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Bus routes

School starts Aug. 6 for students in Crittenden County, and those riding the bus can find their bus number and driver inside.

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Economy affecting county employment

Unemployment rates rose in Crittenden, Livingston and 106 other Kentucky counties between June 2007 and June 2008, as the overall jobless rate across the state rose more than 1 percent over the same period.

An estimated 261 workers in Crittenden County were jobless in June 2008, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. The county's unemployment rate in June 2008 was 6.5, just 0.4 more than in June 2007. Meantime, the statewide rate rose from 5.5 percent a year ago to 6.6 percent last month. Livingston County's jobless rate also rose drastically, up a full percent to 6.3 percent in June 2008 over June of last year.

"The Kentucky economy, weighed down by soaring food and energy prices, the housing crisis, and a softening in the labor market, treaded water in June 2008. Non-farm employment decreased by 4,400 positions. However, the vast majority of this decline is attributed to temporary layoffs," said Justine Detzel, OET chief labor market analyst.

Preschool, school orientations slated

An orientation for incoming Crittenden County preschoolers and their parents will be held at CCES on Aug. 14. No times have been announced yet for the orientation, but the briefing is a separate event from the elementary school's Sneak-a-Peek on Monday.

For further information on the preschool orientation, call 314-6032.

Orientations and open houses for other schools in the district include:

■ CCES Sneak-a-Peek, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Monday. Parents and students can meet teachers, visit classrooms and complete paperwork.

■ CCMS Orientation, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Tuesday in the gymnasium. The orientation is for all incoming sixth-graders and their parents.

■ CCMS Open House, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesday. The open house is for all middle school students and their parents. Student schedules are available today (Thursday) from 8 a.m., to 3:30 p.m., at the school office.

■ CCHS Open House, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesday. Student schedules are available today (Thursday) from 8 a.m., to 3:30 p.m., at the school office.

Heart to Heart has open a.m., p.m. slots

The Heart to Heart before- and after-school daycare program still has a few available spots for morning and afternoons. For more information, call 965-9833.

Public meetings

■ Crittenden Fiscal Court meets in special session at 9 a.m., Friday at the courthouse. On the agenda are various general business items including the opening of bids for solid waste disposal in the county and discussion of bids for fuel services.

■ The Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at noon, Aug. 13 at the Extension Office.

By the numbers

Precipitation report

Last 7 days.....**2.32**
Last 30 days.....**5.58**
Since Jan. 1, 2008.....**36.28**
Deviation from average.....**+5.49**

Source: UK Ag Weather Service at Princeton as of July 30

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Judge moves Damron trial to Webster County

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Rene Williams has ordered the Ronnie Damron burglary and sodomy trial moved to Webster County next month due to publicity generated through articles in The Crittenden Press.

Damron's case is set for a third trial on Aug. 28-29 in Dixon.

He has twice been tried for the Oct. 30, 2002, burglary and sexual assault of an elderly woman in the Deer Creek



Damron

community. The first trial in 2006 ended in a mistrial because the jury failed to render a verdict. Damron was convicted in the second trial in 2007 and sentenced to 70 years in prison. However, that jury's decision was overturned due to a technicality in the jury selection process.

The victim, who was 64 at the time of the incident, has twice testified in court that she knew Damron and that he was the man who shined a flashlight in her face, robbed and assaulted her on her own bed.

Damron has been the Kentucky

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Merrick returns to CCHS as principal

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
MANAGING EDITOR

Just one week before classes return to session in Crittenden County, the high school finally has its new leadership in place.

Todd Merrick has been named Karen Nasser's successor as principal at the school, almost two months after Nasser took a position as director of special education for the district. Merrick has 21 years in education, first arriving in Crittenden County in 1990 as a high school English instructor. He has also served the district as consultant for the state



Merrick

board of education and assistant principal at the elementary school for two years. Last year, Merrick left the district to serve as principal of the elementary school in his native Caldwell County. After only one year in Princeton, he's happy to be working at home again.

"I'm glad to have the opportunity to come back to the district," Merrick

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Fair continues through Saturday



PHOTO BY EMORY WILLIAMSON

Meredith Lanham (center) was crowned queen Monday of the 2008 Miss Crittenden County Beauty Pageant. Also pictured (from left) are Lonna Starnes, third-runner up; Lacey Etheridge, second runner-up; Lanham; Darah Easley, fourth runner-up; and Talley Nix, third runner-up. The fair continues this week each night at the fairgrounds.

Lanham crowned Miss Crittenden County 2008

By **EMORY WILLIAMSON**
STAFF WRITER

"I was just going to say 'Happy birthday, Mom,'" said Meredith Lanham as she clinged to her 2008 Miss Crittenden County trophy at the annual county fair beauty pageant in Fohs Hall on Monday.

Denise Lanham couldn't have asked for a better birthday present as her daughter claimed the crown at the pageant, which kicked off the start of the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair.

"I about had a heart attack, because it was something she always wanted to do since she was a little girl," said

Denise before rolling her eyes and admitting it was her 44th birthday. "But today was her day."

Meredith, who will be entering her senior year at Crittenden County High School, said she felt fortunate to win

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What's coming up at the fair...

WEDNESDAY » 7 PM



donkey basketball

THURSDAY » 7 PM



truck pulls

FRIDAY » 7 PM



antique/garden tractor pulls

SATURDAY » 7 PM



demolition derby

A fair price...

The midway opens at 6 p.m. each night of the fair. Admission to the fairgrounds, except for Wednesday evening's donkey basketball exhibition, is \$8 for ages 16 and up, \$5 for ages 6-15 and free for children under 5. Gate for donkey basketball is only \$5.

Kimball parting with two-county property

By **CHRIS EVANS**
PRESS EDITOR

One of the most unique pieces of property in Kentucky will likely be broken up into small tracts and sold at a public auction later this year.

Kimball International, the furniture company based in Jasper, Ind., owns

11,700 acres of property in Crittenden and Union counties. It's the largest contiguous, privately-owned parcel in the state at almost 19 square miles. It has more than four miles of Ohio River frontage that is above the flood plain, unusual for the Kentucky side of the

river between Henderson and Paducah, and it straddles the Tradewater River for about 10 miles from near Sturgis to Caseyville. The property was previously owned by Alcoa, also known as the Aluminum Company of America, based in Pittsburgh.

Those who keep track of land values say that the Kimball property will be highly attractive to outdoorsmen. Its hunting qualities are well known. Game Trails, a nationally-known outfitter, has had the property leased for a few years and many of the biggest names in deer hunting have been there



On the Market
11,700
Acres

to tape hunting videos for commercial television shows and DVDs.

Ronnie Heady, Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator, says it's prime hunting property, and he's curious to see how much it brings.

"I think it will generate a whole lot of interest," said Heady, who notes that the average farm selling in Crittenden County for its hunting or recreational

value has been about \$2,000 per acre.

Heady said that when paper company Westvaco divested itself of about 7,000 acres in Crittenden and Livingston counties a few years ago, it created a huge spike in demand which more than doubled the selling price of raw real estate.

While land speculators and hunting enthusiasts will be eager to get a shot

at buying a few hundred acres that produce trophy whitetails, county leaders are not sure whether news of the sale is good or bad for the local economy.

"Hopefully, it will sell to someone who will do something with it instead of letting in just lay there," said

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Without cross there is no crown

Paul tells us of the crown of righteousness laid up for all who truly follow Jesus, and Jesus tells us we are to carry the cross if we are to win that crown in the end.

