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## Circuit Clerk alters schedule

The Crittenden County Circuit Clerk's office will be altering its Saturday office hours beginning next year. According to Madeline Henderson, her office will be open from 9 to 11 a.m., Saturdays, with Jan. 5 being the first day under the new hours.



## Donation to help mineral museum

A donation of earth-born jewelry will help the Ben. E. Clement Mineral Museum pay its utility bills this winter, hopes manager Tina Walker.

Walker held out one of the pieces of mineral mined from the earth and shaped into jewelry as she explained last winter's utility bills ranged from \$400 to \$600 a month. The minerals come from all over the southeast and were donated to the museum by MAGMA, or Mountain Area Gem and Mineral Association, whose members have visited Crittenden County for mineral digs.

"They were so impressed with the museum and the people here, they wanted to do anything they could to help," Walker said.

The jewelry, as well as many other mineral carvings and gifts, can be purchased at the museum from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays. The jewelry ranges in price from \$4 to \$40. All proceeds go to benefit the museum.

## Letters to Santa arrive next week

Dear Santa: I want a good laugh and a warm heart for Christmas.

If that's what you're looking for this holiday, next week's Crittenden Press should deliver. Our next issue will feature letters to Santa from Crittenden County Elementary School students as written with their own crayons and No. 2 pencils. The spelling may be off and the grammar a little rough, but the understanding is clear — the magic of Christmas is not lost on children.

## Local meetings

**UPCOMING**  
• Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Dec. 17 at City Hall.  
• Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 9 a.m., Dec. 18 at the courthouse.

## Rain gauge

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

7 days 30 days 2007  
**2.59" 5.28" 39.99"**  
below average: 6.90"

## Forecast

Reported by the National Weather Service.

**Thursday** Showers 42/30  
**Friday** Mostly cloudy 44/32

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# County unveils jail Sunday

By DARYL K. TABOR  
MANAGING EDITOR

Crittenden County's new jail will be open for public inspection this Sunday, giving taxpayers funding the \$7.7 million project a chance to see what their money has bought.

Magistrates have already gotten a peek at the detention center, touring the unfinished facility last Wednesday afternoon under the guide of Jailer Rick Riley.

"I never dreamed what it would look like," said Magistrate Curt Buntin as he made his way through the office area.

With the paint on the trim around interior windows and doors still tacky to the touch, Riley gave county officials and The Crittenden Press a run through the jail. The public will get a similar inspection of the entire facility beginning at 2 p.m., Sunday, Riley and Judge-Executive Fred Brown, who has become

intimate with the new jail since construction began, expect a large crowd throughout the afternoon.

On the tour, visitors will see a one-of-a-kind lockup, designed specifically to the tastes of Riley and the fiscal court.

"There's not another one like it in the world," said Brown, adding that the unique design may have added a few pennies to the price tag, but the design ensures satisfaction and exceeds correctional facility standards.

Besides the price tag, the numbers behind the jail are impressive, as visitors will discover:

- 44,000 square feet, with one wing stretching an entire city block from Carlisle to Depot Street;
- 133 beds — eight 10-person male pods, four 10-person female pods, 12 solitary cells and one suicide-watch cell;
- 175 maximum capacity with tempo-

## Jail open to public

The public is invited to tour the new jail at 2 p.m., Sunday when Jailer Rick Riley hosts an open house.

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR  
Crittenden County Jailer Rick Riley (right) explains the intricacies of the new detention center as Judge-Executive Fred Brown and Magistrate Curt Buntin look on from the control center of the jail.

# Spirit of the season

## Kids opt to give rather than receive

By ALLISON EVANS  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Crittenden County third-graders took math class to Wal-Mart while also living the holiday philosophy that teaches it is better to give than to receive.

In mid-November, the group of about 100 eight-year-olds voted to help underprivileged kids in their community rather than participate in a \$5 gift exchange among themselves.



## Holiday closings

With the holidays come office closings. Find a comprehensive list of local office office closings for Christmas and New Year's on Page 8B.

\$5 books during their school Christmas party.

"Every single one of them voted to sponsor a child for Community Christmas, so I asked the other teachers if their kids would want to do that too," Hunt said.

She said they incorporated classroom skills into the spirit of giving.

"We integrated into the fieldtrip estimation, rounding, addition, subtraction, problem solving skills, needs and wants and of course the whole idea that it is better to give than to receive," she said.

"We looked on line at wal-mart.com to see the prices for the items we were planning on purchasing. We also had to estimate the cost of items that were not listed on wal-mart.com. We took



PHOTO BY MANDY HUNT  
Cheyenne Burris, Cassidy Moss and Isiah Yates shop for gifts on their angel's Christmas list during an outing to Princeton Wal-Mart.

the prices, rounded them and then added to find our total.

"We subtracted our total from the amount of money we had received to see if we had enough money to buy the items. Some of the classes actually did their tallying of prices at Wal-Mart by using calculators they brought from school. The kids really enjoyed giving to the family in need and were thrilled to help out."

As a personal reward, kids

were treated to pizza at Pagliati's.

As a result of the third grade classes' holiday spirit and the generosity of many other members of the community, all of the families who signed up for Community Christmas were sponsored. Co-coordinator Mona Manley said that while there were fewer children needing assistance, angels on the angel tree at Pamida seemed to disappear quickly this year.

# Marion man loses 2 sons in accident

By DARYL K. TABOR  
MANAGING EDITOR

Two teenage sons of a Marion man were killed this weekend in an automobile accident in Livingston County.

Joseph Andrew "Joey" Martin, 16, and Donald Brandon "Donnie" Martin, 18, died Saturday morning in a one-vehicle wreck on U.S. 60 between Smithland and Burna. (See obituaries on page 7A.) Though both teens lived in Smithland with their mother, Darlene Newell, their father, Donald Martin, resides in Marion. Both boys at one time had lived in Marion, having attended church and school in Crittenden County, according to a family friend.

"They were very close," Misty Markham said of the family, particularly

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# AYP update adds district to good list

By DARYL K. TABOR  
MANAGING EDITOR

An early Christmas gift put Crittenden County School District on Santa's good list.

Crittenden County Schools were notified earlier this month that data corrections and a re-calculation by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) changed the district's status in the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report.

The change was announced publicly at Tuesday's school board meeting.

"We're quite ecstatic about that," Superintendent John Belt told the board. After the change, the local school district met all 13 of its NCLB target goals.

See **AYP**/page 10A

# Mathis eyes retirement; practice to remain

By DARYL K. TABOR  
MANAGING EDITOR

When Howard Mathis looks not so far into the future, he sees lots of fishing. But, that may not be a perfect 20/20 glance ahead if his wife has any say.

"Why, I might get some work out of him," said Marcella Mathis, correcting her husband's vision like that of so many patients he has helped over the years.

After 37 years and looking into some 30,000 sets of eyes, the longtime Marion optometrist is hanging up his penlight, rolling up his eye charts and calling it quits. At 65, his health has caught up with him, and it's time to leave his practice behind.

"I wanted to work until I

"I don't golf or hunt. I plan to spend most of my time fishing."

— Dr. Howard Mathis on his retirement

was 70, but the doctor suggested I quit now and concentrate on my health," he said last Wednesday.

Dr. Mathis is retiring at the end of the year, though he will see his last patient on Saturday. The practice he started in Marion on Dec. 31, 1971, will remain open, however, under the new ownership of Dr. Adria Porter, who was hand-picked by the Mathises

to continue his tradition of eyecare.

"We had a lot of offers from all over," Mathis said. "But we wanted someone we knew."

The couple said they even turned down offers of more money in favor of Porter, a Crittenden County native.

"I am sure that you could not have better care," Mathis added.

Porter, who has worked at The Eyecare Center, another clinic in Marion, for the last three years, will take over Mathis' practice in January, keeping things pretty much unchanged — same phone number, same address. She does, however, plan to scale back to five days a week, discontinuing Saturday hours.

