lady Rocket converted 24 Lady Falcon turnovers into 23 points on the way to the blowout win.

Senior Breanna Cozart led the way with 21 points, five rebounds and four steals in the final regular season game of her high school

career, while sister Jessica Cozart had 15 points and six rebounds.

Crittenden 56, Fort Campbell 38

| Crittenden | 1 | 2 | 3 | F |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| | 16 | 32 | 49 | 56 |
| Fort Campbell | 9 | 21 | 29 | 38 |

Crittenden - Cozart, B. 21, Shewcraft 11, Cozart, J. 15, Johnson 6, Brantley 3, Maclin, Graham, Wallace, Buntin, Courtney, Franklin, Hodge. FG. 17. 3-pointers 2 (Shewcraft). FT. 16-30. Fouls 16. **Fort Campbell** - Madison 13, Wilson 15, Walton 2, Baltazar 4, Amorine 4, Faggart, Medina, Bratcher, Carricalo. FG. 13. 3-pointers none. FT. 12-23. Fouls 25.

Rockets fall to Fort Campbell to close out regular season

By CHRIS HARDESTY
 PRESS SPORTS WRITER

The host Fort Campbell Falcons became the seventh team to sweep the Rockets during regular season play, defeating Crittenden County's boys 66-43 Friday night.

Crittenden (3-18) trailed only 39-38 at the end of third quarter. However, the Falcons blew the game open in the final period, outscoring them 27-5 and sending the Rockets to their fourth straight setback.

While placing three players in double digits, the Falcons' poor 9-of-21 showing at the free throw line did not come back to haunt them.

But the visiting Rockets failed to make up any ground there themselves, getting to the

charity stripe only three times.

Adam Hardin led the way in a losing cause with 19 points.

Fort Campbell 66, Crittenden 43

| Crittenden | 1 | 2 | 3 | F |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| | 15 | 20 | 38 | 43 |
| Fort Campbell | 13 | 28 | 39 | 66 |

Crittenden - Hardin 19, Courtney 10, Dunham 6, Oliver 5, Holzer 3, Freeman, Werne, Berry, Porter. FG. 15. 3-pointers 4 (Dunham, Hardin, Holzer, Oliver). FT. 1-3. Fouls 16. **Fort Campbell** - R. Durroate 14, Townsend 10, Ward 17, Hines 9, D. Durroate 8, Davis 2, Andrews 4, Mason 2, Neal, Hayes, Togawa, Ervin, Addermir, Herrodez, Powell. FG. 24. 3-pointers 3 (Townsend 2, Ward). FT. 9-21. Fouls 13.

"It was not our best effort," she said.

While not the way she wanted either of them to finish, Hodge commended seniors Shewcraft and Cozart for their dedication to the program over the years.

Hodge said the Lady Rockets met three of their four goals they set during pre-season practice:

- Have a winning season;
- Win the Class A Second Region Championship; and
- Win the JV Fifth District title.

The only one they did not attain was capturing this week's Fifth District championship, and Hodge hopes that will continue to drive the returning players to work hard in the offseason.

Lady Lyon coach Malissa Thomas pointed to the pivotal run when her team trailed by eight late in the third quarter and went on holding Crittenden scoreless for almost four minutes.

"Defense was going to win this game. I'm proud of my kids' effort," she said.

While Lady Rocket fans were disappointed with the season-ending defeat, they still have someone to cheer for as former Crittenden player

5th District Girls

@ Lyon County
 Tuesday
 Lyon County 59, Crittenden 50
 Livingston 51, Trigg County 45
 Friday's Championship
 Livingston vs. Lyon, 7 p.m.

5th District Boys

@ Lyon County
 Today (Thursday)
 Livingston, vs. Crittenden, 6 p.m.
 Trigg vs. Lyon, 8 p.m.
 Saturday's Championship
 Livingston/Crittenden vs. Trigg/Lyon, 7 p.m.

Kayla Bebout is the Lady Lyons assistant coach. Lyon will be going after the program's second consecutive Fifth District championship Friday night.

| Lyon 59, Crittenden 50 | 1 | 2 | 3 | F |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Crittenden | 16 | 26 | 41 | 50 |
| Lyon | 21 | 26 | 35 | 59 |

Crittenden - Hodge 11, Shewcraft 20, Cozart, B. 8, Brantley 2, Johnson 4, Cozart, J. 5, Maclin, Courtney. FG. 12. 3-pointers 6 (Shewcraft 3, B. Cozart 2, Hodge). FT. 8-12. Fouls 25. **Lyon** - Parrent 21, Mussato 16, Riggs 10, Greene, S. 3, McLeod 9, Greene, M., West, White, Doom. FG. 16. 3-pointers 2 (Parent 2). FT. 21-31. Fouls 14.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY DUGOUT CLUB