The word Christian is a noun, describing a person. We either are a Christian, a follower of the Lord or a sinner. One of the main descriptions Jesus gave of a Christian is when He said: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Mat. 16:24.

He stressed it even more strongly when He said: "And whosoever shall not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." Luke



14:27.

So the question of "where is our cross?" begs an answer. First we must understand what our cross is. Looking to Jesus for the answer we see that a cross is deliberately sacrificing, or doing what ever it takes to spread the Gospel of Jesus and suffering what ever, just

as He did.

His cross was sacrificing, suffering, being lied on, rejected, beaten almost to death, and then being nailed both hands and feet to a cross to hang there until death, that He might spread His word and be the Savior for all mankind, paying for the sins of the world that we all might have the choice to follow Him or Satan.

Now the question for us is, what do we suffer, sacrifice, lose, do without, go the second mile for, take criticism about, be maligned for, give up, take on, that we might be the follower of Jesus, and warn people to flee from the wrath to come?

What does the cross cost you?

Jesus said: "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathers not with me scatters abroad." Matt.12:30.

Jesus also warned us that if we are ashamed of Him in this wicked generation, He will be ashamed of us before God and the Holy Angels on that final day where time ends and eternity begins.

There is a cost in following Jesus. Satan and his followers see to it. You tell the Gospel truth and people lie on you, call your words "hate speech," hate you, which is natural for Satan's followers to do. But the blessings far outweigh the cost.

Jesus has told us we will be judged by His words the last great day. John 12:48.

Paul said: "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Gal. 5:24.

So God's true Christians not only live Godly that the world would be influenced by their life, but also pus God's way first, and sacrifice time, talent, material gain, popularity, friends, and do whatever it takes, to witness to God's truth with their mouth and life that others might know the truth and follow Jesus.

What will your lot be when the God of all time and creation stands on that last and

final, frightful day and command His mighty angel to declare: "There shall be time no longer?" Rev. 10:6.

What will your lot be when another angel stands at that last and final day cries out: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be?" Rev. 22:11,12.

The one standard is for all: "For without holiness no one shall see the Lord." Heb.12:14.

Cherrys host political Garden Party

STAFF REPORT

The Pennyrile Garden Party hosted by Gale and Rep. Mike Cherry at their Princeton residence will be Friday.

The political affair on the eve of the 128th annual Fancy Farm Picnic is open to the public and will be from 3 to 5 p.m., at 803 S. Jefferson St. This is the eighth year the Cherrys have hosted the event.

Cherry, House District 4 representative in Kentucky's

General Assembly, said constituents from the five-county western Pennyrile region, which include Crittenden and Livingston counties, are invited.

Scheduled to speak at the event are Gov. Steve Beshear and Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo, along with Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Bruce Lunsford.

The Garden Party serves as a fundraiser for the Kentucky Democratic Party.

Authorities initiate new program to help locate lost, missing children

By EMORY WILLIAMSON
STAFF REPORTER

Gayann O'Dell knows what it feels like to loose a child. And a new effort in Crittenden County is aimed at helping guardians alleviate that feeling.

Shopping with her daughter in a Paducah mall five years ago, O'Dell had her hands full when the Tolu native's daughter got out of the stroller and ran off, soon becoming lost in the shopping center.

O'Dell quickly alerted mall officials who initiated an Amber Alert in attempts to locate the missing child. Luckily for O'Dell, as well as many others who have had similar experiences, a woman found the child before she left the mall grounds and brought her back to her mother.

"It's just a terrible feeling not being able to find your child," said O'Dell, who added that her child was only missing for a short amount of time, but that it was enough to significantly frighten her. "It's a sick feeling because she could be anywhere and you don't know if somebody has taken her."

Others, however, aren't so lucky.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, nearly 800,000 children ages 18 years old and under are reported missing every year. Statistics also show that the first three hours are the most critical time as nearly 76.2 percent of all child abduction murders occur within that three-hour span.

To address the issue in Crittenden County, authorities are taking part in an alert system through A Child Is Missing, Inc., which is a non-profit organization that seeks to assist law enforcement in notifying citizens of a child abduction.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal and Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent both said the driving force to



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Marion Police Officer Bobby West fingerprinting Dillan West, his nephew, last Thursday as part of a child identification kit during a community health and safety fair at Marion Commons. The police department inked and blotted more than 500 tiny fingers at its booth aimed at giving families a jump on finding a child in the event the he or she comes up missing. "Basically, it helps us get a jump on things instead of having to sit down (with the family) and gather this information," Officer West said of the ID kit.

initiate the program was to be more prepared for any potential cases.

"I think it would help us tremendously," said O'Neal of the new program. "This is just an extra program to get the word out in the community in a quicker way."

O'Dell, as she dropped off her children at the Marion Country Club pool, said she thinks the program will be a positive addition in the area.

"I think it's great, and it

would be a great benefit to the community to have something like that," said O'Dell, who has become more protective of her children since the incident in the mall. "You try to explain to (your kids) that there are people in this world that will take you."

Other mothers, such as Christy Fortune-Robertson, agree with the idea of the new program.

"I think it would be great, and that would make me feel

a lot better," said Fortune-Robertson, who has three children at her home in Tolu. "It's good because everyone in the area will know to look for your child."

"I'm always scared that something may happen to my kids," said Fortune-Robertson as she watched her seven-year-old daughter, LaToni, swimming at the country club pool. "I've always been very protective anyway because people are crazy and you just never know."

According to O'Neal, the program has already been initiated, but there will be no testing. He said the program is able to contact 1,000 homes via the phone in a span of one minute. The program will also be able to contact up to 5,000 local homes and businesses depending on the case.

Agent said that once an authority reports the incident to A Child Is Missing, an automated message is sent to local homes and businesses that surround the area where the child was last seen. He said the program, which is free, also assists disabled and elderly citizens who may wander off and become missing, as well as children who may run away from home.

"Those are chilling words to hear: 'My child is missing'," said O'Neal, who added that the problem with children or others missing has been minimal in the area, but that it's important to initiate a program before anything occurs. "When a kid goes missing, we all take it personally."

O'Neal said the alert system will leave a message on a home or business phone, but won't contact any unlisted or cell phone numbers. However, he added that residents should not only act on the request of the message to help search for the child, but to also register for the program to contact an individual by cell phone by signing up at www.achildissing.org.

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said Monday.

Though Merrick has less than a week remaining before 400-plus teenagers begin making their way to home rooms, he's undaunted by the short preparation time.

"There's never enough time," he joked. "It's going to take a few days anyway."

Merrick will have some help in the person of Kathy Evanko, whom he chose as his assistant principal.

Evanko, of Paducah, replaces Steve Head, who resigned his post at the end of the school year to relocate to Georgia.

Merrick, in fact, knows Evanko well. While he was working for the Kentucky Department of Education as a consultant for two years before becoming an assistant principal at CCES, the two had adjoining offices.

"I know her well and know her qualifications," Merrick said of his deputy.

Evanko is also familiar to the district, in particular the middle school. In 2006, she was hired to assist the school with its Commonwealth Accountability Testing System through the state's Highly Skilled Educator (HSE) Program. While at CCMS, she served as a resource for in-house consultation, giving



Evanko

advice to teachers and students.

As principal, Merrick wants to ensure his students – whether they attend college or join the workforce after graduation – are ready for real-world experiences.

"I want to empower our staff to provide the kind of education for students to prepare for higher education or careers," he said. "They need to be ready for some kind of training beyond high school."

