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Former magistrate dies at age of 92

James Glenn Tosh, 92, of Marion died Saturday at Crittenden Hospital. He was a retired farmer and auctioneer of 40 years, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, served as a Crittenden County magistrate for 12 years, served on the Crittenden County Hospital Board, Crittenden County School Board, Crittenden County Library Board and Crittenden County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. For more, see Page 7A.



Fireside chat focus on story behind art

Hot apple cider and illuminating artistic discussion will be on tap at Fohs Hall tonight (Thursday).

The Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation will be hosting its annual Fireside Chat at 6 p.m. For the sixth year in a row, Kathleen Guess will bring her knowledge of art into focus in the intimate setting of the Nunn Room. This year's topic will explore the story behind the paintings. Some artworks addressed will be American favorites "Nighthawks" and "American Gothic." "I will also present the satirical series of paintings called 'Marriage a la Mode' by William Hogarth. Hogarth set out to expose the naughty behavior of the English noble classes. They are satirical and very funny," Guess teases.

Caldwell petition eyes wet/dry vote

A petition filed last week will put the sale of alcohol at the Princeton Golf and Country Club up to a public vote. The special election will be open to only registered voters in the Eddy Creek precinct, the same voters who in 2005 approved the sale of wine at Black Oak Vineyard by 287-174.

Supercenter work could start by June

Groundbreaking on 23 acres of land for a new Princeton Wal-Mart Supercenter could come this summer, according to officials heading up the project. The 150,000-square-foot store will be located behind the current Wal-Mart on U.S. 62 West. No construction firm has been hired to build the facility as of yet.

Bobcats looking for player boarding

The Marion Bobcats baseball club begin action May 30, but General Manager Gordon Guess is already looking for families or individuals to board some of the team's 22 players. "It's their civic duty," Guess joked, speaking of the community. Guess himself plans to put up one of the players for the two-month season. Manager Steve Fowler said players excel in family settings, immersing them into the community for which they play in June and July. Anyone curious about housing a player can call Guess at 965-2750.



Public meetings

Livingston County Board of Education will meet 6 p.m., Monday at the superintendent's office to consider received bid and sale options for the Ledbetter Elementary School property.

Weather

Reported by UK Ag Weather Service as of Tuesday at Princeton, online at www.agwx.ca.uky.edu.

Forecast

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 am	Mostly clear, 18°	Clear, 12°
Noon	Mostly clear, 24°	Partly cloudy, 33°
6 pm	Clear, 21°	Mostly clear, 35°
9 pm	Clear, 17°	Mostly cloudy, 32°

Precipitation report

Last 7 days0.22 For 2008.....1.54
Last 30 days2.17 Deviation.....+1.03

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County introduces insurance tax plan

STAFF REPORT

Citing a projected shortfall in the 2008-09 budget, Crittenden County magistrates approved the first reading of a new tax ordinance last week during a special meeting.

Members of Crittenden Fiscal Court voted 4-2 to impose a new tax on county residents. Final passage of the plan will require a public hearing and another favorable vote during a later court meeting.

The proposed new tax will be a four-percent surcharge on private and commercial insurance premiums, but will actually be assessed at



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— Fred Brown
judge-executive on budget

4.6 percent in order to cover the Kentucky Department of Insurance's administrative fee for collecting the tax.

Based on the model ordi-

nance approved by magistrates at Friday's meeting, the tax will be levied on all types of insurance, except workers' compensation and group health insurance of state employees. All other categories of insurance premiums will be affected by the new tax, including life, casualty, health, automobile, boat, farm, fire and allied perils. It will include property, farm and homeowner policies. The life insurance tax is based on four percent of the policy's first-year premium. All other taxes will be calculated from the actual premium amount collected in a given year.

Insurance tax in nearby areas

Trigg County.....	6.0%
Hopkins County.....	10.0%
Daviess County.....	4.9%
Dawson Springs.....	8.0%
Eddyville.....	10.0%
Fredonia.....	6.0%
Marion*.....	4.0%
Morganfield.....	7.0%
Princeton.....	5.0%
Providence.....	7.5%
Sturgis.....	12.0%

*Proposed increase to 8.0%.

It's unclear if individual health insurance premiums would be subject to the tax. Although Kentucky Revised Statute 91A.080 prohibits

license fees or taxes on premiums received on health insurance policies issued to individuals through Kentucky Access insurance. Judge-Executive Fred Brown said many counties and cities across the state do indeed charge an insurance tax on such policies.

Brown said this week that after some reflection on the matter, he would suggest that the county exclude health insurance from the tax. He also suggested that magistrates might consider a lower tax rate than the original proposal of four percent.

The tax will be administered by the State of

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputies Don Perry and Greg Rushing investigate the scene of a traffic fatality last Thursday evening on U.S. 60 in Crittenden County. A Florida man was killed in the accident about 12 miles east of Marion.

Florida man dies in wreck; still handcuffed from scuffle

STAFF REPORT

A Florida man on the run from law enforcement in Shepherdsville, Ky., last Thursday became the first highway fatality of the year in Crittenden County.

