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Back to school info found in The Press

Next week's edition of The Crittenden Press will feature back to school information for students in Crittenden County's public school system. The annual publication will be a supplement to the regular weekly newspaper. New rules, class rolls, supply lists and notes on each school will be found in the segment.

CCEDC welcomes Mongiardo today

Crittenden County Economic Development Corp., will host its annual meeting at noon today (Thursday) at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo, a medical doctor and former state senator, is scheduled as the guest speaker. Jeanne Hodge, CCEDC administrative assistant, said Mongiardo will discuss the county's new health department among other items of economic interest to the county.



2 more file to keep board of ed posts

All three Crittenden County Board of Education members up for re-election this fall have made their intentions to keep their posts official.

Ronald "Red" Howton and Bill Asbridge have joined Chris Cook in filing election papers for the non-partisan race. Howton represents school board District 4, Asbridge District 1 and Cook, who serves as chairman of the five-member board, represents District 3.

As of Tuesday, no other candidates had filed for either school board or Marion City Council, according to County Clerk Carolyn Byford.

Little Sturgis Rally kick starts today

The rumble of motorcycle engines has already begun as the Little Sturgis Rally gets under way today (Thursday).

The annual gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts at neighboring Union County brings thousands of bikes through Marion and Crittenden County for the four-day affair, but Sheriff Wayne Agent said he plans no extra patrols or enforcement this weekend.

"It's usually pretty quiet," he said. The sheriff said there are typically a few accidents because of increased traffic, but no spike in arrests or police activity due to the event.

More than 17,000 attended last year's rally at the Union County Fairgrounds, spending hundreds of dollars for gas, eats and merchandise in Crittenden County.

Public meetings

■ Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Monday at City Hall for the regular July meeting.

■ Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m., July 29 at Rocket Arena.

By the numbers

Fixed-rate mortgages (fees)
 30-year (southeast)**6.32 (0.7)**
 15-year (southeast)**5.87 (0.7)**
 Source: FreddieMac.com as of July 10

Precipitation report
 Last 7 days**1.85**
 Last 30 days**4.04**
 Since Jan. 1, 2008**33.94**
 Deviation from average**+5.22**
 Source: UK Ag Weather Service at Princeton as of July 15

2008 highway fatalities
 Crittenden County**1**
 Kentucky (as of July 10)**385**
 Same period in 2007**450**
 Source: Kentucky State Police

American war dead
 Afghanistan (as of July 12)**542**
 Iraq (as of July 15)**4,121**
 Source: Department of Defense

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Meth ring earns fed sentence

More than 90 years of jail handed to drug violators

STAFF REPORT

Eleven members of what authorities say was a major methamphetamine drug ring were sentenced recently for their roles in a conspiracy to distribute meth in western Kentucky, according to U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky.

Judge Thomas B. Russell of the U.S. District Court also sentenced the defendants to four to five years of supervised release following their incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Huber praised the cooperative

efforts of the federal, state and local law enforcement agencies whose work resulted in this prosecution.

On Aug. 14 of last year, a federal grand jury in Paducah returned an indictment charging 13 individuals, most of them from the Marion area, with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine between the fall of 2003 and the summer of 2007 in western Kentucky.

Tim Binkley, 36, who was the methamphetamine source of supply for the group, pleaded guilty on Feb. 22, 2008. He had originally pleaded

not guilty.

During his change of plea, Binkley admitted that in the fall of 2003, he moved to Atlanta, Ga., and found a source of supply for methamphetamine. Over the course of time, Binkley then began supplying co-defendant Russell Hunt, 47, and others in western Kentucky with methamphetamine.



Binkley

According to the news release from Department of Justice Western District of Kentucky, Binkley would purchase a pound of methamphetamine for \$10,500 in Atlanta and then sell it for \$22,000 in western Kentucky.

As part of his plea, Binkley

acknowledged that he was responsible for trafficking at least five kilograms but less than 15 kilograms (10-30 pounds) of methamphetamine in this case.