Compared to just 18 years ago when he arrived in Crittenden County as a language arts instructor, Merrick said the challenges facing high schoolers and their teachers are much greater now.

"They have so many more interests," he said. "Everything has changed so much."

Some social changes, too, are hurdles more prevalent than when he was in school as a teenager in Graves County.

"More kids don't have the stability (at home) we grew up with," he said. "And so many want to know why they are told to do something."

Merrick lives in Marion with his wife Regina, who is director of Crittenden County Public Library. She is also a former teacher. The couple has two daughters; Emily, who is a second-year college student; and Ellen, an eighth-grader at the middle school.

Evanko is one of 42 certified highly-skilled educators in Kentucky, and also has 21 years in education, primarily as a science teacher.

KIMBALL

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Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown. "I hope someone buys it for the coal reserves and starts mining it. That's my biggest interest."

Crittenden County Coal Company leased and mined a portion of the Kimball property for several months starting two years ago. The coal mining rights were later assigned to Phoenix Coal Co., headquartered in Louisville. Gary Phillips, a spokesman for Phoenix Coal, said his company no longer has a mining lease on the property, but is still working on a reclamation project there from previous mining activities.

The Kimball property has a great deal of agriculture and timber value. Kimball originally purchased the land from Alcoa 10 years ago. Alcoa had assembled the large piece of property, buying it from private owners 50 years ago for what was to be a power plant

and smelting operation. That never developed and Alcoa put it on the market, asking \$13 million.

Kimball wanted the land for its vast amount of standing timber, and in 1998 bought nearly all of Alcoa's original 12,400 acres. Alcoa kept a small piece on the Ohio River where there is a loading terminal.

Marty Vaught, director of public relations for Kimball, said his company's business plan has changed and it's selling off its landholdings and mills in order to concentrate on manufacturing.

"This is not going to be a fire sale," Vaught said. "This is a very significant and unique piece of property. We're going to be doing a lot of promoting and advertising."

While details have not been disclosed, it appears that the property will broken into small tracts and sold at public auction sometime this fall.

"There should be a news release with all of the details coming out in about a month,

if not sooner," Vaught said.

While a great deal of the land is rugged timber country, there are about 2,200 tillable acres and 4,000 acres of pasture land, most of it fenced. A couple of Union County farmers lease the land for cattle, pasture and row cropping.

It is perhaps best known for its deer hunting. Game Trails, formerly a subsidiary of firearms and shooting accessory manufacturer Thompson Center, has held the hunting rights the past few years. The Kimball spokesman said it's unclear what will happen with the lease agreement with Game Trails or the farmers.

"Those are the things that our attorneys are looking at right now," he said.

Game Trails already has hunts booked for this fall and so far there is no indication of a change in the status for those 2008 packages.

Crittenden County's judge-executive hopes another coal mining company will be interested in buying at least some of the property and reopening

the surface mine. Crittenden County receives at least \$1 million a year in coal severance benefits if coal is mined within its borders.

People familiar with the coal reserves on the Kimball property say that it is high BTU coal with a unique market value. The only problem is that it's hard to mine and there isn't too much of it. However, as energy prices



Edwards

soar, Brown said, the value of coal will continue to rise. It's currently selling for about twice as much as it was two years ago.

Michele Edwards, the tourism director in Marion, said the sale of the Kimball property creates some great opportunities for outdoors activities, especially those being pushed right now through Kentucky's Adventure Tourism efforts.

"There are no public lands in this county for hunting or other outdoor uses," Edwards said. "If the state owned public use property in this county it

would definitely help tourism and it would give local people some opportunities that they don't have otherwise."

Edwards said that Paddy's Bluff drew thousands of visitors each year before it closed. A privately developed ATV park might be a profitable option for some of the Kimball property, she said. The state's Adventure Tourism law provides some potential for funding and also limits liability for landowners that allow public use of their property.

DAMRON

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State Police's only suspect throughout the investigation. He claims that he was in another county at the time.

Damron's public defender, Brad Shuffett, had requested a change of venue, but said that his client did not want the case moved to Webster County because that is where the

judge lives. Williams found that argument unwarranted, maintaining in her recent ruling that Webster County meets the requirements set forth by Kentucky law when such cases are moved out their normal jurisdiction.

"In light of the fact that this case has previously been tried twice in Crittenden County and detailed accounts have appeared in the local newspaper and that both the alleged

victim and the defendant are from Crittenden County, the Court finds that a change of venue is warranted in order for all parties to receive a fair trial," Judge Williams wrote in her order to move the matter to a neighboring county.

Williams presides over circuit court in Crittenden, Webster and Union counties. All pre-trial hearings in the case will be held in Crittenden County.

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Alternate busing routes account for bad weather

By **SHARON F. MURRAY**
ASSISTANT TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

Making a decision to close school, delay starting times or dismiss early during bad weather is very difficult. When our area is hit with extreme weather conditions, including snow, ice and sometimes floods, district administrators and transportation employees are working to assess safety conditions. Consultations with weather authorities and investigations of road conditions of our bus routes are routinely performed in the interest of providing safe transportation for our students.

The geographical layout of our county makes these decisions difficult. While the north end of our county may be experiencing several inches of snow, the south end may be dry. At all times, providing safe transportation to and from school for all our students is our number one priority.

A decision to close school or delay starting times will be made as early as possible. Our target time is 5:15 a.m., for the convenience of parents and staff. The following stations will be notified:

