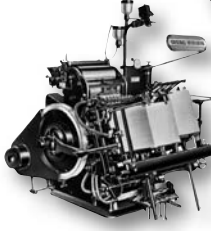


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Offices closing for Thanksgiving

During the Thanksgiving holiday period, none of the county offices in the Crittenden County Courthouse will be open Nov. 22-24. In addition, the circuit court clerk's office will be closing at noon on Wednesday, Marion City Hall, the Senior Citizens Center in Marion and all state offices will be closed Nov. 22-23. The Crittenden Press will also be closed those days, with the deadline for placing an ad in The Early Bird moved up to 5 p.m., next Wednesday. Only Thanksgiving Day is a federal holiday, so the post office and federal offices, as well as banks will be open Nov. 23. Local banks normally open on Saturday will also be open Nov. 24.

Christmas parade entries sought

The Annual Marion Christmas Parade will be held at 3 p.m., Dec. 8. The theme for the 2007 Parade is "What Christmas Means to Me." Applications and parade guidelines are available at the Marion Welcome Center at 213 S. Main St., or online at www.MarionKentucky.us. Application deadline is 4 p.m., Dec. 3. If returning by e-mail send to director@marionkentucky.us or by fax to 965-0058. Entries will be judged with cash prizes going to first, second and third place. Emcees for this year's parade will be the voices of the Crittenden County Rockets, Wompie Stewart, Zac Greenwell and Mike Crabtree. Any person or organization interested in helping with the parade or requesting information can contact the Welcome Center at 965-5015.

Free food given away this Friday

Free food will be available Friday for Crittenden County residents at the Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Recipients are asked to pick up food only for themselves.

Local meetings

UPCOMING
• Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Nov. 19 at City Hall.
• Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet 9 a.m., Nov. 20 at the courthouse.

Rain gauge

Reported by UK Agriculture Weather Service as of Wednesday at Paducah.

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Board tables four-day school study

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
MANAGING EDITOR

School buses will be running their usual five days a week next year after the Crittenden County Board of Education decided last week to forego any further discussion of a proposed four day school calendar.

"The general feeling is the change is too drastic for our situation right now," Superintendent John Belt said this week, days after the unan-

imous board decision was made.

With little fanfare, board chairman Ronald "Red" Howton read a prepared three-paragraph statement on that board decision to those gathered at last Thursday's monthly board meeting.

"To undertake a change of such magnitude as moving to the four-day school week concept is not right for Crittenden County schools at this time," Howton read in his closing statement.

The only discussion at the board meeting was offered by Belt, who took the opportunity to personally thank the 44 members of the four committees established to investigate the abbreviated calendar.

At a work session earlier in the week, the five-member board and Belt discussed the findings presented Oct. 23 by those four committees. At the public update on com-



"...The four-day school week concept is not right for Crittenden County at this time."

- **Ronald "Red" Howton**
Board of Education chairman

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After post-Iraq time off, soldiers back in uniform

Guard duty



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Sgt. Mike Little will join many of his fellow soldiers with Marion's National Guard unit during training this weekend. A longtime member of the unit, Little returned in September from deployment to Iraq with a Barbourville unit. Above, Little hoisted a new flag Friday above the Crayne Post Office.

Little eager to rejoin Marion unit

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
MANAGING EDITOR

After 21 years in the military and three deployments to the Middle East, Mike Little is eager to rejoin his comrades for training exercises this

weekend at the Marion National Guard Armory.

For the sergeant, it's a bit of a reunion after returning in September from a year deployment to Iraq with a Kentucky Army National Guard unit

based in Barbourville, about six hours away in southeastern Kentucky.

"I've been away from my men too long," Sgt. Little, who

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PHOTO BY ANNA JIMENEZ

Most of the soldiers with Marion's Kentucky Army National Guard unit will return to duty this weekend after three months off since returning from Iraq. Above, (from left) Sgt. Josh Jackson, Sgt. Jonathan McMackin and Staff Sgt. Tim Keel of Bravo prepare for a Veterans Day flag-raising Saturday at the Blackford Veterans' Memorial Trail.

Armory to host return to duty, Freedom Salute

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
MANAGING EDITOR

Soldiers with Marion's National Guard unit will return to military duty this weekend, after a three-month break following their August return from a year deployment in Iraq. They will return to the Carson Davidson Kentucky Army National Guard Armory for their monthly drills and an official thank you presentation from the Department of Defense.

Freedom Salute

Soldiers who deployed to Iraq with Marion's Bravo Company will be honored at 1 p.m., Sunday at the local armory with a Freedom Salute Honors Ceremony. The public is invited.

Forty-five guardsmen and families associated with B Company, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor, 38th Infantry Division will be recognized Sunday in a Freedom Salute Honors Ceremony at the armory. A countrywide effort by the National Guard to honor its deployed soldiers, the local Freedom Salute program begins at 1 p.m., with attendance from the public encouraged.

All of the soldiers will receive gifts from the military during the ceremony, one of their last acts as part of the tank unit known as Bravo Company. The Kentucky Army National Guard is in the midst of a statewide restructuring that will eliminate all tank units within the Commonwealth, according

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Johnson crowned top of the hill at Western

STAFF REPORT

There is little more Jeanne Johnson could ask for from her college career.

The senior is six months away from graduation, is serving as president of the Student Government Association, is active in Kappa Delta sorority and now can add homecoming queen to her collegiate resume.

On Saturday, Johnson, the daughter of Jim and Amy Johnson of Marion, was crowned homecoming queen at Western Kentucky University. She was nominated to represent Kappa Delta sorority, Farmhouse fraternity, and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

After a very busy week, Johnson was crowned from a field of 17 candidates rep-

resenting various organizations across campus: from Greeks to Christian organizations to major-specific clubs.

"Winning homecoming queen was the icing on the cake," Johnson said. "It was a testament to all of the hard work I've put into Western, not to mention an honor for being chosen to represent such an amazing institution."

Perhaps the only sour note Saturday was the Hilltoppers' 21-17 loss to Troy.

By virtue of her position as president of the student governing body, Johnson is a voting member of the Board of Regents at Western. Despite the extra-curricular activities that have kept her busy, she is majoring in financial planning and economics.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jeanne Johnson of Marion, shown with Western Kentucky University mascot Big Red, was crowned queen Saturday during homecoming festivities on the Bowling Green campus.

To disagree is not to hate

We are living in the most blessed nation on earth and the ingratitude that is seen in so many Americans is shameful and shows character depravity.

When an 80-year-old, so-called preacher wrote me that he was so angry at Bush that it has about turned him against the American flag, and he gets angry every time he hears someone tell him to "support the troops."