In May 2006, Binkley was arrested by the Paducah Police Department when he tried to claim a bag containing methamphetamine residue and approximately \$22,000 in cash that had been left in a rental car at Enterprise Car Rentals. Paducah Police obtained a search warrant for Binkley's hotel room where they found additional money and drug paraphernalia. Co-defendant Riley Marie Baucum, 22, of Paducah was arrested at that time. A search of Binkley's truck revealed a Keltee 9mm handgun with ammunition and a small amount

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Boys of summer



PHOTOS BY DARYL K. TABOR

As their Marion Bobcat teammates finish up batting practice last Friday, Lucas Cramsey (left) pours a handful of sunflower seeds while he listens to catcher Adam Enloe discuss his experience in Marion with the summer collegiate league baseball team. Cramsey and Enloe, also teammates in college at Culver Stockton College in Canton, Mo., are two of four Bobcats named Monday to the KIT League All-Star team. (See Page 8 for more.) Matt Little (below), a native of Jackson, Miss., believes his summer in Marion has been a good experience.

Baseball team makes impact in community

By EMORY WILLIAMSON
STAFF WRITER

As the sun simmers down in the blue Kentucky skies at Gordon B. Guess Field, all one can hear is six-year-old Jessica Duncan.

"Gimme a B!" she yells to the onlooking Marion Bobcat fans, who repeat the letter back to her with the force of about 200 screaming voices.

The Bobcats, a first-year summer collegiate league baseball team assembled of college ballplayers, had managed a 12-23, next-to-last-place season as it took the field last Thursday. But, on this evening, the Bobcats were leading the first place Tradewater Pirates 5-0 by the end of the seventh inning, when Jessica began cheering.

Meanwhile, Matt Little, who traveled nearly 400 miles to play outfield for the Bobcats this summer, sits in the clubhouse and realizes his days as a Bobcat may be some of his last on the baseball diamond.

Little, a senior at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss., said he understands that making it in the big leagues is an accomplishment made by very few ballplayers.

"They say you have a better chance of getting struck by lightning than making it in the big leagues," said Little, of the likelihood of playing in the majors. "It's a dream for everyone of us out here, and I think that's the reason all of us still play."

But Little, along with seniors Lucas Cramsey and Adam Enloe from Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., have quickly become leaders on a Bobcat team that features 10 guys under the age of 20.

According to Enloe, at the beginning of the season, he could easily

"I get homesick every now and then, but people here do so much for us that it makes it a lot easier."

— Matt Little
Marion Bobcat outfielder

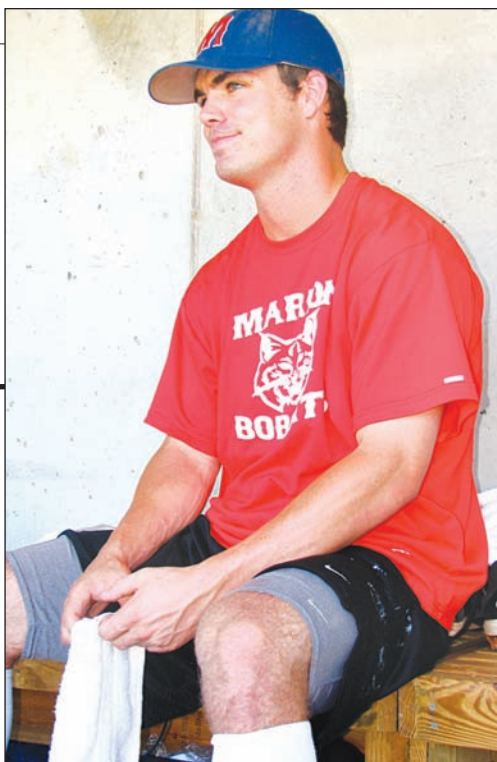
determine who the more inexperienced, younger players were, but he said the team has melded together enough that the distinction isn't as clear now.

"Guys would come up and ask questions, 'What am I doing here?' and 'What am I doing wrong?' and you kind of get a coach's feeling when you suggest something to them and then they succeed," the Bobcat catcher said of young ballplayers seeking advice. "It's kind of fun to help them."