John Stuart Baker Jr., 47, of Dade County, Fla., was dead at the scene of a traffic accident shortly after 5 p.m., 12 miles east of Marion on U.S. 60. Baker was westbound driving a 1996 Chevrolet pickup when he lost control rounding a curve just northeast of Blackford Church Road. Baker's vehicle left the roadway and struck several trees. Witnesses said Baker had



Perry

wearing a seat belt. Upon investigation by law enforcement officers, they learned that the truck Baker was driving had been reported stolen from

the Louisville area. It had a Jefferson County license plate.

The truck had been stolen from a tobacco shop in Louisville and only had enough gas to go about 30 miles, the owner told investigators.

Local authorities, headed by Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Don Perry, later learned that Baker had been involved in an altercation earlier in the day near Shepherdsville. He had allegedly stolen some items from a Kroger store and when approached by a security guard, a

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Game big 'Deal' for Lewzader

STAFF REPORT

At 8 p.m., Wednesday, Britney Lewzader was finally able to relax and spill the beans. Two months of living a secret life were over.

Since Thanksgiving of last year, the granddaughter-in-law of Rip and Barbara Wheeler of Marion has had to keep the outcome of her appearance on NBC's "Deal or No Deal" to herself. The last of two episodes chronicling the Gilbertsville, Ky., woman's quest to win \$1 million aired at 7 p.m.,



Lewzader

Wednesday. "Around here, nothing stays secret for more than five minutes," the 22-year-old wife of Jonathan Lewzader told The Press last week. "Nanny (Barbara) Wheeler was really hounding me to know at Christmas."

Britney was contractually bound to not speak of her winnings until after the Los Angeles-taped show aired. At press time, the final show had not aired, but she ended Monday night's show with an offer of more than \$200,000 to walk away from a shot at \$1 million... and a chance to start a family.

In April of last year, she traveled to Nashville for a "Deal" casting call, in hope of eventually winning enough money to have a baby.

"My husband told me if I found a way to come up with a million dollars we could have a baby," Britney said, explaining the reason for her trip to Music City to audition. "He woke up that morning and I wasn't there, so he called, and I told him, 'I'm gonna have a baby.'"

She was notified by the TV show in October to clear her schedule in early November. After two trips to the West Coast for tapings with host Howie Mandel, only she, her husband and a handful of guests she was able to invite to the show knew the outcome of the contest.

"I'm a talker," Britney said, "so it's been real tough."

Two Marion teens earn top rank for Boy Scouts

STAFF REPORT

Josh Urbanowski and Cody Dunham are Crittenden County's latest Eagle Scouts.

The two are among about 1.7 million young men who have achieved the highest rank one can achieve in the Boy Scouts of America, which started in 1911.

Urbanowski, 17, and Dunham, 16, are both juniors at Crittenden County High School where they excel as students and participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Dunham is a member of the basketball team and Urbanowski plays baseball and football.

Requirements for Eagle Scouts include a number of merit badges, service and leadership. Each Eagle Scout

candidate is required to plan, fund and complete an extensive community service project. Both of the new Eagle Scouts chose something to help improve the Marion-Crittenden County Park as their project.

"I had lots of help," said Urbanowski, whose project included placement of four swings at the park complex. "You learn a whole lot about team work."

Dunham's project included installation of benches along the park walking trail. He, too, said Troop 30 members were very important in the completion of his project.

"I learned to stick with something even during the tough times," Dunham said, a trait that he finds handy in

various other aspects of life.

Urbanowski has been involved in Scouting since second grade. Dunham has been involved with Scouting for about 10 years, too.

Even though the two have achieved the group's highest award, they say there are still some achievements in Scouting that will keep them interested. Additional recognition can be earned through Eagle Palms, said Dunham, son of James and Wendy Dunham.

"I think I am going to stay in it," he said.

Urbanowski, son of Randy and Sandy Urbanowski, will also stick with Scouting because it's been such an important part of his life to this point.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

New Eagle Scouts Cody Dunham (left) and Josh Urbanowski (right) are pictured here with Rev. Wayne Garvey of the Marion United Methodist Church. The church is the sponsor of Troop 30, and its meetings are held in the church basement.

Presidential choices slim

God has given this nation a representative government which says we rule ourselves or ruin ourselves. We elect those that rule over us, and when we elect communistic, homosexual, and baby-killer sympathizers or supporters we do so at our own peril.

No nation yet has survived for long when it is ruled by men who refuse to be ruled by God.

We are rushing head long into the storm of God's judgment, and all many of the voters can think of is money. Most people have two cars, two TVs, more clothes than they will ever wear, more food that one third of the rest of the world and America carries the record of over 60 percent of its people being obese and all you can hear is, "The economy stupid."

That got the Clintons into power in the 1990s and the media is using it again, hoping to get them in again, and Obama has caught on to the chant.

But there are good

Rev. Lucy Tedrick

Religious Views

Crittenden Press guest columnist



Democrats out there who don't want either of the three top contenders, just as there are a lot of Republicans who don't want Rudy or McCain.

My take is this: The reason Obama won one state was they were voting against Hillary, and the reason she won one state is they were voting against Obama.

