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Byford latest to file for city council post

Former Councilman Mike Byford has decided to reseek a seat on Marion City Council, filing paperwork to appear on the November ballot for the non-partisan race. At present, only Byford and incumbents Donnie Arflack and Jim Brown have filed their election

The top six vote-getters in the Nov. 2 election will be seated for two-year terms on the Marion City Council. The mayor's post will not be up for grabs for another two

Meantime, four candidates have filed for three school board seats, including the current members filling those seats. Chris Cook, Ronald "Red" Howton and Bill Asbridge are seeking re-election, with only Howton facing opposition as of Wednesday morning. Pam Collins will also appear on the ballot in the District 4 school board race.

Candidates for both school board and city council have only until Tuesday to file for the non-partisan races.

Groups attempt to start clothes swap

Pennyrile Allied Community Services and the school system's Heart to Heart program are teaming up to provide a Crittenden County Clothing Exchange for school-age children. The two groups are seeking interest in the concept and if there is enough support, the program will be launched this year. The idea is to get families to bring children's clothing to a massive swap mall located at one of the schools. The program would not be subject to income level or types of clothing. Families could bring in their outgrown, gently-used clothes and swap them for new sizes. If you are interested in participating in this program, call Heart to Heart at 965-9833 or PACS at 965-

Public meetings

■ There will be a special meeting of the Crittenden-Livingston Water District at 9 a.m., Friday at the Farmers Bank conference room in Salem. Discussion of disbursement of 2008 grants and current rate structure will be on the agenda.

By the numbers

Fixed-rate mortgages (fees) 30-year (southeast)6.48 (0.8) 15-year (southeast)6.03 (0.7) Source: FreddieMac.com as of July 31

Precipitation report Last 7 days ... Last 30 days. Since Jan. 1, 2008 Deviation from average.....+5.00 Source: UK Ag Weather Service

at Princeton as of Aug. 5 2008 highway fatalities

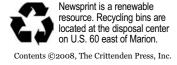
Crittenden County ... Kentucky (as of Aug. 4)..... Same period in 2007..... Source: Kentucky State Police

American war dead Afghanistan (as of Aug. 2) Iraq (as of Aug. 5)**4,133**

Source: Department of Defense

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CCMS, CCES meet NCLB goals

Schools back to work Wednesday on heels of promising report

The school year got off to a positive start Wednesday, just one day after a federal academic progress report showed continued improve-

"We are very proud of the results that we received," said Crittenden County Schools Instructional Supervisor Tonya Driver of the 2008 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) results released Tuesday.

On the whole, Crittenden County

al NCLB goals in reading and math, relieving the district of consequences mandated after failing to do so in 2006. Though districtwide proficiency in reading dropped slightly while increasing in math, results from testing were high enough to satisfy federal standards.

The focused instructional efforts by our students, staff and administration over the past year have certainly reinforced the high standards for teaching and learning that need to continue," said first-year superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough.

The district's proficiency score in reading was 69.87 percent, meanachieved acceptable scores in their respective reading tests. In math, 60.12 proficiency was achieved. NCLB goals are for every school in the nation to achieve 100-percent efficiency by 2014.

"Everyone has worked very hard to make this happen," said middle school Principal Diana Dodson, whose school achieved all 10 of its goals as an institution along with the elementary school, which met all 12 of its targets.

The high school, however, came up one short of its 10 goals. Math

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR
Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough revved up her faculty and staff Monday with a rock-n-rollthemed back-to-school program that incorporated the use of Al Starnes' Harley Davidson.

Teen injured in daytime blaze



PHOTO BY DARYL K TABOR

Brian Kirby and Terry Ford (right) battle a fire at the home of Junior and Debbie Duncan on Jarvis Street in Marion. The blaze is suspected to have started in the kitchen shortly after noon Monday and left Nic Duncan hospitalized with severe burns.

Marion family's house, contents lost to suspected grease fire

By EMORY WILLIAMSON

STAFF WRITER

Brian Kirk stood in disbelief as he looked at the remains of 231 Jarvis St., a place where he and other relatives often gathered for family get-togethers and holidays.

He shook his head and sighed with his wife, Pamela, looking on.

"Everything's gone," he said.

The home, which belonged to Junior and Debbie Duncan, caught fire early Monday afternoon laying ruin to the house and most of its contents.

Although neither Junior, Debbie, nor their six-year-old daughter Jessica were at their home during the blaze, the couple's oldest child, 19-year-old

According to Marion Police Chief

Ray O'Neal, the cause of the fire has yet before he was transported from the to be determined, but Nic suffered seri-

ous burns and was being treated at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

Neighbors and including Nic's grandmother, Agnus Duncan of Salem, attributed the cause to a possible grease fire in the kitchen. O'Neal and Fire Chief Ronald "Red" Howton both said they were unsure of the cause and that Nic Duncan the investigation is ongoing.

Agnus, however, told The Press that Nic sustained second- and third-degree burns to his arms, legs and face as he tried to put out the fire.

"He thought the fire was out," said Agnus, who spoke with her grandson Crittenden Hospital to Nashville by air

ambulance Monday. "He didn't know the house

was gone," she said. Nic, who graduated from Crittenden County High School in 2007 and currently works as a laborer for Marion's water and sewer department, has left an impression on several within the

community. "He was a wonderful student

to have in class," said Dawn Hollamon, who taught Nic in her food and nutrition class his junior year. "He was the type who made the whole climate of the class pleasant and kept

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Fee comparison

WASTE PATH FREEDOM RESIDENTIAL *\$11.25-12.35 mo. *\$14.35-15.45 \$10/mo. \$13/mo. w/container COMMERCIAL 4 -YARD DUMPSTER *\$63.04-84.17 mo. \$60 mo. 8-YARD DUMPSTER *\$126.09-168.35 \$100/mo. **CONVENIENCE CENTER** \$175 haul rate \$150 haul rate \$30 per ton

*Prices vary based on three different plan options. County will select plan, not the custome

County weighing garbage contract

County leaders are working through bids for garbage pickup for residential and commercial

Freedom Waste, headquartered in Louisville, currently has the county's non-exclusive franchise or picking up solid waste at and businesses and operating the convenience center on U.S. 60 East. Freedom was assigned the contract last year when it bought a portion of Waste Management's operations in western Kentucky.

Although Crittenden County has always maintained a nonexclusive agreement with the primary service provider in the county, magistrates decided last winter that only the franchise holder could pick up trash in the county. Any other provider, such as James Dempsey, who operates on a limited basis and provides garage pickup, must have a waiver. Those waivers are only for providers that offer unique services, such as those not offered by the franchise

It's time for Crittenden County to renegotiate its contract with a solid waste provider and it's looking at a five-year term with a contract that is renewed annually. Bids went out last month and Freedom Waste and Waste Path of Calvert City were the only providers who presented bids during a special fiscal court meeting last week.

Waste Path had been operating

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Robbery suspect shot by police among 16 indicted

The Crittenden County Grand Jury met in regular session Monday and indicted 16 individuals on a variety of charges. Many of the charges were based on undercover drug buys by the Pennyrile Area Narcotics Task Force using confidential informants.

The grand jury also evaluated the conduct of Kentucky State Trooper Billy Braden during a May 15 incident at the Royal Inn and Suites which led to the shooting of an attempted robbery suspect, Wesley Neal Dockrey. The grand jury's investigation of the shooting found that Braden's actions were justified to protect Marion policeman Marty Hodge.