As for his own on-the-field experiences, Enloe also said he has had a "reality check" with his aspirations and understands that this may also be his last summer playing organized baseball.

"If it doesn't happen now, it's never going to happen," he said of his career in baseball, adding that he wasn't sure what he would do next summer. "It's a scary thought to think that it's not going to be baseball anymore."

The team's first baseman also enjoys sharing his experience with



the younger players on the club.

"I like to joke around with them and tell them that 'when I was your age...'" Cramsey said of teasing the younger players about the age difference. "But the reality is they still have a whole bunch of years of college ball in front of them, and you just want to give them answers so it will make them better."

Cramsey said he didn't even plan on playing baseball this summer until Manager Steve Fowler called and asked him to play for the Bobcats.

"I've already told myself this is probably my last summer of orga-

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Golf carts face vote

STAFF REPORT

On Monday, Marion could become the first city in Kentucky to legalize golf carts as a mode of transportation on public streets.

Last month, Councilman Jason Hatfield introduced a measure to adopt a new state law that would permit licensed, registered and insured golf carts on designated city streets in Marion. After a work session early this week to discuss issues surrounding the proposal, the council intends to put the ordinance to a vote at Monday's regularly scheduled meeting. But more questions than answers appear to be lingering in the collective mind of the council.

"What good does it do us?" Councilman Darrin Tabor asked of possible passage, citing safety concerns and requests to allow other motorized modes of travel.

A new state law makes it easier for communities to allow carts on their streets.

Kentucky Sen. R.J. Palmer (D-Winchester) said he introduced a bill in the Kentucky General Assembly in effort to address high gas prices as well as give golfers an easier means to travel to and from the course in golfing communities. It was not intended to play favorites to those communities, however.

"The House changed the bill to allow travel only within five miles of an entrance to a golf course," said Palmer. "I don't like it. It makes it appear more like it's for golfing communities, and that's not the intent."

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal cautioned the council to consider public welfare when it makes its final decision next week.

"I think everyone just needs to think about safety," he told council members Monday.

The state law, which went into effect Tuesday, simply allows cities and counties to make up their own minds over golf carts as a means to address high gas prices, Palmer said.

"Your city is the first I've heard of to do this," the senator said Wednesday.

Chocolate buffet helps fund film

STAFF REPORT

Some of the community's greatest dessert architects and engineers will be making available their delicious designs on July 24 at the Woman's Club Building in Marion.

The event is billed as "Heavenly Chocolate, a delightful, delectable, delicious chocolate buffet" to raise funds for an ongoing community documentary.

Everyone is invited to stop by the Woman's Club at 127 E. Carlisle St., from 7 to 9 p.m., for fellowship and a dessert bar that will be stocked by some of the community's top cooks, including cookbook author Ethel Tucker.

Casual attire is suggested for the "come and go" dessert buffet, said Tucker, author of "From Pilot Knob to Main Street."

A plethora of chocolate dishes will certainly attract a crowd and the sponsors hope to raise money by charging a \$5 per person fee.

Tucker said that the money will go toward Crittenden County documentary film which is currently in production and will be part of a series called "My Kentucky Home." Visitors to



Alexander 2nd VP

Former Marion Woman's Club President Susan Alexander has been elected to the state office of Second Vice-President for the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs. Story on Page 9.

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Local & Regional Briefs

\$17,000 raised by Relay; short of goal

Nearly 200 people participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life this last weekend, raising more than \$17,000 toward a \$30,000 goal for cancer research, according to Stephanie Elder, lead organizer for this year's event.

"I am extremely proud of the committee, the teams, the sponsors, the survivors and all of those who helped raise over \$17,000 to aid the American Cancer Society in finding a cure for cancer," said Elder.

The Relay was originally planned for mid-June, but was rescheduled due to bad weather.

"It was extremely hot and humid but the rain held off," said Elder. "So I feel we need to count our blessings for that."

The event featured the "Fight Back Ceremony" with guest speaker Harold Grace and a luminaria ceremony, which sold a Relay record of 285 luminarias, according to Elder. Kelsey Thompson was also presented

with a \$1,000 scholarship from the American Cancer Society.