Office assistants Terri Belt

and Sheila Thurmond, who have been mainstays at Mathis' practice for 15 and 12 years, respectively, will remain on hand, Porter said.

"We've had some great people work for us," said Marcella of current and former employees. "They become like family."

Patients, also, have grown close to the couple, who have worked side-by-side for the full 32 years of their marriage. In fact, Dr. Mathis still sees patients from the first practice he ran for two years in Reidland before relocating to Marion to take over Dr. Sidney Edelstein's practice. His office was located on West Bellville Street before moving to its current location on South Main Street.

A native of Sharp in

Marshall County, Mathis earned his undergraduate degree from Murray State University in 1965. He finished optometry school in 1968 at Southern College of Optometry in Memphis.

Since that time, he's seen lots of changes in the industry. Soft contact lenses supplemented hard contacts in 1977, followed by disposable lenses. In 1985, laws changed that allowed optometrists to begin prescribing medication for eyes and perform minor surgeries. Computers have added eye fatigue and strain to the list of optical ailments.

One thing hasn't changed. "Our patients have been very important to us," he said. "I think we've been very fortunate."



## Our joys have price tag

Every joy, benefit, blessing, and comfort any of us enjoy has cost someone else somewhere, some time, something of value.

As the joy of Christmas fills the hearts of children and still many of adults (and I'm one of them), it brings to mind our sweet memories and joy of Christmas cost God His Son, and Jesus His life.

We can take so much for granted, be so ungrateful and self-centered that we fail to realize we do not have one benefit or privilege in America that did not cost someone in our past or present something.

Many of these prices have been astronomical, and very costly. Many have paid with their lives for us to have what we enjoy everyday.

Beyond the prices God and His Son paid, the Pilgrims paid a terrible price; then the Founding Fathers; then the men and women of



Rev. Lucy Tedrick  
**Religious Views**  
Crittenden Press guest columnist

the Revolutionary War; then the Pioneers that forged a civilization in this country from east to west of this nation; and every American that ever donned a military uniform; and certainly our grandparents and our parents.

Freedom is not free, neither are all the wonderful benefits, privileges, opportunities, affluence, and everything else we enjoy day after day in this country.

For all the technical knowledge, the comforts, the advantages we enjoy every day involved many people burning the midnight oil to

take us from walking, horse back, horse and wagon, ice houses and outhouses in the back yard, and letter writing, to trains, busses, ships, automobiles, airplanes, telephones, cell phones, telegraph, computer chips, e-mail, radio, television, electricity, refrigerators, freezers, inside plumbing and running water.

In my childhood I did without all of these great advantages listed above until I was 13 years old, and that was because I worked in homes in Evansville, Ind., for people who worked in the war factories, until I started high school.

For all of that I'm the better for it.

We all have so much to be grateful for and my generation should leave a lot of our history behind to our children and grandchildren that know absolutely *Nothing* about how this country has come from there to here, and

what many of us did without and learned and benefited from it all.

Not to know all of this is their loss, and our failure to teach them. Appreciation and thankfulness to God, family, and all I've mentioned in the above starting with God, not only makes a better person out of us, but causes God to look kindly upon us and continue to bless us.

Greedy, self-indulgent, selfish people breed misery for themselves and all they come into contact with.

Psalms 107 cries out 4 times with: "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

In this we all should concur.

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

### The Press Letters Policy

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

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

Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases

should not exceed 300 words. Letters will be edited for spelling and grammar and The Crittenden Press reserves the right to reject or edit letters for clarity, brevity and otherwise at our discretion. Writers should limit their letters to no more than one per month. Original copies of submitted letters will be retained in our files.

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

### The Press Letters

#### Lions treat Santa, children to lunch

To the editor:

The Crittenden County Lions Club held its annual Lunch with Santa at Marion Baptist Church this past Saturday.

We would like to thank the Marion Baptist Church for the use of its facility for this event. We would also like to thank Bremner of

Princeton for its cookie donation. And last but not least, we would like to thank Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking time out of their busy schedule to help us with this event.

We look forward to next year. Special thanks to all Lions Club members who were able to help.

**Shelby Belt**  
President, Crittenden County Lions Club  
Marion, Ky.

## Santa makes early visit: Children submit wishes



PHOTOS BY CHRIS EVANS  
Above, Ethan Shewmaker, 3, son of Kelly and Bill Shewmaker of Marion, told Santa Saturday about his wish list while others waited in line and took photos during Crittenden County Lions Club's annual Lunch with Santa. At right, Kate Keller, 4, daughter of Mike and Lee Ann Keller of Salem, enjoyed a cookie after visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



## Hay rides show off Christmas displays

STAFF REPORT

Free community hay rides are now available in Marion.

Rides will leave the Crittenden County Courthouse, from the south lawn, on the hour at 6, 7 and 8 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Fridays through Dec. 21.

About a dozen or so people will be able to ride on each trip. The tour will change nightly and will include a route that will feature well-decorated homes inside the city.

Ron Padgett has been coordinating the tours. He said each ride will last over 30 minutes and he encourages participants to dress accordingly during cold weather.

Groups wishing to schedule a hay ride may contact Padgett at 704-1958.

"I plan on contacting the nursing home, assisted living home and senior center to coordinate rides for them," Padgett said.

While the hay rides are free, donations will be accepted in the form of cash, canned food or an unwrapped toy. The cash and items will be donated to the needy, Padgett said.

## Beshear sworn in Tuesday

By ROGER ALFORD  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steve Beshear arrived at the Capitol in a horse-drawn carriage Tuesday morning for his first day as governor — a day filled with the pomp of inaugural festivities for a man who had given up on politics only to make an unplanned comeback.

Beshear and his wife, Jane, were greeted with cheers, whistles and the first rays of sunshine to fall on Frankfort after five days of rain as they turned onto Capitol Avenue in the green wooden carriage pulled by two black horses.

"I brought the sun," a jesting Beshear told well-wishers lining the sidewalks.

Beshear was sworn in as Kentucky governor in a private midnight ceremony in the Executive Mansion, completing an unlikely political comeback 20 years after he last held an elective office.

Beshear, 63, has said he thought his political career was over long ago. But he reconsidered at the urging of friends and political advisers. He went on to win a crowded Democratic primary and toppled incumbent GOP candidate Ernie Fletcher in a lopsided victory Nov. 6.

Fletcher, who was the first Republican elected Kentucky governor in more than 30 years, had been politically weakened by an indictment charging that he rewarded politically connected

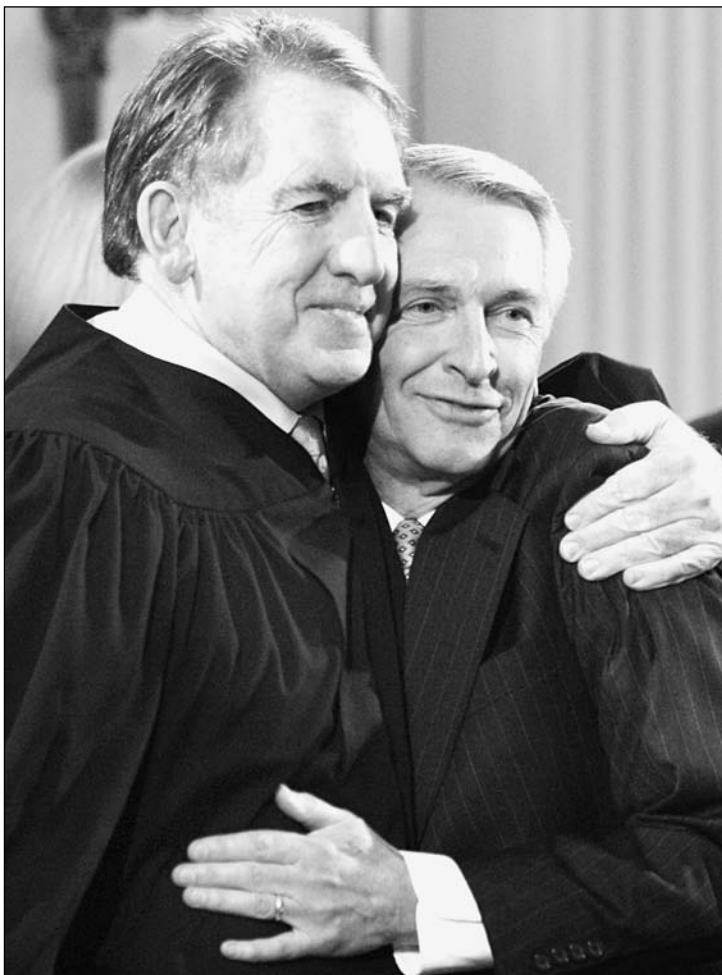


PHOTO BY ED REINKE, ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham gives newly-sworn-in Gov. Steve Beshear a powerful hug after a private ceremony shortly after midnight Tuesday. Cunningham, of Lyon County, performed the ceremony ushering in the Dawson Springs native's four-year term as governor of Kentucky.