Dockrey was indicted by the grand jury for wanton endangerment for aiming a loaded handgun at Hodge, who along with Braden and other

officers had converged on the motel for attempting to rob the Wal-Mart after the suspect's vehicle was found in the parking lot. Reports indicate

that Dockrey picked up the handgun when officers knocked on the door. Braden, peeking through the window, watched as the suspect lowered semi-automatic pistol and trained it on the door, where the Marion patrolman was outside.

Dockrey

standing Braden subsequently fired two shots,

hitting Dockrey, who survived the shooting. Dockrey 26, was indicted Monday on an amended charge of wanton endangerment. A charge of attempted

murder was originally sought. He is

also facing charges in Union County

Pharmacy. Others indicted this week were:

■ Beverlie S. Belt, 34, of Fredonia,

on charges of manufacturing methamphetamine; first-degree possession of a controlled substance; and second-offense use or possession of drug paraphernalia. The felony indictments stem from an incident on May 15 when police were called to an alleged disturbance at her husband's residence on Pleasant Hill Road and found Belt in possession of the above items.

■ Carl R. Belt Jr., 35, of Pleasant Hill Road, was indicted on charges of cultivating marijuana (five or more plants); possession of marijuana; and use or possession of drug paraphernalia. The charges stem from the same May 15 incident as above.

■ Patrick A. Bowland, 21, of Salem

was indicted on a charge of receiving stolen property (valued at more than \$300) by complicity. The charge stems from a May 20 incident in which a fertilizer spreader owned by Tony Alexander was allegedly stolen from his farm near Tolu.

■ Marilyn Busby, 65, of South Main Street was indicted on an April 30 charge of trafficking in a controlled substance (Lortab). The investigation was conducted by the narcotics task force.

■ Alan Jason Funkhouser, 22, of Claylick Creek Road was indicted on a charge of receiving stolen property (valued at more than \$300) by complicity for his alleged role in the theft of the fertilizer spreader from the above mentioned Tolu farm. Funkhouser was also indicted on a

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For a summer, this was 'my town'

When I strolled into the town of Marion, the song "Mayberry" by Rascal Flatts began to play in my

As I swiftly drove my Germanmanufactured, University of Louisville-promoting compact car through one of the two traffic lights, I began to question what I was getting myself into.

I'm a socially liberal, 21-yearold, single, college kid/city slicker who was about to spend 10 weeks in a small town tucked away in a very rural (and don't forget, dry) county.

I had no idea what I was in for. I had never seen a demolition derby or a truck pull, and I had never heard of donkey basketball or the magazine Ducks Unlimited. I had never been to a mobile home

park or driven on a gravel road. Some of the locals said I was just "sheltered."

But did they know I lived near



Churchill Downs in a diverse, bustling neighborhood and that I saw more people in one hour in Louisville than I would in three weeks in Crittenden County?

Although different and peculiar in some instances (I still don't comprehend the fascination with truck/tractor pulls), I quickly adjusted and began to admire the town and its people.

The town and county, although small in population and limited in resources, displayed the utmost in love and care for a Cardinal fan

To the editor:

I would like to acknowledge

the work of our County Clerk,

Carolyn Byford, in her effort

to preserve our county histo-

ry. Through local grants and

special funds provided by the

court order books, deed books

and marriage books rebound

and each sheet protected with

Through a grant from the

Foundation, she and her staff

marriage licenses in archival

special notebooks. These doc-

uments are from 1842 when

became a county. As you can

become very fragile and with

genealogy as it is today, this

project is very much appreci-

This ongoing project is

court house with the records

Mr. James Kirkwood, from the

Libraries and Archives, Public

Records Division, also makes

everything is done according

Many people think that

because our courthouse had

different times that our coun-

these records and we appreci-

efforts to protect them for our

Cook, Board of Ed

seem to truly care

Graduation week was the

It really touched my heart

was at every event. As I waited

to get my diploma on gradua-

how Chris Cook spoke to the

graduates, my fellow class-

students at each of the

tion night, I was really pleased

Chris Cook cares about the

schools, and he wants to help

the schools as much as he

he told his personal stories

he learned from them. As I

can. He inspires me because

about certain things, and how

that the Board of Education

best week of my life. I couldn't

believe that I was graduating

and about to start a new

chapter of my life.

mates that night.

Brenda Underdown

Marion, Ky.

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very fortunate to have all of

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To the editor:

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have several of the earliest

archival materials.

Braxton McDonald

Locals would often say to me that when I return home, all I'm going to do is poke fun of the people and their ways down here in what I like to call "The Crit."

But I won't, because that couldn't be further from the truth of what Marion and its people mean to me

Instead, I'll tell them how a community can display such tremendous heart for Jake Hodge, the 12-year-old who passed away in his sleep. I'll tell them how this small town has hidden jewels neatly tucked away: a gem and mineral museum to amaze the eyes and a thriving Amish community to dazzle the mind.

I'll tell them about Vince Clark, who went to families homes to encourage dropouts to return to school and pursue a high school diploma. I'll tell them about Bill and Becky Stallion, who returned

to work at the farmers market just two days after their son's funeral. I'll tell them about the welcoming churches and community leaders, who all appreciated me for who I was and not what I did.

I'll tell them about Gordon Guess and the semi-pro baseball team and the impact 22-college kids swinging a bat had on this area. I'll tell them about Ron Padget and his work with Crittenden County Cares. I'll tell them about Denise Lanham and how proud she was of her daughter, Meredith, after she won the 2008 Miss Crittenden County Beauty Pageant.

I'll tell them about my host family, Scott and Melissa Tabor, and the love and support they provided a stranger. I'll tell them about the enlightening days I spent working with my managing editor, Daryl Tabor, at the Crittenden Press, and the fun-filled nights covering

Bobcat games in the press box at Gordon Blue Guess Field with Brad Dossett and others.

Heck, I might even tell them about the Subway employees who remembered my order everyday. My Spicy Italian seemed to taste just a little better knowing that people cared enough to remember who I was and what I wanted.

But most of all, I'll them how grateful I am for the opportunity and experience I gained here and about how wonderful and charming this community and its people can be.

Yet, as I leave this small town tucked away in a very rural (but very loving) county, a new song pops in my head: Montgomery Gentry's "My Town."

And for the 10 weeks I was here and when I'm old and have kids of my own, I will always enjoy calling Marion, just as I do Louisville, my



Kentucky State Police last week destroyed nearly 3,500 marijuana plants located throughout the Post 2 District. (From left) Capt. Brian Carlisle, Trooper Matt Foster of Marion and Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown unload marijuana cut in Caldwell County.

News Briefs

Woolsey now with Reward offered Princeton police

Former Crittenden County deputy Billy Woolsey is now patrolling the streets of

most recently Woolsev worked as a deputy for the Crittenden



Woolsey

that he was was a patrolman for the City of Marion. He is now an officer with

County

Sheriff's

Department,

but prior to

the Princeton Police Department. Sheriff Wayne Agent was

forced to cut his department by one deputy after the Crittenden County Board of Education last month eliminated supplemental funding for the resource officer's position at the middle and high schools. Though Deputy Greg Rushing had served as the school resource officer, both he and other full-time Deputy Don Perry had seniority in the sheriff's department and Woolsey was laid off.