North Livingston PTO warns of scam

North Livingston Elementary School PTO is notifying the public that its spring and summer fundraising efforts have ended and no other solicitations are being conducted.

Chris Lohman of the parent-teacher organization says that some individuals may still be trying to collect funds under the flag of the PTO; however, those are fraudulent practices. Anyone contacted by such individuals should notify the Livingston County Sheriff's Department.

WKCTC extends registration hours

Several offices at West Kentucky Community & Technical College are now opened later hours to provide students with more opportunities to register for fall classes.

The college's Master Advising Center, admissions/records,

financial aid and businesses offices are open from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., through July 30. These offices are located in the Anderson Technical Building.

Fall classes at WKCTC begin Aug. 18. For information about registration, call 564-3264.

Man arrested on Crittenden warrant

A Paducah man was arrested by Eddyville police over the weekend on dozens of warrants, one of which was a Crittenden County warrant for failure to appear last week.

According to The Times Leader newspaper in Princeton, Lawrence Puccio, 36, was arrested Sunday by Eddyville police when he was seen walking along Linden Avenue inside the city. According to the newspaper, Puccio was served with 26 Lyon County warrants for theft by deception and several by the Lyon County Sheriff's Department in addition to the Crittenden County warrant.

Common Sense dead



Rev. Lucy Tedrick
Religious Views
Crittenden Press guest columnist

To me, the following parable – attributed to an unknown author – that appeared in the June 2008 edition of The Journal, a Christian magazine, is worth repeating and is oh, so true!

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge.)

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy

Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement. Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by his four stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

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nized baseball," said the Quincy, Ill., native during team batting practice Friday afternoon. "But I've just come to grips with it, and I'm trying to make the most that I can of it."

Later that night, Cramsey did just that against Tradewater, knocking in the winning run of a 12-inning game against the first place Pirates and extending his hitting streak to 11 games. And on Monday, the 6-4 infielder was named to the KIT League All-Stars along with Enloe, Little and pitcher Kyle Medley.

Although neither Little, Enloe nor Cramsey would have pictured themselves as role models for the team, they have slowly assumed the part and have appreciated giving advice to some of the younger ballplayers.

"You throw in a suggestion here or there and try to help them out and do what people did for you," said Little, who attributed much of his success to what he learned from seniors when he was a freshman at Delta State. "I see so many things that I do now that I had no idea about when I came in as a freshman."

Although leaders in the clubhouse, all three of the ballplayers have had to acclimate themselves to their new surroundings. Cramsey, Enloe and Little all grew up more than 400 miles from Marion. On the entire 22-man roster, only seven Bobcats list hometowns in Kentucky, with Chad Adcock of Eddyville, being the nearest to a native of the area. Eight hail from more than 400 miles away, including Enloe from Littleton, Colo. and Scott Cashman, a native of Gig Harbor, Wash., about 2,316 miles away from Marion.

Although not as far from home as Cashman, Little said he struggled with homesickness as he tried to adjust to the new lifestyle in Crittenden County.

"I've got two younger sisters at home, and it's tough not seeing them," said Little. "I get homesick every now and then, but people here do so much for us that it makes it a lot easier."

Pastime hailed in Marion

The Bobcats, who are the first organized baseball team in Marion in almost 60 years,



Crittenden County Historian Brenda Underdown was recently handed the above photo by Bonnie Pugh, seeking identification of the players on this baseball team. Little is known of the photo other than what former professional baseball player Rip Wheeler offered. "He wasn't familiar with it or the players, but was sure by their uniforms it was early 1900," Underdown said. Pugh gave the historian the name of one person in the photo. "The only one she knew was, left to right, the third person was Croft Yates," Underdown said. Anyone with information on the identities of the players or club may contact Underdown at bunderdown@apex.net.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY BONNIE PUGH

have quickly become some of the most recognized faces within the community. Although support from locals was slow coming at first, it has grown as the season progresses.

