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Crittenden Press closed next week

The Crittenden Press will be closed Monday through Wednesday of next week so that we may spend time with our families over the Christmas holiday. Therefore, there will be no Crittenden Press published next week. However, you will receive your Early Bird, though one day late due to Tuesday's postal holiday. Our office will be open 8 a.m., to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday of next week.

The Crittenden Press will return Jan. 3, 2008, with our special year-in-review, looking back at the year that was

Thank you for your patronage this year. We look forward to bringing you more of your local

Letters to Santa found on Page 1B

They're here. Just in time for Christmas, children's letters to Santa fill five pages inside this week's Press. Sweet, sincere and oh so funny, this year's letters come from the youngest of students at Crittenden County Elementary School.

Santa to stop at **Dycusburg Friday**

On one of his last stops to the area before packing the sleigh for Christmas Eve deliveries, Santa will be coming to Dycusburg Friday. St. Nick will appear at the Dycusburg Grocery at 6 p.m. All children and adults are welcome to tell Santa what they want for Christmas

County garbage pickup delayed

Freedom Waste, Crittenden County's solid waste disposal company, will not have garbage pick-up on Christmas Day. Collection will be on a one-day delay until later this month, returning to normal schedule the week of Dec. 31.

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.

Rain

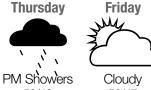


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Forecast

Reported by the National Weather Service.



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County hopes to put hush on drilling

Magistrates approved the first reading of a new county noise ordinance aimed squarely at any future oil and gas operations.

The Crittenden County Fiscal Court has for about three months been examining possible restrictions on drilling, mining or transmission operations that might disrupt the peace and solitude of the county's rural setting.

After discussing the proposed ordinance at a couple of previous gatherings, the fiscal court finally approved the plan during its regular meeting Tuesday morning. Five magistrates were in favor of the plan, but Magistrate Greg West opposed it. Based on its preliminary approval, the

ordinance will become law at the January meeting unless further opposition arises.

The ordinance, drafted by County Attorney Rebecca Johnson, specifically excludes noisy agriculture practices or any other temporary operation that

tractor, said he was opposed to the idea because it might have some unforeseen consequences on normal practices such as construction work. "I just don't want to get into a box

with this," he said. Judge-Executive Fred Brown said that the ordinance is by no means

aimed at any normal activity and if any

problems arise, the ordinance can be

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 Fred Brown Judge-Executive on noise ordinance

amended by the fiscal court. He said that any noisy operations that last 30 days or fewer will not be affected.

I don't feel

everything," the county attorney said.

The ordinance is primarily focused on restricting what some say could be noisy compressor stations or drilling operations associated with gas and oil exploration and mining. Chesapeake Oil and Gas Company and a few others have been exploring and leasing property in Crittenden County for the last couple of years. Right now those operations are centered around possible drill sites near Irma and Tribune. A drill site has also been in operation near Tolu.

The biggest concern, county officials say, is the potential for noisy

See NOISE/page 12A

Fire destroys home, everything family owns



PHOTO BY DARYL K TABOR

A house fire Tuesday afternoon devestated a rural Crittenden County family on Adamson Lane just outside of Marion on U.S. 60 East. The fire completely destroyed the home of David and Melissa Lynch and all of its contents, including Christmas gifts for their children. Above, firefighters with Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department battle the fire.

Rural house, Dairy Queen blazes keep firefighters busy

By DARYL K. TABOR MANAGING EDITOR

Two separate fires early this week took their toll on a rural Crittenden County family and Marion restaurant owner.

No injuries were reported at either fire, but a home on Adamson Lane was completely destroyed Tuesday, and Dairy Queen will remain closed indefinitely until damage from an early Monday can be repaired.

The cause of Tuesday's fire at the home of David and Melissa Lynch was undetermined at press time Wednesday, but little more than the foundation remained of both the home and an unattached outbuilding and carport. All of the home's contents, including Christmas gifts, were destroyed. A neighbor reported two cats were also in the home at the time of the fire.

The Lynches, including their 4-

home at the time the fire began. However, shortly after the fire was reported by a neighbor at 4 p.m., the family arrived to see thick black smoke and flames already rolling from windows and along the

"When I got here, the whole house was already filled with smoke," said a neighbor who preferred to remain unidentified.

Not knowing if anyone was inside the house, he and another neighbor tried to enter the home before the

Lynches arrived. "When I busted in the door it just overwhelmed me," the neighbor said. "I knew I couldn't get inside."

The fire appeared to have begun at the back of the house. The owner, David Lynch, attempted to get close to the home to retrieve items, but the blaze was too hot and ammunition from a gun collection inside the home continually exploded, sounding like popcorn inside a popper. The flames were so intense, the plastic bumper covers of an SUV parked in the unattached carport began to melt several minutes before the fire reached the vehicle. Even toys left outside the home burst into flames before the fire reached them.

Left with little more than the clothes on their backs, the entire family was left to watch their possessions be destroyed.

Lynch and neighbors were visibly irritated at the length of time it took volunteers to respond and begin dousing the fire with water. However, it was doubtful that much could have been salvaged from the fire even as the first firefighters arrived.

The initial page for Crittenden and Mattoon firefighters was made

See FIRE/page 12A

Census of farm data vital to county

By DARYL K. TABOR

Though still twice as many cows as humans live in Crittenden County, their numbers declined from 1997 to 2002 as the acreage planted in winter wheat rose.



as far as what we base our programs on

- Corey Payne **UK Extension Service Agent** on the Census of Agriculture

This type of information gathered every five years through the USDA's Census of Agriculture is what helps farm service agencies track such trends to the agricultural landscape. By keeping an eye on changes, agencies like the University of Kentucky Extension Service can determine the types of yearly programs that best fit the needs of growers and ranchers.

Five years have passed since the last nationwide ag census, and next week, a new count will begin when the National Agricultural Statistics Service, or NASS, begins mailing out Census forms to farm-

"We use those numbers a lot, as far as what we base our programs on," said Corey Payne, UK Extension Agent for Agriculture in Crittenden County. "As far as state agencies go, it's how we gauge what's going on.'

