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Roadside aid with SAFE Patrol

Many of the 38.7 million Americans on the move this Thanksgiving will travel through Kentucky. Unfortunately, some of those motorists will encounter problems within the Commonwealth. For those, Kentucky has SAFE Patrol, a free roadside service for highways, parkways and interstates. The services are tax-funded and offer tire changes, help with batteries or anything needed for an emergency. It's completely free and even tips are shunned.

To reach SAFE Patrol, call 1-877-FOR-KYTC - 365 days, 24 hours a day.



Offices closing for Thanksgiving

During the Thanksgiving holiday period, none of the county offices in the Crittenden County Courthouse will be open today (Thursday), Friday or Saturday. Marion City Hall, the Senior Citizens Center in Marion and all state offices will be closed today and Friday. Crittenden County Public Library will also be closed those days, but will be open as usual Saturday from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m.

Only Thanksgiving Day is a federal holiday, so the post office and federal offices, as well as banks will be open Friday. Local banks normally open on Saturday will also be open this Saturday.

Any city resident with a water or sewer emergency over the holiday should call 965-3500.

City names three board appointees

Appointments to two local boards were made Monday by Marion City Council to fill one resigned and two expired terms.

Vicky King was named to replace her father, Jim Myers, on the Marion Tourism Commission. Myers has resigned his position due to health reasons, and King will be taking over operation of Myers Bed and Breakfast in Marion.

Brandon Stinnett and Jim Tolley were appointed to the Marion-Crittenden County Park Board, replacing Greg Binkley and Ronald "Red" Howton, whose terms had expired.

Rain gauge

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

7 days 30 days 2007
0.37 3.78 34.48
below average: 8.57"

Forecast

Reported by the National Weather Service.

Thanksgiving Black Friday

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It's beginning to look like Christmas

STAFF REPORT

The Christmas spirit is getting a lift around town this holiday season.

Folks wishing to tour Marion's holiday decorations can hop on a free hay ride that will start after dark the first week of December.

Additionally, the courthouse Christmas lights and music will be turned on this week.

Ron Padgett, coordinator of the holiday decorations program at the courthouse, is putting together plans to add hay rides to an already spirited community holiday calendar.

"We're going to use a 16-foot flatbed trailer so people can get onto and off of it easily," Padgett said. "We'll have bales of straw and blankets for when it's cold."

Frequency of rides will be dictated

by demand, Padgett said. He plans to start the rides at 6 p.m., two or three nights a week starting in December.

"We might have them on Monday, Wednesday and Friday," he said. "Right now, I'm not sure how often we'll do it because we don't know what the demand will be. If we have a lot of people riding, we'll have it more nights."

Watch for a sign on the south side of the court square between the court-



Lunch with St. Nick

Marion's Lions Club will host Lunch with Santa at Marion Baptist Church's Family Life Center Dec. 8.

house and Farmers Bank. That will be the pickup area and there will be a sign posted denoting the dates and times for ride departures.

Padgett has been the tireless coordinator of the holiday lights program at the courthouse. This year, he's collected between \$2,000 and \$3,000 in donations and plans to turn on the juice to about 250,000 lights Wednesday night. While only a portion of the Christmas decorations will be lit for Thanksgiving, Padgett said the entire production should be glowing by early next week.

Some new things to look for on the courthouse lawn are three new musical trees near the manger scene and a sleigh with Santa.

Anyone interested in donating time or money to the decorations or hay ride

projects should contact Padgett at 704-1958.

Other popular holiday attractions are coming up in the next couple of weeks, too. The Christmas parade will be at 3 p.m., Dec. 8. Before the parade, the Lions Club will host its annual Lunch with Santa at Marion Baptist Church's Family Life Center. The theme for the parade is "What Christmas Means to Me," and the entry deadline is 4 p.m., Dec. 3.

Gone from the normal holiday schedule is the Living Christmas Tree musical. Last year, Fohs Hall celebrated its 20th straight chorus production, but this year organizers are taking the year off. The Community Arts Foundation is planning a smaller-scale holiday program. Further details will be available later.

Thanksgiving spirit feeds community



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Mona Manley, Pennyrile Allied Community Services Aging Coordinator for Crittenden County, delivers a Thanksgiving dinner Tuesday to Dorothy Tabor at the Senior Citizen Center's annual holiday meal. Tabor, a first-time visitor to the center, was one of more than 100 to enjoy the center's traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Seventy of those meals were delivered throughout the county to many who may have otherwise not had the opportunity to enjoy the turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce and green beans that most of America will enjoy today (Thursday). Pictured at the left of Tabor is Martha Lou Ingram.

Holiday meals fight loneliness

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

A familiar holiday aroma rose with the steam from a pan of simmering green beans while Candice Autry packed a wheat roll and pat of packaged butter into a paper sleeve. Meantime, on a metal table behind, twins Connie Cowan and Bonnie Penn put the finishing touches of cranberry sauce into a styrofoam dinner container.

One down, 69 to go. That was the scene early Tuesday morning in the galley of

the Senior Citizen Center as workers prepared some 70 hot Thanksgiving meals for delivery to their homebound subscribers. When the slicing and scooping was finished there, it was then time to pass more meals to a full dining room inside the facility.

Naomi Wright, who dipped nearly six dozen ladies of giblety gravy atop traditional turkey and dressing entrees to be home-delivered, missed the dozens of friendly faces who passed by the serving window Tuesday at the center.

After dip No. 70, she was out the door to make her 25 or so deliveries, taking a few moments to visit with shut-ins on her distribution route from Marion to the edges of the county.

Just another day for the ladies in the kitchen at the center. They do this five days a week, taking weekends and holidays off with the rest of the working world.

But just because the center is closed today for Thanksgiving

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McMackin honored with Bronze Star

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Separated by a couple of years and only a few miles growing up in Crittenden County, Jonathan McMackin and Chase Matthews were never closer than on March 19, 2007.

On that day, McMackin dragged a critically wounded Matthews from a burning humvee north of Baghdad, Iraq, despite his own broken leg and fragmentation wounds from an improvised explosive device. In addition to Matthews, who was driving the scout vehicle for fuel tankers headed south on the

main supply route from Baghdad to Basra, the transport's gunner, too, had been seriously injured in the blast.

"You never know how you might react until you get in that situation," Lt. Col. D. Mike Farley, commander of 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor of the Kentucky Army National Guard, said Sunday as he pinned a Bronze Star for heroism and bravery upon McMackin's chest. "He really stepped up."

McMackin, according to his commendation, also

fought off small arms fire during the ambush to assist his fellow soldiers, one pinned in the blazing vehicle and another knocked unconscious in the explosion.

Sgt. McMackin and Spec. Matthews, both graduates of Crittenden County High School now in their mid-20s, were soldiers with Bravo Company of 2nd Battalion at the time of the attack upon their convoy. Matthews, of Dycusburg, lost portions of



McMackin



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Sgt. Jonathan McMackin (right) with Marion's Kentucky Army National Guard unit chats with Spec. Chase Matthews Sunday afternoon outside the Carson Davidson National Guard Armory in Marion. McMackin was awarded the Bronze Star Sunday for heroic action he took on March 19, 2007, during an ambush on his convoy outside of Baghdad. The attack wounded McMackin and severely injured Matthews, the driver of the humvee.

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Sewer line extension priority list approved

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Johnny Travis is finally getting sewer. Ken Floyd is still waiting. And property for a proposed motel may one day have access to the coveted utility when Floyd and all sewerless residents of Marion can flush their worries down the city's drain.

"I'll have to see it to believe it," Floyd said skeptically Tuesday, just hours after Marion's city council approved a priority list that could provide the utility to virtually everyone inside the city limits.

Floyd lives on Hart Street, smack in the middle of an area where 18 homes rely on their own septic system for sewage disposal. How long has he been waiting to tie onto the city's utility?

"Since May of 1994," the manager of Five Star Food Mart in Marion said. That's when the family moved to the subdivision.

There are times, mostly in the spring and early summer, when private septic systems in the area cannot quite handle the waste and Mother Nature's soggy weather.

"You can't even stay outside," Floyd said of the odor.

But Floyd and his neighbors may have to endure only one more early summer inside away from the smell. The plan unveiled at Monday's city council meeting could see the 18 homes in the area that encompasses Hart and Rudd streets and Oak Hill and Country Club drives ready for tap-ons within a year.

"By late summer at least," said city Utilities Director Brian Thomas.

The remaining 68 properties within Marion left unsewered may have their shot before 2010 rolls around, Thomas said.

The total number of properties relying on their own waste solutions was as high as 100 this time last week. Fourteen of those were crossed off that list last Thursday when a joint road widening-sewer line extension along Fords Ferry Road completed its first phase.

"I'm tickled," said Travis, who has been without sewer since moving to his current Fords Ferry Road residence in 1962. "I signed the work order today."

Travis on Tuesday paid his \$300 tap-on fee.

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Floyd

Thanksgiving trampled by greed

The only thing that always comes to my mind is Thanksgiving is trampled by greed when Christmas songs and decorations start in early November, and many of those songs and decorations do not even honor Jesus' birth, the only right any of us have to celebrate Christmas.

Thanksgiving is not even given the honor of 21 days of the month for the most blessed people on earth to meditate on God's goodness, and contemplate the horrendous sacrifices God and our forefathers suffered for our freedoms.