What a sad condition this country has sunken to. Rudy and the three Democrats all want America to continue to kill their most innocent, the unborn, and support homosexuality that God has destroyed many people over. They support homosexual unions, and refuse to vote for a Constitutional Amendment

to recognize marriage only between one man and one woman.

The three Democrats also want to raise our taxes, lead us to the left, forgetting morals and inundating us with fear that we are going to be paupers tomorrow if they don't get in.

All three Democrats support more and more welfare to get more votes. They are soft on illegal immigration, want socialized medicine to take away our choice of doctors, and to take the money of those who work to pay for free medicine for all those that won't work and ruin their health with alcohol and drugs then go to the doctor for a toe ache. They also want evil Supreme Court justices who will rule their own liberal philosophy and support every evil the liberals, atheists and communists want, instead of what the Constitution calls for.

A sad truth is if God were to raise up a person that the entire nation knew was a

“...You seek to kill me because my word has no place in you... You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do.

— John 8:37, 44

true and real saint, the evil ones in the media, Hollywood and evil businesses would do what ever it took to prove the saint was evil, dangerous, a liar, or was going to take all their evil rights away from them and turn this nation into a theocracy, until the saint was destroyed.

The next sad truth is most people would believe it and begin to hate and crucify him. Sound familiar?

But saddest of all is that the words Jesus spoke to like minded people of His

day apply to these people of our day:

"...You seek to kill me because my word has no place in you...You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, you believe me not." John 8:37,44,45.

No wonder Jesus commands us to pray for our enemies. If they do not change, and continue to drag more into their destructive camp we all will go down.

Remember, God has promised through Paul: "Be not deceived, God will not be mocked. What a man sows that will he reap." Gal. 6:7

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

Police arrest Smithland man for firing gun into residence

STAFF REPORT

A Livingston County man is facing attempted murder and various other charges following an incident last week in Smithland.

Donnie Ramage was charged with two counts of attempted murder, four counts of wanton endangerment, burglary and violation of a domestic violence order after allegedly firing a gun into a house off U.S. 60. No one else was injured in the incident, but Ramage was taken to Lourdes hospital in Paducah for a non-life-threatening injury.

Livingston County and state authorities responded to the scene after a caller reported a man shooting a gun into their house. When officers arrived, Ramage was attempted to gain entry into an outbuilding. He was armed with a knife at the time and obeyed officers' demands to drop the weapon.

Ramage was lodged in the McCracken County Detention Center on a \$171,000 cash bond.

TAX

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lects its own 1.5-percent tax on many insurance policies. Additionally, the Department of Insurance charges a fee that amounts to 15 percent of the municipality rate for the money it collects for counties or cities. Once the tax is collected, the state will send the money to Crittenden County for use in its general fund. If approved, fees on premiums would be assessed beginning July 1 and Crittenden would get its first payment in October.

The City of Marion already has a four-percent insurance license fee that was first established in 1985. The rate charged is actually 4.6 percent because of the administrative fee tacked on by the state.

The city receives only the four percent levy. Anyone living in the city and currently paying that tax will not be subject to the newly proposed county surcharge. However, city leaders are currently considering a hike that is double its current insurance tax rate.

There was virtually no public opposition to the tax plan proposed during last week's fiscal court meeting. Two magistrates, Dan Wood and Greg West, voted against the measure. Magistrates Percy Cook, Curt Buntin, Helen McConnell and Glenn Underdown supported the ordinance.

Judge Brown told magistrates that information he received from the state insurance commission indicates that a four-percent tax would generate about \$100,000 to \$125,000 of revenue per year for the county.

There is some indication that a four-percent tax would generate even more than that. The City of Marion's four-percent insur-

ance tax rate generates roughly \$200,000 annually. Marion has about 3,200 residents, but there are 5,900 people living in rural areas the county. Population figures suggest a similar tax on county residents would generate more revenue than it does in the lesser populated city, even after accounting for the greatly higher percentage of businesses located in the corporate city limits.

Currently, 344 Kentucky cities and 33 counties levy an insurance premium tax on their residents. Rates vary from three to 15 percent while some tax at a flat rate.

Brown told magistrates considering the plan last week that an insurance tax wasn't the only option. However, he urged them to understand that something has to be done in order for the county to make ends meet in the coming budget cycle. Brown said the county could drastically cut services and contributions to local agencies (see chart at right), or it could consider raising property taxes.

If the county starts looking to trim excess from its budget, Brown said planners would find remarkably little to cut.

"I am not advocating we do this," Brown said, pointing to the idea of implementing a new insurance tax. "I just want to share with you the things we'll have to look at cutting if we don't do something. Most things in our budget, we can't do anything about. Most are expenses set by law and mandated that we pay."

Brown had highlighted several items in the county's general fund and LGEA (Local Government Economic Assistance) fund which are subject to cuts if the county doesn't find another source of revenue. Among those were support of the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation, volunteer fire

Where to cut costs?

Allocations from Crittenden Fiscal Court that could be on the chopping block for next year.