Much of the information gathered in the count is not found anywhere else and helps not only local and state agencies with a snapshot of the face of agriculture, but federal organizations as well.

"It's very important," Susan Champion, director of both the Marion and Salem Farm Service Agency Service Centers, said of Census participation by area farmers.

The Census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures and other topics. It provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation.

While some farms not enrolled with farm service agencies, like those in

See CENSUS/page 12A

City approves money for ballpark expansion

By DARYL K. TABOR MANAGING EDITOR

Fifteen thousand dollars will buy a lot of peanuts and Cracker Jacks. It's also enough to upgrade a ballpark to make it worthy of hosting organized summer league baseball games.

On Monday, Marion City Council agreed to allocate \$14,700 for improvements to the high school baseball field that would allow Marion-Crittenden County Park to host American Legion or semi-pro games. The request was brought before council members by Paul Belt, chairman of the park board, and Gordon Guess, a baseball enthusi-

Guess has spearheaded enhancements at the easternmost diamond of

the park, most notably adding a grandstand with more than 200 folding seats for spectators. The contribution from

city council will help fund expanding the field of play, pushing back the fences and adjusting the lighting. The county has already contributed dirt and road work to shift Old Morganfield Road, which boundaries the outfield.



"We have to grow the

field in order to host these games," Guess said of possible American Legion or Kitty League action.

American Legion baseball is an 80-

year-old summertime youth program to continue the growth of players skills through developing regional competition. The Kitty League is a semi-pro baseball organization with teams as nearby as the Tradewater Pirates in Dawson Springs.

Guess hopes that by pushing the field's power alleys to 365 feet in leftfield and 355 in rightfield, as well as expanding centerfield by 40 feet to 384 feet, both leagues would become interested in bringing games to Marion. The revenue from that, he told council members, would bring outside money into the city.

Specifically, the city's approved allocation over the current and next fiscal year would pay \$9,700 for relocating light poles and about \$5,000 for moving and adding fencing. Light work will be done by Hendrix Electric in Clay, with fencing done by C & C Fence in Gilbertsville.

Guess' hopeful date for having the project completed is June 30, 2008, but the sooner the better. Both target leagues begin play in late spring.

Further improvements at the field include a new, larger scoreboard donated by Coca-Cola, two expanded in-ground dugouts provided by Guess and the high school's Dugout Club, concrete walkways completed by Thomas Brothers Concrete as soon as weather permits, and an eventual gated perimeter fence, larger concession stand and dressing room.

Thursday, December 20, 2007

Experience America: Ride a cheesewagon

Travel. It's part of the American spirit unlike any other in the world. From sea to shining sea there are more than 4 million miles of roadway to explore.

Try and find that anywhere else.

Alas, the thrill of the open road is fading as gas prices soar and air travel promises quicker delivery to our destination. Oversized SUVs and hectic schedules have made the Sunday afternoon drive obsolete for anyone under 65.

Gone are the days when the bitter teen hopped a bus in small-town America and rumbled west across the nation to wear flowers in their hair. Today, kids have no reason to be angry, as they get everything they want, and air travel is as cheap as bus fare.

For instance, if a flower child wanted to visit San



Francisco over Christmas break and return in time to keep their job, he or she could hop a Greyhound in Paducah for a two-day, sixhour-plus ride. That trip, considering it's not one-way, would set you back just over

If said hippie wanted to spend only seven hours and 35 minutes in transit, they could scoot out of Nashville on a jet to the Left Coast. That trip would cost you as little as \$340, according to

William Shatner, the Priceline Negotiator.

That's leaving Christmas Day and returning New Year's Day, both prices. By bus, the earthy smell of a beatnik would be pretty ripe after four days by the bay and nearly five total days on a cramped Greyhound. Factor in a breakdown somewhere outside of Salina, Kans., and the free spirit is two days late on the return and out of a job.

Fly it, and you leave San Fran with an onboard cocktail in one hand and another blocking spittle flying from the chatty computer expert in the aisle seat. And, you're back in time on Jan. 2 to keep your job.

Sadly, bouncing from pothole to pothole aboard mass transit while experiencing America is no longer ideal. And, if today's children

fast food drive-thru courtesy of Mom or Dad. So, the diesel engine of the bus is burning precious fuel for fewer and

fewer passengers ... and wait-

ing in line as parent after par-

could fly to school, they prob-

ably would. When Jan. 2 rolls

around for them, they, too,

will be avoiding the bus,

instead opting for the back of

Mom's fuel-sipping sedan or

co-pilot seat of Dad's

the bus anymore. The yellow

cheesewagons still run up

and down county roads col-

lecting children here and

there. But by and large, the

bus just cannot compete with

individual climate zones,

DVD players, MP3 converters

and stops for breakfast at a

It seems as if no one rides

Navigator.

ent drops off Junior at the front door. In the afternoon free-forall after the last bell rings, 50foot buses are left to jockey for traffic position amid dozens upon dozens of passenger vehicles chauffeuring Junior for his afternoon slushy or tee-time at the club. U.S. 60, Autumn Lane and Country Club Drive quite literally become parking lots as parents await pick-up time. Flaring tempers, cut-offs, flying birds and speedy short cuts through the hospital

No one has been killed and some stepped-up enforcement appears to have cooled things from a fever pitch. Yet it still seems proper traffic laws are a nuisance when such precious cargo awaits.

parking lot are commonplace.

Perhaps a simple, permanent solution might be to let buses leave 15 to 20 minutes before riders are picked up by parents. That's Police Chief Ray O'Neal's clever idea to reduce afternoon traffic congestion.

Adding a "luxury tax" for those who wish to drop off Junior at the front door with a kiss on the cheek might add some financial incentive to take part in school busing. If not, at least it would help pay the district's fuel bill, which every six weeks or so runs more than an average Crittenden County annual income.