Just a few words of reminder of some of the Pilgrims' hardships:

The Atlantic crossing in the fall of 1620 had been an extremely difficult journey for the Pilgrims. For two months, 102 people were wedged into what was called the "tween decks"-the cargo space of the boat, which only had about five-and-a-half feet of headroom. No one was allowed above deck because of the terrible storms. This was no pleasure trip, but only one person died during the voyage. The Pilgrims had comforted



Rev. Lucy Tedrick
Religious Views
Crittenden Press guest columnist

themselves by singing the Psalms, but this "noise" irritated one of the ship's paid crew members. He told the Pilgrims he was looking forward to throwing some of their corpses overboard after they succumbed to the illnesses that were routine on such voyages. But as it turned out, this crew member himself was the only person on the voyage to become sick and die, according to the Christian Law Association.

On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln wrote the following to America:

"It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy

and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.

"We know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?"

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.

"But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all of these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

Up-to-date advice for an up-to-date people that are neck deep in all the sins Lincoln mentioned plus the sins of sexual depravity he never dreamed this nation would ever be so inundated with. May we all be thankful and wise enough to heed his invitation!

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

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

The Press Letters

'Bonehead' Hunter will be missed

To the editor:

Bobby Gene Hunter, who died Wednesday, Nov. 14, was a 1946 graduate of Marion High School and one of the scrappiest football players to ever wear the blue and white.

Bobby Gene played guard on offense and the middle of the line on defense even though he weighed just 145 pounds soaking wet, and he went both ways for 48 minutes.

Bobby had the nick-name of "Bonehead." How and where he inherited the name I'll never know. But he was anything but a "Bonehead." In fact, he called the play that resulted in the clinching touchdown in our senior Thanksgiving game with Princeton.

Bobby Gene was loved and admired by his teammates and classmates and everybody who knew him.

He will be missed.

Bob Swisher

Paducah, Ky.
(Editor's note: Bob Swisher was a classmate and teammate of Bob Hunter at Marion High School.)

Woman donates \$25 to save feline

To the editor:

Pam Hinderliter of Pizza Roundup donated \$25 toward saving a cat at the animal shelter Nov. 12. She did such, facing her own surgery.

It's wonderful when people care enough to rescue an animal. The cat is a white short-hair named Ghost.

Donna Spencer
Marion, Ky.

BRONZE

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both legs and much of the mobility in his left arm. The vehicle's gunner, also saved from the blazing humvee commanded by McMackin, was a Guard soldier from Minnesota.

His actions "undoubtedly saved Spec. Matthews' life," read 1st Lt. P. Barkley Hughes as Farley pinned the Bronze Star upon the uniformed chest of McMackin. The sergeant saluted his commanding officer as the 44 other soldiers who deployed with Bravo Company in 2006, as well as their families, rose to applaud the actions of the Marion native. This all took place Sunday during the National Guard's Freedom Salute to all the citizens soldier who deployed to Iraq with the Marion unit.

"He was in the right place at the right time," Farley said of McMackin, following the hour-long ceremony held at the Carson Davidson National Guard Armory in Marion.

Matthews, who had just returned in time for the Thanksgiving holiday to his Crittenden County home from almost two months of continued rehab and therapy at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., did not attend Sunday's recognition ceremony. Instead, he sat outside the armory, far from the spotlight, in his shiny, new black SUV, patiently waited

Bronze Star

The Bronze Star Medal was established Feb. 4, 1944, for soldiers who distinguished themselves by heroic or meritorious achievement or service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. Awards may be made for acts of lesser degree than required for the award of the Silver Star.



for his fellow soldiers to stop by for a handshake visit. His shy demeanor did not mask the pleasure he seemed enjoyed as the soldiers and their families greeted the quiet red-head.

"I don't think this could have happened to another guy in this unit that could have dealt with this the way he has," the lieutenant colonel said of Matthews' uplifting nature. "I believe you could knock him in the head with sledgehammer, and he'd tell you he deserved it."

McMackin, the man who pulled his hometown buddy from the wreckage on that day in March, patiently waited for the crowd that had gathered around Matthews' SUV to filter away. When he leaned his head through Matthews' open window, the two shared a few memories and some congratulations. Neither seems comfortable

with the attention each has received.

With a familiar smile on his face, Matthews said he returns to Washington Dec. 9 for ongoing therapy. His father Rudy, who has been by his son's side the entire time of his recovery, will undoubtedly also return to Walter Reed at that time. Spec. Matthews is still a member of Bravo Company, despite his injuries. He will remain a soldier until the Army clears him medically.

McMackin has recovered, and remains with the Marion unit, though a restructuring of the Kentucky Army National Guard has reorganized the former tanker unit of Bravo Company into an detachment of A Company, 206th Engineer Battalion in Leitchfield, Ky. McMackin, who lives in Marion with his wife Megan, will likely retrain for duty with an engineering unit and remain in Marion.

Sgt. Mike Little, a former full-time recruiter with Bravo Company who enlisted both Matthews and McMackin, said the Army couldn't ask for two better soldiers. Little, also of Crittenden County, joined the local unit last weekend for its first time back in uniformed training since returning from Iraq this summer.

Another soldier assigned to Bravo Company while in Iraq, Sgt. Thomas W. Clemons, 37, of Leitchfield, died of a heart attack last December while in Iraq. His family was also on hand Sunday to be recognized for their sacrifice.

MEAL

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doesn't mean a hot meal of tom or hen turkey isn't available for those who are alone or unable to cook on this uniquely American holiday.

Two Marion churches and one Dycusburg community hang-out will start or continue the spirit of the day, passing out free meals to any and all who pass through their doors. The patriarch of the tradition, Marion Baptist Church, is even delivering to homes on what promises to be the chilliest day of autumn thus far, with an overcast sky and a wind-chill factor hovering below 40 all day long.

New to the game this year is Goshen Independent General Baptist Church. The name may be a mouthful, but Pastor Greg West is hoping more than the epithet will fill mouths at his church from 11 a.m., to 1 p.m., today.

"This is something I've always wanted to do," he said Tuesday. "This is 100-percent free for any and all."

The preacher, who also serves as a county magistrate, has always been blessed to have family around on the holiday, making it important to him to take care of others who might be alone.

"Especially, this time of year. So many people have to be by themselves."

West is prepared for a crowd of one, two or 100.

"If we run out of food, I'd

feel good about it in a sense," he said.

The traditional meal and fixings at the fledgling church located behind Pizza Hut on Sturgis Road is free, just like the granddaddy of the community Thanksgiving meals being served at the same time across town.

Marion Baptist Church began serving its holiday meal nearly a decade ago under then-pastor Darrell Clarke. The house of worship now has a new leader, but Mike Jones knows not to tinker when he sees a good thing.

"Fay Carol Crider. She's the mastermind of this whole affair," Jones said, deferring details of the meal to the long-time church member and head Thanksgiving Day chef, as it were.

The new pastor said it was about a year ago at this time when he and his family first began considering a move to the church. The Thanksgiving meal tradition was one of the big reasons they chose to move from Cadiz last spring.

"There are a lot of folks who may not have family," he said. "This lets those people come together as a family."

Crider is preparing for a big family - as many as 175.

"That's a guesstimate," Crider said. "We don't know how many."

Church members have contributed seven turkeys and three hams for those who prefer what some historians are now saying may have

been the featured meat at the oft-overlooked first Thanksgiving dinner on Dec. 4, 1619, at Berkeley, Va.

Parishioners and other donors have stocked the pantry with the corn, slaw, sweet potatoes, green beans and other sides that will fill plates at the church's Family Life Center.

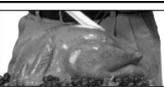
"That's very commendable of them," Crider said Tuesday evening as the turkeys had already started their slow, low-temp roast in preparation for today's meal.

She has a bit of experience in a big kitchen, having helped organize the event years ago and serving as many as 100 on Wednesday nights at the church's Mission Possible youth program. She began work with the Baptist congregation's Thanksgiving offering to fight loneliness on the day - that of individuals in the community and her own.

"That's one of the reasons I started doing this," she said. "I don't have anywhere to go or anyone coming down on Thanksgiving."

Instead, she will spend Thanksgiving with her church family and Friday with kinsfolk.

The church will deliver meals, to those who reserve



Turkey and trimmings

Marion Baptist and Goshen Independent General Baptist churches will offer Thanksgiving Day dinner at their houses of worship from 11 a.m., to 1 p.m. Dycusburg Store will serve beginning at 5 p.m. All meals are free to the general public.

them by calling the church at 965-1976 or Crider at 965-4298.

In Dycusburg, Star Mahns and her mom, Debbie Holsapple, were in the kitchen Tuesday already preparing for the evening crowd that will gather at Mahns' Dycusburg Store.

"I've got a whole countertop of pie crusts lined up right now," she said that afternoon. "I'll cook until I fall over and get up and do it again."

Like the churches, Mahns wants to give those who may be alone today in her southern Crittenden County community a chance to spend a special day with neighbors.

"There are a lot of people down here in town with nowhere to go," she said. Mahns is expecting about 50 at the buffet-style dinner, which begins at 5 p.m.

"It gets bigger and bigger every year," she said, dispelling the myth of Dycusburg as a rough-and-tumble, unwelcoming river town. "They come down to see everybody, sit and chat."

But there may not be much talking this evening with mouths full of fried or baked bird, green bean and hash brown casseroles, pies and cheesecake.