LGEA Fund	
Sheriff Deputy Salaries	\$36,000
Economic Development	\$10,000
Fire Departments.....	\$6,500
Rescue Squad.....	\$1,500
Tipline	\$400
Narcotics Task Force.....	\$2,000
Chamber of Commerce.....	\$400
Soil Conservation	\$12,200
Community Food Program	\$2,400
City-County Park	\$12,500
Community Arts Foundation.....	\$400
Fohs Hall.....	\$400
Marion-CC Airport.....	\$4,000
Park Contribution.....	\$12,500
General Fund	
Official Travel.....	\$4,500
Magistrate Travel.....	\$2,500
Emergency Management.....	\$1,500
Judge-Executive Association	\$750
Magistrates Association.....	\$700

departments, Fohs Hall Inc., a free food program, the Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force, Marion-Crittenden County Park, Soil Conservation District, Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation, Marion Main Street, the local airport and official travel for elected officials.

"In my opinion right now is a bad time," Magistrate West said. "It just seems like people are having a hard time getting by right now."

Wood, the only other magistrate to oppose the idea, said, "I talked to several insurance providers and they don't think this is a very fair tax, if there is such a thing as a fair tax. I just wish we could look as something different."

Judge Brown said that if the tax is approved, he plans to propose a health insurance program for non-elected county employees starting in January 2009. Some of the money generated from the new tax would help fund that plan, estimated to cost about \$40,000. Right now, county employees do not have health insurance benefits.

"That's why I am talking about this," Brown said in his office following the meeting.

Magistrates discussed the fact that property taxes have not risen much in Crittenden County over the past 15 or 20 years. In the mid-1990s, the county's tax rate was 11.3 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. Today, it's 12 cents. However, Magistrate Buntin noted that property taxes can be qualified deductions on personal and corporate income taxes, which helps ease the burden.

"We've seen the figures every year," Buntin said. "I don't think we can continue without doing something. We've gotten to the point that we don't have any money. I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but I think if we start looking at things to cut, we'll just have to cut it all."

Buntin was referring to all of the cuts suggested by Judge Brown, which would equal about \$54,000 annually. However, that would mean no county funds for fire departments or various other economic development and cultural services. It would also likely mean a serious cut to sheriff's department funding for deputies.

Raising property taxes four percent, the maximum allowed without being subject to voter recall, would generate about \$16,000 to \$20,000. It appears that the county will need more than that to balance its budget starting July 1.

Now that the insurance tax ordinance has been introduced and had its first reading, it will become law if approved during a followup vote in February. The issue will be discussed and a public hearing held on the matter at the fiscal court's next meeting, Feb. 19 at the courthouse. The meeting starts at 9 a.m.

The City of Marion could approve its proposed eight-percent premium tax at its next meeting slated for 6 p.m., Feb. 18.

Valentine support sought for troops

To the editor:

I would like to thank the individuals, businesses, churches and schools for any cards, letters or donations they have given me to help our troops. Know that I hear from many of our soldiers that I have never met telling me how much it means to them to receive these packages, letters and cards.

I can only send as much as I do to our troops because of the kindness and generosity of all of you. With Valentine's Day approaching, I would like to send as many cards, letters and packages as I can to thank them for what they do for us.

I find it sad, that so many of our soldiers never hear from anybody. If anyone would like to write a letter, card, or make a donation to help our troops, I would be glad to pick them up.

Most importantly, please, continue to keep all of our troops and their families in your prayers.

Lee Ann Gardella
Marion, Ky.

Fiscal court adds backdoor laws

I was raised on a farm in Crittenden County, graduated from CCHS in 1968, then served four years in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. I graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Civil Engineering Degree and worked for the Kentucky state and federal governments before opening my own business, Astec Engineering,

Average cost estimate

The average Crittenden Countian might pay the following premiums which would be subject to a proposed new insurance tax of four percent:

POLICY	INSURANCE TYPE	PREMIUM	4% TAX	ADMIN. FEE OF 0.6%	TOTAL TAX
Health Insurance*	\$3,000.00	\$120.00	\$18.00	\$138.00	
Automobile	\$800.00	\$32.00	\$4.80	\$36.80	
Boat, Camper	\$200.00	\$8.00	\$1.20	\$9.20	
Homeowners	\$1,000.00	\$40.00	\$6.00	\$46.00	
Life	\$500.00	\$20.00	\$3.00	\$23.00	
TOTAL	\$5,500.00	\$220.00	\$33.00	\$253.00	

**It remains unclear whether health insurance will be subject to the tax.*

Crittenden Fiscal Court

Crittenden Fiscal Court convenes in regular session at the courthouse at 9 a.m., on the third Tuesday of each month

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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, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 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. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Ricky Winders (965-3376) at the animal shelter on U.S. 60 East.

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The Press **Community Calendar**

Today

■ The Senior Citizens Center in Marion will host Chair Volleyball at 10:30 a.m., today (Thursday).

■ The Community Arts Foundation will be hosting its annual Fireside Chat 6 p.m., today (Thursday) at Fohs Hall.

■ The Crittenden County Even Start Center and the Crittenden County Family Resource Center will be sponsoring a Winter Dance Festival today (Thursday) at the Crittenden County Elementary School multi-purpose room. The festivities will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Lonna Starnes will be teaching dance steps to all parents and students attending. STLP students will also be presenting Power Point programs on various aspects of dance. Refreshments will be provided as well as drawings for door prizes.