Agent was eliminate a deputy's position when the school district pulled its \$25,000 salary supplement due to budgetary concerns. Rushing is staying with the sheriff's department as a regular deputy.

3,500 pot plants removed by KSP

Last week, troopers from the Kentucky State Police Post 2 in Madisonville, along with support from KSP Aircraft Section, eradicated almost 3,500 marijuana plants in four counties.

The overwhelming majority of the find was in neighboring Caldwell County. Of the 3,444 total plants taken. 2,395 plants were located in Caldwell County and 122 Webster in County. The marijuana plants were transported to the Madisonville post where they were destroyed. The estimated value of the destroyed plants is \$6.9 million.

At present time, no arrests have been made. Crittenden County, which lies in the Post 2 district, has yet to be searched, according to Trooper Stu Recke, public information officer with the post.

To anonymously report any type of suspected illegal drug activity, call 1-800-DOPE-TIP. Callers remain anonymous.

for generator lead

Crittenden County TipLine is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons who took a large dieselpowered generator from the Crittenden County Rescue and Squad Crittenden Fire Department County building earli-

er this year. The generator has been missing for at least sixbut months, precise date of its is not known. The



Arflack

Titan Industrial generator is red and mounted on wheels. Rescue Squad Chief Donnie Arflack said he knows of no other piece of equipment like it in the area.

Anyone with information regarding the theft or whereabouts of the generator can call 965-3000 and remain anonymous. A reward will be paid if an arrest is made from the information provided by

Natural gas prices likely to rise again

Heating homes and businesses this winter is likely to cost more as a result of higher energy prices, particularly for natural gas, the Kentucky Public Service Commission said this week.

"Natural gas prices this summer have hit levels not seen since the fall of 2005, when supplies were disrupted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita," PSC Chairman David Armstrong said Tuesday in a release. "Although prices have fallen in recent weeks, it still seems likely that heating costs this winter will be higher than in the last two years."

The most recent wholesale gas cost adjustments filed by Kentucky's five major natural gas distribution companies are, on average, 65 percent higher than a year ago. Atmos Energy, which serves Crittenden County, joined Delta Natural Gas Co. Inc., and Louisville Gas and Electric Co., in filing its highest gas cost adjustments ever last month.

All of the companies will be adjusting their wholesale costs again prior to the start of the winter heating season. 44 percent Kentuckians heat their homes with natural gas.

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was walking on the stage and was handed my diploma by Chris Cook, he made me remember how he takes his time and tries to make these schools bully-free.

As the new school year is coming soon, there are many people who are getting ready for it. I hope that he gets the (school board) chairman spot again this year for this year's students. I don't think that anyone could work as hard as Chris Cook can. I have heard from other graduates say that they were really touched by his speech.

Thank you, again, Chris Cook.

> **Cassie Hughes** Marion, Ky.

(Editor's note: Cassie Hughes is a 2008 graduate of Crittenden County High School.)

Lions should sign different carnival

To the editor:

I work from 3 to 11 p.m.. on evening shift. I waited a vear and a half to get Sundays and Mondays off. I enjoy the days off because I'm a football fan. Football is still a good way off, and football is not the reason I'm writing this letter.

I have recently taken my family to the Union County Fair. I have a three-year-old daughter. This was the first time my daughter, Madalyn, was tall enough to ride some of the bigger rides. I had to ride with her, because she was only tall enough to ride with an adult.

I try my hardest to make the rides more enjoyable for Madalyn. If you ask my daughter who she would rather ride the ride with, mommy or daddy, she almost always chooses her daddy. My family and I went twice that week, and my little girl enjoyed every bit of it.

So for the last week or so, I have been building up the excitement for Madalyn to go to the Crittenden County Fair. Since the fair is not running on Sunday, the only day my family and I could go was Monday, July 28. When my family and I

Capitol

showed up to the fair on Monday, there were hardly any rides up and no one was riding them. When I pulled into the grass parking lot, I asked the guy taking the money what was going on. He informed me that some of the rides had not shown up yet and that the carnival would not be open, but the horse show would be. I enjoy the events of the fair

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but my daughter gets too excited about the rides to sit down and watch the event. I am very upset that the carnival association couldn't get its act together in time to get all the rides up and running. I would like to suggest to the Lions Club that they should make a contract with a different association for next year's

The worst feeling of this situation was explaining to a three-vear-old that the fair was closed. Though she will probably go some other time this week, she won't have her daddy to ride the rides with

Martin Schiller Marion, Ky.

(Editor's note: This letter was received last week, while the fair was continuing, but not in time for our printing schedule.)

Presidential vote still in question

To the editor:

Writing again from Illinois where I still read The Press and enjoy it. But I know you're probably asking yourself, "Who is he and why is he writing to our paper?"

As for writing to your paper, I think every American should reach out to each other - across the states, across the shining seas of America – even if it's just writing to your paper. But I also write because it's interesting to hear what's going on in Kentucky as well.

And both Illinois and Kentucky have something in common. Abraham Lincoln. But I know some are concerned about Barack Obama.

I, too, am inspired by his youth and energy to take a

chance to run for president. I admire him for doing so, but what I've come to learn about politics over the years is that politicians campaign on character issues. They make negative campaigns which cause people to lean left or right. That doesn't make sense to me because it should be about right or wrong. For me, I voted for Obama

when he ran for the senate and the reason I did so is because I got tired of the ones there not doing anything except fight. And, I like Obama's views. And I know in this presidential campaign some say he has not done a thing in Illinois. Well, no, of course not. How can anyone when the whole chamber of democracy is fighting more and doing less?

But right now, my vote for president is still up in the air. I'm listening to views from both sides. Rev. Lucy Tedrick is one of them. I admire her for what she writes. And, if some think she's too hard, it's not because she's cruel. She's just living by the Word of God, and it's her job to tell the truth and give her opinions because it's her country, too.

In Chicago recently, some there were asked if they believed in heaven and hell. Some do, some don't. Some also believe God couldn't be so cruel that he could not forgive anyone. But here's the truth, God forgives when those repent. God is a loving, merciful God. But He is also a just

With all the injustice going on in our country, He will not let it get by Him. And He would be right because there has to be justice. If there is not, then people get away with murder. Revelations is becoming more of a field day for God than anything.

Anyway, when November comes around, I will have more to think about and pray to the good Lord that whomever is elected will lead in the right direction. That's all I can do is pray.

Bob DeLacy Jr.

FPC support made baseball possible

To the editor:

On behalf of the Crittenden County Pony League baseball team, our team would like to express its sincere thanks to the Family Practice Clinic for its donation so our team could play summer baseball. Vince Clark

Marion, Ky

(Editor's note: Vince Clark served as coach of the Pony League baseball team.)



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Generally speaking

LeRoy Cox (left) and Amy Peek, both of Marion, were two of a couple of dozen or so Dollar General employees helping Monday to unload shelving from a semi Monday morning. Dollar General's new Marion store is set to open next week as workers prepare the expansive new facility on Sturgis Road for stocking. Kim Swinford, store manager, said the new location willl open at 8 a.m., Tuesday and have the same hours as the old store on Main Street, which will make its last sale on Monday just hours before the first transaction at the Sturgis Road location. Swinford said she does not expect any disruption in service, but the Main Street location may be forced to close a bit early on Monday in order to transfer and wire the sales registers. A grand opening will be held at the new store sometime in September. Meanitime, Farmers Bank will begin renovation of the old Dollar Store building to expand its banking headquarters.