How sick! Yet he chided anyone that is against his choice for president and accused them of hate. I reminded him that the dictionary gives the definition of "strong dislike" to be hate, and the Bible says, "He that hates his brother does not have eternal life in Him."

When will people learn we can disagree vehemently with people and not hate them? When will people learn that our military personnel go where they are commanded to go, and when



Rev. Lucy Tedrick
Religious Views
Crittenden Press guest columnist

one is willing to go in my place, while I sit back and enjoy comfort and safety, I'm indecent to not appreciate that with all my heart?

This time of the year should remind all of us to be thankful for all God has and is doing for us, and for all others have done for each of us down through our lives and history.

Every time I read the story of the pilgrims and their hardships and first Thanksgiving I get all mushy. The same thing happens every time I hear the National Anthem. My heart swells with gratitude

every time I read of the horrific pain the signers of the Declaration of Independence suffered from the British.

There is no respect in my heart for the attitude of those who hate America and yet live off the fat of the land, many of them getting wealthy off of the rest of us, and for those that want to desecrate the flag, take "One Nation Under God" out of the pledge, "In God We Trust" off our money and all the other junk Satan's people are trying to force us to accept.

My heart is full of gratitude to all those before me, including my parents and grandparents, my siblings that helped each other and every American that ever donned an American military uniform.

Much of the rest of the world are trying or dreaming of coming here, and traitors here are trying and dreaming of making us into a Third

World country that they themselves will not want to live in once they achieve their goals.

All third world countries are where they are because somewhere in their history they turned their backs on God and He kept His Word: "A nation that forsakes me, I'll destroy."

May all of us spend the rest of this month thanking God and others for our wonderful bounty, and really make the day of Thanksgiving a true day of thanksgiving, even all the rest of this month.

Who knows, it might just become a good habit and help all of us to be more thankful the rest of our lives, and teach our children and neighbors gratitude which always enhances their character.

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

The Press Letters Policy

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

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

Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases should not exceed 300

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

The Press Letters

Community comes out on Grocer Day

To the editor:

This is to thank the community for their generosity donating to American Cancer Society Grocer's Against Cancer Day held at Conrad's Grocery Oct. 30.

The Crittenden County cancer board manned the information and donation table and celebrity baggers brought in tips for a total of \$594. The store will donate a percentage of that day sales to the American Cancer Society.

A big thanks to Mike for allowing us to continue doing this each year at his store and

now in memory of Mary Conrad.

Also thanks to the celebrity baggers Jim Christensen, Madeline Henderson, Bob Briley, Ron Howton, Chris Evans, Joe Suab, Ronnie Heady, Mickey Alexander, Ray O'Neal, Roger Simpson, Glenn Underdown, Frank Blackburn, Percy Cook, Steve Graham, Dwight Sherer and Mike Byford.

Also to ACS Crittenden County board members Ethel Tucker, Betty Sullenger, Rebecca McConnell, Margaret Gilland, and Rebecca Joseph ACS rep. of Paducah

Helen Lewis
Crittenden County Co-chair
Marion, Ky.

No holes-barred policy plugged

As memories fade with the years, it's easy to forget those tumultuous teenage days. The eagerness at the life ahead. The yearnings. Parents that just don't understand.

Today's teens are little different than your own generation at that age. They are at that awkward stage between childhood and debt collectors. Pimples are more concerning than wrinkles. And the phone is not yet the enemy.

Life is just beginning in high school, and what better way to celebrate coming into your own than by putting more holes in the human body than God intended? The nose, eyebrow, lip, tongue, cheek, ear, navel and some unmentionable spots have all



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become popular areas to adorn with jewelry. It's nothing new really, they've been doing it in the Brazilian rain forests for centuries.

But the nature of Yanomami Indian practices appear slightly more sanitary than those in American high schools. Maybe it's because trained elders in tribes who have yet to weigh in on Britney Spears' VMA performance know a little more

about body art than the average teen with a safety pin hanging from his bloody lip.

Such discoveries have led the local school board to ban any piercings outside of the ears. Seems a solitary case of the MRSA superbug at the high school - as well as random oozings and drippings left in language arts classrooms - were more than some were willing to tolerate.

In other words, if you have a hole in something besides the ear, whether girl or narcissistic boy, you had better keep it hidden. This severely limits possible facial piercings, and also restricts the use of ear plug gauges - circular jewelry that stretches the lobe wide enough to use as a bottle opener.

Since few of our high

schoolers practice tribal beliefs that accompany most piercings in the Amazon or on the African continent, banning excessive hole-making is applauded from both a health and disciplinary perspective.

So what does a diamond-studded lip have to do with discipline? Since such piercing require a parent's signature at any reputable body mutilator, Junior has probably had his way more often than not, and Susie has probably not been warned of the risks of certain behavior around a teenage boy in rut.

Then again, maybe she has, which is even more troubling.