■ The Senior Citizens Center in Marion will host a Rehab Program by Benny Johnson of Crittenden Health Systems at 11:30 a.m., today (Thursday).

Friday

■ Bingo will be played beginning at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Senior Citizens Center in Marion.

■ Lovers looking to hone their ballroom dancing skills in time for the annual Fohs Hall Ball next month still have time to get in practice. Ballroom dancing classes offered by the Lyon County Community Education program will begin Feb. 5 in Eddyville. The classes will be on Tuesday nights in February, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Lyon County Middle School Gym. Cost is \$30 per person. Registration ends Friday. For more informa-



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Ellis

Perry Newcom (right), 44, has been named Lion of the Year by the Crittenden County Lions Club. Newcom is a two-term fair chairman and past president of the local club. Crittenden County Lions plan and put on the annual Crittenden County Fair. Making the presentation is current Lions Club president Shelby Belt (left). Tyler Ellis was named Junior Lion of the Year by the local club. Although the local Lions do not have a junior program, Ellis was instrumental in helping prepare for the 2007 fair and has helped in other areas as well, including fundraising events.

tion, call Jennifer Key at 388-9715, ext. 413.

Saturday

■ Crittenden County Class of 1988 is having a reunion planning meeting on Saturday at 1 p.m., at the Front Porch. For questions call Rose Dempsey at 704-0313 or Tonya Driver at 704-0421.

Shoppe. All Democratic women are invited to attend the meeting.

Next Thursday

■ The Republican Party of Crittenden County will meet at 6 p.m. next Thursday in the little courtroom at the Crittenden County Courthouse.

■ CCHS is hosting an Information Session from 6 to 7 p.m., next Thursday for all sophomore parents to review

Tuesday

■ The Democratic Women of Crittenden County will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Thom's Sweet

their students PLAN (pre-ACT) test results and learn how their student can perform well on the ACT.

Upcoming

■ The annual Fohs Hall Ball will be held at 6 p.m., Feb. 9. The formal affair that includes a meal and live orchestra dance music by The Temple Airs is the main fundraising event for Fohs Hall Inc., each year. For information contact 965-4055, 965-4999 or 965-4135.

■ The annual meeting of Fohs Hall Inc., will be 7 p.m., Feb. 4 at the historic building. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

■ The February meeting of the Woman's Club of Marion will feature Paula Bridges, nightly news anchor at WPSD NewsChannel 6 in Paducah, as speaker. The Midwinter Brunch begins at 10 a.m., Feb. 2. Make reservations for the brunch through the telephone committee or Helen Lewis at 965-4751.

Ongoing

■ The Senior Citizens Center in Marion, located at 210 N. Walker St., is open for lunch weekdays at 11:30 a.m. The meals are \$2 for anyone over 60 and \$4 for others.

(Editor's note: Community Calendar items should be submitted by 5 p.m., Monday for publication in that week's issue. Find the calendar online at www.the-press.com.)

MACIE KATHERINE CONGER
Born Jan. 14
8 lbs. 3oz.
20 inches
Parents: Mike & Marcie Conger

Happy 12th Birthday Darren
On January 26!
We love you very much, Mom & Dad

Burna man turns 105

STAFF REPORT

No planes, no computers or televisions and the telephone, radio and automobile were only budding enterprises. Teddy Roosevelt was president and the first World Series game was still eight months away.

The year was 1903, the same year Livingston County's oldest known resident was born.

In his lifetime, William Manus has seen it all... or at least more than most anyone else. Bill, as he is known to friends and loved ones, turned 105 Wednesday, far surpassing most expectations for a man born in 1903. In fact, white males born that year had a life expectancy of only 48 years.



Manus

Manus has more than doubled that, so it could be said that he is working on his third life.

"He never smoke or drank," said daughter-in-law Vivian Manus, adding that the man is still alert, despite some hearing loss.

Vivian is married to Harold Manus, the only child of Bill and his wife of nearly 63 years, Christine. The couple reside in the same room at Salem Springlake Health and Rehab. They have been together since Bill returned home from war in 1945.

Growing weaker by the day, however, Bill relies on a wheelchair for mobility around the nursing home. Up until the last year, he was able to walk

with the aid of a walker, but the wheelchair helps him and Christine, 82, still enjoy church services together.

"They love church," Vivian said.

In his prime, Manus was a farmer. He and his wife returned to his native Burna to farm after a stint out of state in the laundry business. Today, he enjoys sleeping and eating, two treats he has earned after more than a century on earth.

"He's tired, very tired, but he's still got a good appetite," Vivian said.

Manus has two grandchildren, Cristie Manus of Princeton and Rhonda Hays of Salem. He also has two great-grandchildren.

Vivian and Harold Manus live in Burna.

Annual 4-H Summit nearing

By **BONNIE BAKER**
CRITTENDEN COUNTY 4-H AGENT

Youth in grades six through eight can build their leadership, citizenship and communications skills while having fun and making new friends during the Kentucky 4-H Summit at the Kentucky Leadership Center in Jabez. They are invited to participate as delegates on March 6-8. Interested youths and their parents are encouraged to reserve their spot early.