"To me, this is the most exciting level of baseball you can watch, and it's a lot better than watching the big leagues," said Mickey Alexander, mayor of Marion, as John Mellencamp's "Small Town" plays over the public address system. "This is fun baseball."

Although General Manager Gordon Guess and others worried at the beginning of the year about attendance, Alexander believes the support has picked up and will continue to increase.

"If they can get more people exposed to it, then I think more people will come back on a regular basis," said Alexander during the Bobcats 5-0 win last Thursday over Tradewater. "I think people take a lot of pride in it, and it adds to the hometown atmosphere."

The Bobcats' season, which began in early June, will end

next week after a regular season of 50 games. The playoffs, though, will begin July 28.

Alexander, along with several other fans in the stands, say the players living in the community also help further that support.

"All these guys are so nice, every time you run into them they speak to you before you speak to them," said Alexander, of the ballplayers. "That makes it a lot easier to like them and support them, and I think they're a real asset to the community."

Some players have been surprised to see such support, especially considering their difficult season.

"Since (baseball) hasn't been around for a while and there's not too much going on around town, it's a pretty high priority," said Cramsey. "It makes you feel pretty good that they take it seriously."

After batting in his own

winning run Monday, Cashman agreed that a strong fan base makes playing the game even more fun and exciting.

"It's easier to get up for the game," Cashman said just moments after hitting a walk-off single win a 3-2 game against Fulton before the largest crowd of the season on Peoples Bank Night. "And, we're starting to win our home games."

Enloe and Little also noted the firm support from the fans at the beginning of the summer and said that helped them feel more welcomed, including signs at local establishments greeting the players and informing locals of the games.

And on last Thursday night, with a special promotion from Family Practice Clinic and several Fredonia businesses, many fans showed up donning Bobcat t-shirts.

"I like it, and it's something fun to do that you can bring your kids out here and not worry about anything – I'm sure I'll come back," said Junior Duncan, a Marion resident, who came with his wife

Bobcat game give-aways to include GE refrigerator

While Tuesday is the last home game for the Bobcats, the club will say thanks to its fans in a big way Saturday with the help of several Marion merchants and the Chamber of Commerce.

During Saturday's game against last-place Farmington, Marion Merchants Night will offer fans an opportunity to win a full-size GE refrigerator from Johnson's Furniture and Appliances, as well as prizes from other stores around Marion. Some of those include a \$50 gas card from Tabor's Chevron, two \$20 gift cards from True Value and \$250 cash from friends of the Chamber.

Coupled with Merchant's Night, which was organized by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce, will be Fan

Appreciation Night. All fans in attendance will be offered a free program and team photo. Other drawings and give-aways associated with Fan Appreciation Night will also be offered by the Bobcats.

On Friday, Crittenden Health Systems Night will offer give-aways of t-shirts, water bottles and CHS 65th anniversary items, and the hospital will open a health booth one hour before the 7:05 p.m., first pitch in order to provide free blood pressure checks and distribute health information. Dr. Amy Ratley will be singing the national anthem, three \$50 gas cards will be handed out by CHS CEO Jim Christensen and staff at the end of the second, fifth and eighth innings.

Debra, who works for the clinic. "It's a good family-oriented place, and I think it's pretty neat to see the town people come together and help put up this baseball team."

Debra agrees with her husband and likes the convenience of coming to the games.

"It's pretty nice, and it's really friendly," she said of her first Bobcat game. "I really like it, and you don't have to go to St. Louis or somewhere to watch a ballgame. Instead you can just come to your hometown."

"They didn't even worry about a record," said Cramsey. "They just showed up, and they were having a great time out there."

Back in the stand, with her oversized Marion Bobcats t-shirt hanging to her knees, Jessica, continues on to spell "B-O-B-C-A-T-S" and ends with a resounding question.

"What's that spell?" she yells to the stands as her mother, Debra, watches on and smiles.

"Bobcats!" the crowd fires back.

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Juveniles set to judge peers in teen court

STAFF REPORT

American justice provides the accused the right to be judged by a jury of his peers, and the 36 participants in Crittenden County Teen Court are ensuring that juvenile offenders are extended the very definition of that opportunity.