TRASH

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on a limited basis in the county, but was notified that it would have to stop unless it qualified for a waiver.

Now, Waste Path has presented a bid which offers cheaper curbside pickup and lower rates for commercial dumpsters. There's a catch, however, because its rates for hauling off garbage from the convenience center northeast of town are higher than a proposal made by Freedom

The county's convenience center is a modern-day dump, where residents can take their garbage and throw it into large bins which are carried

off regularly by the solid waste Judge-Executive provider. Fred Brown said the convenience center has been a source of problems for several reasons. The service providers claim they lose money operating the center and citizens often complain that prices are too high and inconsistent based on the size of loads.

Freedom Waste presented the county with three options, each calling for higher residential rates than Waste Path's bid, but offered a more attractive plan for the convenience center. Both companies offered proposals that would allow the county to operate the convenience center itself or a price structure should they continue to oper-

Both companies proposed paying the county a five-percent franchise fee to operate here, but Freedom Waste would not pay that fee if it lowered its residential commercial rates to levels closer to, but still slightly higher than those offered by Waste Path. Freedom is also offering an alternative recycling plan that would help the county reduce its tonnage going into landfills, which in turn reduces its costs to operate

the convenience center. County magistrates will make a decision at their August regular meeting regarding the solid waste proposals. In the meantime, the county's solid waste committee will continue reviewing the proposals.

FIRE

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everyone in good humor." Hollamon, who has taught at the school for 25-plus years, said she also taught Nic's mother, Debbie.

"I was just devastated when I heard, and I felt terrible," said Hollamon of the news of the fire. "I just hope he's okay... and I felt for his mother because I know she's terribly upset."

Junior and Debbie Duncan declined to comment on the situation until they were sure Nic would be okay.

Nic was involved in several clubs, including Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, but left his lasting impression as a senior on the football field with football coach Al Starnes.

"Nic's the type of guy that will do anything you ask him to do," said Starnes, who coached Nic for one year as an offensive lineman. "He's very dependable, and he's just a good guy.'

Following an injury during a game, Starnes recalls Nic at the hospital being worried that he was letting his team down because he was unable to play the next week.

You want people like that, not just players, but you want people to be committed and dedicated to something," said Starnes. "That commitment and loyalty to everybody else is something Nic has."

Donations for the Duncan family are being coordinated and accepted by Katrina Boone, Debbie's sister-in-law. Boone advises that all those wishing to donate should contact her at 704-3187.



PHOTO BY ALLISION EVANS
Katelyn Kirk, a kindergarten student in Kay Kirby's Crittenden County Elementary School class, and her mother Rosanna look at her paperwork Monday during the annual Sneak-a-Peek program to help parents and children prepare for school. Crittenden County students returned to school Wednesday.

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proficiency of the student population on free or reduced lunches failed to meet the federal target, so the school will have to improve in that area in 2009 to avoid prescribed con-

The high school will be working as a team to improve math scores," said Driver in a release from the school district. "The district has formed a plan that aids in more students engaging in the Algebra II curriculum by their junior year, which is the level at which high school students are tested in math.'

NCLB results in all other areas of testing will be released in September. NCLB ratings are taken from scores on last year's Kentucky Core Content Test.

COURT

separate charge of theft by unlawful taking (valued at more than \$300) by complicity for his alleged role in the taking of a 1978 Ford tractor owned by Mickey Tinsley from a farm near Paddy's Bluff. The tractor was later found at a nearby scrap yard.

■ Joshua O. Hedgepath, 27, of Old Shady Grove Road was indicted on charges of second-degree possession of a controlled substance, second offense (Hydrocodone); third-degree possession of a controlled substance, second offense (Adderall); illegal possession of a legend drug (assorted prescription pills); for having a controlled substance not in its original container; possession of marijuana; and use or possession of drug paraphernalia, second offense. The charges stem from what police reports say was a consentual Feb. 23 search at his home.

■ Bobby J. Ipock, 25, of Madisonville was indicted on charges of first-degree promoting contraband and for being a second-degree persistent felony offender. The indictment stems from Ipock's allegedly bringing cigarettes, lighter and a knife into the Crittenden County Detention Center on May 27.

■ Tiffany Lanham, 21, of Terrace Drive was indicted on charges of trafficking in a controlled substance (marijuana) with 1,000 yards of Crittenden County Elementary School; and second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (Lortab) by complicity. The charges stem from alleged drug buys made on March 13 and April 2 by a confidential informant working for the narcotics task force.

Christopher McKinley, 23, of U.S. 60 East was indicted on a charge of receiving stolen property by complicity for his alleged role in the May 20 disappearance of the fertilizer spreader from a Tolu farm.

■ Theresa J. Fox Meadors,

indicted on a charge of trafficking in a controlled substance (marijuana) within 1,000 yards of Crittenden County High School. The charge stems from an alleged task force buy by an undercover operative.

■ Tracy Peek, 51, of Ky. 855 North was indicted on charges of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (Dalmane), second offense; and for being a second-degree persistent felony offender. The charges stem from a task force investigation on March 30.

■ Billy G. Schrimsher, 30, of West Poplar Street was indicted on a charge of theft by unlawful taking (valued at more than \$300) for allegedly taking a bank deposit totaling \$1,712.20 belonging to his employer, McDonald's restaurant in Marion, on May

■ Kristy L. Stoner, 27, of Eagle Mine Road was indicted on charges of seconddegree burglary by complicity; and theft by unlawful taking (valued at more than \$300) by complicity. Stoner allegedly played a role in the

48, of Highland Circle was taking of a fire safe from the Joe and Cathy Nesbitt residence on Dec. 4, 2007.

■ James A. Sutton, 22, of Claylick Road was indicted on a charge of theft by unlawful taking (valued at more than \$300) by complicity for his alleged role in the theft of Mickey Tinsley's Ford tractor from a farm near Paddy's Bluff.

■ David Blake Tabor, 18, of Waverly was indicted on charges of first-degree wanton endangerment; seconddegree fleeing or evading police; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol, first offense; possession of marijuana; and disregarding a stop sign. The charges stem from an alleged police chase that started in Union County and ended in Crittenden County on July 17. Tabor allegedly almost rammed a state police cruiser before later stopping his car and fleeing from police on foot. It was the second time this year that Tabor has been indicted for initiating a police chase. A previous indictment is still pending in Crittenden Circuit





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toms and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

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Airman York is the son of Stacy York of Ky. 120, and Karl York of Pigeon Drive, both of Marion. He is a 2006 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

Butler set to retire from public library

Barbara Butler, a mainstay at Crittenden County Public Library since the 1990s, will be retiring at the end of this month

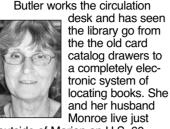
Butler's last day at the library will be Aug. 26. She has been a familiar, friendly face to patrons for the last 13 years. In fact, the library users have been her favorite part of the job.

"I've always enjoyed my job," she said. "I'm going to miss all of

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Community Spotlight

the faces.



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A public reception for Butler is being planned by the library and its board of directors.