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

24 honored by board for CATS scores

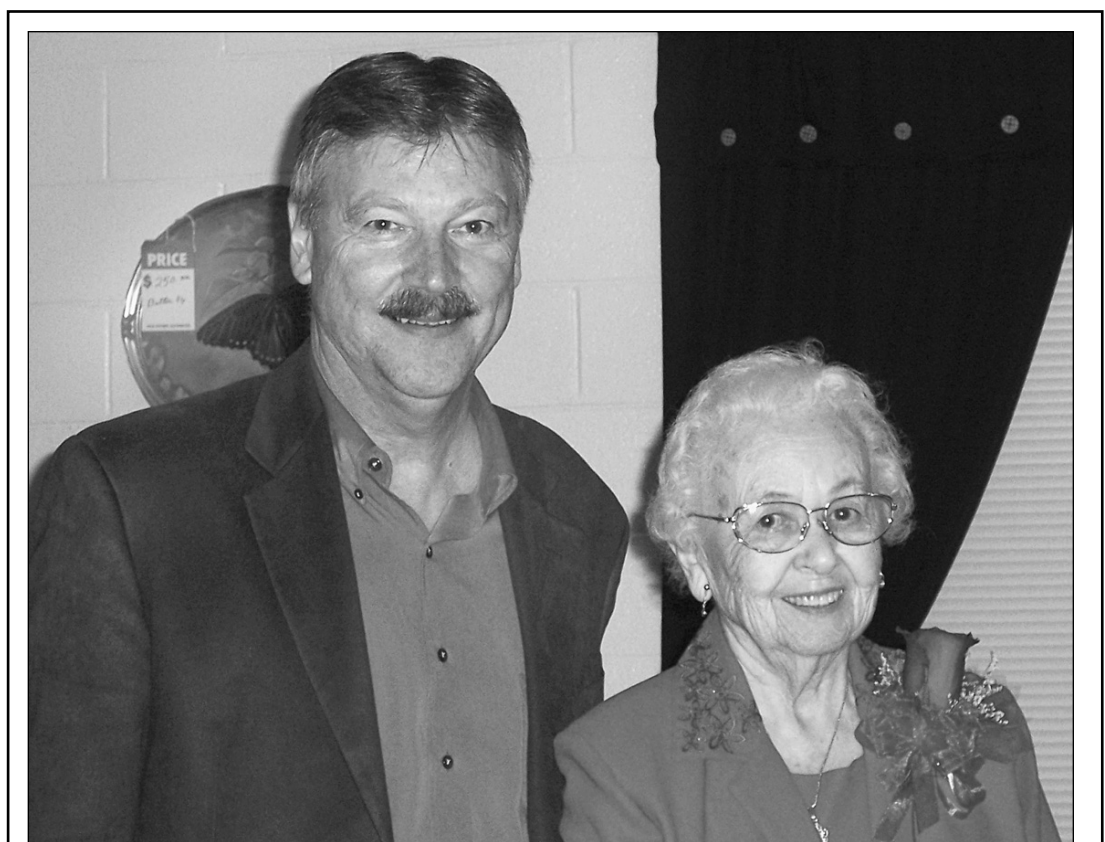
STAFF REPORT

Twenty-four middle and high school students were recognized last Thursday by the Crittenden County Board of Education last week for their performance on the annual Commonwealth Accountability Testing System, or CATS test.

Receiving certificates of distinguished achievement from the high school in reading and practical living/vocational studies were John Alvis, Molly Beavers, Kara Berry, Ashley Cinkovich, Tiffany Hearrell, Samantha Majors, Anna Palmer and Cassidy Pinson. Meantime, Melissa Croft, Marcus George, Elise Hill and Mary Hodge received the same for performance in math, science, social studies and arts and humanities.

The middle school "All Distinguished" students receiving certificates at last week's board meeting were Dylan Doyle, Taylor Fritts, Michal Hollamon, Elizabeth Brown, Devin Clark, Zach Collins, Tucker Frazer and Madison Travis. Current freshmen who took the test as eighth-graders last spring were Darrell Drennan, LaDonna Herron, Stephanie Hodge and Veronica Suggs.

CATS is designed to improve teaching and student learning in Kentucky and is administered each spring. CATS includes the Kentucky Core Content Test, writing portfolios and prompts, alternate assessments for students with severe to profound disabilities, the ACT, PLAN and nonacademic components.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Wish granted

All Helen Springs wanted for her 90th birthday Saturday she got. Her family in Wisconsin made it down for a visit. She was surrounded by friends. And, oh, she was given a special performance by one of her most notable second-grade students while a teacher in Wisconsin. Dale Brown, 60, who has performed his ventriloquism act nationwide and has been on numerous television shows, traveled from the Milwaukee area Saturday for a one-time only show at Fohs Hall, specifically filling Springs' only birthday request. "I guess I'm glad I tooted my own horn," Springs said Monday, admittedly tired after the busy weekend. "I'm still floating." About 80 people showed up for the show and reception put on by the local Red Hat Society. "I was so proud of them," the fellow Red Hatter said. Springs now has a final chapter to add to her autobiography, "My First 90 Years." The publicity in The Crittenden Press and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel also reunited Springs with two more of her former second-graders who either called or mailed a birthday card to the lady they first knew as Mrs. Silvernail in a Wisconsin classroom.



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Board of ed confronts health issues

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Bugs and superbugs. Or more particularly lice and the antibiotic-resistant MRSA staph infection.

Policies dealing with both were at the forefront of discussion at last Thursday's board of education meeting. At the high school, a confirmed case of methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, has prompted the board to amend the student handbook to ban body piercings. At the elementary school, the job of determining who is sent home due to lice infestation has been handed to the school nurse.

The high school's new policy banning any visible piercings other than in the ear is effective Nov. 26, according to Assistant Principal Steve Head.

CCHS's SBDM committee presented the policy change before the board after their own Oct. 22 meeting targeting the policy regarding facial and body piercings.

Two students given ISD

STAFF REPORT

Two Crittenden County students were given in-school detention last week after disciplinary hearings convened by the board of education.

Three hearings were held last Thursday after the regular meeting of the school board, but only two students received ISD as punishment, said Superintendent John Belt. The hearings were held in closed session at the students' request, so no further details on the matter were released by the district.

Sources tied to the middle school said the punishment was tied to a drug-related incident, but that was not confirmed by any administrative

personnel within the district. Board of education attorney Brandi Hagan, who conducted the hearings, said the misconduct was a "mole hill," not the mountain that some rumors had suggested.

ISD isolates students from contact with others, said Belt, and is utilized as punishment in the absence of alternative night school, which was axed this year due to budget restraints.

The two students will be eligible to return to the classroom in the spring, provided they meet criteria for attendance and grades, as well as joining SADD and agreeing to regular drug screenings. Otherwise, they will finish the school year in ISD, Belt said.

"The decision was reached primarily due to discussion regarding the dangers and transmission of Staphylococcus infections, as well as the risk of infection of

other diseases such as Hepatitis, HIV/AIDS and others," a summary sent to the board of education on Oct. 31 read.

The decision, in fact, was

reached before the confirmed MRSA case earlier this month. Staph is highly contagious, easily spread from skin to skin or by shared items such as jewelry. The infection can be deadly, particularly the MRSA strand.

The schools are taking extra precautions to reduce the risk of an outbreak, disinfecting door knobs and other areas like locker and weight rooms that may harbor the bacteria on commonly shared items.

A middle school policy already prohibits body and facial piercings and the issue has not been present at the elementary school.

CCEC lice policy

An outbreak of lice infestation at both the elementary and middle school upon students' return from fall break prompted a change to the "no-nit" policy at CCEC, meaning a child will be sent home for the day if nits, or lice eggs, are discovered. Previously, only the

discovery of live, or adult, lice would send a child home. The school's nurse will determine when a child goes home.

The emergency change amending the lice policy to a no-nit approach went into effect last Friday. Also in the change, three unexcused absences will be allowed due to lice.

At the middle and high schools, significant lice problems have occurred, staff said.

Text of the CCHS piercing policy change

CCHS will allow no body piercings except in the ear. Earrings must have a post and a back, or must have a clasp which fully closes. Plug-type implements or jewelry are not to be worn. Manipulating or removing earrings while in school will constitute violation of this policy. The sharing of piercing jewelry and piercing tools, as well as any form of piercing done while at school will also be considered to be violations of this policy. Violations of this policy may result in consequences administered according to the step process for major offenses as shown in the Student Handbook, which involves immediate assignment to the ISD classrooms, leading up to possible suspension from school and school activities.

LITTLE

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lives in Crayne, said last Friday after a brief ceremony at Crayne Post Office honoring his service.