Some of the greatest benefits youth receive from 4-H are confidence and knowledge to be good communicators and leaders. 4-H Summit works to strengthen these qualities through hands-on workshops, guest speakers, seminars, group living, recreation and recognition. During the summit, youth will be able to take up to four fun and educational workshops.

In addition to the character building exercises, youths will also be introduced to the many opportunities available to them as senior 4-H members. Senior 4-H members are high school youth. Many conference delegates go on to state level activities and events because of their involvement in 4-H Summit.

Tom Sparough, also known

as "The Space Painter," will be the guest speaker for both sessions. Sparough, of Cincinnati, is a storyteller, juggler, psychologist, comedian and writer. His program discusses life skills and personal development through hands-on activities.

Chaperones and leaders will be a mixture of adult volunteers and 4-H agents. They will be assisted by members of the state teen council, who will be in charge of general sessions and workshops. The conference provides a great opportunity for younger delegates to interact with older teen council members.

All registration will take

place online. To register, contact your county 4-H agent. Those who registered first will gain first admittance. While space for the conference is limited, there is no limit of the number of youth counties can bring. Any adult interested in being a conference volunteer should contact their county 4-H extension agent and attend with their county's delegation.

The cost to register is \$85 per youth and includes lodging, meals, snacks, conference T-shirts and workshop and activity fees. The state deadline for registration is Feb. 8.

For more, contact the local Cooperative Extension Service at 965-5236.

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TALK ABOUT ROOMY - COLLEGE ST. - This is the home, 4 br, bath, living rm, dining rm, kitchen w/stove & refrigerator, fireplace, basement, carport and a garage. Well maintained. 3 blocks from town. \$59,500.00. **SP**

NEW - A BEAUTIFUL HORSE RANCH - This ranch features a 4,000 sq. ft. home w/4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, large liv. rm w/stove 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, loading shed in the pasture, a 17x21 hunting cabin, all setting on 95 acres (partially wooded) in Beautiful Crittenden County. **SP**

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. **SP**

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. **SP**

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 woodwork. 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. Off. \$175,000.00. **SP**

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. **SP**

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. Price reduced to \$31,000.00. **SP**

NEW - POPLAR STREET - 3 br, 1 bath home, dining rm, kit., 1 car garage on double lot. Good starter home. \$29,000.00. **SP**

FAMILY LIVING - 3 or 4 br, 2 full baths, 2 1/2 baths, large kit. w/cabinets, utility rm, hot tub, 3 car garage, paved drive, 2.19 ac. Priced to sell. **SP**

NEW - WALKING DISTANCE - 2 br, eat-in kitchen w/lapp., laundry with w/d. Oak hardwood floors, new vinyl siding and new cen H/A. \$59,000.00. **SP**

LOOKING FOR A BEAUTIFUL SETTING - and a home? Large maintenance free home, 4 or 5 br, 3 1/2 baths, kitchen w/lapp. Walk out basement w/deck, central H/A, paved drive. Wooded 1 acre +/- A must see property. **SP**

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. **SP**

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. **SP**

NEW - GOLFER'S DREAM - Nice 3 br, 2 bath brick home overlooking hole 7. Fam. rm, dining rm & office. 2 fireplace, gas logs. Att. 2 car garage. Detached 25 X 30 garage w/electric. Gazebo. **SP**

GREAT FAMILY HOME - 3 Br bath, living rm, eat-in kitchen w/white oak cabinets & ap. A Double lot & 5 out buildings. This home is well kept. Price Reduced to \$65,000.00. **SP**

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION - 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. **SP**

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY - N. Grant St., Sturgis, 2 br bath home w/1 car detached garage. Conveniently located. Excellent for rental or first time buyer! Reduced to \$25,000.00. **SP**

LOTS & ACREAGE
70 +/- ACRES - Of prime hunting. Creek on one side, bluffs on back & food plots. Fenced front with lots of road frontage. **SP**
65 +/- ACRES - Wooded, pond, some fencing, Mattoon. \$118,000.00. **SP**

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. **SP**
42.5 ACRES - SP - 206.60. **SP**

7 BUILDING LOTS - Coleman Rd. with underground electric. **SP**

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

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

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

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

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. **SP**

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 \$12,500.00. **SP**

BUILDING LOT - with underground city electric, phone and county water. \$5,300.00. **SP**

6 BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOTS - County water. \$8,700 to \$12,500. **SP**

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MOTT CITY - Concrete block bldg. w/lapprox. 2,400 S.F. - 3 overhead doors, hyd. lift. Great location for a workshop. **SP**
NEW BUILDING - GREAT LOCATION - 30x50 bldg, concrete floor, H/A, insulated, 2 entrances & 1 overhead door, natural gas & county water available, new survey for dividing. Sitting on 8 beautiful acres. \$65,000.00. Owner/Broker. **SP**

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. **SP**

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. **SP**

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What's your
opinion?
Would you back
a cigarette tax
increase if it went
for education or
healthcare?



David Cartwright
“I reckon I probably would. I'm a pretty easy going guy, I just kinda go with the flow..”