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U.S. 641 plans head south

Lyon-Caldwell portion of road discussed at Fredonia meet

DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

The only highway project through 2012 in Kentucky's six-year plan for transportation needs in Crittenden County is U.S. 641. That's how big the superhighway from Marion to Eddyville is for Crittenden County.

"It's probably the biggest project Crittenden County will ever have, I'd imagine," said Judge-Executive Fred Brown.

While on that transportation plan for the county there is also included \$655,000 for funding of the Cave in Rock Ferry across the Ohio River, it weighs in at under 2 percent of the amount slated for the U.S. 641 improvement project.

A Dec. 4 meeting in Fredonia to discuss plans and gather public input on this second phase of the new 15-mile U.S. 641 will be a big part of the project's future, the Brown said.

"We're moving forward with design work for the new U.S. 641 four-lane along the nine mile section from Fredonia to Eddyville," District One Chief District Engineer Jim LeFevre said. "We will be discussing several alternatives and asking for public input on those plans."

The public meeting will be in an informal format to allow interested persons to attend anytime between the hours of

I-69 information meeting scheduled for Princeton

STAFF REPORT

The Canada-to-Mexico superhighway that local officials were unable to woo to Crittenden County will be studied in a public information meeting Monday in Princeton.

Interstate 69, as proposed, would utilize existing parkways and interstates to connect Canada with Latin America. It would begin in Michigan and enter Mexico through Texas. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is close to completion of the second phase of a Strategic Corridor Planning Study that

would include use of portions of the Western Kentucky and Pennyriple parkways, according to The Times Leader newspaper in Princeton.

Monday's meeting gives the general public an opportunity to weigh in on or study the recommended improvements to roadways between Henderson and Eddyville, priorities and preliminary cost estimates. The meeting is from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Princeton welcome center at 201 E. Main St. A short presentation is planned for 5:30 p.m.

5 and 7:30 p.m., at the Lions Club Building in Fredonia.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Six-Year Road Plan calls for right-of-way to be purchased between Fredonia and Eddyville starting in 2010, with utility work in 2011. Construction for the second section of the new highway is not yet scheduled.

There is currently \$40.75 million scheduled on the six-year plan for the new four-lane U.S. 641 in Crittenden County. Right-of-way is already being purchased for the Marion to Fredonia section that is expected to be let for construction late next year. Brown expects utility work along the proposed 5.2 miles of roadway to begin next year.

In Crittenden County, the new roadway will tie in with the current two-lane U.S. 641 near Coleman Road just south of Marion and run somewhat parallel to the east of the existing corridor until reaching Fredonia. Next month's meeting will help

finalize the future path of the

road from that point south to where it will tie in with the Wendell H. Ford Western Kentucky Parkway.

"We'd like to encourage property owners and residents along the proposed route to come by, review the preliminary plans, and provide input on this important highway improvement project," Transportation Engineer Branch Manager for Pre-Construction Tim Choate said. "With good input from the public, we can do a better job of designing this new road to meet the needs of the region."

The Caldwell-Lyon portion of the new road is estimated to cost around \$100 million. It will utilize a portion of the existing U.S. 641 right-of-way, limiting impact on farmland and wildlife habitats, and run roughly parallel to the old road.

Choate said in September 2005 that the new U.S. 641 could ultimately be tied to international travel between Canada and Mexico, as plans for Interstates 69 and 66 call for use of the Western

Kentucky Parkway.

Despite the ouster of GOP Gov. Ernie Fletcher in this month's election, Brown does not foresee any change in course for the venture event thought a new head of state and party are taking up residence in the governor's mansion.

"I expect, even with an administration change, things to go on as planned," Brown, a Republican, said of new governor-elect Steve Beshear, a Democrat.

A handout containing project information for the second phase of new U.S. 641 construction, plans and exhibits for the project will be displayed at the Dec. 4 meeting. Representatives and consultants from the transportation cabinet will be available to answer questions about the project. Oral and written statements will be accepted during the meeting. Anyone who is unable to attend the meeting may review information shared until Dec. 19 by dropping by the District One office in Reidland.

Last day to send holiday mail to war zone Dec. 11

STAFF REPORT

Perhaps there's nothing better at Christmas for a soldier than to open mail from home. But time is running out to send those notes of encouragement or holiday packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Marion Postmaster Mike Simmons has some advice: "Mail early. War zones, by nature, are unpredictable."

The postmaster also had some other reminders, such as to print legibly and make sure a customs form is filled out for any package over a pound.

"That's very important," he said. "Otherwise, it'll get hung up in customs."

The Christmas rush has already started, he said, and President Bush's earlier surge in military personnel sent to Iraq is contributing to an overall increase in overseas mail delivery by almost 200 percent. The U.S. Postal Service is expecting to deliver 20 million pounds of mail to military installations around the world this holiday season.

To help ensure delivery of holiday cards and packages by Dec. 25 to military APO/FPO

addresses in war zones, Simmons recommends Dec. 11 as the last date to mail items First Class. He suggests the same date for Priority Mail and a week later, Dec. 18, for Express Mail.

All military mail, regardless of destination, is sent by domestic mail rate. International rates do not apply to military mail delivery.

"The second week of December should be the busiest week for overseas delivery. Mail to Iraq alone during this period is expected to increase more than 400 percent over the average weekly volume," reads a news release on USPS.com.

All packages and mail must be addressed to individual service members, as required by Department of Defense regulations. The postal service places military mail on charter flights, commercial airlines and military aircraft to reach armed services members overseas as quickly as possible.

The postal service has created a special CARE KIT designed for military families sending packages overseas.



Brown

Cherry named to gaming panel to investigate issue

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

Don't look for Mike Cherry to take a gamble with his constituents by supporting expanding gaming in Kentucky.

Cherry, who represents Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties in Frankfort, was named last week by House

Speaker Jody Richards as one of 15 state representatives to serve on a legislative panel to further study issues regarding the legalization of casino gambling in the Commonwealth. Richards, who announced the panel's lineup last Thursday, tapped Republican and Democratic lawmakers to look at the issue.

The panel has been established not to promote casino gambling, Cherry is quick to point out, but to simply act as a fact-finding group to address the issue and present information to the House of Representatives as a whole.

Gov.-elect Steve Beshear has said he intends to push the proposal through the General Assembly's upcoming session that starts in January.

Cherry, D-Princeton, said he believes Richards chose him in part because of his role as chairman of the



PHOTO BY BUD KRAFT, LRC PUBLIC INFORMATION
Rep. Mike Cherry, D-Princeton, asks questions Tuesday during the November meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on State Government in Frankfort.

House State Government Committee, but also to create a balance on the committee of views both for and against the issue.

"I support it being on the ballot," Cherry said from Frankfort on Tuesday. But "I have not been supportive of casinos."

Cherry and Richards both believe this month's election showed that Kentuckians want the chance to settle the gambling issue at the polls.

"The 2007 gubernatorial election focused on allowing voters to decide the issue of expanded gaming," Richards

said in a press release. "It is judicious for us to begin gathering as much information as possible on the subject, including studying how other states have approached the issue."

Cherry, one of 12 Democrats and three Republicans on the panel, is its only member west of Owensboro. He feels that most in western Kentucky, like himself, oppose any type of expanded gaming in the state.

Richards said the panel would start its work after Thanksgiving.

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STARTING OUT - 3 br, bath, liv. rm, quiet st. Priced right. W. Depot St. Owner wants offer. PEACEFUL WOODED SETTING - 16x80 home, 3 br, 2 bath, full kitchen, 2 decks, out-bldg. 1.5 +/- acre lot. Reduced to \$45,000.00. kz

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MOBILE HOME ON CORNER LOT - Pierce St. \$8,500.00. rd

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

42.5 ACRES - On Sp. bg

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NEW - DRIFTWOOD ESTATES - Building lot, lake view at Barkley Lake, Eddyville. \$30,000.00. gd

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Changing of the guard

B.J. Yates and Nic Duncan, two City of Marion employees, fought through rough winds while taking down the American flags around town late last week following Veterans Day. American Legion Post 111 used to put up and take down the flags, but at the request of Councilman Jim Brown at a recent meeting, the city is now using its manpower and equipment to spell the Legionnaires during patriotic holidays. Farmers Bank of Marion donates the flags for the decorations.

County employees losing \$100 'Christmas' bonuses

STAFF REPORT

Magistrates voted unanimously Tuesday to do away with a common holiday practice of giving Crittenden County employees a \$100 bonus.

Based on recommendations from Assistant County Attorney Natalie White and an interpretation of the legal consequences by Judge-Executive Fred Brown, magistrates decided to forego the common practice this year. The decision was made during the regular fiscal court meeting Tuesday morning at the courthouse. There was no one at the meeting representing county employees.

"As bad as I hate to do it, it's something we have to do," Brown said as he presented a plan to ax Christmas bonuses - commonly called incentive pay - for 38 county employees. Brown said he had researched several options over the past few days to try and save the annual practice, but found none to be within the confines of the law.

Legal stipulations prevent any government or public agency from using taxpayer funds to provide holiday bonuses to employees.

In other business, the fiscal court approved a plan to buy a \$1,500 defibrillator for the

county courthouse.

Magistrates appointed a Crittenden County Solid Waste Committee to consider applications for exemptions to the county's franchise policy for trash collectors. Currently, Waste Management has the county's only franchise agreement to collect waste here. Other special trash collection service providers may apply for a waiver to continue operating here. They have until Dec. 31 to apply and receive such an exemption or be found in violation of the county's solid waste ordinance.