Life used to happen on the open road, whether going Greyhound to the West Coast or by cheesewagon to school. Perhaps a new generation of hippies will just have their parents drop them off at Golden Gate Park.

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

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

Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases should not exceed 300 words. Crittenden Press reserves the copies of submitted letters will be retained in our files.

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Grinch strikes at Democrats

The Grinch that wanted to steal Christmas is a militant homosexual blogger that has been on a crusade to "out" Republican members of Congress, who posted on his blog the following: "It's official! Democrats are a bunch of (expletive) wimps.'

How very sad that the wonderful ethereal feeling that is actually in the air at Christmas, the love, spirit of giving, feeling of comfort, rest and hope for a better life here and Heaven after this is so foreign and un-experienced by this poor soul and millions more like him.

His outrage at the Democrats was because he learned that the House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted in support of a resolution recognizing the importance of Christmas and the Christian faith in the founding of the United States and formation of Western Civilization, and only nine



Democrats voted against it. Those nine [the only nay votes] that voted against it are either very ignorant of the history of this nation, or are too dishonest to be up there trying to make laws and rule over us.

Maybe this hatred for Christmas and Christianity by these militant homosexuals will open the eyes of those that say you can be a Christian and still be a homosexual, lesbian, fornicator, or adulterer, and those that say you are born a homosexual or lesbian, and that God made you that way.

They would have to say God is responsible for making some people who hate His Son that gave us Christmas and Christianity and either condones their hatred and lifestyle or made them with no hope of salvation. Anyone that truly reads

and believes the Bible knows God condemns all these and all other sins, and that the Christ of Christmas came to save "whosoever" will confess their sins, turn from them and begin to follow Christ's teachings with faith and obedience.

Out of all the holidays God has seen to it America celebrates, Christmas is the one that is so different in that it is most celebrated, either rightly or wrongly, and has the deepest emotional impression on children and most adults.

Why? Because God Almighty split the atoms, pierced the heavens and came to earth in the form of man and forever left His imprint on even the ether waves of our universe that really is in the air at Christmas time.

That advent also split time from B.C., to A.D., and breathed eternal life into all who will come to Him in faith and confessing [naming] their sins, asking for forgiveness, then believing Him for it and turning and going the other way as God gives them the power [repentance] to do so.

Oh how wonderful that experience is! It is like the experience of Christmas in the hearts and lives of all who partake.

As the song goes: "I Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now."

A blessed Christmas to all, and remember Jesus is the reason for the season!

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

News from the

from AP and

region and state

The Press **Letters**

Support for choir seemed missing

To the editor: My name is Rev. Steve Graham. I am the pastor of Crayne

Presbyterian Church. I am also the lead custodian at the Crittenden County High School and Middle School. Crayne Presbyterian Church hosted the CCHS/MS Choir on Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. It was a wonderful performance witnessed by about 70 people. I am writing to thank Linda the Crittenden Brown, County High School and Middle School Chorus for their efforts. These young people came out in the middle of their hectic holiday schedule and gave of their time to showcase their talents.

I want to thank The Crittenden Press for their free advertisement announcing this event. I also want to challenge the people of Crittenden County. This event was well announced, vet only a few took advantage of a wonderful performance. When they make such a tremendous gesture as to provide a free concert for all the people in the county I am wondering if expecting people to show up is asking too much.

Steve Graham Marion, Ky.

City appreciates community's help To the editor:

On behalf of the mayor and city council and, most especially, the employees of the City of Marion, I want to thank the following businesses and individuals whose generous donations made our 2007 employee Christmas party a rousing success: Chad and Zach Thomas of Thomas & Thomas Concrete; Gareth Hardin and the Farmers Trust; & Bank Joe Yarbrough and Yarbrough Insurance; Bart Frazer and Greenwell, Frazer & Peek; Glenda Collins of Hibbs Insurance Agency; Jeff Walker, CPA; Paul Belt and

Marion True Value; Scott Tabor of Tabor's Chevron; and Alan Robinson of CDP Engineers. Thanks as well to Glen, Valerie, and all the staff at Conger's Country Kitchen for serving a wonderful, delicious meal and providing service that was second-to-none.

Happy New Year to you

Mark Bryant City Administrator, City of Marion

Underdown, Evans served public well

To the editor: I am writing to thank two people for their service to the Crittenden County Public Library. Mrs. Brenda Underdown and Mr. Chris Evans have recently finished their term of service to the Crittenden Co. Public Library Board of Trustees.

During the time that they have been on our board, we have seen many improvements to the library in gen-The technology has been vastly improved, with nearly every computer in the library being replaced over the course of the past three years. We are getting a new bookmobile, thanks to an opportunity that was taken when the former governor was here in Marion!

As president, Chris Evans has been a vocal supporter of the library as well as an behind encourager scenes.

As a member and former member, Brenda Underdown cares deeply about the direction the library takes.

Both of these individuals are intuitive about the community, and are very discerning in helping the group to make decisions that will impact the library program as a whole.

They will be missed, although we know that they will both continue in their support of the library and their community.

Thank you, Brenda and

Regina Merrick Director, Crittenden County Public Library **Gambling group** has 1st meeting

PRINCETON, Ky. - Mike Cherry says a committee designed to study the issue of expanding gambling Kentucky has held its first meeting, but won't begin seriously delving into the issue until the legislature convenes

next month.

Cherry, who

represents

Crittenden,

Caldwell,



Livingston and portions McCracken County in the legislature, told The

Times Cherry Leader the 15member committee met after Thanksgiving and will meet one more time before Christmas. Committee members will be assigned duties based on their areas of interest, with Cherry's being the wording of any amendment placed on the bal-

lot to allow gambling. "...If we do vote on this, the wording needs to be carefully and narrowly constructed to not allow for any other than a strict, narrow definition of what the people are voting on,' Cherry told the newspaper.