Republicans with jobs at the expense of Democrats.

Thousands of people lined the streets of Frankfort to catch a glimpse of the state's 61st governor in an inaugural parade.

Alexis Seymore, a school superintendent from Dawson Springs where Beshear grew up and one of the spectators, said the new governor is an inspiration to small-town children because he has proven that they can do anything they

set their minds to. "It's just a great example," Seymore said.

After losing his first attempt at the job in 1987, Beshear had given up aspirations of becoming governor. However, the Lexington attorney made an unplanned return to Kentucky politics earlier this year, jumping into the governor's race after trying unsuccessfully to persuade other prominent Democrats to run.

## WRECK

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the brothers. "Where one was, the other was."

Markham, a senior at Livingston Central High School, lives in Salem and has known the Martins for several years, even regularly giving Joey rides to school when she passed through Smithland on her way to class.

"We all grew up together," she said.

Markham said Joey and Donnie went to middle school in Crittenden County and attended Marion Baptist Church for some time. The longtime friend said the brothers were headed to visit family in Birdsville when the wreck occurred.

Livingston County Deputy Jeff Peck, who worked the double fatality, said the oldest brother, Donnie, was driving a maroon Ford Focus with Joey as a passenger when he failed to negotiate a right-hand curve on a rain-slicked U.S. 60. Headed east from Smithland toward Burna, the car began to slide in the roadway near the intersection with River Road, striking a concrete culvert on the driver's side door.

"The road was slick from the rain and the car slid sideways," Peck said. "They just came into the curve too fast."

Peck told The Press the boys were pronounced dead at the scene shortly after 10 a.m.

The driver of another car that had been behind the Martins until turning onto River Road toward Birdsville was the first to report the accident. Peck, who did not name the other driver, said he reported looking back after

turning off and saw steam spewing from the wrecked vehicle.

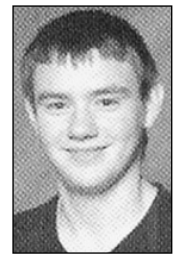
Neither teen was wearing a seatbelt, Peck reported. Their bodies had to be extricated by rescue workers, he said.

"It's another unfortunate loss for us," Jack Monroe, superintendent of Livingston County Schools, told The Paducah Sun newspaper. "We're all certainly saddened by it. Our hearts go out to the family."

Joey was a junior at Livingston Central High School and like his older brother Donnie enjoyed playing basketball. The two had just gotten a four-wheeler.



J. Martin



D. Martin

"They just enjoyed the normal stuff that young teenagers like to do," Markham said. "They were very easy-going."

Donnie was employed at Higdon Furniture in Paducah. Markham said he, particularly, enjoyed working on old cars and other mechanical equipment.

"We're devastated they were both lost," Markham said.

Services were held Tuesday at Salem, with burial at Birdsville Cemetery.

As of Monday, there had been 809 traffic fatalities in Kentucky, 51 less than at the same time last year.

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# Local & Regional Briefs

News from the region and state from AP and staff reports

## Chamber taps new exec-secretary

Two years after moving to Marion, Kelly Heady is now helping to promote the city and its businesses.

Heady, who also operates Kelly's Photography in Marion, has been hired as the new executive secretary of the



Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Housed in Marion Welcome Center, the Chamber works closely with the

Commission to help both businesses and visitors.

"I found that I could interact with the community more at this job," Heady said. "It still gives me time to run the studio and have time for my children and grandchildren."

Heady and her husband Ronnie have seven children between them, four grandchildren and two more on the way.

Heady replaces Deana Jones, who was the backbone of the Chamber office for the last two years.

The Chamber hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

## Pamida offering twenty \$500 prizes

Having a little extra cash this time of year can make it even easier to get in the holiday spirit. This season, Pamida will help 20 lucky customers with the addition of \$500 to their holiday budget.

Beginning Dec. 3, all Pamida stores will be offering customers the opportunity to win one of twenty \$500 Pamida gift cards for themselves or their favorite charity. Pamida shoppers just need to fill out an entry form and drop it in the entry box at the stores. Individuals can enter for themselves or a local charity.

A drawing for 10 gift cards will take place Friday and the second drawing for the additional 10 prizes will be Dec. 21.

The deadline for entries into Friday's drawing has passed, but the deadline for the Dec. 21 drawing is next Monday.

Winners must be 21 years of age. No purchase is required to participate in the drawing. Complete rules are available at all participating Pamida stores.

## Princeton theater operating in red

PRINCETON, Ky. - If a trend of dropping attendance continues, Marion's nearest theater may have to shut its doors.

Mike Cherry, owner of Princeton's Capital Cinemas, told The Times Leader newspaper that for the first time since reopening the downtown movie house 11 years ago, expenses are outdistancing revenues. Overall, attendance is down 30-40 percent from the first year in 1996, Cherry said.

"It's down about 25 percent this year from last years, while nationwide theater attendance is up about 5 percent," Cherry told The Times Leader.

He said if he continues to operate in the red this time next year, he may be faced with "some hard decisions."

## Three more 101st soldiers die in Iraq

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) - Three Fort Campbell soldiers were killed in a roadside bombing in Iraq, Army officials said last Thursday.

Sgt. Eric Hernandez of



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

U.S. 641 was partially closed for more than two hours during the busy morning traffic period Monday following a tractor-trailer accident. An 18-wheeler driven by Aden Gipson, 40, of Fayetteville, Ill., crashed just south of the Marion city limits at 6:20 a.m. The driver ran off the right shoulder of the road, overcorrected, then lost control of the rig. The truck took out two utility poles, a BellSouth junction box and damaged a driveway culvert and fence before coming to rest on its side in the ditch. According to Sheriff Wayne Agent, the driver had just dropped off a load of refrigerated products at McDonald's in Marion. The driver was not injured.

Waldwick, N.J., and Pvt. Dewayne White of Country Club Hills, Ill., died Dec. 4 in the blast near Beiji, the Defense Department said. Capt. Adam Snyder of Fort Pierce, Fla., died a day later at a combat hospital in Balad.

Each was assigned to the division's 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

Snyder, 36, who had been awarded the Bronze Star, joined the Army in May 2004 and arrived at Fort Campbell in May 2005.

Hernandez, 26, joined the Army in October 2003 and was stationed at Fort Campbell in October 2006.

White, 27, joined the Army in November 2004 and arrived at Fort Campbell in February 2005. White was the only one of the three to have been married. He had no children.

The three soldiers were among nearly 11,000 soldiers in the 101st who have deployed to Iraq for a third yearlong tour that began in October.

With their deaths, the division has lost 172 soldiers since the Iraq war began in 2003.

## Final 2007 writing workshop Tuesday

The Crittenden Public Library Writing Workshop Series continues on Tuesday, when author Bob Yehling returns for a special holiday workshop, "Writing Your Christmas Stories—And Other Tales of Thanks."

The workshop will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and is free. Books and holiday door prizes will be available to attendees.