Little spent five years during his 18 years of active duty as a recruiter for the Marion army. Many of the men who deployed to Iraq with Marion's B Company, 2nd Battalion, 123 Armor were recruited into service by Little. As fate would have it, the military deployed Little with the Barbourville's unit to Baghdad, while Marion's unit was hundreds of miles away in southern Iraq.

"I feel like I let them down by not being there," Little said, after hoisting the POW and American flag above the post office.

The 42-year-old soldier recruited both Spec. Chase Matthews and Sgt. Jonathan McMackin into the local unit. Both men were injured - Matthews severely - in a roadside bomb attack in Iraq,

making Little feel a bit of guilt. "Not because I put them in, but because I wasn't there," he said.

With his unit, Little was responsible for combat patrols keeping supply lines open around three Baghdad suburbs. While the unit lost nine vehicles to attacks of various types, no soldier was injured badly enough to return home. The insurgents, however, were not so lucky.

"God help me, I've had to shoot people I know," he said of some of those trying to carry out attacks on American soldiers or Iraqi citizens.

Little and the Barbourville unit were called to respond to a four-fatality attack on their brothers-in-arms with Army's 1st Cavalry.

"We cried for them, too, just like they were our own," Little said.

Now an over-the-road-driver for J.B. Hunt since leaving his full-time military duties, Little said not one of the insurgents encountered by his unit, at least those who could be identified, were Iraqi.

Those ID'd were Syrian, Iranian and Saudi Arabian sympathizers with the anti-American policy carried out by radical Muslims.

"These are the problem," he said.

Reception by the average Iraq was warm, he continued, particularly by the children, who would swarm the patrols as they made their way through the streets. That would sometimes create a problem by allowing insurgents a ripe target for attack, so soldiers would have to shoot away the adoring youth.

Little, who has an 11-year-old daughter of his own, Ashley, was welcomed to the table and befriended by many Iraqis during his year there.

"They believe in the Quran. I believe in the Bible. That doesn't make them bad people," he said. "They were some good people in our area."

Media coverage and the politics of the war make Little bristle, particular after returning from his third visit to the area.

"If we come home before

the job is finished, no matter how long it takes, we lose," he said.

Among some of the achievements of Little's unit were opening five schools, two water treatment plants and keeping the power flowing to homes and businesses.

"Of course, the insurgents tried to blow them up," he said.

Remaining loyal to his roots in the National Guard, Little fears the multiple deployments of the part-time soldiers will destroy recruiting among those not seeking a full-time military role. The Guard, he points out, is critical to responding to local disasters like Katrina or the tornado that tore through his home of Crayne several years ago.

That loyalty to the Guard and his fellow soldiers is what kept him, as well others in his unit, going in Iraq.

"It may sound bad, but when we were over there, we weren't there for Americans back home but for each other."

DUTY

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to Sgt. Sarah Holler, who works out of the Marion armory. The local unit is now a detachment of A Company, 206th Engineer Battalion in Litchfield, Ky.

"There are new people in here everyday," Holler said Tuesday.

The transformation will give B Company soldiers the option of retraining for a job with an engineering unit or taking their current skills to another armory. Since no more tank units will be stationed in Kentucky, that means guardsmen who opt to forgo retraining could be forced to find an out-of-state unit.

For some, the transformation is welcomed. Holler said. The engineering background will allow for a more practical translation into the civilian job market than experience with a combat-oriented tank unit, she explained.

"Like me. My resume is filled with scary stuff," said Holler, much of whose time in the Guard has been focused on law enforcement.

Holler, who handles much of the paperwork involved with the reorganization at the local level, said soldiers like



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

An array of gifts will be given Sunday to National Guard soldiers who deployed to Iraq with Marion's former Bravo Company.

Jonathan McMackin are excited about the change, eager to learn new skills that could help in future employment opportunities.

Some of B Company's soldier have already transferred out, while many new faces have already been reassigned to the Marion armory.

"We're shuffling people around," said Holler, who plans her exit from the National Guard at the end of

this year. "It's real difficult."

The last time a unit stationed at the Marion armory was reorganized was in June 1995, when Bravo Company was formed. Like B Company, the new detachment will be an all-male unit.

But Sunday will be for Bravo and their loved ones. A lengthy ceremony will bring together the soldiers, families, state military commanders and local civilian dignitaries

work that could be done."

Re-introduced this summer as a cost-saving measure after having been taken up by a previous board under then-Superintendent Fredericka Hargis, the local school district held up neighboring Webster County schools as a model for the possible benefits of a four-day calendar. In 2003, Webster County was the first district in the state to adopt an alternative calendar.

The cost-savings projected locally amounted to only \$10,000 to \$16,000 annually. By comparison, Belt said Monday the district just paid \$22,000 for its latest six-week supply of fuel for buses. Those growing fuel prices - up \$4,000 over the last shipment - were one of the major budget concerns that led to the four-day proposal.

"We are obviously concerned and monitoring the situation," Belt said over budget issues for this and next year. He said the dis-

trict's budget committee will start early on next year's spending plan, with work beginning as early as next month.

From the ashes of the four-day discussion and investigation, some good may yet come. Belt said efforts to create more teacher collaboration time, which many four-day districts utilize on their students' days off, will be eyed at upcoming talks between the board and site-based councils for the county's three schools. Four half-days were added to the calendar this year to give teachers the remaining hours of a school day to collaborate.

"We're always looking to steal ideas," Belt said.

Some alternative instruction ideas utilized by an academically-improved Webster County district since the implementation of the shortened school week are also intriguing, the superintendent said.

like Rep. Mike Cherry and Judge-Executive Fred Brown. The event will be emceed by 1st Lt. P. Barkley Hughes, a Marion native and former member of B Company.

One soldier deployed with Marion unit who will not be in attendance is Staff Sgt. Thomas Clemons, who died in December of a heart attack while in Iraq. Clemons, of Litchfield, was the only soldier associated with the unit to die while in Iraq. His family, if in attendance Sunday, will receive the honors presented to the other 45 soldiers.

Holler said other soldiers unable to attend like Spec. Chase Matthews, who is recovering from surgeries to an injured arm and amputated legs suffered in a roadside bomb attack in Iraq, will also have their names called for an opportunity to be recognized. Matthews, a Dycusburg resident, is at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

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Democracy's roots in Heaven

If you ask many Christians why Jesus came to the Earth and died on the cross, many of us will simply say that Jesus came to the Earth so that we could be saved from our sins. The Bible says that Jesus came to destroy the works of the enemy. My personal interpretation of Jesus' coming to live among men is twofold: I believe that Jesus came so that we would have a choice concerning eternal life and I believe that He came to be an example of who God is while living among the same daily challenges we face.