18 of 25 seniors pass WorkKeys skills test

Eighteen of 25 high school seniors at Crittenden County High School passed the WorkKeys job skills assessment test given last spring for the first time ever. The test is administered by the same organization that offers the ACT exam for expected college students and is an alternative assessment of skills and knowledge for those intending on joining the work-

"This tells us if an applicant is teachable," said Joe McDaniel, an advocate of WorkKeys testing and owner of Par-4 Plastics in Marion. "In some ways, it's more important than a high school diploma; it's a much better indicator of the capabilities of an applicant.'

The scoring system of WorkKeys rates test results based on gold, silver and bronze level certifications, with gold being the best. Those seniors, now graduates, who took the test in the spring and their certification level are as follows:

- Gold: Craig Boone, Christopher Gilland and Whitley Spillman.
- Silver: Christina Gassner, Rickey Hackney, Martin Henager, Zachary Hewitt, Chad Ingram, Ashley Irish, Kyle Newcom, Michael Pendrick, Sara Shoemake, Cody Travis, Jonathan Whitt and Kaitlyn Williams.
- Bronze: Gary Eanes, Kendra Fitzgerald and Amber Smith

The test was offered at no cost to students through cooperation between the local board of education and Crittenden County Economic Development Corp., which donated \$2,000 for testing fees and educational DVDs.

"We work hard to put our money where it will produce the best results," said Stan Hoover, CCEDC director.

On Tuesday, the Department of Labor announced a \$250,000 grant to the Western Kentucky Workforce Investment Board. which provided CCEDC last year with the money to fund WorkKeys. Hoover said the group will certainly consider funding the testing again in 2009.

The board of education also seems intent on finding a way to continue funding the WorkKeys assessment to its coming gradu-

"It's become my mission to see that everybody knows what WorkKeys is," said board chairman Chris Cook, applauding the 72-percent pass rate of the firsttime test takers. McDaniel said there will come

nothing other than WorkKeys results when hiring applicants. He is even considering funding the test for his applicants. "It's the best thing I've seen

come down the pike in years," he said of the skills assessment.

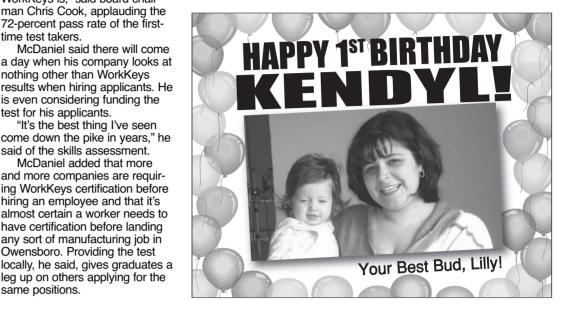
McDaniel added that more and more companies are requiring WorkKeys certification before hiring an employee and that it's almost certain a worker needs to have certification before landing any sort of manufacturing job in Owensboro. Providing the test locally, he said, gives graduates a leg up on others applying for the same positions.

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The Press Community Calendar

Today

■ Bro. Tim Burdon from Mexico Baptist Church will be speaking at 10:45 a.m., today (Thursday) at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion.

Friday

■ Native American singersongwriter Mark Cleveland will perform from 7-9 p.m., Friday at Fohs Hall. Cleveland provides an evening of original entertainment to benefit Mantle Rock Native Education and Culture Center. Cleveland and his cast of veteran Chicago musicians, performers and dancers provide a powerful vocal presence. The performers provide a unique combination of instrumentation, stage presence and musical ability in delivering songs woven from the fabric of Native American tradition, world culture and contemporary American life. Tickets are

Saturday

■ The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in the meeting room at the public library. Fav Carol Crider will present the program on the Crayne/Green families of Crittenden County.

Sunday

■ Old Salem Baptist Church will have homecoming on Aug. 17. Sunday school will be at 10 a.m. and morning worship service at 11 a.m. A singing featuring the Cumberland Valley Boys will follow a noon meal.

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.

Fohs Hall Inc., Board of Directors will meet at 4:30 p.m., Monday at Fohs Hall.

 Crittenden County Middle School site-based decision-making council will meet at 5:30 p.m., Monday. All SBDM meetings are held in the CCMS library.

■ Crittenden County Woodmen of the World will have a business meeting and ice cream social at 6 p.m. Monday at Woodmen of the World on W. Gum Street. Members are urged to attend and visitors welcome. Bring finger food or cookies.

Tuesday

■ Chronic back pain is the topic for Western Baptist Hospital's quarterly Brunch Bunch program on Tuesday. Speakers will be neurosurgeon Allan C. Gocio, M.D. on spinal



stenosis and treatment options; and Tony Bohannon, physical therapist at Baptist Rehab, on preventative care and early intervention for low back and neck pain. The free event, which includes box lunches, will be from 10 a.m. to noon in the Baptist Heart Center auditorium. Register by calliing 270-575-2851 or e-mail lora.croley@bhsi.com

■ Crittenden County EMS is hosting an in-service training for all local first responders, EMTs, paramedics, firemen and law enforcement personnel. Trooper Stu Recke, public affairs officer for Kentucky State Police Post 2, and Joey Jones will teach the class entitled, "Street Drugs and Overdoses." Free CEUs and fire hours will be given. The class will be held starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. For more information, contact Jones at 965-1040.

■ The Crittenden County Historical Society will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday in the meeting room at the Museum at 124 E. Bellville St.

Wednesday

Hershel Belt and Friends will play music at 10:30 a.m., Wedensday, Aug. 9 at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion. There will also be an AARP Driving Class from noon until 4 p.m.

Next Thursday

■ Free Food will be available Thursday at the Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m

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■ 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 Elementary School site-based decision-making council will meet at 3:30 p.m., Aug. 28. All SBDM meetings are held in the CCES



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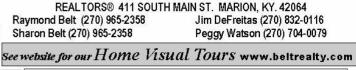
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Crittenden teen clowns around with food drive

By EMORY WILLIAMSON

David Drennan typically dons a blue dress shirt, black pants and shoes as he heads

into work at McDonald's. However, on Tuesday, Drennan plans to clown

around a bit, with a significantly altered work Drennan, 17, will be

participating as a clown named Little Caesar Rodney in the Owsley County Food Drive Kickoff Party, which will be held at the McDonald's Marion beginning at 3:30 p.m. The

event, which is headed by Drennan and Emmanuel Baptist Church, will benefit a local mission to send food to Owsley County, Ky Drennan said he'll be wear-

ing oversized shoes, a shiny red nose and a colorful suit in order to better promote the event.

'It was a promise to a couple of kids, and I said,'I should be a clown for one week and just see what it's like'," said Drennan, who added that the costume helped him play

games and better connect with needy, local kids. "It's just a good promotional tool."

According to the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development, Owsley County, which is locat-

ed in eastern Kentucky, about 300 miles east of Marion, is one of the poorest counties in the nation, and that is one reason Drennan seeks to help those in need. "You don't realize

how much you have until you see somebody that doesn't have any-Drennan thing," said Drennan,

who added that his two visits to Owsley County in the past few years have been rewarding. "(Owsley County residents) just don't understand why we keep coming back, because they never expected us to come back and they're really surprised that we care about them."