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Crittenden County School Bus Routes			
BUS NO.	DRIVER	REGULAR ROUTE	ALTERNATE ROUTES DUE TO WEATHER
065	J. Randolph	Ky. 365 (Baker Church Road) Ky. 654 (Weston Road), Cotton Patch Road, Mt. Zion Road	Will pick up and deliver students at Baker Church and Mattoon.
066	E. Fortune	Countywide handicap	Will pick up and deliver students where it is possible.
0736	M. Nesbitt	Nunn Switch Road, Repton-Fishtrap Road, Old Piney Road, Mattoon Loop., Cool Springs Road	Will not travel any side roads. The bus will pick up and deliver students on Old Piney Road and U.S. 60 East at Mattoon.
0739	L. Williamson	Quality Day Care, Crayne Cemetery Road, Chapel Hill Road, Lilly Dale Road	Will not travel any side roads. The bus will pick up and deliver students on Chapel Hill Road and Crayne Post Office.
0129	M. Parish	Red Road, Brown Mines Road, Sisco Chapel Road, Damron Road, Tiny Tot Day Care, Claylick Road, Airport Road	Will not travel any side roads, the bus will pick up and deliver students on Brown Mines Road to end of Red Road, Ky. 70 to Ky. 855. North, and U.S. 60 to end of Ky. 2132.
0130	n/a	Marion-Porter Mills Road, Copperas Springs Road, East Gum to stoplight, Ky. 506, Pleasant Hill Road, East Depot Street to South Walker Street	Will not pick up or deliver students on Blackburn Church Road, CopperAs Springs Road, Lone Star Road, Piney Creek Road, Piney Fork Road, Briarwood Lane, Pleasant Hill Road, The bus will pick up and deliver students on Hwy. 506 to the Y.
0742	R. Orr	U.S. 60 East from Creekside Apartments to Union County line, West Gum Street from stoplight to CCHS	Will pick up and deliver students on U.S. 60 East to Union County line.
0244	E. Myrick	Old Morganfield Road, North Main Street from Royal Inn and Suites to Industrial Drive on U.S. 641	Will pick up and deliver as usual.
0426	G. Damron	Ky. 297 from Irma to Ky. 135, Ky. 135 to Tolu, Ky. 723 from Tolu to Irma, Irma White Road, Dick Jones Road, Youth Camp Road, Coy Watson Road	Will not travel any side roads. All students will be picked up and delivered on Ky. 297, Ky. 723, and Ky. 135. Students in Tolu will be picked up and delivered at the fire station.
0523	D. Davidson	Ky. 855 South, Ky. 902, Dycusburg, Ky. 70, U.S. 641 from Mott City to Industrial Drive	Will not travel any side roads. All students will be picked up and delivered to Stinnett house in Dycusburg, U.S. 641 to Industrial Dr.
0527	J. Thurman	Ky. 120 from Marion Feed Mill to Webster County line, Ky. 1902 to Shady Grove, Ky. 132 to Cool Springs Road	Will not pick up deliver students on Wolf Creek Road, or any side road. The bus will travel Ky. 120 to Shady Grove.
9707	L. Schneckloth	East Bellville to and including Cherry Street, North College Street, to First Street, West Bellville to Old Salem Road	Will run route as usual.
9828	T. Alexander	U.S. 60 West to Salem, Levias, Love Cem. Road, Eagle Mine Road	Will not travel any side roads, all students will be picked up and delivered on Hwy. 60 West to Salem.
9916	R. Winders	Ky. 91 North, Ky. 135, Ky. 1668, Watson Street, Brookcliff Street, Arleen Street, Hickory Hills Street	Will not travel Hebron Church Road , Williard Easley Road, Don Winders Road, O.B. McDaniel Road, Aunt Jane Tabernacle Road. The bus will pick up and deliver students on Ky. 135, Ky. 1668, South Moore Street, South Blackburn Street, and Chapel Hill Road.
9615	T. Pennington	Wilson Farm Road, Sugar Grove Church Road, Old Shady Grove Road, Bellville Manor Apartments, Kevil Street, Towery Road, Cave Springs Road	Will not pick or deliver students on Sugar Grove Church Road, Towery Road, Ky. 654 South, Wilson Farm Road, Bellville Manor Apartments or Old Shady Grove Road. Will pick up and deliver at Tribune on Ky. 120, Marion Feed Mill, Kevil Street and East Depot Street.
2018	H. Peek	Jackson School Road, Sulpher Springs Road, Weldon Road, Campbell Lane, U.S. 641 to Caldwell County line	Will not travel any side roads. The bus will pick up and deliver on Ky. 855 South, Ky. 91 South, and Ky. 70 from Ky. 91 South.
2019	L. Robinson	Ky. 723, Ky. 838, Deer Creek Church Road, Claude Belt Road Watson Cemetery Road	Will not travel any side roads. The bus will pick up and deliver students on Ky. 838, Ky. 297, and Ky. 723.
9614	T. Fitzgerald	Freedom Church Road, North Weldon Street, Noruth Yandell Street	Will not pick up and deliver students on Freedom Church Road.
9422	R. McDowell	Guy Hodge Road, Ford's Ferry Road, South Weldon Street to U.S. 60, Brown School Road, A.T. Crider Road	Will not travel any side roads, the bus will pick up and deliver students on Ky. 91 North to the end of Fords Ferry Road and the Church of God on Fords Ferry Road in Marion.

NOTICE: This list does not include all roads or streets. For more information, call Sharon Murray at the school bus garage. The telephone number is 965-3866

Attendance policy more stringent

STAFF REPORT
A new attendance policy for Crittenden County schools is down to counting the minutes a student misses class, and completion of a thorough excuse form will also be required for excessive absences.
When classes start Wednesday, the nearly 1,500 students at the county's schools will be under new, more stringent guidelines for acceptable absences. The new policy is aimed at increasing student and parental accountability for school attendance.
And no longer will student absences be measured by the day, but by event. "The key word is 'event'," said school board chairman Chris Cook.
An "event" is an absence of 61 minutes or longer by a student. Any student who tallies 10 or more events will be required to complete a detailed excuse form for an absence in order to be excused.
"(The state) is down literally to counting the minutes," Cook said.
In Kentucky, attendance is one of the factors in a formula the state uses

for allocating funds to a district. Each day a student misses, the school district loses about \$24. The state's new formula for accounting for absences will now be event-based, turning what would have been half-days or tardies into an event whereby the state can penalize the district financially.
"The design of the change came about to increase attendance, which generates more revenue," said Al Starnes, Crittenden County Schools Director of Pupil Personnel.
Because occasional absences and tardiness are often difficult to avoid, students will be allowed seven events of missed school and four tardies with no more than a parent's note sufficing. Up to 10 absences will be allowed with a doctor's excuse, according to the new policy. The next and beyond, however, require the new RX10 medical excuse form.



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Text of attendance policy:

Students in Crittenden County Schools' will be allowed up to seven (7) absence events per year to be excused with a written parent note. Crittenden County Schools will excuse up to ten (10) absence events with doctor/medical excuse/note. Any absence events due to medical reasons in excess of ten (10) will require the presentation of the Crittenden County Schools' Medical Excuse Form RX10 before the absence will be excused.
The RX10 forms will be available at each school, superintendent's office and some medical facilities upon parent request. All absence events and tardies will be considered unexcused until the appropriate written note, excuse, or documentation is presented to the school. These notes, excuses, etc., must be turned in to the school within two (2) days after the absence event or tardy.
Students in Crittenden County Schools will be allowed up to four (4) daily tardies (60 minutes or less) to be excused with a written parent note for the entire school year.
Note: Any student who is absent from school for more than five (5) consecutive days without a valid notification to the school shall be considered unexcused. Valid notification is defined as an approved contact from a parent or guardian.
An absent event consists of an absence from school for more than 61 minutes. Anything under 61 minutes is considered a tardy.

Crittenden County High School

Dear CCHS students and parents,

As your new principal, it is my pleasure to welcome our incoming freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes to a new year at Crittenden County High School. I am a former teacher at CCHS and have lived in Marion with my wife Regina and our daughters Emily and Ellen for many years. I am honored to lead this school, and to be a Rocket once again! Our Motto at CCHS is "Preparing for Success...Every Student, Every Day."
Each year brings changes, and this year is certainly no exception. Besides having me as your new principal, CCHS students and parents should also welcome Mrs. Kathy Evanko as Assistant Principal, and Spanish teacher Ms. Teresa Bowland. I welcome and appreciate the returning staff, who along with me are committed to an excellent program of academics and enrichment activities for the high school students of Crittenden County. The mission of the Crittenden County High School

Letter from the principal Todd Merrick




community is "To prepare every student every day for academic and social success." This community consists of staff, students, parents, and other Crittenden Countians. Our staff will accomplish this through:
1. Preparing rigorous, relevant lessons each day;
2. Maintaining positive attitudes;
3. Acting as professionals;
4. Growing as leaders;
5. Supporting one another's work with students, and most importantly; and
6. Showing we care about student success. I ask parents and others to support our work through positive words and actions with students toward the mission of the school.