Lynne McWorthy
“Yes, it's for a really good cause.”



Leon Hodges
“I'll put it this way, I would rather see a tax on cigarettes than something people have to have.”



Stephanie Williams
“No. I smoke and we are getting too many taxes as it is. They should already be going to education.”



Joyce Burdon
“Yes, I don't smoke and it doesn't affect me.”

Week in Review **2008 Kentucky General Assembly**

General
Assembly
watch '08

Bill would reduce
blood donation age

In an effort to increase needed donations of blood to the American Red Cross and other blood banks, Rep. Mike Cherry has filed legislation that would lower the age requirement for donors

Currently, the state limits blood donations to healthy people over the age of 17, with anyone under 18 requiring parental consent. House Bill 139 would lower that age to 16.

Welfare drug test
proving unpopular

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) – Welfare recipients would be tested for drugs and those found positive would lose their benefits under a proposal that is encountering strong opposition in Kentucky.

State Rep. Melvin Henley (D-Murray) said he filed legislation to require the drug tests in response to concerns raised by working-class constituents in his western Kentucky district.

“It makes sense to a person who has to work for a living and has to undergo drug testing and who sees people on welfare who don't have to abide by any rules,” Henley said.

Critics contend the legislation is unconstitutional and that it would have unintended victims – children.

Michigan briefly required drug tests for welfare recipients in 1999, but was ordered by a federal judge to stop just weeks into the program when the American Civil Liberties Union filed suit.

Bill would burden
state's wealthiest

In an effort to increase state revenue in the face of a \$900 million shortfall, Rep. Jim Wayne (D-Louisville) has introduced a bill that would add \$315 million in state revenue from the pockets of the wealthiest.

House Bill 262 would increase the tax rate on income over \$75,000 and establish a refundable earned income tax credit at 15 percent of the federal credit. Anyone earning more than \$75,000 annually would pay only \$100 more in income tax and those making more than \$95,000 would pay an additional \$250.

Wayne pitched his proposal to a House expanded gaming sub-committee Tuesday, telling Rep. Mike Cherry it is not intended as a substitute for the proposed expanded gambling proposed by Gov. Steve Beshear.

Casinos would fall
\$200 million short

Nine casinos in Kentucky would produce \$314.2 million annually in tax revenue for the state, according to estimates presented by Legislative Research Commission economists to a House task force on expanded gambling.

Gov. Steve Beshear has said about a dozen casinos could produce as much as \$500 million a year.

Calls targeting Cherry misleading

This past week, the second of our session, was one of my more eventful. It started with Gov. Beshear's State of the Commonwealth address on Jan. 14. It ended with my spending hours on the phone responding to dozens of calls from sympathetic to upset constituents who were among thousands receiving a "robocall" from "Junior" or "Shirley" representing the Kentucky Values Coalition, castigating me for sponsoring legislation that supposedly would "make it more difficult for Kentuckians to obtain health insurance." In between, three significant pieces of legislation which I'm sponsoring and handling unanimously passed their respective committees and are poised for early floor action.

Certainly the less important in the larger scheme of things, I can't resist first responding to "Junior" and "Shirley." As you can imagine, I was, to put it politely, angry, puzzled and, frankly, flabbergasted. I had no idea what the heck they were talking about. I'm not sponsoring any legislation dealing with health insurance. I do have two bills that are vaguely related but would have no impact on costs except to maybe, slightly help lower costs.

The first of the possibly-related bills, House Bill 9, deals with long-term health care and requires insurers to justify rate increases as health insurance carriers must. I'm proud to sponsor this bill on behalf of the AARP and the Kentucky Retired Teachers' Association. The second bill I'm carrying on behalf of the Kentucky Red Cross and our regional blood banks. It's HB 139 and would allow healthy 16 year-olds to

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donate blood with parental consent, as do many other states.

Neither of these seemed to fit what "Junior" and "Shirley" were talking about. But, still political damage was being done and I was greatly troubled.

It wasn't until the next afternoon when another House member's (Richard Henderson from eastern Kentucky) constituents received the identical call from "Junior" that I realized what was going on – the legislation in question was HB 118, a well-known bill that would stop the practice of public agencies (currently only the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville) providing state health insurance to unmarried co-habitants, often referred to as domestic partners.

HB 118 simply says: "Health insurance plans provided to employees of a public agency shall allow the employee or the public agency to cover only the employee and family members (as defined above) of the employee."

Rep. Henderson is the sponsor and I'm one of 19 democrat co-sponsors, including most of my western Kentucky colleagues. I'm told by some that I was singled out for attention because I was perceived as a/the leader of the effort – don't know

whether to smile or cry.

If "Junior" and "Shirley" had said "Rep. Cherry is co-sponsoring a bill (HB 118) to prohibit unmarried co-habitants of individuals working for tax-supported public institutions from receiving health benefits heretofore reserved for married couples" they would have been correct. That I'm supporting this legislation is no secret and has been previously referred to in the local media.