We would not be able to choose eternal life with Jesus except that He first set us as captives free from our captor, which is sin. Jesus empowered us with a choice. He even campaigns for our vote in that He lived His example before us and teaches us how we are to live our lives. Think about this for a minute: Jesus gives us the freedom to choose. He shows us what we should choose. He leaves the decision up to us, and then we face the consequences for that decision.



Democracy is not a Greek, Roman, or American concept. It is an idea born in Heaven when God's plan of salvation was conceived and the declaration was established that Jesus would come to give man an independent choice concerning whom he would serve. The framers of our constitution were used of God to give legal infrastructure to a nation used to spread missions work and workers around the Earth. But those framers, wise as they were, did not establish democracy in their closed door meetings. For democracy was created on Calvary's cross when Jesus won our independence and set us free.

We have just witnessed perhaps the greatest legal

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

— Joshua 24:15

expression of democracy in the history of America. States who elected a Republican president also elected Democratic congressional leaders. States who elected a Democratic president also elected Republican senators. That is an example of the power of choice. That is a testimony to the power of a democratic society whose citizens are given freedom to choose, informed concerning their choice, and then held accountable for the consequences of their personal

decision.

Like Jesus, the Body of Christ living through our churches today should embrace the freedom others have to choose. Like Jesus, our churches should inform others of the Biblical principles involved in the decisions to be made. Like Jesus, we must communicate God's word as it relates to specific political issues. And like Jesus, the church must then allow the voters to be held accountable for their choice.

New hope can be experienced by those who realize the power of choices and then choose wisely. Some choices bring us blessings and some bring us pain but I'll assume responsibility for my choices because my Savior died to empower me to make them. I am thankful to live in a democratic society, led by a democratic government, and empowered by a God who promotes democracy in America, on Earth, and in Heaven.

(Editor's note: Rob Ison is pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Greenwood Heights.)

Churchnotes

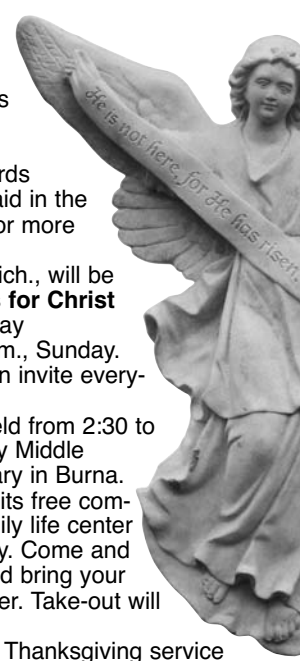
■ A gospel singing and chili supper will be held at 5:30 p.m., Saturday at **Salem Christian Life Center**. The event will feature Glory Road Travelers and The Hamptons with specials by Livingston County band and choir students. Donations accepted to go towards Livingston County Music Boosters to aid in the band and choir trip to Branson, Mo. For more information call 988-2520.

■ Bro. Brad Farley from Hillsdale, Mich., will be holding a revival at the **Ambassadors for Christ Church**. Service times are 7 p.m., today (Thursday) through Saturday and 6 p.m., Sunday. Pastor Kenny Downs and congregation invite everyone to attend.

■ The Revive Prayer Walk will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Livingston County Middle School and North Livingston Elementary in Burna.

■ **Marion Baptist Church** will have its free community Thanksgiving dinner at the family life center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., next Thursday. Come and join us for your Thanksgiving meal, and bring your family. There is no charge for the dinner. Take-out will be delivered only in town.

■ **Barnett Chapel Church** will have Thanksgiving service on Sunday with Bro. Steve Stone as speaker. Lunch will follow services and the Stone family will sing in the afternoon. Everyone welcome.



Progress publisher dies at 57

STAFF REPORT

James Edward "Jed" Dillingham, 57, co-publisher of the Dawson Springs Progress, died unexpectedly Monday at his home in Dawson Springs.



Dillingham

A 1974 graduate of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, he was also editor of the Dawson Springs newspaper, longtime treasurer for the West Kentucky Press Association and a member of the Sons of the American Legion and board of directors for the Kentucky Press Association. He was also a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Madisonville.

He was a Christian County native and is survived by his parents and brother and co-publisher Scott Dillingham of Dawson Springs.

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• Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Sunday Bible study and coffee 10 a.m.
Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. • Sunday night study 6 p.m.
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State & Regional Briefs

Briefs from around the state and region from The Associated Press and staff reports.

Vandals damage city-county park

City police are investigating damage at the Marion-Crittenden County Park Sunday night.

Maintenance officials discovered about \$1,000 in damage to fences and electrical service boxes at the park's high school soccer field Monday.

Police say they have some suspects because a group of people were on the field after dark Sunday night playing sandlot football under the lights. Officer George Foster responded to a call by a local resident regarding the activity at the park. When he arrived, those using the facility were informed that the field was locked and closed for the season. They were asked to leave; however, Foster did not inspect the area for damage at the time.

It wasn't until the next morning that the damage was found. Police Chief Ray O'Neal said it appears that someone used a hammer to knock the locks off the electrical boxes so that the lights could be turned on.

Tennessee River bridge work starts

Travelers along U.S.60 into Paducah should expect some delays as work on the George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge over the Tennessee River continues.

Maintenance work and pier cap repairs began Tuesday, according to Keith Todd, public information officer with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Reidland office. Work is expected to be complete in the next two to three weeks.

The bridge between Ledbetter and Paducah is almost 80 years old and carries approximately 8,500 vehicles in an average day.

Most of the work will be underneath the deck, so traffic restrictions should be kept to a minimum. However, motorists may encounter some occasional lane closures to allow concrete trucks to stop on the bridge deck to pump concrete into forms on the piers below.

Piers are currently under construction for a new bridge just upstream from the existing bridge. Completion of the new

bridge is expected sometime in 2011.

Livingston man found dead in fire

A 44-year-old Ledbetter man was found dead by firefighters early Sunday morning after a fire was reported at the home, according to Kentucky State Police.

No foul play was suspected in the blaze, though the cause of death and the blaze were undetermined at press time. It is also uncertain if Ray Ramage was dead prior to the fire at 300 Rudd-Spees Road.

The state fire marshal's office should determine the fire's cause this week, Deputy Coroner James Lamb told The Paducah Sun. The cause of death will be determined when reports are finalized in six to eight weeks.

Fords Ferry Road work to continue

The addition of sewer lines to homes along Fords Ferry Road inside Marion should be complete by the end of the week, according to City Administrator Mark Bryant.

"We'll follow up with ditch and widening work this winter," he said.

The joint city-county project will eventually see the street widened from near the intersection with Sturgis Road to Whippoorwill Drive. Because asphalt mix is not made during the winter, paving will not take place until spring, Bryant said.