Crittenden County is one of only 35 counties in the state to operate a teen court, a mechanism created by the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide juveniles already adjudged in a court of law a constructive punishment levied by fellow teens. The sentence of offenders remanded to teen court is determined by a jury of 12 teens, with teens presenting both prosecutorial and defense evidence and arguments before judgment is handed down.

"They are encouraged to be more creative," Brandi Hagan, a local attorney who acts as an advisor to teen participants when the court convenes once a month, said of the jury. "They understand and appreciate the situation more."

The sentence, provided it is agreed upon by presiding justice District Judge Tommy Simpson, is binding. Al Starnes, coordinator of teen court, acts as a parole officer to ensure the punishment is met.

"If completed, their record is expunged," Hagan said.

If not, the offender is returned to the court system for further sentencing procedures.

Juvenile offenders are sent to teen court only if a consensus is reached in regular court by the judge, attorneys and parents of the teen.



PHOTO BY DONNA KNOX

Crittenden County Teen Court swore in a new group of participants earlier this month. This year's participants pictured with District Judge Tommy Simpson (center, back) are Justin Defreitas, Kaitlin Maynard, Dominique LaPlante, Jenna Lynn, Corey Berry, Jessica Tinsley, Emily Shewcraft, Hannah Brantley, Whitney Johnson, Lauren Hunt, Talaney Werne, Autumn Stringer, Zack O'Neal, Taylor Renee Cosby, Jess L. Hodge, Lauren Hughes, Tina Reynolds, Kristin Nannie, Rebecca Clark, Kaylin McConnell, Danielle Manns, Randi Brill, Sarah Harvey, Amber Hodge, Katie Hughes, Hope Ford, Amelia Gilley, Kristopher Driver, Christopher Harvey, Bobby Knox, Casey Knox, Elliot Day, Lonna Starnes, Kimberly Harris, Matthew A. Pendrick and Joseph Tedford.

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the buffet are encouraged to bring along photographs, documents and memorabilia which will be considered as part of the documentary to record the community's history.

"We hope you will plan to attend this relaxed evening with your friends and family while supporting this very meaningful project for our community," Tucker said.

The chocolate buffet is being sponsored by the Fohs Hall Documentary Committee, the Crittenden County

Heavenly Chocolate...
...a delightful, delectable, delicious chocolate buffet to help raise funds for an ongoing community documentary.
July 24, 7-9 p.m.
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Woman's Club Building

Historical Society and the Woman's Club of Marion.

For more information, contact Tucker at 965-4055 or Judy Winn at 965-3345.

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of Mexican currency. Binkley acknowledged during his change of plea that the money should be forfeited to the United States as drug proceeds. Here is a list of those sentenced over the past couple of weeks in U.S. District Court:

■ Hunt, 47, of Henderson, formerly of Marion, was sentenced to 15 years and eight months.

■ Stanley Wade Hopkins, 35, of Marion was sentenced to 10 years and 10 months.

■ Binkley was sentenced to 10 years.

■ Kimberly Ann Cowsert, 29, of Marion was sentenced to nine years and two months.

■ Randy Marcel Cowsert, 37, of Marion was sentenced to eight years and four months.

■ Ollie Peek, 53, of Marion was sentenced to seven years and three months.

■ Michael Elliot Towery, 38, of Creswell was sentenced to seven years and three months.

■ Stephanie Beth Holloman, 28, of Salem was sentenced to six years and six months.

■ Thomas Ervin Dawes, 46, of Calvert City was sentenced to five years and 10 months.

■ Michael D. Loveless, 36, of Salem was sentenced to five years 10 months.

■ Riley Marie Baucum, 22, of Paducah was sentenced to five years.

Additionally, co-defendant Robert Andrew Topp of Shady Grove will be sentenced on July 29. Co-defendant Troy Douglas Fox of Marion died on Feb. 17, 2008.

According to the news release issued by the Department of Justice, the investigation in this case revealed that in the fall of 2003, Binkley began supplying methamphetamine to the other defendants in the case, most frequently to Hunt.