The workshop will focus on writing stories built around the holiday season, whether traditional or unusual. Many old family tales and new experiences surface during December. If recorded, they become the stories told around Christmas trees for years to come. In addition, for

writers seeking to sell their works, Christmas stories and tales of thanks are particularly popular subjects for magazines, journals and Web sites.

Library staff and Yehling are finalizing the 2008 workshop schedule, which will be announced later in December.

For more, call the library at 965-3354.

## Dems line up to take on McConnell

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - State Auditor Crit Luallen on Friday stepped away from challenging Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell in next year's election, reshaping the lineup of Democrats looking to take on the four-term Republican whose campaign is under way.

As soon as Luallen pulled out of consideration, Iraq war veteran Andrew Horne and Louisville businessman Charlie Owen began reassessing their own possible entry into the Senate race.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo, a Democrat who leaves office next month, said he was still evaluating his possible candidacy. And political newcomer Greg Fischer, a Louisville businessman whose

father served in former Gov. John Y. Brown's administration, also is looking at the Democratic primary.

## Weather hampers Christmas parade

Mother Nature's lack of cooperation with Father Christmas kept participation low in the annual Marion Christmas parade.

According to Marion Tourism Director Michele Edwards, nine participants pulled out before the parade due to the rainy weather. However, Edwards, who this year took over direction of the parade from the Chamber of Commerce, said things went smoothly.

Winning first prize in the parade float competition - judged by volunteers from Lyon County - was Mexico Baptist Church, Crittenden County Middle School's bully-free entry placed second and Gospel Eagles Christian Motorcyclist Association ranked third.

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# Winter takes toll on autos

## Prepping car for harsh weather can extend life

FROM STAFF & SPM WIRE

It's a fact of the road that winter can affect just about any part of your vehicle, including your tires, engine, fluid levels and battery.

Drivers throughout the county are taking the time to protect their cars from the season and the wet or icy roads that can result.

A couple of local automotive specialists have outlined a few tips for car owners. They also say that vehicles such as a tractor, RV, jet ski, ATV, farm equipment and other vehicles also need some attention as cold weather sets in. Ronnie Myers at NAPA on Main Street in Marion and Randy Urbanowski at R&R Automotive on U.S. 60 West say the most important thing right now is to check your automobile's cooling system. Make sure it has plenty of anti-freeze, and make sure it's the right kind. Anti-freeze doesn't last forever, they say. It will usually go bad in a couple of years.

"There are several different types of anti-freeze on the market nowadays and some automakers require a specific type," said Myers. "There is pink anti-freeze known as Dex-Cool and then there's the traditional green. There are not supposed to mix them either."

Urbanowski said that mechanics at his shop always check anti-freeze levels when they are performing routine maintenance jobs such as oil changes. They will also perform an anti-freeze check free of charge if you stop by his shop about five miles west of Marion.

"Cars and cold don't get along," said Jim MacPherson, a car-care radio show host, writer and expert on driving for TV's "Inside Edition."

"The plummeting temperatures cause all kinds of problems. So, in order to stay safe, save money and reduce fuel consumption, it's important to keep your car properly maintained and tuned," he says. "For specific suggestions for your car or truck, check the owner's manual that came with your vehicle."

Urbanowski said that windshield wipers are among the most neglected items when it comes to getting ready for the winter. Freezing rain and snow can be big

problems for your wipers if they are not in excellent condition.

Myers said gas tanks should be kept as full as possible during the winter to prevent condensation from building up in your gas tank and fuel line.

"I know that's hard to do with gas prices as high as they are," Myers said. "You should fill the tanks of four-wheelers, farm trucks or any other vehicle that will be idle for most of the winter."

These automotive professionals suggest the following helpful tips to make winter a bit easier on your vehicle.

**•Routine Maintenance:** It's important to ensure your vehicle's battery and charging system are in good operating condition. In colder weather, a battery's cranking power is reduced significantly. At the same time, the electrical power needed to start your car increases when the temperature plunges. Having quality jumper cables or a portable power pack in your trunk is a superb way to prepare for the worst. At the same time, check to make sure your heater and defroster work.

**• Lubrication:** To ease engine startup during cold weather, use a multi-viscosity



Above, Randy Urbanowski of R&R Automotive on U.S. 60 West checks the coolant system on a vehicle. It's important to winterize your vehicle right now before temperatures get any colder. R&R will do a free anti-freeze check if you stop by the shop. Inset, Ronnie Myers, owner of the local NAPA auto parts store, says checking your anti-freeze can be done with the use of a simple device, which he is holding in his hand. Some vehicles require a specific type of anti-freeze, he said.

parts. Fully synthetic oils, such as Mobil 1, are specifically designed to protect your engine in all temperatures.

**• Filters, Coolant and Hoses:** Make sure all filters – oil, gas and air – are in good condition. Check your coolant level and thermostat functionality to ensure proper engine warm-up. Coolant should be changed every two years; extended-life coolants last about five years. Check for leaking or soft hoses and replace. Also, be sure to check the radiator or coolant tank pressure cap.

**• Tire Pressure:** Examine your tires, checking for excessive wear and proper inflation. Good tread is needed to stay safe if you drive on snow and ice. Additionally, both under-inflation and over-inflation are undesirable. Low pressure increases wear and fuel consumption, while over-pressure can reduce traction, especially in icy conditions. If you live in an area with heavy snowfall, consider snow tires.

**• Vehicle Warm-Up:** You should allow your car to idle for a few seconds to make sure the lubrication is circulated throughout the engine, providing protection. It's not necessary to idle for a long time, as that simply wastes fuel and offers no more pro-

tection than will a few seconds of idling. Nonetheless, drive easily at first.

**• Slow Down:** If driving in less than ideal winter conditions, slow down. Do not exceed speed limits and keep safe driving distances. Avoid gas-wasting jackrabbit starts and pace your driving to help avoid the need for sudden stops, which is especially critical during wet and icy road conditions.

**• Dealing with Ice:** Make sure you have window ice scrapers and de-icers for the locks. When you're stuck, having a small shovel is useful to dig out of the snow. The weight of a bag of sand in the trunk will give added traction in rear-wheel drive vehicles and can be used to sprinkle on the snow and ice to gain better traction. And don't forget personal protection such as a warm coat, hat and gloves, and a blanket, in case you get stuck in a storm.

**• Keep Fuel in the Tank:** Never let the fuel tank drop below the half-full mark. A sudden storm with unexpected heavy snowfall could leave you stranded for hours. Having an adequate fuel supply will allow you to idle the engine from time to time to keep warm.

"Your car will be more dependable throughout the winter if properly cared for," says MacPherson. "Take care of your car in the cold and it will keep you from being left out in the cold."



## Press sets Christmas publication schedule

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden Press will have a slightly altered publication schedule for the holidays.

Most notably, there will be no Crittenden Press the week of Christmas. In fact, our office will be closed Dec. 24-26 for the holiday. While no Crittenden Press will be mailed to subscribers or delivered to store racks that week, any news of importance will be found in The Early Bird, delivered to homes Dec. 26. Because mail will not run on Christmas Day, a Tuesday this year, delivery of The Early Bird will be one day late.

The following week, The Crittenden Press' office will be closed on New Year's Day only. But, because of the Tuesday holiday, The Early Bird will once again be one day behind on delivery, as will the first issue of The

Crittenden Press for 2008. That Press, which will feature our Year-in-Review segment, will be mailed and available in news racks by 1 p.m., Jan. 3.

All advertising deadlines for both The Early Bird and The Crittenden Press will remain unchanged – 5 p.m., Thursday for The Early Bird and 5 p.m., Monday for The Press.

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**We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

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Dr. Howard Mathis

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We have had a death in the family and other happenings so I have missed writing my little "tid bits" to you. But, here I am again. Have you heard about our "Table of Wisdom"? Come in and ask. Who knows, you just might be eligible to sit at it. Come on over.

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# THIS JAILHOUSE ROCKS



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## JAIL

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rary cots placed in other available secure rooms;

- Three drunk tanks with nothing but a concrete slab, stainless steel toilet and remote-flushing drain for easy cleanup;

- 98 cameras monitoring both inside and outside the jail; and

- 45 employees will be needed once the jail becomes full of local, state and federal inmates.