Cherry is the only legislator on the committee from west of Owensboro. While he has expressed no favor of expanded gambling, he is not opposed to Gov. Steve Beshear's election promise to allow Kentuckians to decide the matter.

"I won't fight putting it on the ballot, but I will not support it if it is on the ballot," Cherry told The Times Leader.

The committee, created by House Speaker Jody Richards,

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is not to promote expanded gambling, but merely to study issues concerning the proposed measure.

Caldwell water users to see hike

PRINCETON, Ky. - Rural Caldwell County water users will be paying a higher fee next year, but not nearly as high as analysts initially suggested.

Caldwell County Water District's rate increase of 16.7 percent, or about \$4.30 on the average monthly bill, is significantly lower than the 44.7 percent suggested by Kentucky's Public Service Commission to account for an increased cost to supply water to customers.

The rate increase was approved Dec. 6, according to The Times Leader newspaper.

In 2004 and 2006, the Princeton Water Wastewater Commission increased the cost of water purchased by the rural water district. Previously, neither one of those cost increases were passed on to customers of Caldwell County Water District.

Pizza Hut parent helping hungry

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - For a week, Yum Brands Inc. dished out reminders of world hunger, and asked customers to ease the plight while satisfying their cravings for tacos, pizza and fried chicken.

The Louisville-based parent of Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and KFC orchestrated a global effort to assist the U.N.'s World Food Programme in feeding the hungry. The campaign two months ago was the fast-food companv's way of commemorating its 10 years since spining off from PepsiCo Inc. Yum asked customers at its

nearly 35,000 restaurants worldwide to donate \$1 per purchase to the cause. Contributions are still being tabulated, but Yum estimates it raised \$12 million to \$15 mil-

Service-oriented iobs abundant

PADUCAH, Ky. - Precision Steel and its sister company Calvert City Marine Works need 20 to 25 welders, and that number could double in the next year amid heavy barge building.

Welding is one of several jobs demand in western Kentucky as the economy becomes more service-oriented.

The Kentucky Office of Employment and Training projects that two-thirds of all job openings through 2014 in the Purchase area will be from retirements and transfers to other jobs.

The greatest number of openings will be in food, sales and office work.

Precision Steel and Marine Works are benefiting from the need among barge companies to replace their fleets, said Brian Sayner, spokesman for the Calvert City businesses. Also, river shipping is surging because of high land-shipping fuel costs.

"For kids coming out of school who aren't collegebound, there's a lot of opportunity ... for folks who are mechanically inclined," he said.

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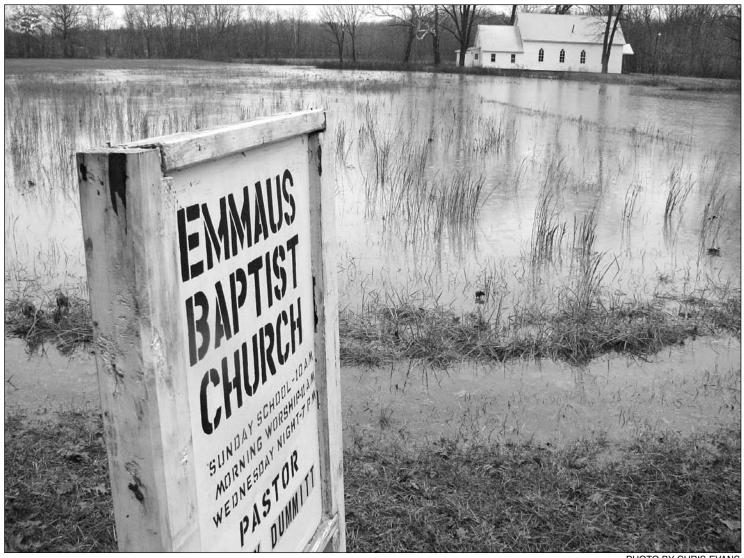


PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS
Emmaus Baptist Church in the southern portion of the county sits atop an island created by a swollen Claylick Creek Saturday. The waters parted by Sunday morning, allowing parishioners to the rural church to pass along Emmaus Road for services.

Winter takes practice run

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

A massive winter weather system that battered portions of the Midwest over the weekend left Kentucky soggy and cold to start the final work week before Christmas travels begin.

A light dusting of snow overnight Saturday was preceded by a deluge of rain Friday and into Saturday. Just under 3 inches of precipitation fell across much of Crittenden County over a 24hour period, temporarily flooding portions of rural roads and closing several oth-

Judge-executive Brown said water was over at least seven roads for some

period of time from Friday to Sunday, with water still over a couple of roads by late Tuesday.

According to local weather watcher Brenda Underdown, 2.8 inches of rain fell last Saturday in Marion, bringing the December total to 9.5 inches, or about one quarter of the total rainfall this year. Rain deficits for 2007 that were once more than 10 inches below normal, now range anywhere from 2 to 4.5 inches, according to University of Kentucky Agricultural Weather Center data.

The frigid weekend temperatures that brought the season's first snowfall also left a thin sheet of ice over puddled rain and roadways Sunday morning. But, preparation for a wintery mix by county and state crews coated roadways with a brine mixture to help slow or prevent freezing along roadways.

High winds from the weekend storm system also downed trees and caused minor damage across the state, though none was reported locally. The heaviest of the winter storm bypassed Kentucky, but made for a miserable weekend in other parts of the country.

The pre-winter blend of snow, sleet and freezing rain cut visibility and iced over highways from the Great Lakes to New England, dumping up to a foot-and-a-half of snow, stranding air and road travelers and causing an airliner to skid off a runway. The storm came less than a week after an ice storm in the Midwest and Northeast that was blamed for at least 38 deaths. Up to a million homes and businesses lost power in parts of Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri.