As their dealings progressed, Hunt eventually purchased anywhere from eight

ounces to a pound of methamphetamine at a time from Binkley, according to the Department of Justice. Hunt then distributed the methamphetamine to others, including but not limited to co-defendants Cowsert, Hopkins, Towery and Fox. As their drug trafficking continued, around January of 2005, Hunt hired people to make trips to Atlanta to pick up methamphetamine from Binkley and drive it back to Kentucky, the Department of Justice said.

Kimberly Cowsert made several trips from western Kentucky to Binkley's home in Atlanta for the purpose of obtaining methamphetamine. On one trip to Atlanta, she took a briefcase full of money to Binkley at the request of

Hunt to pay for methamphetamine.

Randy Cowsert also made trips to Atlanta for the purpose of obtaining methamphetamine, the news release said. On one occasion, however, Cowsert drove to Atlanta with Loveless and purchased a half pound of methamphetamine directly from Binkley. The two were stopped in Tennessee on their way back to Kentucky by law enforcement and Loveless was arrested on methamphetamine charges. However, Loveless was only charged at that time with possessing one-quarter pound of methamphetamine as law enforcement failed to recover the additional methamphetamine that was hidden in the car amplifier/speaker system,

court records indicate.

On Feb. 15, 2008, co-defendants Hunt, Kimberly Cowsert, Baucum, Randy Cowsert, Peek, Holloman, Hopkins, Dawes and Towery appeared before Judge Russell and pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Binkley pleaded guilty a week later. Loveless pleaded guilty on March 26, and Topp pleaded guilty on April 23, according to the news release.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michele L. Thielhorn, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration's Special Agent Daren Atkins, Kentucky State Police, Paducah Police Department's Drug Unit and State Police Lt. Brent White.

Crittenden Jail report

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

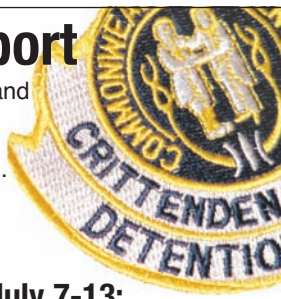
Work-release for the week of July 7-13:

- Six men at 40 hours each mowing crew
 - Marion-Crittenden County Park
 - Crittenden County Courthouse
 - Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum and Cabin
 - Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center
 - Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center
 - Crittenden County Health Department
 - Dam 50 recreational area
 - Crittenden County fire and rescue department
- Three women at 16 hours each mowing at Crittenden County Detention Center.
- Three men at 48 hours each to county road department
- One man for 40 hours to Crittenden County Animal Shelter
- Four men at 40 hours covering 102 miles and collecting 54 bags of trash on county roads in Crittenden County
- Two men at 40 hours each to City of Marion
- Two men at eight hours each mowing at old county jail
- One man at eight hours to Marion Police Department for janitorial work.
- One female at 32 hours to Senior Citizens Center.
- Four females at 40 hours each working on the Blackford Trailhead Facility.
- Four females at 40 hours each painting at the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum.
- One male to Crittenden County Courthouse to assist in spraying weeds.

Shea Holliman, CC/CD Coordinator

Inmate count as of July 13 (female count):

Total: 92 (24) Federal: 1 (0) Crittenden County: 10 (3)
State: 76 (19) Other counties: 5 (2)



The Press Community Calendar

Today

■ Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m., today (Thursday) in the hospital cafeteria. All members are urged to attend.

■ Crittenden County Inter-Agency will meet at 9 a.m., at the Senior Citizens Center today (Thursday).

■ Trivia will be played at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion at 10 a.m., today (Thursday).

■ Salem Lodge No. 81, F&AM will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. today (Thursday). The Traveling Gavel will be given to the Lodge with the most members present. Work on the E.A. Degree and a free lapel pin to all first time visitors. The meal will be at 6 p.m. All Masons welcome.

Friday

■ The Senior Citizens Center will have bingo before lunch, with birthday cake from Food Giant.

■ The Braxton McDonald Foundation will meet at 3 p.m. Friday in the meeting room at

Farmers Bank. Entrance off Carlisle St.