Youth Baseball/Softball Registration

Registration form must be received by March 22 with a \$40 fee and a copy of birth certificate for the player. T-ball and Co-Ed Rookie league cost is \$20. If you have more than one child who will be registering, please complete another form. The fee will be discounted by \$5 per child for additional children in the household. If you register after April 1, you will be required to pay the full fee and purchase the uniform from the Dugout Club vendor. Anyone wishing to register after April 15 will have to be approved by the Dugout Club Board of Directors.

NOTICE:

1. Signup days: noon to 2 p.m., March 15 & 22 at Crittenden County Middle School gym.
2. The cutoff for age grouping for Baseball is a player turning a year older before Aug. 1. For Softball the date is Jan. 1.
3. All leagues with the exception of T-ball will have away games.
4. With the exception of T-Ball & Co-ed Rookie League, boys must play baseball and girls must play softball.
5. Skills Assessment will be on March 15 & 22 at the CCMS gym. All new players in any league will be required to participate in the skills assessment.
6. All parents/guardians will be required to sign a Code of Conduct.
7. All parents/guardians will be required to work as a volunteer in the concession stand to help keep costs down.
8. All coaches will be required to participate in a Coaching Meeting. Date TBA.

LEAGUES (check one)

T-Ball (girls & boys 3-4. Must turn 3 by May 1)

Co-Ed Rookie (girls & boys 5-6. Must turn 5 before May 1)

BOYS Rookie (6-8) Minor (9-10) Major (11-12)

GIRLS Minor (7-9) Major (10-12)

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Player's Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Last team played for: _____ Year played: _____

SHIRT SIZE (Circle One)

6/8 10/12 14/16 AS AM AL AXL AXLL

Shirt size should be one size larger than normally worn.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT:

Can you participate by being one or more of the following: (Circle)

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PARENT/GUARDING CONSENT FOR TREATMENT:

I hereby give my consent for any treatment as provided by his/her coach or other adult escort in case of an injury or illness while participating in any practice, game or other league activity sanctioned by the Crittenden County Dugout Club. I understand that this is to prevent undue delay in treatment. Furthermore, I agree to allow my child to be taken to a licensed physician and/or their designee in the case of an emergency. I will list any allergies and/or pre-existing physical conditions that need to be noted before treatment.

Allergies: _____

Pre-Existing Conditions: _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Emergency Numbers _____

Player Covered Under Parents' Insurance: Yes No

Insurance Co. & Policy Number: _____

Signature _____

Return registration form to Dugout Club, PO Box 5, Marion KY 42064



Wild Gamers

Mexico Baptist Church hosted its annual wild game dinner Saturday night. The Christian outreach event was well attended with about 350 people on hand. Only about one-third were members of the church. Pictured at far left is Justin Defreitas who won the inaugural teen duck calling contest. Pastor Tim Burdon (top left) hands out tickets for youngsters vying to win a pup tent and (above right) is three-year-old Anthony Federico learning the finer tips of duck calling from Jonathan Burdon.

Press editor releases own book

STAFF REPORT

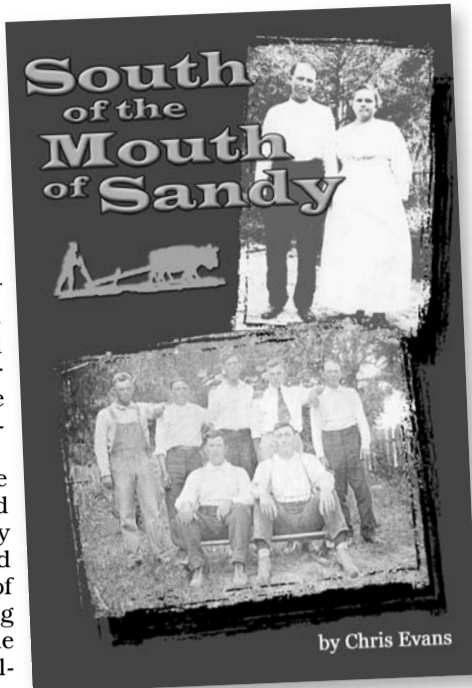
A 1991 article in a western Tennessee newspaper piqued the interest of Henry County, Tenn., native Chris Evans, and started a 16-year odyssey in search of an 81-year-old tale of moonshine and a murder trial that captured wide attention during Prohibition.