Please know your support is appreciated.
My number one goal for CCHS is that we give each student the academic tools needed to pursue career goals and a high quality of life. Past CCHS graduates have established amazing careers. Today these graduates are FBI agents, opera singers, veterinarians, military officers, business entrepreneurs, and the list goes on. Believe it or not, their dreams began while sitting in the same classrooms where you will be this fall. The staff of CCHS will not rest until all students have received that preparation. We do not promise an easy curriculum, but I personally guarantee that you will receive the help you

need to master it. The staff of CCHS is committed to helping each student realize her or his potential to do great things with his or her individual gifts. The cooperation and active participation by parents and the community will always be appreciated in accomplishing this goal.
My expectations for students can be summed up by asking that each day you honor the following values at CCHS:
■ Put others before yourself (Teamwork, respect and honesty)
■ Do quality work (Responsibility and good faith effort)
■ Dream Big! (Prepare for the future)
We really do get out of life what we put into it, so make this year your very best ever!
Incoming students and their families are invited to an Open House at CCHS from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 5. Student schedules are available at the high school this Thursday, July 31 from 8:30 to 3 p.m. in the office. I look forward to seeing you soon!
Todd Merrick
CCHS Principal


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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.

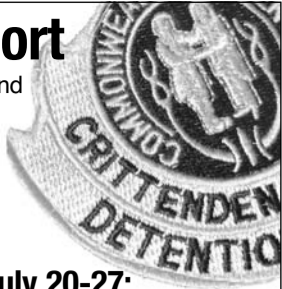
Work-release for the week of July 20-27:

- 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 History Museum
 - Crittenden County fire and rescue department
 - Crittenden County Dention Center
 - Crittenden County (old) Jail
- 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 each to City of Marion
- Two men at 24 hours covering 63 miles and collecting 55 bags of trash on county roads in Crittenden County (includes weekly clean-up at the Ferry Landing and Dam 50)
- One man at eight hours to Marion Police Department for janitorial work
- One female at 40 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 at 40 hours to the Carson G. Davidson National Guard Armory
- Two woman at 40 hours each to Marion City Hall for janitorial work
- Three men to paint Crittenden County Lions Club Building
- Three women at 24 hours each to Crittenden County Courthouse for janitorial work
- Three men broke down tents for the Health Fair at the Marion Commons

Shea Holliman, CC/CD Coordinator

Inmate count as of July 27 (female count):

Total: 110 (20)	Federal: 1 (0)	Crittenden County: 4 (2)
	State: 99 (16)	Other counties: 6 (2)



Arrests made in auto theft cases

STAFF REPORT

Two Crittenden County teens went on a week-long joy ride across the state that included what police believe was the theft of seven automobiles from Marion east to Richmond.

The thefts started with a car stolen from Wal Mart parking lot in Princeton on July 20. That vehicle was found at Marion's Pamida department store about the time an SUV went missing from Kara Hatfield's residence on West Carlisle Street. The next day, a pick-up truck belonging to Perry Sanders was stolen from Conrad's Food Store parking lot.

Jackie Lee Beasley, 18, of Marion and a 16-year-old juvenile who is formerly of Marion are facing charges in regard to those auto thefts and others, including the theft another vehicle in Princeton, one in Elizabethtown, one in Frankfort and one in Richmond.

The 18-year-old was found Friday driving a vehicle reportedly stolen in Richmond and the 16-year-old was picked up the same day on the Western Kentucky Parkway near Elizabethtown driving a car allegedly stolen

from central Kentucky.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said the cooperation between Marion Police Department, Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, Princeton Police Department, Kentucky State Police and agencies in the other towns where cars were stolen was imperative to the case being solved quickly.

O'Neal said local police have enough evidence to charge the two teens in connection with the theft of both vehicles taken in Marion. He said charges are either filed or pending in regard to cases in other jurisdictions.

The police chief said only one of the vehicles, the Ford pickup stolen from Conrad's, suffered minor damage. The others, as far as he knew, were unscathed. Sanders' truck was eventually recovered in Dawson Springs and Hatfield's Ford Expedition was found in Princeton.



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Accident victim gives birth to healthy baby

By **ALLISON EVANS**
PRESS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Twice Stefany Smith-Lester's family was told that the young woman's baby would not live. The infant, doctors and nurses told the Smiths, could not possibly survive as a result of the intensity of the medication Smith-Lester was given following a serious car accident Feb. 12 in Livingston County. The first priority, the family was told, was to save the mother's life. That they did, and the baby beat the odds as well.

Lexi Jade Lester was born July 24 after being delivered by emergency Cessarian Section at the University of Kentucky's Chandler Medical Center in Lexington. "She's six pounds, nine ounces and she's healthy," said Stefany Smith-Lester's mother Edna. "She's a pretty little girl and it's one big relief to know she's healthy. "(Doctors and nurses) are all pretty amazed but (the drugs) didn't affect her any



Smith-Lester

that we can see now."

The baby was delivered by emergency C-Section because doctors feared if Smith-Lester was in labor very long it could cause her brain to bleed given the extent of her brain injury from the accident.

Smith-Lester has been at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Center, where she received therapy for her injuries as well as pre-natal care through the University of Kentucky hospital for several months.

On Monday she returned to Marion where she and the baby will be cared for by relatives.

"Stefany can't talk or sit up, can't really hold the baby but we put her in her arms," Smith said. "She is blinking her eyes to yes and no questions, she just hasn't gotten to walking or talking. "A lot of times they say when you bring people with brain injuries to their natural surroundings, they'll start talking so we're hoping that that will make something click, but now she just lays there and has a grin on her face. We can tell her eyes lighten up when she sees the baby."

Smith and other members

of the family will take care of both baby and mom, who has a feeding tube, but is eating some pureed foods, in the six weeks before she returns to Cardinal Hill. When she returns there, the family is hopeful that medicines Smith-Lester needed but couldn't take while pregnant will help her regain some of her strength and ultimately improve her ability to sit unassisted, talk and walk.

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The Press Calendar

Today

- The Senior Citizens Center will have chair exercises at 10:30 a.m., today (Thursday).

Saturday

- There will be a benefit yard/bake sale for Deon Sunderland from 8 a.m., to 8 p.m., on Saturday, across from the old laundromat in Salem. Sunderland is in the last stages of lung and brain cancer and has no insurance. If you have any items to donate for the sale, you can drop them off Friday after noon or arrangements can be made to have them picked up. All donations will be greatly appreciated. For more information, call 988-4042, 965-3395, 704-1201 or 339-1671.

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.
- The Ellis B. Ordway American Legion Post 111 and Auxiliary will meet at 6 p.m., Monday at Fohs Hall.
- The Crittenden County American Cancer Society Board will meet at 1:30 p.m., Monday in the cafeteria at Crittenden Hospital. All members are invited and visitors are welcome.

Upcoming

- Local Chapter 1373 of NARFE will meet at 11:15 a.m.,

Aug. 20 at Marion Café and Thom's Sweet Shoppe. All current and retired federal employees and their spouses are invited to join the third Wednesday of each month at the same time and location.

- Crittenden County Middle School site-based decision-making council will meet at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 11. All SBDM meetings are held in the CCMS library.
- Crittenden County Elementary School site-based decision-making council will meet at 3:30 p.m., Aug. 28. All SBDM meetings are held in the CCES library.
- Crittenden County Public Library Board of Directors will meet at 5 p.m., Aug. 28 in the meeting room of the public library.
- Fohs Hall Inc., Board of Directors will meet at 4:30 p.m., Aug. 11 at Fohs Hall.

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.

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

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Economic losses nothing compared to that of a soul

Summer has arrived. The wheat has been harvested. Gardens are producing an abundance of fruits and vegetables. Nothing tastes better than fresh vegetables and nothing is better for you. Two of my favorites are a skillet of fried sweet corn and a ripe tomato.

But Jesus was talking about a different kind of harvest, the harvest for the souls of those that are lost. Today, many people are losing their homes, their jobs and their life's savings. But these are nothing compared to the losing of our soul. The Bible says, "For what shall it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul. Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul."