According to Drennan, the local efforts collaborate with the Ohio River Baptist Association and Appalachian Regional Ministry, in order to send pre-organized boxes of food to Jerry and Susie



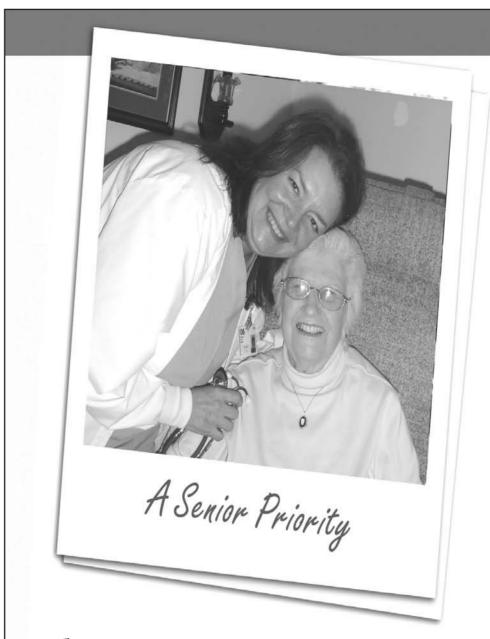
SUBMITTED PHOTO Little Caesar Rodney, a.k.a. David Drennan, will be clowning around Tuesday McDonald's to help feed the hungry in one of the poorest counties in the nation.

Lacefield, who have worked with the drive for several years and will proceed to distribute the boxes throughout the



Navajo Mission brings Word to native culture

A group of 17 area men and women that included Jerry Gray of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Marion and Trudy Bramblett, guidance counselor at Crittenden County Elementary School, recently visited Many Farms, Ariz., on an annual mission trip to the reservation. Gray (back row, second from left), of Princeton, is a member of the Marion church along with his wife Hilda, while Bramblett and her husband Stan. who also joined the mission trip, are members of Northside Baptist Church in Princeton. Gray is pictured above with other missionaries and residents of the reservation. The Brambletts are not pictured



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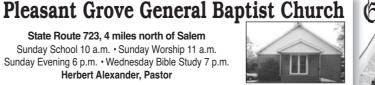
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2008 event organizer pleased with showing, but foresees furture changes

Fairly satisfied

By EMORY WILLIAMSON

STAFF WRITER

When many local residents were sleeping this past week, Shelby Belt, president of the Lions Club, which organized the 2008 Crittenden County Fair, was still working at the fairgrounds.

"By the time I was finished most people were home and asleep," said

Belt, who owns Belt Construction, Inc. and spent several days until 2:30 a.m., cleaning up the fairgrounds. "I've been having some pretty late nights.

As the fair concluded, Belt looked over the barren fairgrounds, which was littered with an assortment of trash and two tidily packed away carnival rides, and smiled.

Belt, who has volunteered and supplied much of his equipment and manpower for nearly a decade, said he still had to transport equipment to areas as far as Paducah.

money to do it, because I could be somewhere else working.

According to Belt, attendance and revenue at the fair was similar to last year, but results wouldn't be available for a few weeks. Although Belt said attendance was up for events such as Thursday night's tractor and truck pulls, others such as donkey basketball saw low attendance numbers

"I doubt we'll keep it because I think the only night we really lost money was the donkey basketball game," said Belt, who added that the Marion Bobcats playoff baseball game as well as poor weather conditions may have contributed to the low attendance.

"Everybody's busy and they're all working and they don't get off as

early so they don't come out," said Belt about how the Lions Club has struggled to find events for the middle of the week. "And the events we could have that would draw a crowd we simply can't afford, because we just don't have enough money to



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"It's just a chore and Demolition derby winner Glen Tinsley (left) shows off his trothere's a lot of work in it, phy alongside his brother Matt. Ironically, Glen, a derby mainbut that's just a part of it every year here at the fair," he said. "It's no problem, but it just costs money to do it has been problem, but it just costs money to do it has been problem. But it is prob

Although Belt was pleased overall with the 2008 fair, he said it's time for him to move on and that the next few months will be his last as president of the club. However, he will continue to volunteer with the club.

Getting into his bulldozer, Belt smiled again as he looked at the track of the fairgrounds preparing to move 50-plus 3,000-pound tires from Saturday's demolition derby.

"Somebody else can have all the fun," said Belt.

Fair results

A full-capacity crowd at Fohs Hall on Monday night witnessed Meredith Lanham, a senior at

Crittenden County High School, take home the crown as Miss Crittenden County.

Lanham said it was a dream of hers to be able to win the crown.

"I just can't believe that I got it, because it means everything to me," said Lanham, who placed second in the 2007 beauty pageant. "It really felt like a dream to me."

At the fairgrounds, 15 events were featured for the annual horse show. Belt said attendance numbers were normal for the event. Sisters Kelsey and Madison Moxley were the big winners, taking first place in four of the events, while Kayce Stewart also took first in three categories.

Tuesday, Eli Knight took home the top prize in the second annual talent show, as Tabbatha Riley finished second and Ashley Collins finished third.

On Wednesday, the fairgrounds became a little dirtier with donkey basketball as the featured event. Teams from Marion, Mattoon, Tolu and Frances participated in the first-ever fair

event, with Mattoon claiming the top prize as they defeated Tolu 6-4 in overtime in the championship

Mike McConnell, captain of the champion Mattoon squad, said his first experience with donkey basketball at this year's fair was interesting and rough on his aging body.

"I should've started a lot younger, but it was fun," said McConnell. "Now I'm gonna go home and get in the hot tub.

Following donkey basketball were Thursday night's truck and tractor pulls, which, according to Belt, saw a significant increase in attendance numbers and participants.

"It was the best we've had in



Fun and games entertained thousands of all ages during last week's Crittenden County Lions Club Fair, an annual summer event.

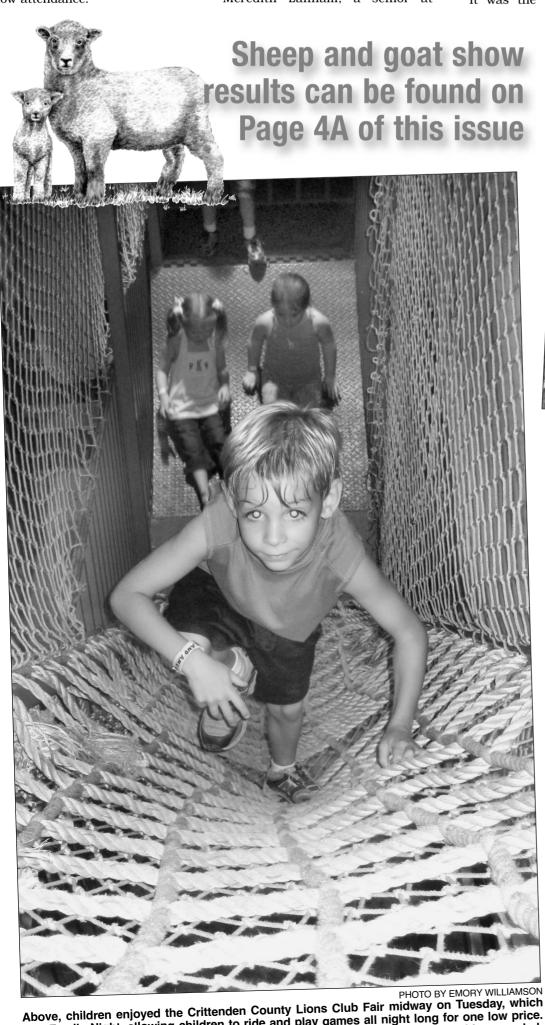
years," said Belt, who added that the pulls had to increase to 11 categories due to the amount of participants. "It was exceptionally good."