However, winter doesn't officially arrive until eight minutes after midnight Saturday. Hopes for a white Christmas are slim, with snow showers possible on Sunday and highs of 38 and 36, respectively, predicted for Christmas Eve and Christmas



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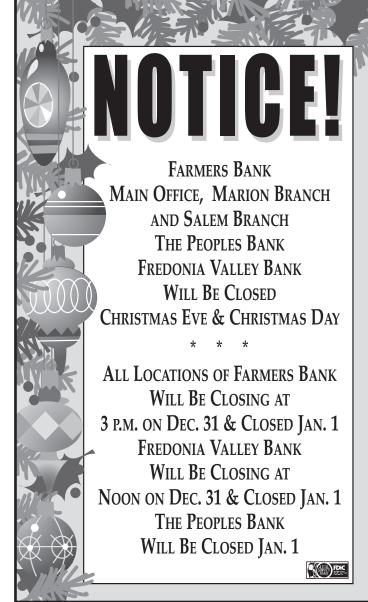
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compressor stations if and when gas or oil pipelines are built to transmit mined products from Crittenden County to other major distribution lines.

Based on the proposed ordinance, no operating engine, motor or equipment in question will be allowed to produce more than 70 decibels during the daytime hours when measured 300 feet from the source. Likewise, the ordinance restricts nighttime noises and sounds measured to the nearest residence or building to just 50 decibels.

According Earthlink.Com, the equivalent of 70 decibels is an average radio or normal street noise. The equivalent of 50 decibels is normal office noise or a

quiet stream. Therefore, the ordinance will virtually mute any type of operation that might create a nuisance for those living or working near a drilling, mining or transmission site, pro-

ponents say. "I don't feel like this is going to be too restrictive," Judge Brown said. "If it is, then we can change it.'

Violations of the ordinance will carry a fine of \$500 per day once the offender has been notified and provided 30 days to remedy the situation.



We're thinking of you this holiday season and sincerely wish the best for the new year.

> County Clerk, Carolyn Byford and staff: Barbara, Donna, Cindy, Elliot & Lindsey

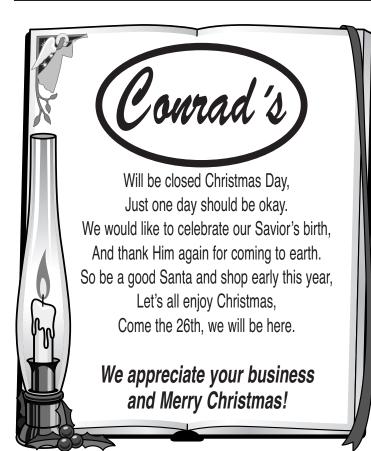
Hours of operation for the Circuit Clerk's office during the holidays will be:

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There will be no road or written drivers test given on December 28.

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

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TALK ABOUT ROOMY - COLLEGE ST. - This is the home, 4 br, bath, living rm, dining rm, kitchen home? Large maintenance free home, 4 or 5 br, 3 w/stove & refrigerator, fireplace, basement, carport and a garage. Well maintained. 3 blocks from town, \$59,500,00, sf

NEW - A BEAUTIFUL HORSE RANCH - This ranch features a 4,000 sq. ft. home w/4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, large liv. rm w/see thru fireplace, sun rm, large kit w/beautiful wood cabinets, all appliances stay. Large dining rm, laundry rm, extra kitchen in finished walk out basement, 10 closets & lots of professional woodwork in the inside of the home. 2 car garage w/closets, 5 stall horse barn w/washing area in immaculate condition. A large machine bldg. w/concrete floor, several hundred ft. of white vinyl fence, loafing shed in the pasture, a 17x21 hunting cabin, all setting on 95 acres (parlly wooded) in Beautiful Ctittenden County. jd LOOKING FOR PEACE & QUIET? - Sheridan is where you'll find this 1 br home, w/laundry, living rm, dining area, kitchen & bath. It has a deck, a front porch & 24x30 A style metal garage. All on

3+/- acres. \$52,000.00. bb JUST LISTED - 3 br, b ath, sun rm, liv. rm, big eatin kitchen, 1 Santa. In Illy remodeled. Great buy. Move in Condmon. 3, 4,000.00. pl

WHAT A DEAL - Built in 2003, a 3br, 2 bath home w/a large living rm & open kitchen/dining area. New paint, central h/a, 2 car garage w/a 14x26 addition, a 12x16 insulated storage bldg. & a beautifully landscaped lot w/a privacy wood fence. Priced To Sell \$99,500.00. jg

PERFECT FOR A BED & BREAKFAST - Quality built in 1834 & still in excellent condition. 5 brs, 5 baths, kitchen, formal dining rm & liv. rm. Extra wide halls up & down w/beautiful staircase. Hardwood floors, all original detailed woodworking. 1 br apartment att. to house. Also a detached full living quarters or apt. Beautiful landscaped grounds. Located on S. Main & Gum st. Must See.

App. Only. er

ENOUGH SPACE FOR FAMILY - 4 or 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining room with fireplace, kitchen complete with appliances. Basement, new front porch, side deck, carport, brick patio. Large yard. Well cared for. jw

REDUCED - STURGIS, KY - A 3 br 2 bath double wide w/large eat-in kitchen & laundry rm with room for upright chest freezer. There's central H/A, new front & back porches, an outbuilding (needs repair) & a paved drive, \$39,900,00, vmh

NEW - POPLAR STREET - 3 br, 1 bath home, din-

ing rm, kit., 1 car garage on double lot. Good starter home. \$29,000.00. mc FAMILY LIVING - 3 or 4 br, 2 full baths, 2 1/2 baths, large kit. w/lots of cabinets, utility rm, hot tub, 3 car garage, paved drive, 2.19 ac. Priced to

SOMETHING SPECIAL ON THIS PROPERTY - 2 HOMES, a large 2 story and a smaller 1 story. Both needing 2 barns, out bldgs. and approx. 30,250 workshop. 24+/- acres wooded 10+ in pasture). \$74,000.00. wu NEW - BRICK RANCH - 3 bedroom brick ranch

with family room and basement, It has a 2 car garage, a car back yard. It is conveniently located near-schools and hospital. See this one today! \$74,900,00, dm NEW - WALKING DISTANCE - 2 br, eat-in kitchen

new vinyl siding and new cen H/A. \$59,000.00. bg

olidays 1/2 baths, kitchen w/app. Walk out basement w/deck, central H/A, paved drive. Wooded 1 acre +/-. A must see property. db