County Attorney Rebecca Johnson recently sent letters to three local providers who do not have franchise agreements or special service exemptions with the county. They were

Madisonville Waste Disposal, James Dempsey and Waste Path Sanitation LLC. Those garbage collectors will have to have a franchise or waiver in order to operate starting in 2008.

The committee that will consider applications will include Judge-Executive Brown, County Treasurer Sue Padgett and magistrates Curt Buntin and Glenn Underdown.

The fiscal court also approved a measure that will permit the Bank of New York to sell just over \$7.1 million in general obligation bonds to fund construction of the new county jail. The bonds will go on sale next Thursday. The county has used temporary financing to pay construction bills up to this point.

Crittenden justices attend fall summit

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judges William E. Mitchell and René Williams, who serve Crittenden, Union and Webster counties, took part in the 2007 Circuit Judges Fall Conference recently in Louisville. The Administrative Office of the Courts, or AOC, offered the conference for Circuit and Family Court judges throughout the state.



Williams

Circuit judges face a wide range of cases in their courtrooms and we offer training on how best to handle issues as varied as shaken baby syndrome and docket management," said Laurel/Knox Circuit Judge Roderick Messer, who is president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association.

The conference provided sessions on how judges can best handle cases of shaken baby syndrome. Other topics on the agenda were issues in criminal proceedings, docket management, termination of parental rights and voluntary adoption, and dependency, neglect and abuse cases.

Circuit Court is the court of general jurisdiction and hears all criminal matters involving more than \$4,000. It has jurisdiction over capital offenses and felonies, dissolution of marriage, adoption, termination of parental rights, land disputes and contested probate cases. Family Court is a division of Circuit Court.

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Patient numbers spur CHS cost study

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Health Systems is studying ways it can cut costs further in light of a recent downturn in the number of patients using the facility.

Hospital CEO Jim Christensen gave his monthly report to the Crittenden County Fiscal Court Tuesday. He pointed out that the last six months have shown a decline in volume, which is cause for some concern. In light of the numbers, Christensen said the hospital is taking a detailed look at each department. He cautioned that cutting services will be the last resort. Improving services may be one course of action, his report indicated.

The hospital has a short-term goal of attracting several new physicians to the community. Its aggressive plan is to have seven full-time family practice physicians, a similar number of mid-level practitioners, a full-time general surgeon and part-time orthopedic surgeon as part of the local CHS staff by 2010.

Christensen said Dr. Amy Ratley will be the first new physician to join the community early next year.

The hospital board recently elected officers. Bart Frazer will be chairman, Wade Berry vice-chairman, and Charlie Hunt, secretary-treasurer.

Christensen

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He's eager to shed the septic system he's reworked four times in the last 45 years.

"Maybe I'll be the first one to get it," he said of the new Fords Ferry Road tap-ons. "I hope so."

The sewer extension plan, crafted in a Sept. 17 meeting of the city's public works committee, will utilize \$1.15 million in grants for sewer line extensions and use a combination of city and contracted labor to complete the work.

"These guys up there seem to be working a lot harder (than councils in the past)," Travis said.

Hart-Rudd Project

The city is hoping to save about \$50,000 after rejecting a \$200,000 bid Monday from J.S. Pipeline Inc., to complete what has become known simply as the Hart-Rudd Project. The Hardinsburg, Ky., company was the only one to submit a bid on the project. This is the second time the council has rejected a bid for the project, citing the cost estimate as too high. The work will now be completed by city employees.

The Hart-Rudd Project will involve a combination of gravity lines, force mains and individual grinder pumps that will have to be placed near the



Sherer

home of the property owner. This aspect has some concerned that residents may reject tap-on if their yard has to be dug up to install the grinder pumps.

"There are some property owners out there I know don't want their lawns destroyed," Councilman Jason Hatfield said.

The grinder pumps act to pulverize materials before pumping waste into sewer lines. In most cases, they must be placed within a few feet of the home's structure.

City Administrator Mark Bryant assured the council that only homeowners who desire city sewer will be affected by construction. If individuals prefer to remain on their septic system, no grinder pump will be installed. Line extensions will be carried out within the city's right-of-way.

"We won't tear up anybody's yard that doesn't want sewer," Thomas said.

Construction of the sewer extension will cost residents nothing. However, a \$300 tap-on fee will be assessed to those utilizing the utility. Once sewage becomes available to a property owner, whether they choose to take advantage or not, a sewage fee based on monthly water usage will be added to utility bills.

"That should make some people happy," Floyd said sarcastically.

He said some homes in his neighborhood have recently spent thousands replacing or cleaning their septic systems and would surely decline tapping on to city sewer.

"Whether these people want the sewer or not, they live inside the city, and it's a service we offer," Councilman Dwight Sherer said Monday evening, backing the sewer rate charge on monthly water bills.

Floyd said he'll gladly sign on, regardless of any dirt work that may be needed to repair his lawn after the small grinder pump is installed. He just wishes it would have come sooner.

"I don't know why they didn't require (city sewer) when the subdivision was built," he said.

His neighborhood was developed about three decades ago. Discussion of the Hart-Rudd Project has been going on for two years, Bryant said.

"It's all we've talked about the last year," Councilman Darrin Tabor said Tuesday. "I hope this will be over with."

Motel still waiting

But it could be some time before discussion of sewer line extensions are washed away completely. By agreeing Monday to the sewer priority list, the council ensured that no work would begin on an extension along U.S. 60 West for a proposed motel and campsite development until dirt is turned on extensions to all homes within the city wanting sewer.

That mile-long extension to Jerry and Linda Holsapple's property outside the city limit was requested a year ago by the couple. It was then agreed upon in principal by the council to utilize a \$400,000 grant to begin the project, Linda said.

Now, it could be as long as a couple of years away, if at all, before this expansion west of Marion takes place.

"I was told it could be by spring," Linda said Tuesday when contact by The Crittenden Press. She said Mayor Mickey Alexander told her he felt sure the project could begin by spring.

"It seems like they're working against us," she said with exasperation in her voice.

The Holsapples want to expand their RV park and camping area, but cannot do so until sewer is available due to health department guidelines. They, too, are eyeing construction of a motel, but will not buy into a franchise until they are guaranteed sewer service.

"They want me to offer them a guarantee, but we're getting no cooperation from them at all," Linda said.

The council has been reluctant to approve the expansion because some current city residents are without sewer. Before the money dries up, the majority of the council agreed, those within the city should take priority over a proposed project that would require annexation before sewer could be offered.

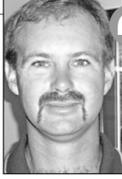
"It's okay (to sewer) if the others get their sewer," said Tabor, who along with Hatfield has been the most vocal in opposition of running sewer to the Holsapples until a firm guarantee of a motel is given. "If the funds run low, this is the project that would get cut."

When the first shovel of dirt is turned on the last Marion

home wanting sewer, granted there is still \$400,000 remaining, the Holsapples will get their sewer line and an opportunity to expand the RV park. Maybe even build a motel.

Until then, that's revenue lost, Holsapple said.

"They're missing out on



Everyone that is feasible for, who wants it, gets it.

- Brian Thomas

City utilities director on the city's sewer line extension plan

tourism," she said. "Their job is to help the community and city grow."

Last weekend, the Kentucky Army National Guard reserved 40 rooms in Kuttawa for its citizen soldiers returning to the Marion armory for their monthly training. For two nights each, that is a total of 80 room reservations. The Holsapples are considering a 20-room overnight motel.

Projects on the list

Aside from the completed Fords Ferry Road, \$138,000 line extension to 14 homes, the following individual projects appear on the city's sewer pri-

ority list:

■ Hart-Rudd-Oak Hill Country Club: \$150,000 for 18 homes. An engineering design has been completed and Division of Water has okayed the work to begin.

■ U.S. 60 East: \$100,000, from North Industrial Park to Crittenden County Road Department. Involves gravity lines.

■ West Cruce Street: \$75,000 (rough estimate), running service lines and likely installing small, dual-pump lift stations at five homes.

■ Crittenden Drive: \$75,000 (rough estimate), running service lines and likely installing small, dual-pump lift stations at four homes.

■ Sturgis Road: \$75,000 (rough estimate), running service lines and likely installing small, dual-pump lift stations at four homes across from the city's sewer plant.

■ Assorted extensions to individual homes as requested: \$200,000 (rough estimate), running service lines and installing individual grinder pump stations to remaining 55 unsewered homes inside the city limits, if requested and if costs aren't prohibitively high.

Some properties will be unsewerable due to their geology and some unsewered properties have no facilities for the use of sewer.

"Everyone that is feasible, who wants it, gets it," Thomas summarized at Monday's meeting.

■ U.S. 60 West: \$400,000 for proposed motel site, existing

restaurant and campground. Involves new lift station and combination gravity lines and force mains. Engineering design is more than 80 percent complete.