Jesus told the story of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man died and went to hell. He would have traded all of his riches for just a drop of water, but it was too



late. Recently, I came across a note I had written to a friend several years ago. It read, "When I awoke this morning I thought of an old song we used to sing, and I thought of you: 'Jesus is coming to earth again, what if it were today? Coming in power and love to reign what if it were today? Coming to claim his chosen bride, all the redeemed and purified, over the whole earth scattered wide, what if it were today?'" If you weren't in that group, I would be so sad, to think we'd never see each other

“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into into his harvest.”
- Luke 10:2

again." She passed away earlier this year and to my knowledge she never became a Christian. The Bible says, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." How long has it been since you wept for a lost family member or friend?

CommunityChurch Notes

- Repton Cemetery Association Inc. will hold the annual association meeting on Saturday at the Repton Cemetery at Caroline Faith Kieffer Picnic Area. A basket lunch will be served at noon with a business meeting to follow.
- Shady Grove Baptist Church will be having Vacation Bible School on Saturday from 9 a.m., to noon. Commencement will be held at 12:15 p.m. Parents and children are invited for lunch and games after commencement.
- Bro. Herbert Alexander Jr. and congregation from Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church, invite you to revival services beginning Monday at 7 p.m. and ending as God leads. The evangelist will be Bro. Buddy Hix from Unity General Baptist Church in Crayne. The church is located on Ky. 723 about 4.5 miles north of Salem.
- Enon General Baptist Church will be having an open house Sunday following morning worship services to 2 p.m., with refreshments. This is in honor of Baby Girl Brantley, the future daughter of Bro. Chris and Laura Brantley. For more information call 667-2361.
- The annual Hurricane Camp public meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Monday at the Hurricane Dining Hall.

Coomes leading Tolu Methodist

By CHRIS HARDESTY
PRESS STAFF WRITER
After pastoring Methodist churches in Dixon, Anton, Sebree, Poole and Henderson County from 1975-98, Bro. Selby Coomes spent the next nine years filling in at various churches through that area. During the United Methodist Conference held in Louisville during early July, the Columbia, Ky., native was appointed to his new position as pastor of Tolu United Methodist Church. The new undersheperd estimated that there were approximately 45 people in attendance during his first

service as pastor and was encouraged by that number. "I'm enjoying being at Tolu," said the veteran pastor. "That is a good church." Coomes currently lives in Providence and plans to continue making the 45 minute commute to Tolu each week. The church celebrated homecoming two weeks ago with The Hampton Quartet providing a gospel concert in



Coomes

the afternoon. According to Coomes, there were around 60 in that service with several former members and two previous pastors in attendance. "They did a good job. I like homecoming because we have a lot of good food and all-day dinner on the grounds," he said with a laugh. Along with wanting to see Christians strengthened and sinners saved, the new pastor also hopes the church can reach those individuals who may not be attending church anywhere. "I'd like to see everybody in Tolu in a church somewhere," he said.

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Saturday's bicycle rodeo for ages 9-19

By **BONNIE BAKER**
4-H EXTENSION AGENT

The annual 4-H Bicycle Rodeo. No it isn't roping a calf from the back of your bike but it is nearly as difficult and fun! Do you like showing off your bicycle skills? How about proving how good you are on your bike? Well here is your chance! The Crittenden County 4-H Council will be sponsoring a Bicycle Rodeo during the Fair. It will be held on Saturday starting at 9 a.m., at the Marion-Crittenden County Park basketball court. All participants will have the opportunity to ride their bikes through a series of obstacle courses then take a quiz on bicycle safety. There will be a division for 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 year olds as well as a division for seniors

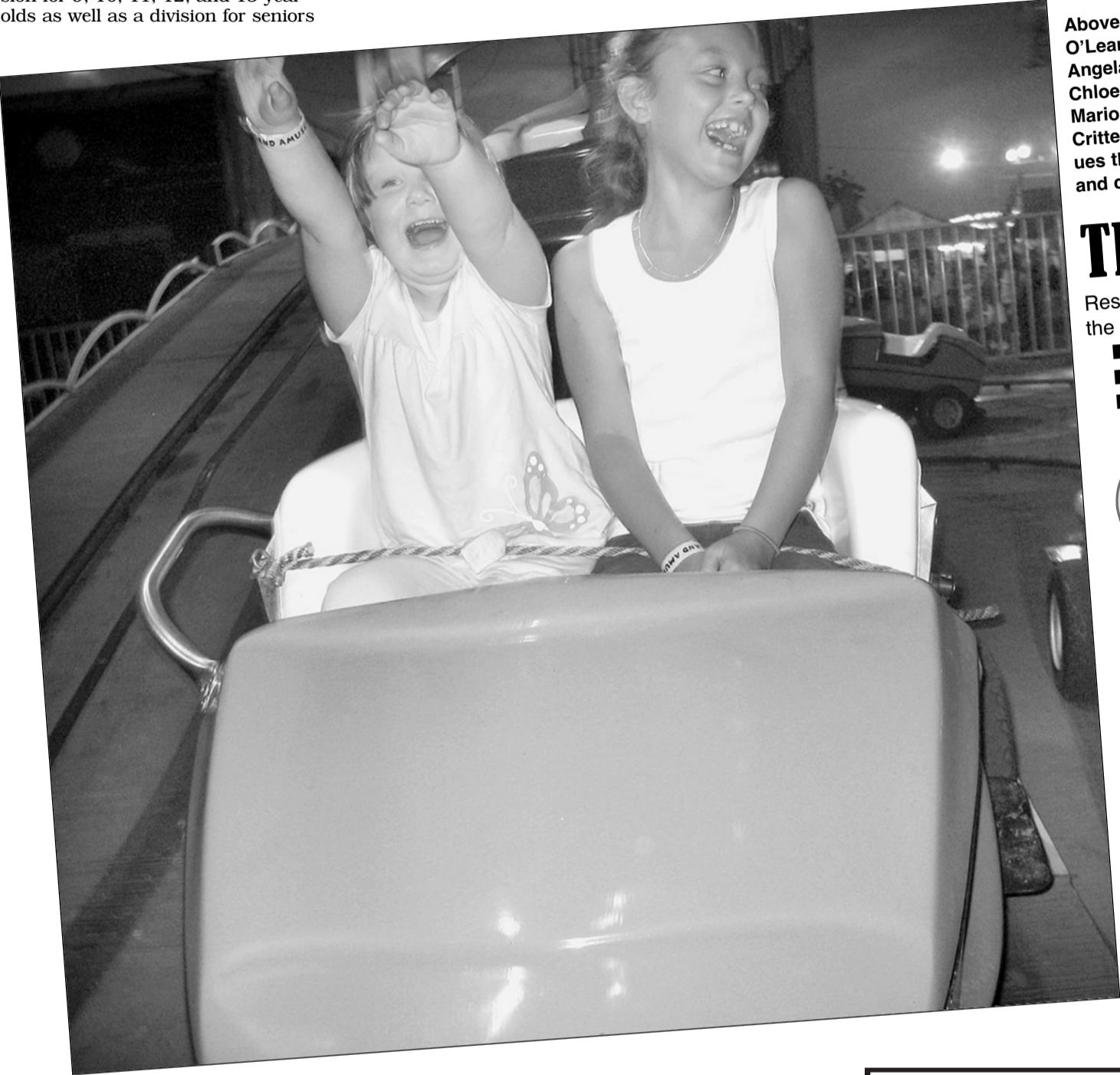
ages 14-19.