Wavne Glenn took the top spot in two separate pulling events, while Sean Wesmoland and Jamie Hunt each took home two trophies of their

On Friday night, the antique tractors and miniature tractors were showcased, but no winners were announced during the event. Belt said that the Lions Club may consider changing the Friday event for next year, but he wasn't sure what it would change to.

Saturday, the last day of the fair, was highlighted with the demolition derby, which, as it has done in the past, brought out the largest crowd to the fairgrounds. The winners of the derby were all residents of Crittenden County.

Glen Tinsley, riding in the No. 30 car, "Silver Bullet," brought home the first place award, which included a \$1,000 check and a trophy. Brad Walton, who rode in No. W92, finished second and Robby Jackson, who rode in No. K16, finished third.



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was Family Night, allowing children to ride and play games all night long for one low price. Above right, Thursday's truck and tractor pulls was one of the biggest draws this year, challenging even the demolition derby for the week's attendance title.



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Second	Jason Traylor
Third	Terry Thurston
Fourth	Danny Hunter
Fifth	Jane Carson
Sixth	Brad Hunter
August 2	

..Glen Tinsley (No. 30, Silver Bullet)

..Brad Walton (No. W92)

Robby Jackson (No. K16)

Demolition Derby

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.Wavne Glenn

.Jamie Hunt

Fair ExhibitOpen Division Class Winners

Timberlee Harris
Brandi Potte
Donna Haire
Dallas Haire
Breanna Jones
Darlene Abel
Dallas Haire
Pam Grace

Arts and Crafts classes:

Textiles classes: ..Jimmie Tomlinson Crocheted Item . Knitted Item. ..Darlene Abell Cross-Stitch Item..... Embroidery Item..... ...Darlene Abell ...I ibby Abell Plastic Canvas ..Sarah Ford Decorative Pillow... Clothing Item. .Donna Haire Clothing Accessory ..Dallas Haire Novelty Textile Article......

Photography classes: ..Sarah Ford Scenic Color Print.. **Animal Color Print.** ..Pam Collins People Color Print.. ..Pam Collins Grouping... .Debbie Hendrix Other Color PrintPam Collins Black and White Print..... Debbie Hendrix Same Subject.... ...Pam Collins Collection. .Debbie Hendrix

Baked Goods and Candy classes: Best Homemade Yeast Rolls.... ..Danielle Byarley Best Cookies Pam Collins

Best Brownies



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.Pam Collins

Darl Henley (left) records the results from the antiques division as they were judged by Larry Starr and Linda Perry.

Canned Fruits and Vegetables classes:

Best Pint Applesauce	Teresa Stalions
Best Pint Peaches	Teresa Stalions
Best Pint Blackberries	Donna Haire
Best Quart Green Beans	Larry Haire
Best Quart Tomatoes	Teresa Stalions
Best Other Fruit or Vegetable	Teresa Stalions
Best Pint Cucumber Pickles	Donna Haire
Best Pint Sweet Relish	Larry Haire
Best Pint Bread And Butter Pickles	Donna Haire
Best Other Pickled Fruit or Vegetable	Larry Haire

Jams, Jellies and Preserves classes:

Best Apple Jelly ..Teresa Stalions **Best Other Jelly** ..Robert Wayne Hunt Best Blackberry Jam Sarah Ford Best Strawberry Jam Teresa Stalions Best Other Jam. .Teresa Stalions ..Robert Wayne Hunt Best Preserves..

Field Seed and Grain classes:

Best Sunflower. .Teresa Stalions ..Danielle Byarley Best Alfalfa Hay, Square BaleDanielle Byarley Best Mixed Hay, Square Bale...... Most Unusual Seeds ..Dorothy Hughes

Flower classes:

Best Arrangement of ZinniasDorothy Hughes Best Arrangement of MarigoldsTeresa Stalions Best Arrangement of DahliasDorothy Hughes Best Arrangement Wild Flowers..... ...Anna Schnittker Best Arrangement Garden Flowers in Small Basket...Sarah Ford Best Arrangement MiscellaneousDorothy Hughes Best Arrangement of Dried Flowers...... ...Donna Haire Best Single Rose Specimen..... ..Dorothy Hughes Best Single Dahlia. ..Dorothy Hughes Best Single Large Marigold..... ...Teresa Stalions Best Single Zinnia.. Teresa Stalions Best Single Lily. .Anna Schnittker Best Single Hibiscus. ..Gretchen Jamison Best Potted Cactus... ...Teresa Stalions Best Hanging Basket of Flowering PlantsDorothy Hughes Best Hanging Basket of Foliage Plants.... ..Debbie Schaefer Best Fern..Donna Haire **Most Unusual** ..Dorothy Hughes

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Department:		
Best Bush Beans	Donna Haire	
Best Pole Beans	Donna Haire	
Best Lima or Butter Beans	Larry Haire	
Best Beets	Larry Haire	
Best Head of Cabbage		
Best Carrots		
Best Cucumbers for Slicing	Larry Haire	
Best Green Onions	Dorothy Hughes	
Best White Onions		
Best Yellow Onions	Larry Haire	
Best Red Onions	Larry Haire	
Best Okra	Libby Abell	
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Donna and Larry Haire of Marion check out the judging results from the flower division at the fair exhibit barn. There were 37 entries in the flower department.

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Best Eggplant	Donna Haire
Best Large Green Bell Pepper	Larry Haire
Best Large Yellow Banana Peppers	Libby Abell
Best Hot Peppers	Donna Haire
Best Hot Banana Peppers	Teresa Stallions
Best Jalapeno Pepper	Larry Haire
Best White (Kennebec) Potatoes	Larry Haire
Best White (Cobbler) Potatoes	
Best Red Potatoes	Larry Haire
Best Sweet Potatoes	Larry Haire
Best Summer Crookneck Squash	Danielle Byarley
Best Zucchini, Green or Yellow	
Best Butternut Squash	Larry Haire
Best Yellow Summer Straight Neck Squash	Teresa Stalions
Best Acorn Squash	Mason Haire
Best Squash (Other Variety)	Libby Abell
Best Yellow Sweet Corn	Teresa Stalions
Best Large Red Tomatoes	Donna Haire
Best Large Pink Tomatoes	Teresa Stalions
Best Large Yellow Tomatoes	Teresa Stalions
Best Large Green Tomatoes	Dorothy Hughes
Best Salad Variety Tomatoes	Teresa Stalions
Best Any Other Variety Tomato	
Vegetable or Fruit Critters	Larry Haire
Best Cantaloupe	
Best Pumpkin	
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Best Collection of Watermelons	Donna Haire
Best Display of Gourds	Donna Haire
Best Display of Shelled Peas	
Best Peaches	Teresa Stalions
Best Apples	Teresa Stalions
Best Grapes	Teresa Stalions
Most Unusual Fruit	
Best Garden Vegetable Collection	Larry Haire
Antiques:	
Oldest Family Bible	Tanya Hardesty
Kentucky Letter or Document	Dorothy Hughes
Photograph or Miniature Portrait	Dorothy Hughes
Pook	Stuart Colline

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State FairParticipants

Several youth involved in Crittenden County 4-H and FFA will be competing at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisvile beginning next week. FFA leader Larry Duvall said his group will have two teams competing at

August 14-24, 2008 the fair, though participating students have yet to be named. Meantime, according to Bonnie Baker, 4-H Extension Agent, numerous 4-Hers will be competing and are listed below:

4-H Food Exhibits:

Maggie Collins	Colossal Cookies
Emily Hendrix	
Danielle Byarley	Apple Cake
Dallas Haire	Salsa
Anna Schnittker	

4-H Home Environment:

Elizabeth Tosh.....Small Cloth Article with Machine Stitching Mason HaireRefinished Trunk ...Blanket in a Pillow Emily Hendrix.....