Those inmates cannot be housed until the state signs off on inspection, which is scheduled for next Thursday. After the clearance is given, said Riley, the county will begin moving inmates from the old county jail as quickly as possible. He fully expects that to be by the end of the month.

State prisoners, who the fiscal court is counting on to help fund the jail through Department of Corrections reimbursements, will not be housed until January, after Riley's new deputies receive their 40-hour training. Discussion with the U.S. Marshals Service continues on eventually housing federal inmates.

Because of the hope to house federal inmates, which could bring the jail more than \$60 per day per prisoner, several federal standards had to be met in building the jail. For instance, each cell, or pod where the general inmate population is held, must have access to natural light. To accommodate, a long, thin horizontal window was placed high in each cell, allowing a sliver of daylight to enter.

Each prisoner, too, must be allowed one hour of outdoor recreation in the concrete and cage contained "yard." That recreation time is at the jailer's discretion.

"If they start giving me trouble, I might just decide at 3 a.m., it's time for recreation," Riley said.

Other controls Riley will have include complete separation of men and women inmates, to the point where no male prisoner should ever lay eyes on a female counterpart.

"Boy, you're a hard-hearted son-of-a-gun," Magistrate Glenn Underdown joked with Riley as he gave the tour.

Doors over the windows of the female holding area will also prevent male deputy jailers from taking unauthorized looks into the cells. Cameras will be turned on from the control center when a male guard does approach the female wing.

Every entrance utilized by inmates uses a secure, two-door system. And a visitation room allows family to see and talk to an inmate through a window, eliminating any direct contact.

Though new and modern - including a state-of-the-art galley, laundry room, set-up for remote court arraignments utilizing a camera system inside the jail, a delousing chamber, a medical treatment room, a delousing chamber, secure and enclosed sally port for transfer of inmates from police cruiser to the jail, a lawyer-client conference room and training center for employees - amenities for inmates are few. They will sleep on bunked metal beds, eat from metal picnic tables and use stainless steel facilities in the community bathroom in each cell.

"My goal with this is to not have repeat offenders want to come back," he said.

And, for further security, all the utilities and brain-center of the building are overhead, separated from inmates by a six-inch thick concrete ceiling.

"No plumber or electrician will ever have to be in contact with the inmates," Riley said.








The facility is also completely smoke-free to both inmates and workers.



(Clockwise from top left) Jailer Rick Riley talks to magistrates during a tour of the new detention center last week. The jail as seen from the exterior. Riley shows Magistrate Dan Wood the sally port where new prisoners are brought into the jail. Riley shows Magistrate Curt Buntin how the inmates will be fed in their cells through a locked tray door. The outdoor recreation area with cage overhead. The kitchen. A visitation area where inmates will be separated from visitors by a glass, utilizing a phone to speak. A peek inside one of the dozen 10-person cell pods.

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Is the courthouse open on Saturday? Yes. Most offices are open a half-day Saturday except during holiday weekends. The PVA and judge-executive offices, however, are closed on Saturday.

When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open? Monday through Wednesday 8 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m., to noon. It is closed Thursday and Sunday.

Do I have to have a dog license? Yes. They are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Ricky Winders (965-3376) at the animal shelter on U.S. 60 East.



## Distinguished achievers: Fourth-grade CATS performers

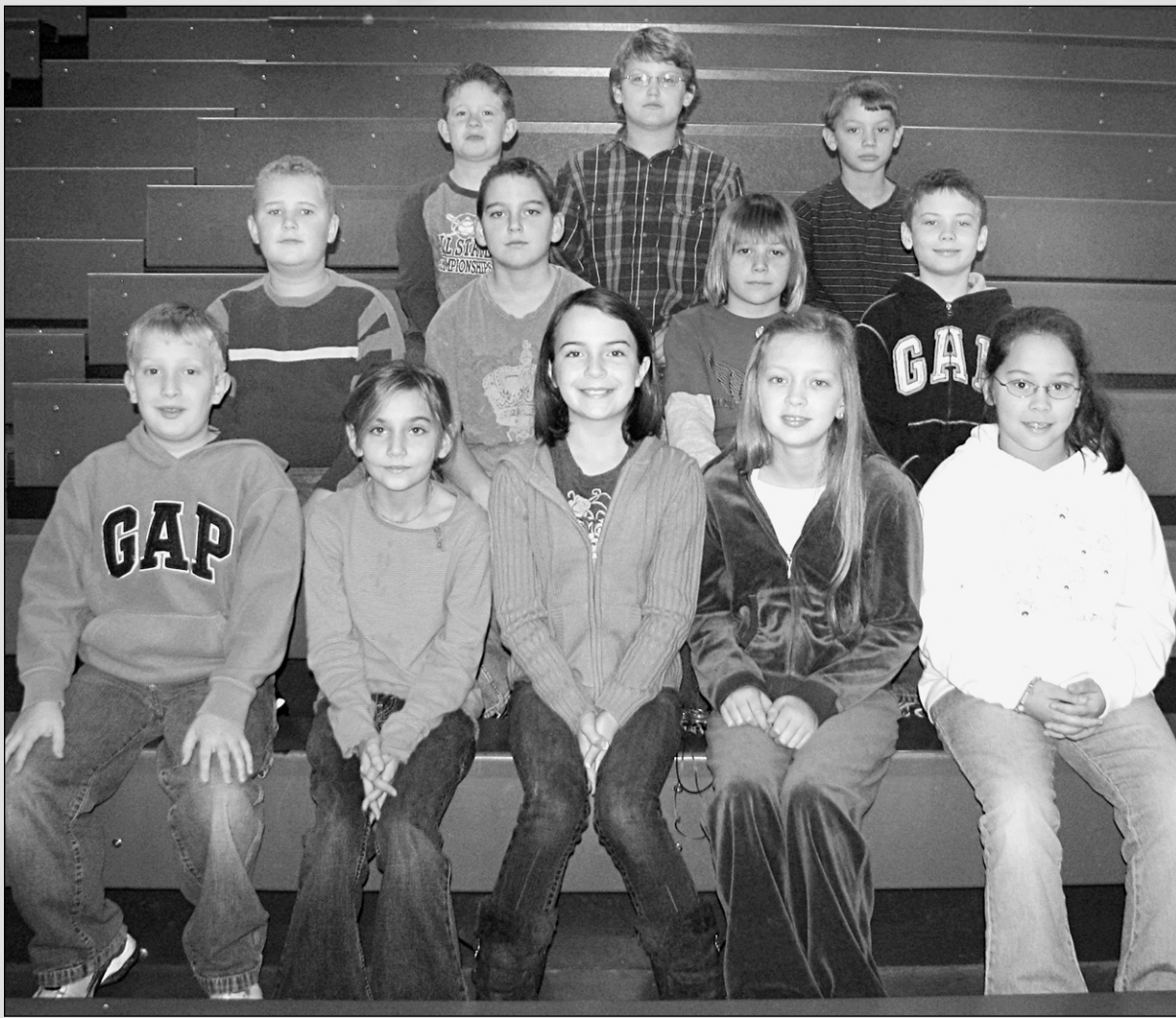


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Above, fourth-grade students at Crittenden County Elementary School recognized with certificates of distinguished achievement on the math portion of their third-grade Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) test are (front row, from left) Makaley Davis, Kasey Herrin, Kristen Perryman, Travis McKinney, Dylan Fox, Caelyn Clark, Madisyn Jones, (second row) Reid Baker, Josh Hardin, Mason Haire, Rece Diles, Cassie Adams, Megan Hunt, Maria Dossett, (third row) Alex Head, Cameron Shuecraft, Josh Tabor, Megan Sherrill, Randi Williamson, Gary McConnell, Claude Brown (back row) Nick Castiller, Travis Fitzgerald, Sydni Nesbitt, Braden Locke, Jayden Willis and Candie Adams. Not pictured are Sadie Easley and Levi Phelps.