All participants will receive ribbons with the winners from each division receiving a trophy and being eligible to compete at the Kentucky State Fair on Aug. 14! There is no cost for entering in the bicycle rodeo at the county fair or state fair. All you need to participate is your bicycle and a bicycle helmet. If you don't have a bike or helmet you may borrow one from a friend. The Bicycle Rodeo is a great opportunity to hone your bicycle skills and show off all of your cycling talent! For more information on this or any other 4-H event, contact the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at 965-5236.



PHOTOS BY EMORY WILLIAMSON

Above, talent show coordinator Chris O'Leary plays guitar while his daughter Angela performs Tuesday night. At left, Chloe, 4, and Sabreyn James, 7, of Marion enjoy a ride at the midway of the Crittenden County Fair. The fair continues through Saturday with night events and carnival rides and games.



That's talent

Results from Tuesday's talent show at the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair:

- 1st place, Eli Knight
- 2nd place, Tabatha Riley
- 3rd place, Ahley Collins



Thank you for the flowers, gifts, visits, cards and calls while I was a patient at Crittenden Health Systems. Also thank you to Doctors James and Maddux and the nursing staff who gave me such great care. God bless each of you.

Margaret Gilland

2008 Horse Show Results

Monday, July 28

Lead Line

1st.....Abby Carol Newman
Tie.....Wyatt Williams

Youth Walk/Trot

1st.....Kelsey Moxley
2nd.....Harley Williams
3rd.....Laura Clark

Open Walk/Trot

1st.....Harley Williams
2nd.....Jarrod Singleton
3rd.....Kelsey Moxley

Youth Western Pleasure

1st.....Kelsey Moxley
2nd.....Cutter Madison
3rd.....Harley Williams

Open Western Pleasure

1st.....Kelsey Moxley
2nd.....Laura Clark
3rd.....Jarrod Singleton

Junior Pole Bending

1st.....Kayce Stewart
2nd.....Madison Moxley
3rd.....Kimberlee Whited

Senior Pole Bending

1st.....Jessi Hodge
2nd.....Alexandria Hancock
3rd.....Kathryn Sanders

Open Poles

1st.....Madison Moxley
2nd.....Kaylyn Herrin
3rd.....Kayce Stewart

Junior Barrels

1st.....Kayce Stewart
2nd.....Paige Stallons
3rd.....Bethany Stallons

Senior Barrels

1st.....Wynne Wallace
2nd.....Jessi Hodge
3rd.....Jessica Stewart

Open 3D Barrels

1st Division
1st.....Melora Potter
2nd.....Dusty Wesley
3rd.....Wynne Wallace

2nd Division
1st.....Kayce Stewart
2nd.....Stacie Hearrell
3rd.....Melora Potter

3rd Division
1st.....Jessica Smith
2nd.....Jacey Gill
3rd.....Dusty Wesley

Flag Race

1st.....Stacie Hearrell
2nd.....Elizabeth Collins
3rd.....Kathryn Sanders

Stake Race

1st.....Stacie Hearrell
2nd.....Madison Moxley
3rd.....Kaylyn Herrin

Local&RegionalBriefs

Marion man hurt in Sunday wreck

Marion resident Harlan Belt, 63, suffered minor injuries after he struck a tree with his truck off of Davis Mine Road in Union County late Sunday night.

According to police records, Belt fell asleep at the wheel and drove his 2005 Chevy truck off of the road and into a ditch, eventually striking a tree about 60 feet off of the roadway.

Belt was transported to Crittenden County for treatment of minor injuries.

Arrests made in marijuana seizure

Three individuals were arrested last week in separate cases involving the cultivation of marijuana during a week-long marijuana effort conducted by the Kentucky State Police in the Post One district.

State police said they seized a total of 432 marijuana plants, including 202 from Livingston County. Another 140 plants were seized in Lyon County, 69 in Graves County, 18 in Calloway County and three in Carlisle County.

The individuals arrested included James K. Hodge, 47, of Livingston County. Hodge is currently being held at the Crittenden Detention Center. Kimberly A. Calabrese, 46, of Livingston County, and Craig A. Tabers, 31, of Calloway County, are being held in the McCracken and Calloway

county jails, respectively.

According to state police, this weeklong eradication accounted for more than two-thirds of the total 637 marijuana plants seized thus far this summer in the Post One district. Investigations will continue throughout the area.

State police encourage individuals to contact tPost One at 856-3721 or 1-800-DOPE-TIP if they suspect any illegal activity involving marijuana.

Kennon injured in Bobcat playoff loss

Marion lost the first game of a best-of-three playoff series at Tradewater Tuesday, making Wednesday's game at Gordon B. Guess Field a must-win for the Bobcats to keep their championship hopes alive.

Tradewater won Tuesday 11-1, but Marion lost more than the game. Outfielder Dustin Kennon will not only miss the rest of the post-season for the Bobcats, but he will probably be out of baseball for some time with a shattered pelvis sustained Monday in a collision with the right field fence.

Kennon, batting .282 with 11 RBI for the Bobcats during the regular season, suffered the injury when he slammed into one of the 4x4 outfield posts at Riverside Park. The

22-year-old Memphis-area native hit the fence attempting to make a play on a deep fly ball in the bottom of the first inning.

General Manager Gordon Guess said Wednesday morning that Kennon was resting comfortably at Regional Medical Center in Madisonville where he spent Tuesday night. Further details were unavailable at press time.

If Marion wins Game 2 of the three-game playoff series, the final game will be played at Tradewater on Thursday. See Page 6B for more.

Arflack files to keep council seat

Another sitting member of Marion City Council is seeking re-election, and another person has filed for a seat on Crittenden County Board of Education.

Donnie Arflack became the second person to file election paperwork for city council, joining James "Jim" Brown, who filed last week.

Candidates have until Aug. 12 to file for the non-partisan, citywide race. The top six vote-getters in the Nov. 2 election will be seated for two-year terms.

The only other local races are for school board. Incumbents for all three non-partisan seats on the ballot - Chris Cook, Ronald "Red" Howton and Bill Asbridge - have filed for re-election. Pam Collins, the latest to file, will challenge Howton for the District 4 seat.

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the award.

"It really felt like a dream to me, and I just can't believe that I got it, because it means everything to me," said Meredith, who placed second at last year's pageant to

Breanna Cozart. "This year I was like 'Okay, I can only move up one spot, so this is my chance.'"

Michelle Reddick, director of the pageant and first runner-up 15 years ago in the same beauty contest, said she was proud of the girls and their performances.

"This gives you great expe-

rience being in front of people, looks great on a resume and helps build self-esteem," said Reddick.

Following Lanham in the first runner-up position was Lacey Etheridge, second runner-up Lonna Starnes, third runner-up Talley Nix and fourth runner-up Darah Easley.

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Janson James (seated, left) and John Alvis (seated, right) represented Crittenden County's American Private Enterprise System Program, or APES, at the Kentucky Youth Seminar on the campus of the University of Kentucky in June. Corey Payne, Crittenden County Agriculture Agent, accompanied the students. Both James and Alvis qualified for the 2008 National Institute on Cooperative Education (NICE) Conference being held this week at the University of North Carolina-Asheville. A primary objective of APES is to provide high school juniors, sometimes seniors, with an appreciation of cooperatives as one of the important forms of doing business in the American enterprise system.

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Community Spotlight

NARFE celebrating its 34th anniversary

Crittenden County's local chapter of National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, or NARFE, will next month celebrate its 34th year as a charter member of the organization.