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2007 LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
November 19 Area 2	November 20 Area 3	November 21 Area 3	November 22 Holiday	November 23 Holiday
November 26 Area 4	November 27 Area 4	November 28 Area 5	November 29 Area 5	November 30 Area 6
December 3 Area 6	December 4 Area 7	December 5 Area 7	December 6 Area 8	December 7 Areas 1, 2
December 10 Areas 3, 4	December 11 Areas 5, 6	December 12 Areas 7, 8	December 13 Random Pick Up	December 14 Random Pick Up

AREA #1	AREA #2	AREA #3	AREA #4	AREA #5	AREA #6	AREA #7	AREA #8
Circle Drive, Conway Drive, East Central Avenue, Harmon Drive, Hillcrest Drive, Jackson Street, Meadow Drive, Morningside Drive, N. Weldon Street (from Bridwell Loop to N. City Limits), Old Fords Ferry Road, Pierce Street, Summit Drive, U.S. 60 (from Old Fords Ferry Rd. to Adams St.), West Central Avenue, Whippoorwill Drive	Carr Street, Cherry Street, Church Street, Club Drive, Country Drive, East Bellville Street (from Cherry Street to E. City Limits), Guess Drive, Luck Street, North Clay Street, Old Morganfield Road, Old Shady Grove Road, Rochester Street, Walnut Street	Crittenden Drive, Jarvis Street, Keeling Street, Lewis Street, Nora Street, North Main Street (from West Bellville to Old Fords Ferry Road), North Maple Street, North Weldon Street (from West Bellville to Bridwell Loop), North Yandell Street, Travis Street, West Mound Park Ave., West Poplar Street	Brooke Street, Drake Street, East Bellville Street (from Main Street to Cherry Street), East Mound Park Ave., First Street, North College Street, North Walker Street, Second Street, Short Street	Chadd Street, Court Street, Old Salem Road, South Main Street (from Bellville Street to Depot Street), South Weldon Street (from West Bellville to West Depot Street), South Yandell Street (from West Bellville to West Depot Street), West Bellville Street, West Carlisle Street, West Depot Street, West Elm Street (from Old Salem Road to Crittenden High School), West Gum Street (from School Rd to W. City Limits)	Briarwood Drive, Clark Street, East Carlisle Street, East Depot Street, KY 506 E., Kevil Street, Maxwell Street, Oak Street, South Clay Street, South College Street (from East Bellville to East Depot Street), South Walker Street (from East Bellville to East Depot Street), South Weldon Street (from West Gum Street), South Yandell Street (from S. Main Street to Crittenden High School), West Gum Street (from S. Main Street to School Rd.)	East Elm Street, East Gum Street, North Blackburn Street, Pine Street, South College Street (from East Depot to East Gum Street), South Main Street (from Depot Street to Gum Street), South Moore Street (from West Depot Street to West Gum Street), South Walker Street (from East Depot to East Gum Street), South Weldon Street (from West Depot to West Gum Street), South Yandell Street (from S. Main Street to Crittenden High School), West Gum Street (from S. Main Street to School Rd.)	Arleen Street, Cassidy Drive, Chapel Hill Road, Chippis Drive, Cottage Lane, Country Club Drive, Hart Street, Hickory Hills Drive, Leland Court, Nichols Lane, Leland Avenue, Oak Hills Drive, Old Piney Road, Old Piney Fork Road, Rudd Street, Shady Lane, South Blackburn Street, South Main Street (from Gum to S. City Limits), South Moore Street (from West Gum to Chapel Hill Road), Watson Street, Wilson Drive

For More Information, Call City Hall at 965-2266 or www.marionky.gov

Area & Regional Briefs

News from around
the region gathered
from staff reports

Man arrested for nearby metal heist

PRINCETON, Ky. — A Fredonia man was arrested earlier this month on suspicion of stealing metal items from a residence there.

Michael A. Vickery, 24, of Ky. 902 East in Fredonia was charged Nov. 9 with criminal mischief, criminal trespassing, two counts of theft and driving on a suspended license, according to The Times Leader newspaper in Princeton. The charges stem from an investigation into a complaint lodged by Frederick Wilson of Pleasant Hill Road regarding someone tampering with vehicles and other items on his property.

The vehicle Vickery was driving was spotted less than 20 minutes after the complaint was called in, only two miles from the scene of the theft. Located with the truck were assorted pieces of copper wire and aluminum and several radiators. The materials were returned to Wilson.

Kenergy offering greener electricity

HENDERSON, Ky. — Kenergy customers can soon begin utilizing a more eco-friendly-generated power for just pennies more per kilowatt-hour of electricity use.

Generated from a renewable resource, EnviroWatts will be offered as part of Kenergy's energy mix. This renewable resource energy is biomass power generated at the Donmar paper mill in Hawesville, Ky. Operating at almost 86 percent efficiency, the Donmar operation results in estimated annual carbon dioxide reductions of 267,000 tons.

EnviroWatts are available to residential, commercial and industrial members in limited supply. EnviroWatts can be purchased in 100 kilowatt-hour blocks at 3.63 cents more per kilowatt hour. In order to purchase EnviroWatts, you must agree to purchase that amount for one year.

"Kenergy customers that choose to purchase EnviroWatts will know that their cooperative is purchasing environmentally friendly energy to meet their needs while



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Defibrillator donation

Kent Johnson, human resources director for Westlake in Calvert City, presents Steve Head, assistant principal at Crittenden County High School, a defibrillator as a donation to the school district. Interest in a donated defibrillator arose when board member Phyllis Orr was contacted in a telephone call by Mike Stone, an employee of Westlake who is a Crittenden County native. Westlake has donated defibrillators to other school districts in western Kentucky, including Livingston County.

supporting the future growth of alternative energy sources," said Kenergy President and CEO Sanford Novick.

Area ethanol plant awaits tax credit

PROVIDENCE, Ky. — A \$107 million ethanol plant in Webster County awaits approval of a federal tax credit and other financial conditions before construction can begin, according to the Journal-Enterprise newspaper in Providence.

Kevin Sheilley, former director of Crittenden County Economic Development Corp., and now Northwest Kentucky Forward executive director, told the newspaper the plant will sit on approximately 140 acres of ground near Sebree, employing as many as 50 people producing 50 million gallons of ethanol annually. The plant will need close to 20 million bushels of corn for that to happen.

Kentucky currently has two ethanol plants and one under construction in Fulton, which would produce 55 million gallons of ethanol utilizing corn. According to the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, the two plants currently in operation are

Commonwealth Agri-Energy in Hopkinsville, which produces 33 million gallons annually also using corn, and Parallel Products in Louisville, that generates 2.4 million gallons from distillery waste.

State's jobless rate falls in October

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 6.1 percent in September 2007 to 5.6 percent in October 2007, according to the Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education Cabinet. October 2006's jobless rate was 5.7 percent.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained at 4.7 percent from September 2007 to October 2007, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for October 2007 was 1,944,093 on a seasonally adjusted basis. This figure is down 1,137 from the 1,945,230

in September 2007, but up 11,030 from the 1,933,063 employed in October 2006.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed Kentuckians for October 2007 was 116,407, down 9,222 from the 125,629 Kentuckians unemployed in September 2007, and up 446 from the 115,961 unemployed in October 2006.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for October 2007 was 2,060,500. This figure is down 10,359 from the 2,070,859 recorded in September 2007, but up 11,476 from the 2,049,024 recorded for October 2006.

Brown: I do not respect Beshear

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Former Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. won't be part of Gov.-elect Steve Beshear's inauguration, saying he doesn't respect the state's incoming governor.

Brown, a Democrat, declined Beshear's offer to participate as the honorary co-chair of his inauguration committee. Other former governors are participating.

"I don't respect him, I don't want to be part of it," Brown said of Democrat Beshear. "I'm not really interested in being politically correct."

Beshear defeated Gov. Ernie Fletcher in the Nov. 6 election, and will be sworn in Dec. 11. Former governors who plan to attend the ceremony are Wendell Ford, Julian Carroll, Martha Layne Collins, Brereton Jones and Paul Patton.

Brown, Kentucky's governor from 1979 to 1983, apparently still has some hard feelings against Beshear dating back to 1987. Brown and Beshear were candidates in the Democratic primary that year, before they both lost to Wallace Wilkinson.

Notice of Passage and Summary of Ordinance

ORDINANCE NUMBER 07-09: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on November 19, 2007, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on October 15, 2007, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance amends Ordinance #07-04 adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, by adding expenditures of \$24,410.00 to the General Fund; \$13,000.00 to the Building Fund; \$43,000.00 to the LGEA Fund; \$25,700.00 to the Municipal Aid Fund; and \$3,250.00 to the Water and Sewer Funds to cover appropriations approved by the City Council at previous City Council meetings.

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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Notice of Passage and Summary of Ordinance

ORDINANCE NUMBER 07-10: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §39 OF THE MARION CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on November 19, 2007, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on October 15, 2007, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance amends §39 – Revolving Loan Fund, by deleting sections requiring applicants to meet Community Development Block Grant regulations and objectives, and by adding sections specifying the conditions under which government agencies or institutions may apply for loans or combination loans/grants.

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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FEATURE OF THE WEEK



LIVING IN THE COUNTY AT ITS BEST...this 3 BR, 2 BA split level has been completely remodeled and maintained top to bottom. Modern kitchen appliances, lovely den with large stone fireplace, master BR has large closets and separate bath, central HVAC, county water and well. Home is on 3 plus acres with small pond and stable overlooking beautiful fields and woods. Walk out your back door and enjoy the water garden or sit on the deck and enjoy the pool. Home is ready for you to move right in. List price \$144,900.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY HOMES

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.

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

COUNTRY LIVING... 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home situated on approx. 2 acres in Crittenden County. Also features stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, 24' x 30' garage with concrete floor and work benches. Plenty of room to have a garden or let the kids run. Call today for more info.

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

SOLD AFFORDABLE AND CONVENIENT... location to center of Marion. This home would be a nice starter home or an addition to your rental investments. Features: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Call for appointment. Price Reduced. \$23,900.