At left, fourth-grade students recognized with certificates of distinguished achievement on the reading portion of last year's CATS test are (front row, from left) Jayden Willis, Sydni Nesbitt, Sadie Easley, Caelyn Clark, Maria Dossett, (middle row) Braden Locke, Travis Fitzgerald, Cameron Shuecraft, Reid Baker, (back row) Rece Diles, Travis McKinney and Gary McConnell. Not pictured is Alex Head.

See next week's Crittenden Press for more students recognized for their performance on the CATS test.



PHOTO BY FRED MULLANE

### Stout, MSU focus on Commonwealth goals

Brad Cowgill (far left), interim president of the Council on Postsecondary Education, and Dan Flanagan (far right), vice chairman of CPE, met last Friday with Murray State University President Randy J. Dunn (second from left) and Alan Stout, MSU board of regents chair, to discuss the university's role in the economic and social transformation of the region in conjunction with the state's goal to double the number of Kentuckians holding a baccalaureate degree by 2020. "Regional comprehensive universities have a unique responsibility to make higher education accessible," said Stout. "For many people family and work responsibilities make it impossible for them to enroll full time, but we have to make degree completion attainable for them in spite of those challenges. Meeting the needs of that population will be essential for us to do our part in reaching the Commonwealth's goals."

### AYP

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The initial ratings released in September showed only 11 of the 13 had been met, placing the district alongside 91 of the state's 176 school districts that failed to meet AYP goals. Since September, appeals from failing districts such as Crittenden and recalculations by KDE have moved 30 more districts into good standing in regard to NCLB goals for 2014.

"There are lots of contribu-

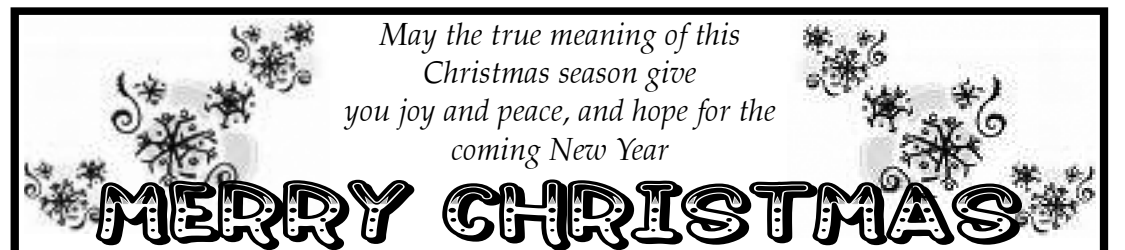
tors to making or not making AYP," said Lisa Gross, a spokeswoman for KDE.

"Data cleanup," as Gross called it, changed the accounting of factors that had put Crittenden County in the failing category. Tonya Driver, assessment coordinator for the local district, said the weighting of special education performance on the high school level had been disproportionate, sparking the district's request for re-evaluation.

Driver said three grades

each in the elementary and middle schools and one in the high school were scored in regard to special education. The initial NCLB ratings weighed each school as one-third. The requested adjustment factored high school results as only one-seventh of the total special education results, since only one of the seven grades tested came from the high school.

That change affected the results enough to push the scores for two of 13 goals not met over the top.



May the true meaning of this Christmas season give you joy and peace, and hope for the coming New Year

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**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.

**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.

**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.

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**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.

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# Let's take a look at the town's musical history

## Marion was proud of her early bands



**Brenda Underdown**  
**Forgotten Passages**  
Crittenden County Historian

Seems Marion in the early days was very fond of her music and enjoyed the excitement and sound of a good band. These yesteryear tidbits of Marion's early bands and the birth of the bandstand are from the archives of The Crittenden Press.

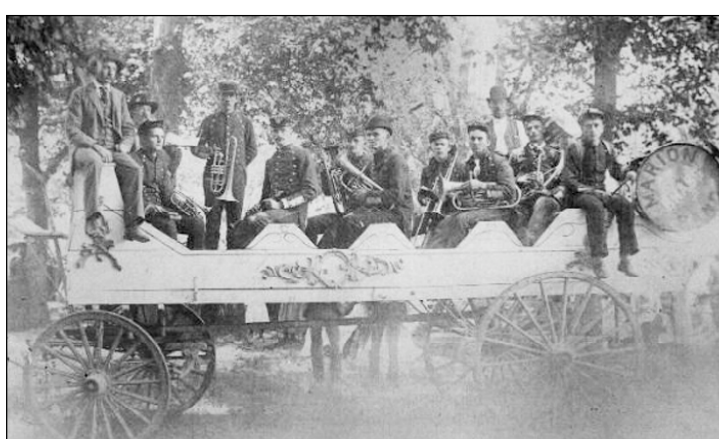
### Brass Band of 1890

In September of 1890, Marion's Brass Band was having its picture made by photographer Wathen. The description of the members were John Glascock, a gentleman who plays the little horn. A musical genius, who writes as well as makes music. He has composed some fine overtures and marches, and will some of these days publish his pro-

ductions. The next in order is Claude Wheeler, who is full of music as the big brass horn is of noise. The next is the dude of the band, "R.T." Williams; he beat the bottoms out of all of his mother's tin pans long before he advanced to the proprietorship of a well regulated snare drum. The gentleman with the large drum is Joe Clark. Joe experiences some trouble in getting over rough ground with his instrument, but when he has a good foothold on level ground he makes corns on that drum.

### December 1896 They Have Horns

Marion has a brass band. The organization was com-



A picture of the brass band of 1890.

pleted several days ago, with some of our best young men at the bottom of the enterprise.

Shortly after the matter was first talked of, an order was made for a handsome set of instruments, and they arrived last week. The boys have begun work under the tutorship of their leader, Mr. T.C. Jameson, who is an old band man, and an adept with all kinds of musical instruments.

The members of the band are T.C. Jameson, H.V. Stone, R.F. Haynes, W.D. Browning, H.S. Perkins, D.B. Kevil, E.D. Gray, W.D. Cannon, S.R. Adams, W.F. Clement and J.C. Bourland. Marion has had two brass bands before this, and they were successes, until the young men began to scatter and then each followed in the wake of the other into a state of disinterest. It is to be hoped that a better fate awaits this one.

### Silver Cornet Band

The Marion Silver Cornet Band was organized a short time ago, with Mr. Percy Noggle as leader, he being an expert cornetist. Maurice Sunderland, French horn; James Travis, trombone; Henry Stone, tuba; W.O. Tucker, clarinet, J.L. Shrode, piccolo; Mrs. W.O. Tucker, pianist.

We look forward to some sweet music from this band in the near future.

The 1906 Silver Cornet Band was a big success and had requests for many concerts.

### The New Bandstand

In June of 1907 some of the local businessmen, with Mr. H.D. Pollard and Mr.

S.M. Jenkins in charge, requested permission from the fiscal court to have a bandstand erected in the southeast corner of the court house yard. The new bandstand would be decorated with bunting and flags and lighted with electricity, with the lights being furnished by Mr. Jenkins.

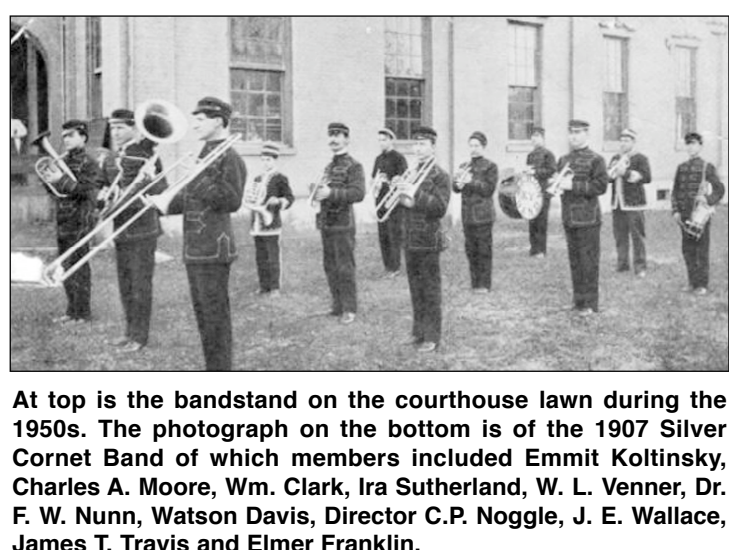
Here the Silver Cornet Band gave concerts every Saturday evening. It entertained a large and enthusiastic crowd each Saturday night.