Chapter 1373 joined NARFE on Aug. 8, 1974, with eight of the 19 members mentioned as signers of the charter being employees of Lock and Dam No. 50 community. The signers of the charter were John W. Chandler, president; Forrest B. Hamilton, vice-president; Harold C. Rankin, secretary-treasurer; William C. Alvis; William R. Belt; Rena E. Bliss; James D. Carnahan; Ralph M. Conway; James I. Flanary; Iva E. Ford; Hughey E. Hodge; Clifton R. Hughes, Thomas E. McDowell; Louise C. Orme; Earl W. Rankin; Irene Rankin; Madileen Small; Ollie J. Sturgeon; and Velda M. Sturgeon.

All current and retired federal employees and their spouses are invited to NARFE Chapter 1373 when it meets at 11:15 a.m., the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at Marion Café.

McLaughlin on duty in Okinawa, Japan

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. James R. McLaughlin, the son of Darlene F. and Douglas J. McLaughlin of Marion, recently reported for duty with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, Okinawa, Japan.

McLaughlin is a 2003 graduate of Crittenden County High School of and joined the Marine Corps in January 2005.



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

Community Spotlight



PHOTO BY EMORY WILLIAMSON

Lenore Drennan, owner of the Tot-n-Teen, holds up an award she recently received from volunteers of Community Christmas for her continued donations to and support of the annual project. Drennan opened the children's clothing store in 1977 is selling the store and retiring this year.

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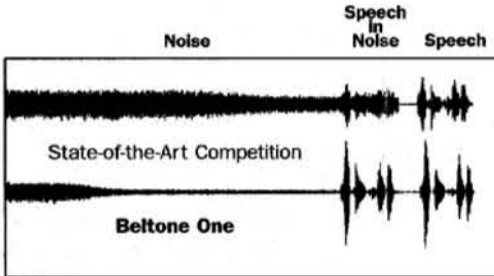
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OUTDOORSMAN...3 BR home is situated on 24 acres. Approx. 20 acres in mature hardwoods. Hunt deer in the fall, turkey in the spring and fish all year round in your own backyard. The lake according to owner is 16 feet deep & stocked w/ largemouth bass, catfish & bluegill. Property is well maintained & 2 detached garages for all your toys.

HANDYMAN'S SPECIAL...3 bedroom, 1.5 bath mobile home and lot in Marion. Good investment. Broker owns property. Needs some TLC.

SAVE YOUR GAS AND WALK TO TOWN...4 Bedroom, 1 bath, home in Marion, investment property or starter home. Located only 3 blocks from the center of town, and kids could walk to school. Call and set an appointment today. List price \$22,000.

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MOBILE HOME & LOT...3 bedrooms, 2 bath, central heat & air in a nice quiet neighborhood.

MINI FARM...Take a look at this home on approx. 7.5 acres. Move into this home and you will have everything you need. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, hardwood floors, kitchen with appliances, large front porch, county water, pond, and lots of room for horses.

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED...to Marion Country Club. 2 or 3 BR, 2 BA offers a chef's kitchen with lots of cabinets, dishwasher, Jenn-Air range, oven, microwave, refrigerator, disposal & under the counter ice maker, formal dining room, office w/ built in shelves, laundry RM w/ washer/dryer, plus a walk out basement.

ENJOY THE PEACE & QUIET...28 x 56 Cedar sided Manufactured home situated on 1 acre. Features: 3 BR, 2 BA, large den w/gas fireplace, full kitchen w/appliances, large front porch, county water, pond, and lots of room for horses.

MARION HISTORIC HOME...located on corner lot 3 blocks from center of town. Features 3 BR, 2 BA, high ceilings, dining room, butlers pantry, large living room, hardwood floors, original double pocket doors leading to the dining room/kitchen area, sunroom. Also has outside entry for upstairs for separate apartment including kitchen & bath. 2 car garage with side street entry. WALK TO TOWN...from this immaculate brick home featuring 2 bedroom, 2 bath, foyer, formal living room, separate dining room, family room, eat-in kitchen with appliances. This attractive home has attached double car garage and 34' x 36' shop building with loft situated on large deep lot. PRICE REDUCED.

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

GOLFER'S FANTASY...landscaped estate joins the Marion Country Club Golf Course. Two story home includes 4 to 6 BR, open staircase, 4 BR, kitchen with appliances, study, great room w/ gas log fireplace, recreation room, plus bonus kitchen, enclosed glass solarium & private deck overlooking the beautiful greens. Large walk out heated basement, attached oversized double garage plus many additional

amenities.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

INVESTMENT OR YOUR FIRST HOME...this 2-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath home comes complete with all appliances including washer/dryer. Approx 1000 sq ft located in Burna, KY including an extra lot for additional rental income potential or added privacy. Property includes large storage building, 1 car garage, paved circle drive and trees to keep you in the shade.

CHECK OUT THE PRICE...All this house needs is your furniture & family to make it your new home. Features: 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick home w/ landscaped yard, Kitchen has modern stovetop & built in oven and plenty of counter space & cabinets, paved drive and a 12 x 16 storage building. Priced to sell at \$77,900.

CORNER LOT...located in Salem. Features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, stone exterior. Walking distance to bank, grocery, churches, beauty shop, etc. \$29,500.

SECLUDED AREA...sit on the large balcony overlooking your stocked lake. Attractive brick home features: 3 BR, 2 BA, family room, kitchen w/ built-in appliances, dining room w/full glass panel windows overlooking at the lake. Has 2 car attached garage & a double unattached heated garage with workshop, plus other amenities. Located on 3 lots in Salem. PRICE REDUCED TO \$149,500.

LOTS / SMALL TRACTS / FARMLAND

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

60.5 ACRE CATTLE FARM...with portion of farm in timber w/ road frontage on 2 roads. Fully fenced & cross fenced w/2 ponds. Several areas that would make great home sites that have wonderful views of Crittenden County. Abundant deer and turkey also make this farm a great place. \$119,500.

75.5 ACRE CRITTENDEN COUNTY FARM...awesome deer & turkey hunting, 25 acres of tillable land surrounded by hardwood timber and creeks. Great views w/several areas of the farm that would make a great home site or a place to put that secluded cabin. \$149,500.

CALDWELL COUNTY TIMBERLAND...approx. 170 acres of prime deer/turkey hunting. This tract offers both mature hardwoods and loblolly pines. Established food plots. One section of the tract offers scenic views in all directions. This all timber tract is priced at \$339,500.

130 ACRES...gently rolling tract. 95 ac. in CRP w/2 yrs. remaining. Balance in pasture/hay which produced approx. 100 round bales. Features: pond, parameter fencing, small patch of hardwoods. End to end road frontage on SR 1608 & corners 2 county maintained gravel lanes. County water & electric available w/ several great building sites.

245 ACRES...in Crittenden Co. has it all. 1800 sq. ft. home, 4800 sq. ft. barn, corral, great pasture & lots of timber. All structures new since 05, pasture has been reseeded and fertilized. Excellent deer & turkey hunting in & around this property. Shown by Appointment.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL BUILDING...located on Main St. This renovated building has original ornate tin/medallion ceilings, hardwood/mosaic tile flooring, replacement windows plus central heat & air. Building has 1.5 BA, 2 stories w/ open staircase leading to balcony & second floor. Excellent for various retail and downtown apartment.

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS...located in Salem. Approx. 1300 sq. ft. Features large paved parking, 175 ft. road frontage w/ less than an acre of land that could give you additional room for growth. New central HVAC.

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



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