4-H Horticulture

Dallas Haire.....Truck Bed Salsa Garden Display, Snap Beans Anna Schnittker......Cactus Dish Garden, Garden Basket Display Mason HaireHouse Plants, Hanging Basket Danielle ByarleyTomatoes, Largest Tomato Shelby Robinson.....

4-H Leadership:

Hope FordRocket Club Secretary Scrapbook

4-H Wood Science: Anna Schnittker

.....Bird House from a Kit

4-H Forestry:

.....Second-year Leaf Collection Anna Schnittker.....

4-H Arts: Anna Schnittker

.....Painted Gourd, Junior Acrylic Panting Emily Hendrix.....Junior Basket, Junior Watercolor Casey Knox Senior Acrylic Painting, Senior Black and White Drawing

4-H Geology: Micah Hollamon.....

..Fossil Collection ...First-year Mineral Collection Marcus Hughes..... Coleman FosterSecond-year Mineral Collection

4-H Needlework: Emily Hendrix......Machine Quilt

4-H Crops: Danielle Byarley

Dallas Haire ...

...Alfalfa Hay, Mixed Hay, 2007 Yellow Corn, 2008 Yellow Corn2008 Sweet Sorghum

4-H Photography: Maggie Collins

Maggie Collins	Single Photo Hobby
99	Single Photo Animal, 5 Photos of an Event
Tara Ford	3 Photos Hobby
Danielle Byarley	Single Still Life
	3 Points of View Same Subject
Amelia Gilley	5 Photos Movement
Dallas Haire	Portrait
Chad Bell	Single Landscape, Single Community,
Community Col	lection, Single Horticulture Black and White,
	gle Horticulture Color, Horticulture Collection
Emily Hendrix	Photo Collection
Anna Schnittker	Horticulture Event Collection

4-H Goats:

Chad Bell, Danielle Byarley, Shelby Robinson, Pate Robinson, Jesse Brewer, Matt Papineau, Kayla Buntin, Kari Buntin and Rachel Jennings.

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104th state fair provides for more than fun when it kicks off next week

Since its formation in 1902, the Kentucky State Fair has enjoyed a rich, lively history. Aside from its unchanging tradition of excellence, the Fair has transformed dramatically in its lifetime, shaping itself into the fun-filled event Kentuckians know and love today.

And when many people think about 4-H, they might believe that the organization's main purpose is to teach young people about raising livestock and managing a farm. However, the 4-H Cloverville exhibit at the 2008 Kentucky State Fair will showcase the talents of these young people and prove that their knowledge extends into many areas that are not limited to agriculture.

Located in the West Hall, Cloverville will house the 4-H youth contests and county fairwinning projects that will be judged and displayed during the Fair. Providing educational opportunities for both 4-Hers and fairgoers, 4-H members will display a variety of skills as they give

State Fair info

Admission gates to the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville open daily at 7 a.m. and the exhibit halls are open from 9 a.m., to 10 p.m. Discount admission and Thrillway ride tickets are available one of two ways: online through Aug. 13, at www.kystatefair.org, or at all Kroger store in Kentucky and Southern Indiana through Aug. 13. Discount admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for seniors and After Aug. 13 admission is \$8

for adults and \$4 for seniors and

speeches, put on demonstrations

and participate in judging and other competitions. Some of the unique displays that can be seen in the Cloverville exhibit include health presentations, science engineering and technology demonstrations and international exhibits. Moreover, visitors can view over 4,500 projects stemming from forestry, geology, arts and crafts, horticulture, entomology, crops, animals and many others.

4-H members will also keep busy outside of the Cloverville exhibit. Fairgoers can enjoy club and specialty acts during the opening weekend of the fair as well as a 4-H Variety show that will feature specialty acts at 10 a.m. on Aug. 24, the last day of the fair.

4-H and FFA members who compete in the youth livestock competitions know how much hard work is invested in raising an animal in pristine condition to show at the Kentucky State Fair. Young agriculturalists will have the chance to compete against their peers in various categories designed for adults. Their hard work will pay off as winning livestock are auctioned at the Sale of Champions, the culminating event of the livestock competitions.

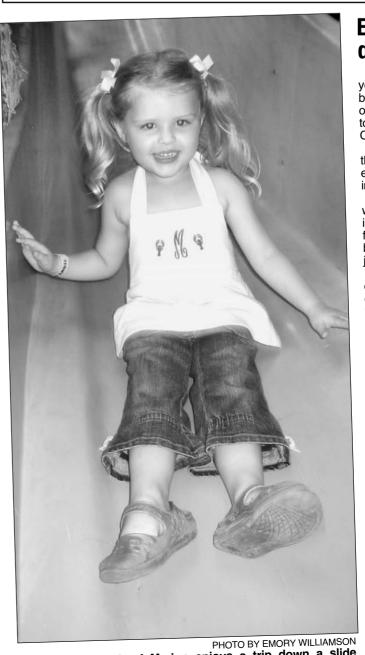
For more information on these and other exciting events and attractions at the Kentucky State Fair, visit www.kystatefair.org.



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Youth Sweepstakes winners

Youth Sweepstakes winners had a minimum of 12 exhibits placing in competition during the fair. Shown here with Bonnie Baker, 4-H Extension Agent, are the youth who received plagues for their efforts. Pictured are (seated from left to right) Emily Hendrix, Anna Schnittker, Dallas Haire, Chad Bell, (standing) Baker, Mason Haire, Shelby Robinson and Danielle Byarley.



Maggie Blazina, 4, of Marion enjoys a trip down a slide Tuesday at the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair midway.

Exhibit entries down slightly

Participation in this year's exhibits at the fair barn were down slightly over last year, according to Nancy Hunt, Crittenden County Extension Agent.

"The open division of the fair ... had 294 exhibits compared to 299 in 2007," Hunt said.

She said departments with slight increases in involvement included fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, jams and jellies and textiles.

"One of the purposes of the fair is to provide an opportunity for people to view exhibits entered, and I don't feel like we are really able to achieve this," Hunt added.

She said the fair barn where exhibits have been displayed for years is not air-conditioned, which makes it difficult on the volunteers and judges and discourages others from entering and Hunt said the exhibit

portion of the fair is reviewed each year. with future changes based on participation and interest. "It is doubtful we will

have the antiques division next year due to the overall low participation in this department," she said. And "we will be reviewing the entry times for next year to make it more convenient for the exhibitors."