The local businessmen realized that if the band had a bandstand for its performances, that these concerts would draw large crowds to the town square and their businesses would also profit from the gatherings.

The bandstand continued to be a favorite place through the years for bands to perform and Marion's many musical groups to entertain the people.

In June 1928, a band was formed which was known as the American Legion Band. Ben Price was the leader and instructor. They were greeted by a large crowd each Saturday night as they gave their concerts.

The personnel for the band included: Leader Ben Price; cornets Doyle Vaughan, Jake Mayes, Clifton Enoch, Ben Price, Walton Morris and Barnett Vaughn, trombones George Travis and John Wilborn; clarinet Arnold Elder; mellophones E.J. Morrill, Weems Croft and Everett Pickens, baritone Orville Lamb, J.D. Asher; bass Lee Morse and Guy Lamb; saxophone Ted



At top is the bandstand on the courthouse lawn during the 1950s. The photograph on the bottom is of the 1907 Silver Cornet Band of which members included Emmit Koltinsky, Charles A. Moore, Wm. Clark, Ira Sutherland, W. L. Venner, Dr. F. W. Nunn, Watson Davis, Director C.P. Noggle, J. E. Wallace, James T. Travis and Elmer Franklin.

Boston; snare drum, Gilbert Frazer; and bass drum Freeman Elder.

Some of the selections played were Invicargill, Home Town, Flower Queen, Let Me Call You Sweetheart, Under the Circus Tent and the Financier March.

In August of 1942, the bandstand got a new coat of paint and some much needed repair. The work was accomplished by donations of paint and lumber from City Drug Co., Marion Hardware Company, T.H. Cochran and Co., and J.N. Boston & Sons.

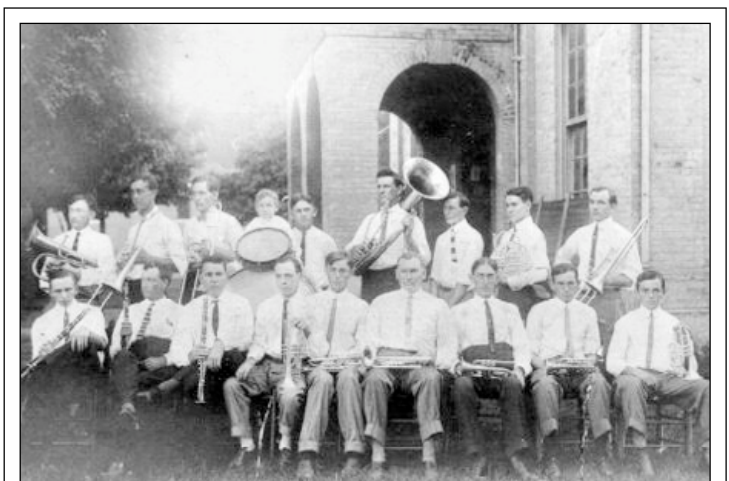
The old bandstand, a much-remembered sight on the courthouse lawn of the old courthouse, was a favorite place of many Crittenden Countyans through the years.

Memories of a young boy on Saturday afternoons in the early 1950s when he got to go to town. In his pocket

would be a knife. He knew that gathered in the bandstand would be at least 25-30 old men who would be chewing tobacco, spitting and telling stories and if he was lucky someone would want to look at his knife and maybe do some trading. Everyone had a knife they would want to talk about and barter over.

Other times someone would be preaching from the stand, trying to save souls for the Lord, or maybe someone might bring a guitar or fiddle and there would be some music to listen to. Whatever the occasion the bandstand was a great place to visit and catch up on all the local happenings.

This old bandstand was a part of the scene until 1960 when it was torn down along the old courthouse to make room for the present courthouse that stands today.



### Band 1910

From The Press archives, Dec. 1910 - Marion is getting up quite a reputation as a musical center. The town has always been one of refined citizenship, well educated and cultured, and to see the delightful art of music here encouraged and put to the front is one of the best signs of the times. Few towns the size of Marion can boast of as many excellent pianists, violinists, cornetists and organists to say nothing of the other rare and beautiful instruments, the Italian harp, flute, mandolin, clarinet, bass horn and numerous others which have found admirers here, who have mastered them and thus added pleasure to our town. Pictured above is the band on the courthouse lawn in 1910. Members are (front from left) Douglas Clement, Jim Hicklin, Ollie Tucker, Band Master Mr. Lawson, Ashley Kemp, Jim Travis, Harry Hammond, William Rochester, Medley Cannon (back) Walter Guess, W.E. Potter, Carey Henry, (unknown child), Noble Hill, Jeffrey Travis, Dugan Ramage, Ira Sutherland and Lee Easley.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

From The Crittenden Press Archives

### News from 1957:

Although the number of new tuberculosis patients was down in 1956 compared to 1955, the TB problem was more acute in Crittenden County than anywhere else in Kentucky. A story on the front page of The Press in December 1957 noted that the rate of occurrence of TB in Crittenden County was 1.134 per 1,000 people. Mrs. Thomas Tucker, Christmas Seal chairperson, said that was based on 11 new cases found during 1956. In 1955, Crittenden had reported 17 cases.

Miss Glenda Rhea Winn of Marion was crowned queen of the Military Ball Dec. 6, 1957 at Western State College in Bowling Green. The 20-year-old was pictured on the front page of The Press. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Winn, she was a music major at the college.

Crittenden County was getting ready to crown its basketball queen during the upcoming game against Sinking Fork. Candidates were Miss York, Clarice Henry, Ann Collins and Gayne Gutherz.

Rev. W.W. Johnson was named new pastor at Marion Second Baptist Church. Johnson had been a pastor in Lyon, Caldwell, Muhlenberg and Webster counties.

Boyd Funeral Chapel in Salem advertised 24-hour ambulance service.

Some of the local businesses sponsoring an advertisement for area churches included Tabor's Service Station, Phillips Construction, Hunt Bros. Feed Store, Tradwater Oil Co., Franklin-Biggs Furniture, Frazer Flowers, Marion Gulf Service and Green Feed Store.

### News from 1982:

Local officials were investigating the idea of the local jail housing state prisoners in order to defray rising expenses in operating the jail. The state was paying \$14 a day. At that rate, Jailor Randy Manley said, Crittenden County could make money.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyce Watson were planning their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children were planning an open house at the couple's home on Leland Ave.

Naval recruit Christopher Easley, son of Bruce Easley of Rt. 4 Marion, had completed his training at Great Lakes, Ill.

Air National Guardsman David Brazell, son of Douglas E. and Lin Brazell of Rt. 9 Marion, was assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas after completing his military training.

Crittenden County FFA held its annual Greenhand Initiation service which was attended by about 50 parents and students. Chapter Sweetheart Alicia Howard was introduced by FFA President Perry Brookshire. Finalists from the Creed Speaking contest were recognized. They were Jeff Campbell, Wolf Greenwell, Shari Buntin, Chris Cook and Bear Greenwell. Cook won first place. The Chapter Corn Show winners were Steve Tinsley, Ricky Winders, Delbert McKinney and Wayne Winters.

Johnson's Furniture and Appliances in Marion advertised its annual storewide clearance sale which included GE microwave ovens for \$299.95, Hoover upright vacuum for \$69.95 and a dining room suite for \$899.

The Rocket basketball team lost to Trigg County 64-47. Crittenden's leading scorers were Tommy Thurman with 11 points, Mike O'Dell with 11 and Russ Davidson with six.