FIXER UPPER...investors take a look at this 3 bedroom, 1 bath house 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.

GOLFER'S FANTASY...Enter down the private drive to this landscaped estate that joins Marion's County Club Golf Course. This magnificent two story home includes 4 to 6 bedrooms, open grand staircase, 2 master suites, 4 bathrooms, kitchen w/appliances, 2 laundries, study, great room with gas log fireplace, recreation room plus bonus kitchen, enclosed glass solarium & private deck overlooking the beautiful greens. In addition this lovely home has a large walk-out heated basement, an attached oversized double car garage plus many additional amenities. Fulfill your dreams by calling for an appointment today. Owner says sell. Reduced to \$292,500.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

ATTRACTIVE BRICK RANCH...with attached garage. Has 3 bedrooms, one and half baths, central heat & air. Kitchen w/appliances including washer & dryer. Located on large corner lot in Salem. Price Reduced to \$74,500.

RELAX ON LARGE BALCONY...overlooking your own private stocked lake. Attractive brick features: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, kitchen w/built-in appliances; formal Living & dining room with full glass panels overlooking lake. Has 2 car attached garage plus nice double unattached garage/workshop w/heat & air plus other amenities. Located on 3 beautiful lots in Salem Heights.

CHILDREN WANTED...in this 4 bdrm., 1? story family home that enters into living rm. w/grand open staircase. The nice colonial column front porch house has vinyl exterior with replacement windows and concrete double drive with large 30' x 40' building. Situated on beautiful corner acre lot in Salem.



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Caldwell/Lyon County
Relocation of US 641 from Fredonia to Eddyville
Item # 01-187.31

Tuesday, December 4th, 2007
5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
Fredonia Lions Club Building
Shelby Road
Fredonia, Kentucky



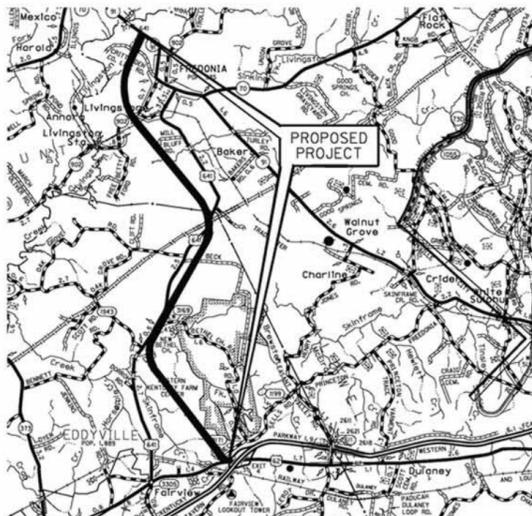
The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, has scheduled a Public Meeting on the above referenced project to afford all interested persons an opportunity to become better informed and to express their views concerning the proposed project.

The informal format will allow interested persons to attend anytime between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A handout containing project information, plans and exhibits for the project will be displayed at the meeting. Representatives from the Transportation Cabinet and their consultants will be available to answer questions.

Oral and written statements will be accepted during the meeting. Written statements will be accepted, and information made available, for a period of fifteen (15 days) after the Public Meeting at the District One office, 5501 KY Dam Road, Paducah, KY. All written and oral comments will become part of the official record. Once compiled, the record will be made available for review and copying only after an Open Records Request has been received and approved. All Open Records Requests must be submitted to Department of Administrative Services, Transportation Cabinet Office Building, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if anyone has a disability and will require assistance, please notify Timothy B. Choate of the necessary requirements no later than Friday, November 30, 2007. This request does not have to be in writing. Please call 1-800-338-4283 or mail request to the address listed below.

Please address any questions regarding this meeting, or project information to:
Timothy B. Choate, T.E.B.M. Pre-Construction
Department of Highways
District One
P.O. Box 3010
Paducah, KY 42002



The Press Community Calendar

Today

■ Marion Baptist Church will have their free community Thanksgiving dinner at the Family Life Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., today (Thursday). Come and join in for your Thanksgiving meal, and bring your family. There is no charge for the dinner. Carry out will be delivered only in town.

■ A free Thanksgiving dinner is offered to the community today (Thursday) at Goshen Independent General Baptist Church behind Pizza Hut in Marion. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Dycusburg grocery will be hosting a community Thanksgiving dinner beginning at 5 p.m., today (Thursday). 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 today (Thursday) and Friday.

■ The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum will be closed today (Thursday) through Saturday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Tuesday

■ The WKWIB will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday at the Kentucky Dam State Park Convention Center, Room A. Items on the agenda will include elections of officers, Workforce Investment Act program activities, performance outcomes, and business and industry services.

■ The next free writing workshop led by author Bob Yehling will be Tuesday at Crittenden County Public Library. The session is open to anyone and is entitled Internet-based Writing. It begins at 6:30 p.m. Discussion will be around blogs, e-books, e-zines and other ways of writing for the Internet.

Wednesday

■ Poinsettias sold by Crittenden County 4-H will be available for pick-up next Wednesday.

To place an order, contact any 4-H member or call the Extension office at 965-5236. The flowers will be made available between noon and 5 p.m., next Wednesday at the Carson Davidson National Guard Armory on Rochester Street in Marion. You will pay for the flowers at that time.



Next Thursday

■ The regular November meeting of the Crittenden County Pubic Library Board of Trustees will be changed to 5 p.m., next Thursday. This is a change from the regular meeting time on the fourth Thursday, due to the Thanksgiving holidays. The board will not meet in December. The next regular meeting of the library board will be Jan. 24.

■ Chair volleyball will be played at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion beginning at 10:30 a.m., next Thursday. The center is located at 210 N. Walker St. For more, call 965-5229.



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

Christmas catnap

Louise's Flowers in downtown Marion has its own rendition of a live Christmas scene now that the merchant's cat has found a spot to nap under the decorated tree in the front window. Shoppers have stopped in just to make sure the cat's real, shop workers said. Molly, a tabby, seldom acknowledges her recent fame, tending to spend her days in peaceful slumber.

Upcoming

■ The U.S. 641 public meeting will be from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Dec. 4 at the Fredonia Lions Club Building on Shelby Road in Fredonia. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet meeting will discuss plans for a highway improvement project along U.S. 641 between Marion and Eddyville.

■ The Caldwell County Area Technology Center will conduct a CPR for Professional Rescuers class beginning on Jan. 8, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The class will meet Jan. 8, 10, 15 and 17.

■ The Caldwell County Area Technology Center will conduct an Emergency Medical Technicians class beginning Jan. 22 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Please contact the school at 365-5563 for additional information.

■ The final writing workshop for 2007 at Crittenden County Public Library will be Dec. 18, under the direction of author Bob Yehling. This free, open-to-the-public Christmas Stories session begins at 6:30 p.m. What better time to learn how to write a compelling Christmas story than during the holiday season?

■ Ten free health screenings in a festive holiday atmosphere of caroling and gingerbread make "A Dickens of a



Gift" for Western Baptist Hospital's annual Holiday Health Extravaganza on Dec. 1. The sights, sounds and smells of a Dickens-era Christmas will fill the air from 9 a.m. to noon in the atrium of Doctors Office Building 2. The atrium will be transformed into a bustling Dickens village, and WBH's volunteer staff will be dressed in period costumes. Also on hand will be hospital representatives with information about new technologies and programs in diagnostic imaging, cardiac care, cancer care and 55Plus services. Visitors should park in the parking garage for easiest access. For more, call 575-2918.

■ Local Chapter 1373 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees association 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 965-2621.

■ On Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Princeton Tourist Center will host Cookies for a Cause. The price of the cookies will be \$5 per pound. Proceeds will benefit the Caldwell County Free Clinic Inc., that serves clients in Caldwell, Lyon and Crittenden counties and Dawson Springs.

■ Paducah Area Amputees in Action, a support group for

new and experienced amputees, will meet for their Christmas party at 6 p.m. Dec. 6 at Holman House Restaurant. All amputees and family members are welcome. For more information contact Terri Ross at 488-3020 or tross@brtc.net.

■ The Dycusburg Community Fund Committee is coordinating a Christmas Bazaar, from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., Dec. 1, next door to Lic's in Eddyville, to raise money for a Veterans Memorial Monument and flag poles for town. There will be handmade crafts, baked goods, Christmas candy, candles, white elephant sales, information tables, door prizes each hour and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting. Call 988-2068 for more.

■ The fifth annual Salem Lighted Christmas Parade will be at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 8. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Salem City Hall at 988-2600.

■ The flu vaccination will be offered, for \$12, from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Conference Room at Livingston Hospital.



■ American Cancer Society Christmas Greetings to appear in the Dec. 20 issue of The Crittenden Press are being taken through Dec. 1.

Greetings can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one. A donation is requested. For further information, contact ACS Mid-South Division at 444-0384.

■ 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. 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.

■ Tickets for "A Community Christmas: Quarteto Gelato" at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts are now on sale for \$18 for 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.

■ Cash Express is collecting toys, coats and canned food beginning Dec. 13 for Community Christmas. It is 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. Sponsors are still needed.

■ The Elk and Bison Prairie remains open year-round at LBL, as does the Golden Pond Visitor Center (with the exceptions of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day). The winter months offer the best chance of viewing elk, as the colder and shorter days draw the elk out later in the morning and earlier in the afternoon to feed. Additional LBL information is available by calling 1-800-LBL-7077 or visiting www.LBL.org.