Saturday

■ The Lyon County Master Gardeners will be sponsoring a garden tour of Barry Ashley's plasticulture garden on Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The public can meet at the Eddyville Extension Office at 9:15 for maps and directions. For reservations or more information, phone 388-2341.

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.

Wednesday

■ Music will be provided by at 10:30 a.m. by Hershel Belt at the Senior Citizens Center.

Next Thursday

■ Crittenden County Public Library Board of Directors will meet at 5 p.m., July 24 in the

meeting room of the library.

■ Chair volleyball will be played at 10:30 a.m., July 24 at the Senior Citizens. The Price is Right will be played after lunch.

Upcoming

■ The Jim Pearce Camp 2527, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will meet at 7 p.m., July 28 at the George Coon Public Library in Princeton.

Ongoing

■ The Senior Citizens Center in Marion, located at 210 N. Walker St., is open for lunch weekdays at 11:30 a.m. The meals are \$2 for anyone over 60 and \$4 for others.

■ Crittenden County History Museum is open 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is located at 124 E. Bellville St. in Marion.

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



Community

Health Fair

Thursday, July 24

7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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King David faced challenges from many different enemies and his enemies challenged him in many different ways. Sometimes he chose to go to battle. Sometimes he chose to run from the battle. Occasionally he even chose to hide in a cave until the battle went away. Though he was often victorious in his military campaigns, he understood the source of victory. In Psalms 44:6, David reveals his understanding that he was never victorious because of his bow or his sword. He understood that victory comes only from the Lord.

Because David understood where victory comes from, he knew where to put his trust. He did not trust in his family, because his family was not the source of victory. He did not trust in his friends, because his friends were not the source of victory. He did not trust in his money, because though he was a wealthy king, his wealth was not the source of victory. Even when fighting a war using a bow, arrow, and sword, he did not trust in these weapons because they were not the source of victory. In Psalm 44:8 we are taught about where to put our trust. "In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever." David knew who deserved the credit for victory,

in Him he placed his trust, and then he praised God for that victory.

As we live our lives we are faced with many challenges. Some are physical, some are financial, and some are emotional. There are always problems with family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, animals, automobiles and businesses. There are times when we have to face these challenges head on. There are times when we have to be patient and wait until the appropriate time to face others. Sometimes we even have to just seek shelter and buy a little time until the storm passes over. But there is only one in whom we should put our trust regardless of the circumstances. The Lord has our lives under control and we can enjoy peace through the most difficult of circumstances if we accept His timeframe, His Lordship, and His decision.

New Hope is available to those who put their trust in the Lord daily and choose to do their part based on the Holy Spirit's guidance rather than their own intelligence, desires and abilities. Who or what are you trusting in? Is your choice bringing you peace or frustration and fear? Be willing to do your part but understand God must always be in control of your life.

Bro. Rob Ison
New Hope



Crittenden Press guest columnist

Church notes

■ Main Street Missionary Baptist Church will have Bible School July 21-25 from 6:30 to 8:30 nightly. Family night will be on July 25 at 6:30.

■ Marion United Methodist Church will host Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m., through Friday.

■ Barnett Chapel Church will have Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Children kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome to attend.

■ The Rosebud Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting at 1 p.m., July 26 at the Rosebud Methodist Church.

■ Brother Andy Yates and the congregation of Piney Creek Community Church, formerly Lighthouse Baptist, invite the community to worship. Homecoming will be Sunday. The Stone Family will sing at 1:30 and Steve Stone will preach in the evening with a meal to follow. The church is located at 1147 Ky. 1077.

■ The community is invited to come worship at Marion Baptist Church at 10:45 a.m., Sunday for Marion Bobcat Sunday. Sunday school/bible study meets at 9:30 a.m. The church will be recognizing the Marion Bobcats and having a barbecue lunch after morning worship.

■ Enon General Baptist Church located on Ky. 132 will have a homecoming July 27 featuring The Stone Family of Henderson in the evening after a meal. For more information, call 667-2361 or 965-8164.

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