GREAT FOR FAMILY LIVING - 3 br, 2 bath brick home, living rm, dining rm, fam. rm, and carport There's a 1 car det. garage w/storage area and 2 storage bldgs. A nice backyard w/deck & privacy fence. Call for app. \$96,500.00. rb

GREAT FOR A HUNTER'S LODGE - 3 br w/large great rm, lots of kit. cabinets, large laundry rm, & fam. rm. A barn & small storage bldgs. A 32x52 metal bldg. w/upstairs br apt., a 1/2 bath on lower level & concrete floor, 4+ acres fenced & a spring. Salem area. \$130.000.00. is

NEW - GOLFER'S DREAM - Nice 3 br. 2 bath brick home overlooking hole 7. Fam. rm, dining rm & office. 2 fireplaces w/gas logs. Att. 2 car garage Detached 25 X 30 garage w/electric. Gazebo. am MOVE RIGHT IN - 2 br, 2 bath home w/eat-in kitchen, 2 out bldgs, county water, natural gas, pond, aprox. 830 ft. road frontage, 12 acres +/wooded & open, excellent for live stock. Priced to

sell. \$50,000,00, ii STARTING OUT - 3 br, bath, liv. rm, quiet st. Priced right. W. Depot St. Owner wants offer. NEW-PRICE Br home on quiet St. In Sturgis. 24 35,000.00. bd GREAT FAMILY HOME - 3 Br bath, living rm, eatin kitchen w/nice oak cabinets & ap. A Double lot & 5 out buildings. This home is well kept. ew OPEN & SPACIOUS - is this 2 br, 2 bath w/kitchen, living rm & updates on all the interior.

Celler, central h/a. Also has an outside wood burner for the home, out bldgs & county water on 2 acres +/-. Hwy 60 E. Reduced. rp LOLA AREA - 3 br, 1.5 bath, large utility rm, hardwood floors, cent. Air/gas heat, attached garage, 30x50 work shop w/double overhead doors Crittenden Co. 2 miles from Lola, \$51,500,00, ch

QUIET AREA - 3 br home, 1 bath, liv. rm, kitchen w/dining rm combo, full basement, central H/A and carport. Storage bldg (needs repair), county water, GREAT LOCATION - 90 acres mostly wooded Older home & 2 out bldgs (all in need of repair).

County water, a well & a spring. Excellent hunting 4 miles from Marion tw IMMEDIATE POSESSION - On this 3 bedroom home with bath, living room, kitchen, 2 car garage,

paved drive and 3+/- acres. Owner wants offer. Price reduced to \$62,000.00. Ic NEW - PRICED RIGHT - Ranch style 3 br w/large family rm, eat-instance family

OLD SALEM ROAD - 2 or 3 br w/2nd story & basement. Metal garage, older barn, 4.5 acres. Won't last long! Owner wants offer. jw AFFORDABLE - Triple brick home, 3 br, 2 bath,

dining rm, careful and a detached garages. Price \$59,900.00. dp COUNTRY COMFORT IN TOWN - 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile heart ppp., laundry rm w/d, a barn w/ elec., storage big. Price reduced to . Price reduced to \$51.000.00 mc

SECLUDED - 3br, 2 bath w/front deck, oversized storage bldg., fruit trees. Dead end rd. 10+/- acres. \$90,000.00. Owner wants offer, if

MOBILE HOMS CRIEF LOT - Pierce St. \$8,500.00. rd DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY - N. Grant St. Sturgis, 2 br, bath home w/1 car detached garage. Conveniently located. Excellent for rental or frst

December 24th, 25th & 26th

time buyer! Reduced to \$25,000.00. db LOTS & ACREAGE

70 +/- ACRES - Of prime hunting. Creek on one side, bluffs on back & food plots. Fenced front with lots of road frontage. jf 65 +/- ACRES - Wooded, pond, some fencing,

Mattoon. \$118,000.00. km 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. Ic 42.5 ACRES - On Hwy. 506. 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, in

APPROX. 1 ACRE - Hwy. 506. \$5,900.00. dh GOOD LOCATION - Lot across from Crittender 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 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 30 ACRES

\$37,750. rc **SOLO** NEW - DRIFTWOOD ESTATES - Building lot, lake

view at Barkley Lake, Eddyville. \$30,000.00. gd NICE CORNER LOT - This nice 1+/- acre lot is located on the corner of Chapel Hill Rd and Oak Hill Dr. It adjoins the golf course property, has city water & sewer and is nicely shaded with lots of mature trees. \$27,500.00. jn

3 BEAUTIFUL LOTS - On Hillside Rd. off of Christopher Rd. in Fredonia, KY. Lots of big oak & hickory trees on these lots. Priced to sell at

BUILDING LOT - with underground city electric phone and county water. \$5,300.00. kd 6 BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOTS - County water \$8,700 to \$12,500. jn

COMMERCIAL

LOCATION - LOCATION - 1 block from The Court Square on Main Street. Nice commercial bldg. Ready for your new business, cen h/a, security system, motivated seller, in

NEW - HARD TO FIND - Excellent double lot at corner of US 60W & Yandell St. 80'x229'. Could be divided. Zoned light commercial. Good location priced to sell. \$30,000,00, ta

COMMERCIAL - 10,400 s.f. metal bldg w/show room, 2 office areas & 2 restrms. Parts rm., storage bldg w/concrete floor. Fenced area, security systme in & out. Pond on 5+/- acres. Hwy. 641 Marion. jc

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2 added to solid waste committee

STAFF REPOR

The Crittenden County Fiscal Court approved the addition of the county attorney and sheriff to the Crittenden County Solid Waste Committee. The committee has been quite active recently, reviewing the county's solid waste franchise agreement with Freedom Waste, the company that recently purchased Waste Management.