The Lady Rockets were 9-1. They had just defeated Trigg and Drakesboro before suffering their first loss to South Hopkins. Against South Hopkins, Vanessa Gray scored 20 and Robyn Davidson 10 before fouling out in the 59-56 loss.

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**THE PERSONNEL FOR THE BAND** - Leader Ben Price; cornets Doyle Vaughan, Jake Mayes, Clifton Enoch, Ben Price, Walton Morris and Barnett Vaughn, trombones George Travis and John Wilborn; clarinet Arnold Elder; mellophones E.J. Morrill, Weems Croft and Everett Pickens, baritone Orville Lamb, J.D. Asher; bass Lee Morse and Guy Lamb; saxophone Ted

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# BIRD DOGS

## Center Stage on Tradewater

BY CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR

Whoa! Birds in the air. The commands of dog handlers, blasts of wing-shooters and whistles of a lonesome bobwhite echoed through the Tradewater valley Saturday morning when Crittenden County hosted its first in a series of six United Field Trialers Association events.

More than a dozen bird dogs were entered in a field trial aimed directly at amateur dog trainers and your garden variety quail hunter.

"They're fun trials for anybody and any kind of dog," said Bobby Eddings of Providence, the field judge and official scorer for last weekend's run.

United Field Trialers Association (UFTA) is a relatively new group operating in western Kentucky. It's only been popular around here for about 10 years or so, said Wayne Bailey, a professional dog trainer from Hillside Kennels in Uniontown.

It was Bailey, Eddings and Tradewater Outfitters owner Russell Edwards who organized Saturday's field trial. The event was close to being called off because of all the rain, but competitors urged that the show go on.

"Conditions are not favorable today," said Eddings. "It might seem like a good damp day, but there's too much moisture and it's holding the scent right down on the ground. It might be okay if we had a little breeze to move the scent around."

Sloshing in their rubber boots and briar proof pants, hunters trudged through the river bottoms and labored alongside their dogs in some-

times ankle-deep water. Neither seemed to mind.

UFTA rules "provide a competitive venue for dog handlers who appreciate having a fair and consistent system for measuring their dogs' performance. The UFTA's scoring system for field events eliminates potential error or bias on the part of judges," the group's official Web site states.

Fields are set up in seven-acre plots and competitors have 20 minutes to find and harvest three quail. The birds are placed between each run. If a hunter fails to take one of his quail, it remains in the field, giving the next man and dog an extra opportunity.

Eddings said that going early in the competition is beneficial because the first few dogs aren't burdened by added human scent left across the field and piles of feathers from previous kills. But, the later dogs find advantage in having more bird to hunt. Three quail are placed between each hunt whether the last guy bagged his limit or not.

Keathley Brown, a high school junior and apprentice field judge, released the quail between each dog's run.

A judge and scorekeeper follow along with each hunter. UFTA rules allow for a designated shooter or a designated dog handler, thereby allowing the competitor to have two people and one dog afield at the same time. Cost for entry at last week's event was \$35 per dog.

They randomly tagged one quail with a blue leg band and formed a cash contest for the hunter that bagged it. "It's just a lot of fun," said



Pointer Buck (above) is hot on the scent. Below, Kenny Ray looks for a crippled bird while judges Wayne Bailey and Bobby Eddings compare notes.

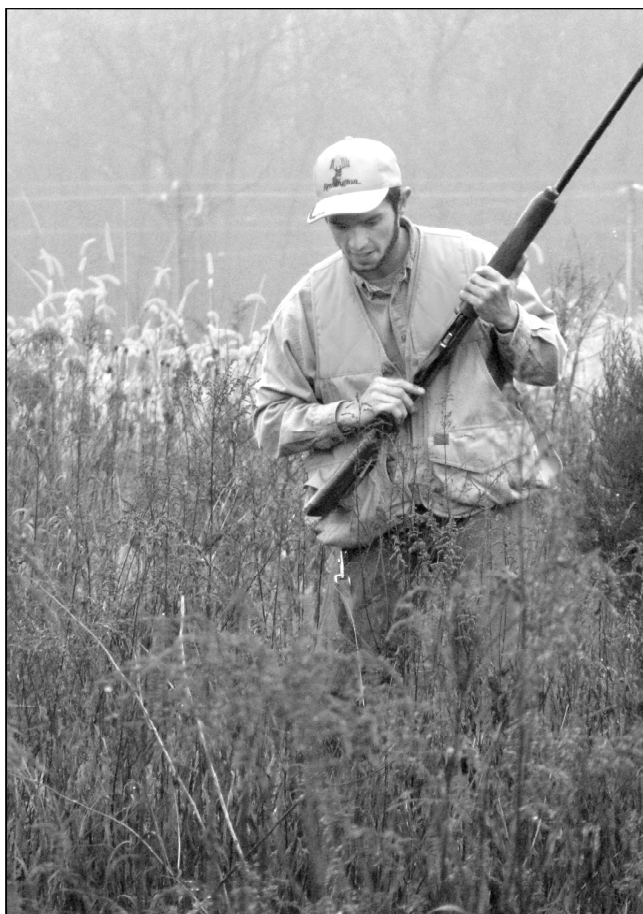
### Amateur dog trials

Field trial dates at Tradewater Outfitters on Ky. 120 near the Crittenden-Webster county line:  
Dec. 29 March 8  
Feb. 9 March 11  
April 12

### On the Web

See movie slide show of Saturday's field trial at [www.the-press.com](http://www.the-press.com)

Read more about the United Field Trialers Association at <http://www.ufta-online.com/>



Pat Carter of Henderson County won the open championship Saturday with her Irish setter, Mack. Ray and Kaine finished second and Ed Simmons took third place



with his pointer. Wayne Bailey and Jess won the amateur division while Scott Young and his dog took second place. Carter and her pup, Kiowa, finished third. Bird hunters interested in participating in any of upcoming field trials may contact Edwards at 836-7998 or Eddings at 667-2154



Brian Sauls of Omaha, Ill., brings out his pointer, Duke, for the open competition.



Dogs and gunners search a seven-acre field for three quail. They have 20 minutes to locate and harvest their birds, so the race is on as soon as the dog is unleashed.

Edwards, who operates a hunting guide service and shooting preserve on several hundred acres near the Crittenden-Webster county line. He is hosting five more events at Tradewater Outfitters this winter and spring. The next trial at his place will be Dec. 29. There will be one Dec. 15 at Feathered Acres in Henderson County. Call 546-7919 for information on that event.

"Our trials will be sanctioned after the first of the year and will be part of a circuit where dogs earn points and worked toward becoming a field trial champion," Edwards explained.

There were 10 dogs in the open division and four in the amateur division at last weekend's trial. While most outdoors enthusiasts conjure up images of high-powered pointers followed by well-spoken heavy hitters on horseback when they hear the term "field trial," these competitions simply are not that way.

"We use what I call laid back rules and a dog doesn't have to be completely broke to run in these," said Eddings. "It's similar to what's known as the Bird Dog Challenge that is popular out West."

Kenny Ray of Eddyville has been running similar trials and training dogs for years. His solid brown German shorthair pointer, Kaine, was the early leader in the clubhouse Saturday morning with 139 points out of a possible 190.

"I was proud of him," Ray said of his dog, which made three points and all of the birds were taken.

Ray shot twice at the first bird before bagging it. That was a 10-point deduction.

"Anything in the 150 to 160 range is a really good score and usually wins," said Eddings.

Hunters are allowed to take just six shotgun shells into the field. They get 10 points credit for each one they don't fire. Dogs are judged on points which must be held for about three seconds and retrieves or partial retrieves. The final points total also includes any unused time on the clock. It's a simple and fair formula for judging a hunting stock dog.

There are few catches. Dogs cannot be collared with electronic training devices other than a beeping-style locator. Shock collars are banned and dogs must stay within the marked boundaries of the seven-acre field. If they range out of bounds, the hunter loses precious time and no points outside of the area are counted.



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