■ The Golden Pond Planetarium at LBL will operate Friday through Monday. The Planetarium will be closed Thanksgiving Day and all next week in preparation for the holiday program. It will offer the holiday favorite "Tis the Season" and a holiday show, "A Story of Christmas" from Dec. 1-21. After this holiday program, the planetarium will be closed through the end of February. Additional LBL information is available by calling 1-800-LBL-7077 or visiting www.LBL.org.

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.

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Mina Wheeler was superintendent of county schools

Let's pay a visit to Miss Mina Wheeler, who has been in the position of Crittenden County's first woman school superintendent for almost a year.

Mounted on her trusty steed, Bonaparte, she would visit the county schools. There, she would check on the condition of the buildings, and note how the teachers were conducting their teachings and the behavior of students.

Think what it would have been like in 1894 to mount your horse and take off through the scarcely populated areas to visit these country schools. Hours of riding without seeing anyone, no comfort of your vehicle, no head lights to show the way, and no cell phone to notify everyone you were on your way.

In Miss Wheeler's own words, here are accounts of some of her visits from the archives of The Crittenden Press:

Dec. 13, 1894 - AMONG THE SCHOOLS
Perhaps The Press thinks Bonaparte and I have gone to the boneyard or to some other land of do-nothing; but the truth is we have been so busy we have not had time to tell what we were going to do even after we had done it.

Since last we mentioned our humble self, we have viewed territory from many hilltops of Crittenden, and have tasted hay and hoeecake in remote corners of her dominion.

Monday morning, Oct. 22, dawned bright, warm and dusty. Bonaparte and I put on our working dress and set out for Frances. The schoolhouse is on the Dycusburg road, about 12 miles from Marion.

Mistaking the distance we started late, and it was nearly noon when we saw the end of our journey. To propitiate any fault finding disposition that I might have brought



Brenda Underdown
Forgotten Passages
Crittenden County Historian

with me, the teacher made haste to spread his dinner and invite me to stay with it as long as it remained.

I found the trustees present and the treasurer soon came. There were 50 pupils present; they seemed to be nice boys and girls. I hope they will always be so.

The school appeared to be doing well. The teacher, Mr. R.B. Gass, has had much experience. He is a very pleasant gentleman, and always makes friends, both among children and older people. The house is tolerable good and they have patent desks. The house has been enlarged once but it is still rather small.

It is much easier and cheaper to make a house large enough at first than it is at last. These people have learned it by experience.

That evening I refused kind invitations to spend the night in that district, in order to keep a promise with the next teacher. We were a little late getting to Mr. F.M. Clement's but we knew "the latchstring always hung out," so we did not care.

Miss Jennie Clement went with us to White Hall next morning. As we started Mrs. Ida Clement said there was lunch in the basket for me; and Jeff Clement said for us to go over in the field at noon and get a lunch for Bonaparte.

White Hall is situated on Mr. F.M. Clement's farm. It is a small district; 26 pupils were present, a very good attendance for that district. The house is large, so large that it has been partitioned, so that the teacher can



Mina Wheeler
1894 superintendent of schools

observe the motions of the farthest pupils without the aid of a telescope.

I found excellent order in the school; each little boy and girl acted as if they were conscious of the presence of nobody except self and teacher. They were working well for little people. Miss Jennie has taught several terms there.

At noon I hurried on to Sisco's Chapel. Mr. Albert Crider is teacher there. It is a small district and not very many were present. Two trustees and some patrons came in. The house is of logs. It is large and is heated by both a fireplace and stove, but I doubt whether both will keep it comfortable on cold days.

The work so far as I saw it, was very good. Mr. Crider is a young teacher, but he was always industrious as a pupil. Industry is an excellent quality in a teacher. The district has not proper seating.

The next day I visited Midway. As near home as it was I took the wrong road and reached the school house rather later than the

other side. Mr. Grant Hughes is teaching; fifty pupils were present; also one trustee, Mr. H. S. Wheeler.

They have a nice new house; it is a pretty one in a pretty place; but I am sorry to say that it is rather small for the district.

The trustee saw that as clearly as we did. Trustees who build houses should allow for growth in the district. A few feet added to dimensions does not greatly increase cost. The Midway people also have patent seats, charts and a globe. Now if they will not mar the good work by grumbling at the tax, we will say what we have thought for some time, that they are people who keep abreast with the times.

Mr. Hughes is another young teacher. Most of the lessons were very good, the only objection I found was a disposition on the part of some to play during work hours.

This is very apt to be the case in large schools. It is very hard for one teacher to keep so many busy all the time, and just as certain as a child does not work he will play.

Parents should talk more with their children about behavior at school than they do, especially those who live in large districts. Do not just drop the whole thing on the shoulders of the teacher, for if he cannot do it all, he can do more than you could, were you in his place.



Sisco Chapel School log building in the late 1800s. The picture is of poor quality, but still shows the old building.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

From The Crittenden Press Archives

News from 1957:

•The Crittenden County High School cheerleaders won first place out of 97 schools and more than 400 cheerleaders at a competition in Bowling Green. The cheerleaders were pictured on the front page of The Press on Nov. 22, 1957. The girls were Anne Clement, Mary Frazer, Jane Threlkeld, Judy Dixon, Betty Little, Jane Yandell and Barbara Wring.

•W.E. Campbell of Marion Route 2 lost 32 goats to a pack of dogs. His losses were estimated at \$133.

•Alcoa (Aluminum Company of America) purchased several tracts of land in Crittenden and

Union counties along the Tradewater River. In exercising its options on the properties, Alcoa ended up buying acreage of more than 12,000 acres in a contiguous block.

•Marion Drive Inn Restaurant advertised Thanksgiving dinner, including meat, vegetables, bread and salad for \$1. Dessert was 15 cents extra.

News from 1982:

•Crittenden County farmer Alben Barkley II announced his plans to seek the nomination for Kentucky's lieutenant governor in 1983. Barkley, elected in 1979 as the state's agriculture commissioner, is the grandson of former U.S. Vice President Alben W. Barkley. The announcement was made at Paducah at the Barkley homeplace. A fundraising rally was scheduled for Dec. 3 in Marion. Tickets were on sale from Barkley supporters, including Paul Mick, Linda Cook, Joe Yarbrough, John May and others. Rally organizers hoped to raise about \$2,000 for Barkley's campaign.

•Crittenden County High School's Future Business Leaders Association named four students as members of the month. They were Lisa Gipson, Angela Hensley, Terri Thomas and Yvonne Lanham.

•The Crittenden County's boys' basketball team and coach Hugh Highfill were preparing for the upcoming CCHS Thanksgiving Tournament. The roster included these players: Russ Davidson, Mike O'Dell, Tom Thurman, Billy Mills, David Belt, Troy Armstrong, Todd Turley, Stacy Adams, Mike Padgett, Kevin Hardesty, Chris Ordway, Johnnie Crider, Brian McKinney and Kayle Malcom.

•Members of the Marion Boy Scout Troop 30 attended a campout on Crittenden Springs Road. Members were Steve McKinney, Shannon Newcom, Hank Mills, Eli Diaz, Darron Holliman and Adrian Faught. Scoutmasters were Butch McDowell and Mitch Holliman.

•Gun deer hunters checked in 351 whitetails in Crittenden County during the Nov. 6-15 season, according to game warden Tony Collins. The game warden said others may have been checked in in other counties. He projected the harvest for the whole season was about 600-700 deer.

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BASKETBALL

Season tickets

The Crittenden County Lady Rockets and Rockets are selling basketball season tickets. The cost is \$75 per seat. You may reserve your chair-back seat this Sunday, Nov. 18 at Rocket Arena between 2-3 p.m. If you are unable to make it at this time, you may call coach Shannon Hodge at 704-0593 or coach Rob Towery at 965-2575. Last season's ticket holders will be contacted by phone or you may call one of the coaches.

Girls open Monday

The Lady Rockets scrimmaged Ballard Memorial Saturday and Lone Oak Tuesday. They open the regular season Monday at home against Gallatin County, Ill. The Lady Hawks' Tiffany Williams is one of the best players in southern Illinois. She's a great 3-point shooter and helped lead her team to a 29-3 record last year.

Rockets on the road

The Rocket basketball team opens with two straight road games next week before coming home to play Fort Campbell on Dec. 4. Crittenden opens its season at Dawson Springs Tuesday then plays at Lyon County next Friday in a district doubleheader. The boys play the first game at Eddyville.

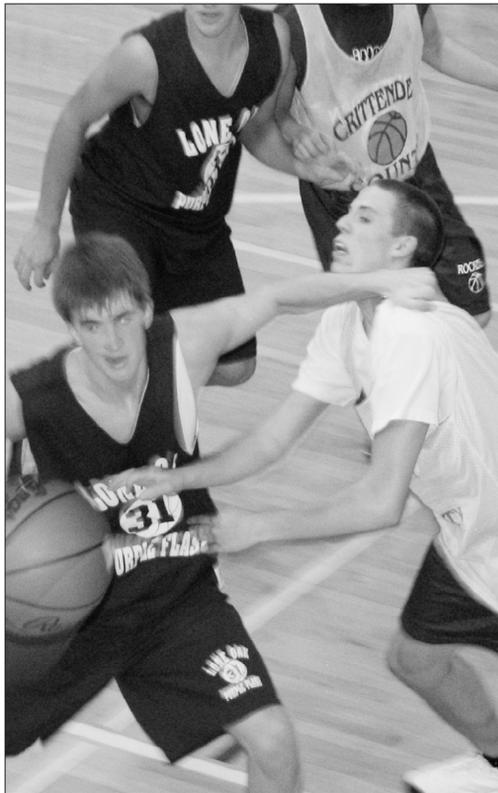


PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Crittenden County scrimmaged Lone Oak at Rocket Arena last Thursday night. Pictured above is Rocket Brandon DeBoe fighting for the ball.