Freedom Waste is now the authorized collector of commercial and residential trash in Crittenden County.

The county attorney and sheriff were added to the committee to help provide legal guidance as the group deals with future issues, which could include policing illegal dumps, restricting unauthorized operators and granting franchises and service exemptions.

Judge-Executive Fred Brown asked County Attorney Rebecca Johnson to research the current agreement with Freedom Waste to determine the amount of time left on the existing contract. Brown suggested that the county might want to re-bid the franchise agreement once the current

contract expires.

Two companies now operating here, Waste Path of Calvert City and Madisonville
Disposal, have until March

31 to either seek a service waiver or stop picking up trash here. Both would like to continue, Brown said. Madisonville Disposal is interested in increasing its presence here, according to company spokeswoman Rita Chappell.

While the county's contract with Freedom Waste is non-exclusive, it prohibits all

INSURANCE

agreement Freedom Collection

Freedom Waste, Crittenden County's solid waste disposal company, will not have garbage pick-up on Christmas Day. Collection will be on a one-day delay until next month, returning to normal schedule the week of Dec.

other trash collectors from operating here unless they have a service exemption. Right now, James Dempsey is the only hauler that has a waiver.

Judge Brown and a few magistrates noted that they have received complaints that Freedom raised its fuel surcharge this month after taking over Waste

Management.
Other members of the Solid Waste Committee are magistrates Glenn Underdown and Curt Buntin, Solid Waste Director Sue Padget and Judge Brown.

The fiscal court also approved the re-appointment of Raymond Belt to the Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board of Directors. Belt, member for the last four

years, will serve another full term. Crittenden County has two other members on the two-county board. They are Sid Bean and Phillip Parker.

•Judge Brown said the county is seeking a new e-waste collector. The group currently taking the county's old computers, televisions and other such items is beginning to charge. He said an Owensboro company has agreed to come here and pick up those items. If the county enters into a contract with that company, it will schedule a day in January when residents can drop off such items at the convenience center.

■ County Sheriff Wayne Agent presented his 2007-08 budget to the fiscal court. The spending plan is projected at \$216,027.

■ Magistrates approved the acceptance of several grants into the county budget, including \$35,000 for a new bookmobile for the public



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Whitfield plans for re-election

STAFF REPORT

Congressman Ed Whitfield announced Monday that he will seek an eighth term in the United States Congress. Whitfield, a Republican, was



first elected in 1994 and has won every subsequent election with a significant majority of voters. "After considering my

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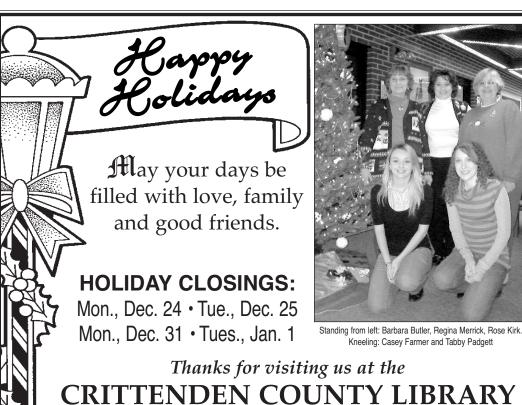
options

Whitfield 2008 and what still needs to be accomplished, I have decided ... there is just too much unfinished business not to

run again," said Whitfield.
Whitfield is the only
Republican to hold the seat
since the Civil War.



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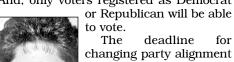
We're Your Salem Office Staff at 216 West Main Street in downtown Salem, Kentucky.

Primary party swap deadline near

Kentucky voters have only a few days left to decide which side of the political coin they want to influence for next year's Presidential election.

Though the primary election is still five months away, any registered voter wanting to change party affiliation for the May 20 vote must do so by the end of the year. That primary will help choose party nominees for the next Commander-in-Chief to replace President Bush.

Kentucky primaries are closed, meaning voters can only cast a ballot for candidates within their party of registration.



changing party alignment is Dec. 31. Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office will be open only five more days this year, including today (Thursday). Her office will also be open Friday and

next Wednesday through

Friday to take voter registration changes. Though Byford's office will close for change can be mailed but must be postmarked by Dec. 31 to be accepted. Registration cards can be picked up in Byford's courthouse office or downloaded at elect.ky.gov/register.htm.

New voters, including 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the general election on Nov. 4, can register to vote in Kentucky's May's primary until April 22.

Besides next year's Presidential Election, Crittenden County voters will help choose a U.S. Senator, congressman and state representative. Potential primaries loom for all partisan races.



We have expanded our menu to include Sandwiches, Chicken, Pork Chop or Steak Dinners

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Open Wed. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 4:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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at 4:01 p.m. By 4:35 p.m., little more than a trickle of water had been put on the fire, as the first responders, David Travis and Jody Herrin with Mattoon Volunteer Fire Department had troubles with the water pressure on the department's pumper.

It wasn't until a third truck arrived that water could be pumped on the fire. By that time, the effort was simply to keep a just-filled propane tank only a few feet behind the blazing carport from exploding. Nearby homes were also in danger from embers flying from the intense structure fire.

Firefighters left the scene shortly before 7 p.m., but were called back to the scene about two hours later as the smoldering remains of the home began to blaze again.

Dairy Queen fire

On Monday, one of Marion's two fast food restaurants suffered a destructive fire that punched through the roof and filled the store with smoke.

At press time Wednesday, cleanup at Dairy Queen had begun but manager Pee Wee Phillips said the restaurant would remain closed indifinitely. In fact, as of Tuesday, store owner Barry Nasseri had not been reached while on his family vacation in Jamaica. Phillips said he was expected back Friday.

Employee Theresa Jenkins

Crittenden County's Amish

community, may not receive

the Census questionnaire

mailed Dec. 28, their informa-

tion is just as vital to the

future of agri-business, said

the director of the NASS

Kentucky Field Office in

big farms," said Leland Brown.