Evans, 43, recently announced the release of his book, "South of the Mouth of Sandy," a 322-page historical piece published by Author House of Bloomington, Ind. It is available in hardcover and paperback. Evans is editor and publisher of The Crittenden Press newspaper in Marion.

The work focuses on life and death in and around what is still commonly known as the Old 23rd District at the confluence of the Tennessee and Big Sandy rivers. "South of the Mouth of Sandy" is available at the Crittenden County Public Library, McCracken County Public Library, Paris (Tenn.) Rhea Library, Big Sandy (Tenn.) Public Library and the Benton County (Tenn.) Public Library.

In addition to area libraries, the book can also be purchased online from the

publisher at Author House.Com or from various other Internet bookstores such as Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.



The author grew up in Paris, Tenn., and graduated from Henry County High School in 1982. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Murray State University and has worked in the newspaper business in western Kentucky for the past 25 years.

As a high school student in the early 1980s, Evans worked as a sports reporter for the Paris (Tenn.) Post-Intelligencer. It was an article written by P-I Publisher Emeritus Bryant Williams in 1991 that captured the imagination of the young journalist. Williams had written about a cub reporter named Paul Hurt who was working for the Paris newspaper in 1926 when he went along on his first big scoop. The story was about the arrest of a man accused of killing Tommy Evans, a farmer who lived in the Big Sandy River bottoms. The killing roused suspicions and emotions during that period of Prohibition because it was widely believed that Evans was shot because he was working with Revenue agents to locate and bust up whiskey stills in the Old

23rd District. Lawmen hunted for a suspect for more than a week and the investigation became one of the biggest news stories in western Tennessee. An account of the events was even published in the New York Times and True Detective magazine.

"South of the Mouth of Sandy" also traces the early development of Henry County as pioneers crossed over the



Evans

Tennessee River and first began settling the western shore in what was formerly Chickasaw territory. It provides a historical perspective on Crawford

Bradford, one of the earliest property owners in Henry County. Bradford's farm was located in the present-day Paris Landing State Park, where he is also buried.

The book is a must-read for anyone interested in regional history as it draws a figurative picture of early American life on the banks of the Tennessee River.

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ENOUGH SPACE FOR FAMILY - 4 or 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, living rm, dining room with fireplace, kitchen complete with appliances. Basement, new front porch, side deck, carport, brick patio. Large yard. Well cared for. jw

REDUCED - STURGIS, KY - A 3 br 2 bath double wide w/large eat-in kitchen & laundry rm with room for upright chest freezer. There's central H/A, new front & back porches, an outbuilding (needs repair) & a paved drive. Price reduced to \$31,000.00. vmh

POPLAR STREET - 3 br, 1 bath home, dining rm, kit., 1 car garage on double lot. Good starter home. \$29,000.00. mc

FAMILY LIVING - 3 or 4 br, 2 full baths, 2 1/2 baths, large kitchen, utility rm, hot tub, 3 car garage, paved drive, 2.19 ac. Priced to sell. wj

WALKING DISTANCE - 2 br, eat-in kitchen w/app., laundry w/wid. Oak hardwood floors, new vinyl siding and new cen H/A. Price Reduced \$54,000.00. bg

LOOKING FOR A BEAUTIFUL SETTING - and a home? Large maintenance free home, 4 or 5 br, 3 1/2 baths, kitchen w/app. Walk out basement w/deck, central H/A, paved drive. Wooded 1 acre +/- . A must see property. db

GREAT FOR FAMILY LIVING - 3 br, 2 bath brick home, living rm, dining rm, fam. rm, and carport. There's a 1 car det. garage w/storage area and 2 storage bldgs. A nice backyard w/deck & privacy fence. Call for app. \$96,500.00. rb

GREAT FOR A HUNTER'S LODGE - 3 br w/large great rm, lots of kit. cabinets, large laundry rm, & fam. rm. A barn & small storage bldgs. A 32x52 metal bldg, w/upstairs br apt., a 1 1/2 bath on lower level & concrete floor, 4+ acres fenced & a spring. Salem area. \$130,000.00. js

NEW - GOLFER'S DREAM - Nice 3 br, 2 bath brick home overlooking hole 7. Fam. rm, dining rm & office. 2 car garage w/2 logs. Att. 2 car garage Detached 25 X 30 garage w/electric. Gazebo. am

GREAT FAMILY HOME - 3 Br bath, living rm, eat-in kitchen w/white oak cabinets & ap. A Double lot & 5 out buildings. This home is well kept. Price Reduced to \$65,000.00. ew