"It'll be torn up this winter," he said of the roadway.

Though few closures are anticipated, Bryant said drivers should be aware of potential road work all winter.

Farmers Bank warns of Net scam

Farmers Bank is warning of an Internet scam that has cropped up three times at the bank in recent weeks.

Chris Cook, compliance officer at the Marion bank, said all three scams seem to be targeting people searching for home-based businesses on the Internet. The only successful of the three scams took one of the bank's customer for thousands of dollars. The bank, Cook said,

is now double checking transactions they fear may be targeting unsuspecting customers.

The scams issue customers false Wal-Mart Moneygrams or travelers checks asking they be cashed so that currency can be wired by Western Union to various entities, some overseas. Once cashed and sent, the person scammed can be out some big bucks.

Keys to look for on the false checks or documents include bad grammar, incorrect spellings such as "United State" and other fairly obvious security measures not present on the forged documents.

"If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is," warned Cook.

If suspicious of the fraud, contact the police or check closely with your bank before cashing any documents, he said.

Woman sentenced for firearm thefts

A Crittenden County woman was sentenced to five years for her role in theft of eight guns from a relative's home back in April.

Sandra Gibson, 19, of Adamson Lane was sentenced by Judge Rene Williams on Nov. 2. Her sentence was probated. Brent Gibson, 28, of Princeton was sentenced in September to two years in prison in regard to the same case. Both were charged with eight counts of complicity theft of firearms. The thefts occurred at a home on Ky. 654 North.

New area code use delayed again

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has pushed back a new area code for a large swath of the western portion of the state until at least January, 2009 and is considering whether it's necessary at all.

The new code, 364, will replace 270 in places like Henderson, Madisonville and Paducah. All of Crittenden and surrounding counties will be affected.

Originally the new number was to go into service on April 1, 2008, before being changed to July 1, 2008.

The PSC announced on Friday that the new code won't

be necessary until Jan. 1, 2009, after receiving an updated estimate on when the available numbers in the 270 area code will run out.

The new plan gives callers the option of using 270 or 364 to make long-distance calls to the area.

The PSC said it's still not sure whether the use of 364 will be mandatory after a ruling by the Federal Communications Commission could free up plenty of numbers in the 270 area code.

Two rifles found in wooded area

The Crittenden County Sheriff's Department has recovered two .22 rifles that officers think were stolen.

A hunter discovered the two long guns, one with a synthetic stock and telescopic sights. The guns appear to have been at the location for some time, Sheriff Wayne Agent said. They were heavily rusted and one with a wooden stock was badly damaged by the elements.

A serial number recovered from one of the weapons was checked on the nationwide police database, but had not been reported stolen.

The guns were found in a wooded area about four miles from Marion on U.S. 60 West. Anyone with information should contact the sheriff's department.

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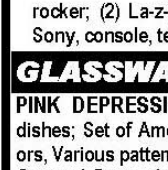
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ball ft. parlor table; Gone w/ind type parlor lamp; Old 1,000 lb. Safe (from Tribune Store); Antique high back wicker bottom rocker; (2) Sm. round, scalloped Duncan Phyfe claw ft. tables; Old floral, gold trim pitcher & bowl; (2) Oak square parlor tables; Hard rock Maple Dining table w/extra leaves, 6 chairs; Triple size hutch; Maple Corner china cabinet; Nice Queen size paneled poster bed, triple dresser, chest & night stand; (2) Broyhill, good cond. traditional sofas; (2) Queen Anne, wing back chairs; Round tier, occasional table; Coffee & end tables; Oak glider



rocker; (2) La-z-y boy recliners; Drop leaf kitchen table w/4 chairs; Nice 22" Sony, console, television; GE Chest deep freezer, Occasional chairs; etc.

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FEATURE OF THE WEEK



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.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY HOMES

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SOLD ECONOMICAL & AFFORDABLE... is this 3 bedroom, 2 bath split plan home. Located on nice corner lot with unattached garage & large storage building.

FIXER UPPER...investors take a look at this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home located in Marion. Priced at \$14,500.

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.

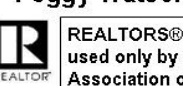
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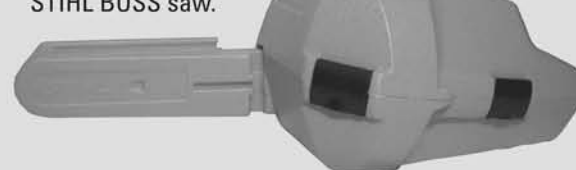


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Tradition holds that America's veterans are to be honored each year for their sacrifice, service and courage.

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Today, there are only four American men alive who carried the torch of freedom on the World War I battlefield.

In Crittenden County, two community Veterans Day services were held this weekend, with Marion's American Legion Post 111 hosting its traditional ceremony at the traditional time — 11 a.m., Sunday — despite the conflict with church services. Jim Estes, Post 111 commander, said the organization caught flak in the past when changing the service by just one hour, so the ceremonial time was upheld this year.

"We had a good crowd," said Alan Summers, Post 111 member, after Sunday's service. "If you think about it, the working man never gets to attend unless it's on a Saturday or Sunday."

On an overcast, blustery autumn morning, keynote speaker Rebecca Johnson recalled her trip on a similar day to Normandy, France, where American and other Allied troops stormed the beaches in 1944 to begin siege against Hitler's Fortress Europe. There, at Normandy, sits the largest World War II American cemetery, containing the remains of 9,367 U.S. servicemen and women who lost their lives on D-Day and during the next three months.

"When I stood at the edge of that cliff and looked down at Omaha Beach several hundred feet below, I realized how formidable a mission the American troops faced over 60 years ago," Johnson recalled, wearing around her neck the sergeant's whistle her grandfather Carl Strong blew during World War I. "When I turned my back to the



PHOTOS BY DARYL K. TABOR
Denver Perry James salutes the raising of the American flag Sunday at the American Legion Post 111 Veterans Day ceremony at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion. James, known to most as Perry, entered the service in 1943 and battled in Europe in World War II and in the Korean War. He left the service in 1963, wearing the same uniform he wore Sunday. Below, Rebecca Johnson, with her grandfather's World War I sergeant's whistle around her neck, gives her keynote speech at the ceremony as Legionnaire Alan Summers looks on. At bottom left, members of Post 111 lower the flag to half staff in the background of crosses erected at the war memorial to honor Crittenden County soldiers who have died in combat. Pfc. Johnny Warner Lindsey, whose cross is in the foreground, died in Vietnam in 1968.