OUTDOORS

Duck season today

The first segment of the statewide duck season opens today, Thanksgiving Day, and runs through Sunday. The bag limits are same as last year.

2007-08 Hunting Seasons

Season	Start	End
Squirrel	Aug. 18-Nov. 9	
Deer archery	Sept. 1-Jan. 21	
Turkey archery	Sept. 1-Jan. 21	
Crow	Sept. 1-Nov. 7	
Deer rifle	Nov. 10-25	
Deer crossbow	Nov. 10-Dec. 31	
Coon, Opossum	Nov. 12-Feb. 29	
Trapping	Nov. 12-Feb. 29	
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 12-Feb. 10	
Squirrel	Nov. 12-Feb. 29	
Bobcat	Nov. 17-Jan. 31	
Dove	Nov. 22-27	
Duck	Nov. 22-25	
Turkey shotgun	Dec. 1-7	
Duck	Dec. 3-Jan. 27	
Deer muzzleloader	Dec. 8-16	
Canada goose	Dec. 13-Jan. 31	
Free Youth Deer Hunt	Dec. 29-30	
Free Youth Small Game	Dec. 29-Jan. 4	
Crow	Jan. 4-Feb. 29	
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 2-3	
Coyote	Year round	

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FOOTBALL

Varsity banquet

The Crittenden County Rocket football team will host its annual awards banquet at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2 at the multi-purpose room. All players, parents, staff, support groups and fans are invited to attend.

REPORT YOUTH SPORTS
Email thepress@the-press.com

CCMS girls battling low numbers in upper grades

BY CHRIS HARDESTY
PRESS SPORTS WRITER

Despite having just two eighth graders on the squad, first-year CCMS girls' basketball coach Pam Collins is still upbeat about the prospects for both middle school girls' teams.

The new coach fully appreciates the efforts of the eighth-grade duo of Mary Mattingly and Cortni Head despite being winless after eight games. The girls are about over half way through the season.

The squad has dropped a pair of games against Lyon County as well as contests to Dawson Springs, Webster County, Trigg and Livingston.

The CCMS coach has simply been putting the best three

sixth and seventh graders in the eighth-grade starting line-up to help offset the low numbers.

"We have the highest intentions of winning at the eighth-grade level," she said.

The numbers are somewhat better at the seventh-grade level with six players on the team.

That group stands at 3-5 with wins against Lyon County, Dawson Springs and Caldwell. Their setbacks have come at the expense of Webster, Trigg, Lyon and Livingston.

"We could very well be 3-1," said Collins.

She has been impressed with seventh graders Randa

Leidecker, Kayla McDonald, Taylor Lynch and Kaylynn McConnell and views the positive start to the season as an entire team effort.

Defensively, both teams are trying to cause havoc with full-court defense.

The biggest class is at the sixth-grade level with eight players eager to contribute at the middle school ranks over the next three years. Bailey Brown, Maggie Collins, Haylee Young, McKenzie Hewitt and Abby Whitney are some strong sixth graders.

The coaching staff has made it a point to stress fundamentals in order for the girls to have a solid understanding of the basics.

ROCKET FOOTBALL STATISTICS



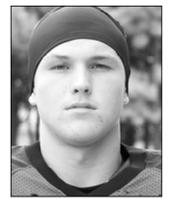
Rodney Robertson
Rushing Leader
Tackles Leader



Adam Hardin
Most Receiving
Yards



J.D. Gray
Passing Leader



Gaige Courtney
Most solo tackles
Most tackles for loss

FINAL STATS - AFTER 11 GAMES

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	Points	Attempts	Yards
SCORING			
Crittenden	241		
Opponents	342		
RUSHING			
Crittenden	420		2,206
Opponents	324		1,827
PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Int.
Crittenden	63	119	11
Opponents	92	166	8
PENALTIES			
Crittenden	49		241
Opponents	48		377
FIRST DOWNS			
CCHS/Opponents	117		123
FUMBLES			
Crittenden	15		9
Opponents	21		9

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player	Attempts	TDs	Yards
RUSHING			
R.Robertson	175	12	1,027
J.D. Gray	124	10	701
J.Sorina	66	5	308
G.Courtney	31	1	117
A.Freeman	9	1	48
J.Fletcher	5	0	35
B.Berry	10	0	-30
PASSING	Comp.	Att.	Int.
J.D. Gray	49	93	9
B.Berry	11	19	1
J.Sorina	3	5	0
A.Kirk	0	2	1

RECEIVING

Player	Catches	TDs	Yards
A.Hardin	15	1	207
R.Robertson	15	2	166
G.Courtney	14	2	136
J.Sorina	12	0	180
M.Baker	3	0	2
J.D.Gray	1	0	14
A.Freeman	1	0	26
J.Pluskota	1	0	0

PUNTS

Player	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Blk
R.Robertson	31	962	31.0	59	0

PUNT RETURNS

Player	Returns	Yds.	Avg.	Long
J.D. Gray	1	8	8.0	8
R.Robertson	1	6	6.0	6

KICK RETURNS

Player	Returns	Yds.	Avg.	Long
R.Robertson	15	430	28.7	33
J.Sorina	9	193	21.4	34
A.Wood	3	13	4.3	13
J.D.Gray	2	49	24.5	27
J.Tinsley	2	20	10.0	11
G.Courtney	1	6	6.0	6
A.Freeman	1	22	22.0	22
R.Cudnik	1	0	0.0	0
C.Copeland	1	11	11.0	11
A.Berry	1	0	0.0	0
D.McConnell	1	13	13.0	13

OTHER

Longest Run - R.Robertson, 63 yds.
Longest pass - J.D. Gray, 52 yds.
Longest reception - J.Sorina, 52 yds.

DEFENSE

Player	Solo	Asst	Total	Int.	FR	CF	Sacks	TFL	KB
R.Robertson	24	66	90	1	2	1	0	5	0
G.Courtney	27	61	88	0	1	1	0	7	3
A.Wood	22	46	68	1	0	2	0	5	0
A.Berry	16	49	65	0	0	2	3	5	0
D.Clark	8	50	58	0	1	1	0	3	0
A.Fritz	6	42	48	0	0	0	1	2	0
J.D.Gray	21	21	42	0	2	2	0	1	0
J.Ipock	6	34	40	0	1	4	1	4	0
J.Sorina	17	17	34	3	0	1	0	2	1
J.Pluskota	12	19	31	1	0	0	0	0	0
B.Berry	11	18	29	0	0	0	0	1	0
A.Freeman	3	22	25	0	1	0	0	1	0
D.McConnell	4	10	14	2	0	0	1	1	0
A.Hardin	8	10	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Brown	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	2	0
C.Copeland	3	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Thornton	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Tinsley	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Werne	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
A.Kirk	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Fletcher	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Urbanowski	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
A.McGriff	0	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
R.Cudnik	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Martin	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Baker	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Keene	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
J.Shaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Goff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Earls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Key: Int. (interceptions); FR (fumble recoveries); CF (caused fumbles); TFL (tackles for loss); KB (kicks blocked)

Livingston Central senior Shull signs with Midway

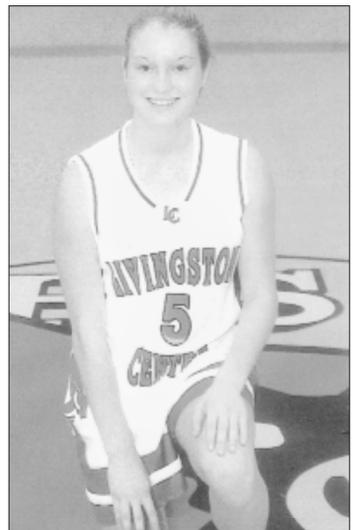
Livingston Central senior Kayla Shull of Salem has signed with Midway College to play basketball for the Lady Eagles.

Midway coach Tim Southers is looking forward to working with the new recruits, including Shull.

"We've put the Eagle program on solid ground. We've moved it into the top 75 in the time we've been here - a significant move up from where we found it. Our next step is to move the program into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' (NAIA) Top 25," the coach said. "The student-athletes we've assembled from the class of 2007 along with our quality returnees are going to be the ones to help us get there."

As Shull trades her Cardinal red for the Eagle blue, she admits that she is nervous about leaving home, but looking forward to playing ball and meeting new challenges at the Midway, Ky., school.

Midway is a four-year school, the only women's college in Kentucky. The basketball program has been one of the fastest growing among small schools in the nation over the past four years. In 2003-04, the team finished 124th out of 175 schools in NAIA Division II basketball. This past season, the Lady Eagles finished 69th. Coach Southers attributes the



Kayla Shull has signed a letter-of-intent to play basketball at Midway College in Midway, Ky.

rapid growth to the increased level of talent Midway College has been able to draw to its program.

Shull is the daughter of Michelle Duncan of Salem and Tommy Shull of Atlanta.

"Kayla has been a big part of the LCHS Lady Cardinals for four years, plus," said her high school coach Kris Simmons. "We're very proud of her accomplishments and wish her well as she moves on to the college ball. I know she'll give it her best efforts."