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION - On this 3 bedroom home with bath, living room, kitchen, 2 car garage, paved drive and 3+/- acres. Owner wants offer. Price reduced to \$62,000.00. lc

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY - N. Grant St., Sturgis, 2 br, bath home w/1 car detached garage. Conveniently located. Excellent for rental or first time buyer! Reduced to \$25,000.00. db

LOTS & ACREAGE

70 +/- ACRES - Of prime hunting. Creek on one side, bluffs on back & food plots. Fenced front with lots of road frontage. jf

65 +/- ACRES - Wooded, pond, some fencing, Mattoon. \$118,000.00. km

NEW LISTING - BEAUTIFUL FARM - 348 ACRES - fenced & cross fenced, 3 ponds, creek, older 2 story house, barn, county water, lots of road frontage, super cattle farm. lc

42.5 ACRES SOLD

7 BUILDING LOTS - Coleman Rd. with underground electric. rg

LOTS - GRANDVIEW ESTATES IN MARION - Lot 19 \$24,900.00, 3.23 AC, Lot 11 \$10,000.00, 1.02 AC, Lot 6 \$11,500.00, 1.208 AC, Lot 5 \$10,500.00, 1.068 AC, Lot 4 \$11,500.00 1.509 AC, County Water, Underground utilities. jn

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

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

NEW - 3 NICE BUILDING LOTS - On Campbell Lane & Hwy 641. County water & elec. Lots range from 1 acre to 1/2 to 2 1/2 acres. Mobile homes o.k. Broker/Owner. jc

VERY NICE BUILDING LOT - In Penn Estates, Lot size 150x200, close to town. Price reduced to \$8,000.00. jg

NICE CORNER LOT - This nice 1+/- acre lot is located on the corner of Chapel Hill Rd and Oak Hill Dr. It adjoins the golf course property, has city water & sewer and is nicely shaded with lots of mature trees. \$27,500.00. jn

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

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

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

COMMERCIAL

MOTT CITY - Concrete block bldg. w/approx. 2,400 S.F. - 3 overhead doors, hyd. lift. Great location for a workshop. Motivated seller \$25,000.00. jn

NEW BUILDING - GREAT LOCATION - 30x50 bldg, concrete floor, H/A, insulated, 2 entrances & 1 overhead door, natural gas & county water available, new survey for dividing. Sitting on 8 beautiful acres. \$65,000.00. Owner/Broker jc

LOCATION - LOCATION - 1 block from The Court Square on Main St. Nice commercial bldg. Ready for your business, cen h/a, security system, motivated seller. jn

NEW - HARD TO FIND - Excellent double lot at corner of US 60W & Yandell St. 80'x229'. Could be divided. Zoned light commercial. Good location. priced to sell. \$30,000.00. lg

The Press Community Calendar

Today

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

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

■ Crittenden County Public Library Board of Directors meets at 5 p.m., today (Thursday) at the library.

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

■ Bigham Lodge No. 256 F&AM will hold stated communication Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. All master masons are invited.

Next Thursday

■ Crittenden County Circuit Clerk's office will be closing at noon next Thursday and will reopen at noon on March 11. This is for asbestos removal in the office. Family court will still be in session on March 11.

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

Upcoming

■ Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 10 at the Another Way Inc., building, 308 S. Main St., Marion.

■ 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 re-scheduled 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.

■ 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. Tickets will go on sale next week. They are \$35, and all seniors are free.

■ The CCMS Site-Based meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m., March 13 in the school's library.

■ Silver Chics Trunk Show will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 7 at Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation Center on 201 Watson St., Marion. Proceeds will benefit the Residents Activity Fund.

Ongoing

■ The PACS 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.

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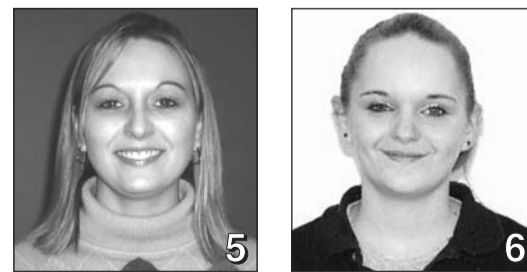
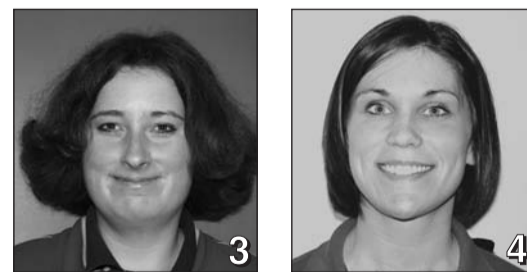
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