Beach, the American cemetery was laid out before me — thousands of perfectly placed crosses, on a sea of green grass, stretching as far as the eye can see. Then I realized the true sacrifice that the men and women involved in that campaign made in 1944. Each of those crosses bears the name of an ordinary man or woman, who made an extraordinary contribution — a true hero."

Johnson, who serves as county attorney, knows those extraordinary offerings. Aside from her grandfather, Johnson's father, James Johnson and two uncles, Glenn and Byron Strong, served during World War II.

Choking back tears, she remembered her father's service in Europe as part of the U.S. Army Air Corps. Though he qualified for deferment, he chose, like so many others, to leave home and all that he knew to defend freedom.



"When I think of my dad's service in World War II, I think of an ordinary young man called upon to make a very extraordinary contribution to our country," Johnson said.

James Johnson served over three years in the European Theater without returning home. There were no phones. No e-mail.

"His only contact with home was the occasional letter or telegram," she said. "His sacrifice was typical of the soldiers serving in World War II."

Blackford service

At the eastern edge of the county on Saturday, one of the newest Veterans Day traditions took place.

More than 100 people from at least three counties traveled Saturday afternoon to the Blackford Veterans' Memorial Trail to honor American soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen. Organizer Danny "Brent" Witherspoon said he was proud of the community support for the ceremony remembering veterans of all wars.

"The ceremony was short, but powerful," Witherspoon said.

The birth of the park traces back eight years to when Witherspoon began efforts to save a century-old railroad trestle that joined Crittenden and Webster counties. From the very beginning, Witherspoon intended to honor Blackford native Tommy Ray Robertson, still listed as missing in action from the Korean War. But, with a veterans walk of honor and annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day services, "Spoon," as many call the Vietnam veteran, has transcended that initial intention.

Members of Marion's B Company, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor Kentucky Army National Guard unit participated in Saturday's ceremony with the presentation of colors. One of those, Sgt. Jonathan McMackin, was injured during the unit's tour in Iraq earlier this year.

"It meant a lot to me to have him there," said Witherspoon, who evacuated injured soldiers from the Vietnam battlefield in a Huey chopper marked with a red cross.

Rounding out the ceremony was participation from area churches and Marion's VFW post. A crew of Civil War reenactors with the Tennessee Valley Battalion offered a 21-gun salute with their period muskets crackling to lead into the ceremonial playing of Taps.

(Editor's note: Anna Jimenez and Daryl K. Tabor contributed to The Press' Veterans Day coverage.)

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan - to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.

— Abraham Lincoln, March 4, 1865



PHOTOS BY ANNA JIMENEZ

At top, shadowed against the late afternoon autumn sun, Sgt. Jonathan McMackin, Sgt. Josh Jackson and Staff Sgt. Tim Keel, all members of Marion's Kentucky Army National Guard unit, raise the American flag at Saturday's Veterans Day service in Blackford. Above, Rodney Hardyman rises from his wheelchair during the Blackford service when all veterans are called upon to be recognized. At left, members of the Tennessee Valley Battalion Civil War re-enactors prepare to fire ceremonial volleys with their mid-1800s muskets to close the ceremony. The group included Robert Ward, Robert Brooks, Miles Ward, Ken Powers, Alan Strunk, Frank Watts and Lisa Earles, all from the region.



The Press Community Calendar

Today

■ Crittenden County Habitat for Humanity will have its annual meeting today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at the Unity Baptist Church in Crayne. Officers will be elected, volunteer of the year award given and there will be guest speakers. All members are urged to attend and bring finger foods. Visitors are welcome.

■ Crittenden County High School PTO will meet at 6:30 on today (Thursday) in the high school library.

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

Friday

■ Heart to Heart Advisory Council will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday at the Senior Citizens Center.

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

■ High school seniors can order graduation announcements and accessories at 1:45 p.m., Friday. Extra information packets are available in the school office.

Students are asked to read the brochure and instruction packet carefully, talk with parents and be prepared to place orders with a minimum \$70 deposit or payment in full. A class ring may also be ordered on this date with a \$60 deposit. Ring packets are available in the office.

■ The Senior Citizens Center in Marion will host bingo this Friday. The center is located at 210 N. Walker St. For more, call 965-5229.

Saturday

■ The Mattoon Community Fire Department will have a chili supper from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, 103 S.R. 365 in Mattoon. Cost is \$6 per serving; including drink and dessert. Everyone is invited.

■ Dycusburg grocery will host bingo starting at 7 p.m. Saturday night. Call 988-3004 for any questions.

■ Livingston Central High School's FBLA is sponsoring a Princess Party from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday at the high school in Smithland. It is a fundraiser designed for preschool to elementary age girls who love princesses. There will be "real" princesses there, games, face painting, etc. The cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of event. Call Ashley Hansen 559-7028 for a ticket. Adults are free when accompanied by chil-

dren. Girls should wear princess costumes!

Monday

■ Renita Duff, Regional Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) will be in Marion from 9 a.m., to noon Monday at the Crittenden County Public Library. She can answer your questions and offer assistance for filing for VA benefits. Attend the meeting to find out if you are eligible for benefits. For more information call Renita Duff at 1-877-662-0008.

Tuesday

■ Crittenden County Middle School Site-Based Council will meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday.

■ Crittenden County Health Systems Auxiliary will sponsor its pre-Thanksgiving bake sale at 8 a.m., Tuesday in the hospital lobby.

■ Thanksgiving dinner for seniors will be served at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion Tuesday. The meal will be served at 11 a.m. The meals are \$2 for anyone over 60 and \$4 for others. Prior to that, an attorney will be at the center at 10 a.m., to discuss legal issues concerning seniors. For more, call 965-5229.

Wednesday

■ Mona's nutritional program will be given Wednesday at the

Senior Citizens Center in Marion. The program begins at 10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving

■ Marion Baptist Church will have their free community Thanksgiving dinner at the family life center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving day. Come and join us for your Thanksgiving meal, and bring your family. There is no charge for the dinner. Carry out will be delivered only in town.



■ Dycusburg grocery will be hosting a community Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving day from 5 p.m.-?, and donations will be taken for the cost. Call 988-3004 for any questions.

■ The Senior Citizens Center in Marion will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 22-23.

Upcoming

■ Tickets for Marie Osmond's "Magic of Christmas" at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts are now on sale for \$45 on

the main floor or \$40 in the balcony. The show is at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 8. Call 821-ARTS for tickets.

■ Murray State University is taking registrations for its next upcoming ACT Prep Workshop. The three-hour workshop will be 9 a.m., to noon, Dec. 1 and the price is \$30 for the workshop and will include a study packet. The workshop will be given at MSU and at its extended campus in Paducah. An English Blitz (Murray only) and Math Blitz (Paducah only) will be offered for an extra \$10. The Blitz courses, will build on the morning workshops and will take place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., after the ACT Prep Workshop. For more information, call 1-800-669-7654, ext. 3659.