"It's important they all be

counted to represent county

to contact all farmers are

made locally, but no one is

send out the marshal's to col-

farms, even those that may

not participate in state or fed-

eral programs, can benefit

planners use Census informa-

tion to target delivery of local

Administrator Ron Bosecker

in a July news release found

Correction

Dec. 18th issue of The Early Bird's

Farmers Bank Christmas greeting

were not those of current employees.

We apologize for the error.

Photographs appearing to the

lect information," he joked.

forced to participate.

from submitting data.

services,"

Brown said outreach efforts

"In all reality, it's not like we

NASS officials urge that all

"For instance, ... community

said

NASS

"The Census isn't just for

Louisville.

totals.'



Marion firefighters battled an early-morning blaze and freezing temperatures Monday at Dairy Queen. Above, a firefighter atop the building battles flames that breached the roof while firefighter Barrett Belt retreats for more equipment.

first reported the fire at 5 a.m., Monday as she arrived at work. Marion firefighters quickly responded in the freezing, pre-dawn hours to douse the glow of flames that had already breached a new roof

recently put on the store. The fire began at the back of the building in the ceiling.

data when determining where

to locate their operations. And

Phillips said the source of the fire was electrical in nature.

Two hours after responding, firefighters were still spraying foam in the ceiling to suppress any potential flareup. The extent of damage is uncertain at this time, but no date for re-opening has been scheduled.

on the NASS Web site. "Companies rely on Census

farmers themselves look at Census data when deciding to make changes in their production strategies. If a farmer is not contacted, 2009 they can submit their data by

contacting an Extension Service or FSA office. Also, for the first time ever, data will be accepted online in 2007. Growers and ranchers

can submit their information by visiting www.agcensus. usda.gov.

All Census forms, whether completed online or by mail, are due by Feb. 4, 2008. Tabulated data will not be made available until February

Further information on the Census of Agriculture can be obtained at both the local FSA and Extension Service offices, at the NASS Web site or by calling 1-888-424-7828.





RESPONSIBILIT

Every U.S. farmer and rancher has the responsibility to stand up and be counted in the 2007 Census of Agriculture. Your input can help influence decisions about community development, funding availability, farm policy and other key issues. No matter how large or small your operation - and no matter what, where or how you farm - your response matters.

Look for the Census in your mailbox in early January 2008, and please make your response a top priority. Complete and return your form by February 4. This is your chance to help ensure a better future for your operation, your family and your community.



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

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

LIVING IN THE COUNTY AT ITS BEST...this 3 BR, 2 BA 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.

SALE PENDING 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 you dreams by calling for an appointment today. Owner says sell. Reduced to \$292,500.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

SALE PENDING 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.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION ... 2 bedroom home located in Lola. Features living room, dining room, kitchen w/ stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, and much more. \$34,500.

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 1/2 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

LOTS / SMALL TRACTS / FARMLAND

1.27 ACRE LOT...located in Marion. Many possibilities. Call today. 27.994 ACRES...located in Crittenden County. 3-5 acres open, bal-

ance in woods. LAKE AREA LOT ... located south of Eddy Creek Marina on Hwy 93

Perfect for mobile home or build your dream home. Utilities already on property. Call for more information 7 BEAUTIFUL LOTS located in Hickory Hills Subdivision. Call for

more information. PRICE REDUCED. GREENWOOD HEIGHTS...looking at building your dream home? Here are the lots for you. Priced to sell at \$8,000. Call

for more information. **SOLD** APPROX. ONE HALF ACRE...lot fronting the Ohio

River & Crooked Creek **SOLD** 45 ACRES HUNTING RETREAT...approx. 5 acres open

balance in woods. Located on Old Fords Ferry Rd. 60.5 ACRE CATTLE FARM...with portion of farm in timber with

road frontage on two roads. Farm is fully fenced and cross fenced and has two ponds. Property has several areas that would make great home sites that have wonderful views of Crittenden County Abundant deer and turkey also make this farm a great place to harvest that trophy deer or turkey. Call us for a showing. \$119,500.

AWESOME DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING...on this 75.5 Acre Crittenden County Farm. 30 acres of tillable farm land surrounded by hardwood timber and creeks. Great views from atop this farm, several areas of the farm would make a great home site or a place to put that secluded cabin. Several nice trophy deer and turkey have been taken from and around this location. Give us a call to view. \$149.500.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

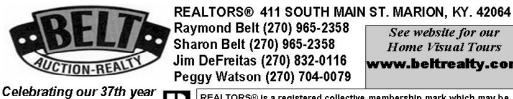
1800 KENTUCKY, PADUCAH KY...Midtown office location. Access to bldg. from KY Ave. or thru the alley off 18th St. Professional office bldg. w/ many rooms available. \$139,900. 1806 KENTUCKY, PADUCAH, KY...Commercial bldg. Located on corner of 19th & KY Ave. Has over 2400 SF of space that currently has 1100 SF leased to "Man's World" barber shop. Balance of bldg. approx. 1300 SF recently has been used as convenience store. Features a storage bldg. in rear w/over 950 SF. Conveniently located near hospital and DR. offices & other professional bldg. This would be a great investment opportunity. \$165,000

112 S 5th ST., PADUCAH, KY...located in heart of downtown renovation area. Building was home to "Conway's" barber shop for over 50 years and bldg. dates back over 100 years. Period architectural designs are still very visible & attractive.

RESTORED HISTORICAL COMMERCIAL BUILDING. located Main St. in downtown Marion. This renovated building has original ornate tin/medallion ceilings, hardwood/mosaic tile flooring, replacement windows plus central heat & air. The building has 1 and half baths, 2 stories with an open staircase leading to the balcony and second floor. Excellent for various retail businesses and downtown apartment. Come take a look and began a new business or transfer your location to this unique building. Call today for

GREAT LOCATION... in Salem. Commercial building and lot. Many possibilities. Call for more information.

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