■ Auditions for February and March performances of "The Odd Couple" at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts in Madisonville will take place at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 10 and 11. Scripts and further information on the comedy performance are available by calling 824-8650.

■ Auditions for February performances of "Children's Sleeping Beauty" at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts in Madisonville will take place at 10 a.m., Saturday. For more information, call 1-800-411-9990.

■ Tickets for "A Community Christmas: Quarteto Gelato" at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts are now on sale for \$18 on the main floor and \$13 for balcony seats. The 7:30 p.m., Dec.

1 show features Madisonville Community College singers and Quarteto Gelato. Call 821-ARTS for tickets.

■ Local Chapter 1373 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees association (NARFE) will hold its annual Christmas party at 11:15 a.m. on Dec. 5 at the Marion Cafe. All active and retired federal employees and their guests are invited to attend all meetings. For further information, contact Tom Diaz at 965-5229.

■ Cash Express is collecting toys, coats and canned food beginning Dec. 13 for Community Christmas. It is are located at 103 Morningside Dr. Call 965-9965 for more information.

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. For more, call 965-5229.

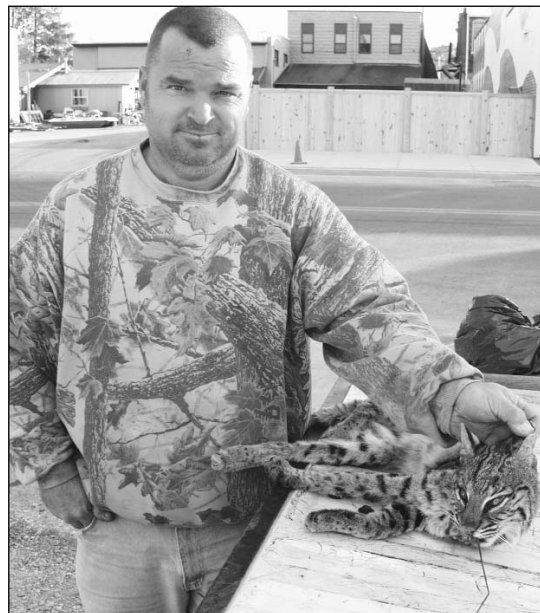
■ Anyone wanting to sponsor a child for Christmas may go to Pamida and pick an angel off the tree or contact Mona Manley at 965-5229 or Alicia McDowell at 965-9760.

Community Calendar items may be submitted to pressnews@the-press.com. They should be submitted by 5 p.m., Monday for publication in that week's issue.

THE LODGE POLE



Drake Kemper, 6, bagged this nice 8-pointer while hunting on his grandpa Bill Kemper's farm. It was his first buck.



Don Young harvested this female bobcat last week. The wildcat was apparently living under his house and was suffering from some type of disease. It appeared emaciated.

Deer season numbers

Here is a comparison showing the number of deer taken through the same period this year and last year. The difference is shown in the far right column, indicating a lower harvest in Crittenden and every surrounding county.

HARVEST RESULTS

County	Bucks	Does	Total	Change
CRITTENDEN				
2007 season	559	752	1,311	(-416)
2006 season	866	861	1,727	
WEBSTER				
2007 season	447	501	948	(-285)
2006 season	626	607	1,233	
LIVINGSTON				
2007 season	340	393	733	(-257)
2006 season	478	512	990	
CALDWELL				
2007 season	341	275	616	(-141)
2006 season	451	306	757	
UNION				
2007 season	208	197	405	(-145)
2006 season	269	281	550	
LYON				
2007 season	150	155	305	(-33)
2006 season	185	153	338	

Harvest data through Tuesday

Date is complete through 4th day of firearm season



Chris Davidson bagged this wide Crittenden County buck on opening day of rifle season. The rack's inside spread was 20 inches and it had 11 points.

Deer harvest down, but warden claims there're still plenty there

STAFF REPORT

Despite a noticeable decline in the deer harvest, Crittenden County Conservation Officer Randy Conway says it isn't due to a lack of targets.

"There are plenty of deer out there," said the game warden. "The hunters just aren't shooting them."

Conway said that based on his observations, the deer population was not severely damaged by the outbreak of hemorrhagic disease this past summer.

Harvest data show that Crittenden hunters and those in surrounding counties are taking fewer deer this season (see chart above). As of Tuesday, Crittenden's harvest numbers were down more than 400 animals from the same period last year.

"You can go to a clover field and see just as many deer as you saw last year at this time," said Conway.

The conservation officer says that while hemorrhagic disease has not damaged the deer herd to any great extent, he does think that the sickness is weighing on the minds of hunters.

"I think they're reluctant to shoot them," Conway said, "because they're not sure if they're safe to eat."

Based on scientific evidence, Conway said that deer that appear healthy are okay for consumption even if they've been subjected to the disease.

Some estimates are that one-quarter of the deer population was lost as a result of hemorrhagic disease. Field reports from various hunters indicate a noticeable decline

in the population in certain areas of the county. Some areas, the hunters say, do not appear to have been affected at all by the disease.

Conway said that anyone who picks up a rack from a deer that died from the disease must call him for an animal disposal permit. He said that even though the deer died from natural causes, it must be tagged in some fashion if a person keeps any part of the animal.

The same is true for animals found dead along the roadside.

Conway said he wrote eight citations during the opening weekend of deer hunting. Those violations were for failure to wear hunter orange, spotlighting, failure to tag or improper tagging and possession of deer antlers without a property permit or hunter confirmation number.



Crittenden County High School's soccer team held its annual awards banquet last weekend. Among those honored were (front from left) Elise Hill, Best Attitude Award and Senior Award; Ali Shewcraft, Offensive MVP and Senior Award; Shea Shewcraft, 110 Percent Award, Senior Award, All-District and All Region; Leah Keene, Senior Award; Mikka Crabtree, Senior Award; (back) Anna Jiminez, Up and Coming Award; Misty Wallace, JV 110 Percent Award; Sammie Jo Quisenberry, Defensive MVP; Jordan Millikan, JV Best Attitude Award; Jenna Odom, JV Offensive MVP; and Ellen Merrick, JV Defensive MVP.

Deer by the Numbers

September Harvests

1999	.30
2000	.42
2001	.45
2002	.49
2003	.59
2004	.86
2005	.47
2006	.89
2007	.57

October Harvests

1999	.289
2000	.249
2001	.359
2002	.310
2003	.255
2004	.375
2005	.284
2006	.378
2007	.318

Muzzleloader Harvests

2004	.392
2005	.305
2006	.356
2007	.139

*First two-day season only. Late week-long blackpowder season is in December.
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