So folks, there's the story and I'll be happy to discuss it at length anywhere, anytime. I'm, of course, upset on many levels. First, I'm sorry so many of you were disturbed and worried by what must have been thousands of these calls. They're cheap and easy and getting more so daily. I'm also sorry you were subjected to what are called "scare tactics" not giving you any details or means of obtaining additional information but creating a dire scenario for one of your most sensitive and important concerns – health insurance.

In the end, I'm doing what I believe the large majority of you would have me do, as almost 90 percent of this district voted for the constitutional amendment regarding the sanctity of marriage. Furthermore, I'm convinced that the Kentucky Values Coalition, based in Lexington, doesn't represent the same values most of us hold when it comes to marriage.

I could go on for pages but I think and I hope I've said enough on this unpleasant issue. Now, briefly on to other issues.

Much has been written regarding Gov. Beshear's State of the Commonwealth speech, but for those who

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may have missed it, the governor dutifully noted in his first-ever remarks to the House and Senate that the revenue outlook for Kentucky during the next two years is "grim." But, emphasized, if this is handled carefully and with bi-partisan cooperation, our approach could become "a positive turning point for Kentucky."

It will take some belt-tightening in the short term, he said, and from there Kentucky will need a "bold new direction of innovation, creativity, and 21st century thinking."

Gov. Beshear will appear before the legislature again on Tuesday for his budget address. Unfortunately, we learned late last week there will be even less money available than we thought just a few weeks ago.

The Consensus Forecasting Group – a non-partisan panel of economic experts who, by law, determines how much the General Assembly can budget – now says we will have nearly \$600 million less in 2008-09 than was spent

this year. That shortfall is about 10 percent worse than had been expected.

We did, however, receive some good news last Thursday when we learned that Kentucky would be getting nearly \$7.2 million more for its Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP. Given this past weekend's bitterly cold temperatures, this money could not have come at a better time for those families who otherwise might see their power disconnected. We will try to add more state dollars to this program, but it is too early in the legislative session to determine if that will be possible. Currently, 420,000 households qualify to receive LIHEAP, with assistance capped at \$250 per family.

Finally, as I opened this column, I mentioned having three bills I'm sponsoring passed unanimously out of their respective committees. They were:

■ HB 57, which would ensure that state employers know when veterans are applying for jobs and would be required to grant interviews to all, or at least the top five, veterans applying.

■ HB 91, which would ensure school districts have anti-bullying policies and procedures.

■ HB 250, which outlines new and strengthened ethics requirements for the executive branch of state government.

We'll be hearing more on these bills as the session continues.

(Editor's note: Rep. Cherry represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of McCracken County. His column will appear throughout the 2008 regular session.)

Bill would address drugged drivers

We began our second week of the 2008 legislative session in joint session with the House of Representatives. Gov. Beshear delivered his State of the Commonwealth Address in the House chamber, largely discussing the financial condition of the state and what we can and should accomplish within the serious financial constraints we face this year.

I was happy to see that Gov. Beshear shares some of our views on the future of the Commonwealth. Given the extraordinarily tight budget we face, this is really an opportunity to make sure our priorities are in order. This is the perfect time to re-evaluate what services state government must provide, and identify how we can provide them more efficiently and cost-effectively. We may have to make some short-term sacrifices, but delay means forcing even more painful sacrifices on future generations of Kentuckians.

At the same time, we must continue our strong investments in education and economic development so that we can attract and fill the jobs we want our children and grandchildren to have. Balancing our true needs with our

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resource constraints will take hard work and ingenuity over the next three months, but I believe my colleagues and I will meet the challenge. Gov. Beshear will address the General Assembly again later this month to spell out specifics of his budget proposal.

The full Senate also passed its first bill of the 2008 session. Senate Bill 5 would eliminate the primary-election runoff in the governor's race. Under current law, a runoff is needed when no slate receives at least 40 percent of the votes in its party's primary.

The measure was somewhat controversial when it was proposed in last year's session, because it would have affected the ongoing gubernatorial campaign. Fortunately, no runoffs were necessary in either party's primary, but we cannot expect to dodge that bullet every four years.

Counties statewide could have spent \$5.4 million — \$1,500 per voting precinct — to prepare for a runoff had we needed one last year, a financial bite few if any of them could afford. Now that we're far removed from the campaign, we can hopefully pass this money-saving legislation without current political considerations entering the debate.

Other measures are also moving through the process. Among the bills now heading to the Senate floor is SB 2, wide-ranging legislation aimed at improving math and science education in Kentucky. Under the bill, schools could receive grant money to develop middle- and high-school programs to boost the number of students taking rigorous math and science classes. A similar provision would seek to expand energy-technology career education across the Commonwealth. If we want to ensure a better future for our children and grandchildren, we need to make sure they have the tools to compete and reach their full potential. Our target is to offer all students the opportunity to take challenging courses that both engage their intellects and prepare them for the new world economy.

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The Senate Judiciary Committee also approved a measure that could make our roads considerably safer. The bill, which now awaits a vote by the entire Senate, deals with the issue of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

SB 71 would allow law enforcement to arrest anyone caught driving under the influence of drugs, within certain parameters. Blood or urine tests would be used to determine whether the driver

was impaired; prescription drugs taken as directed would not be illegal. There is currently an overwhelming burden on our police officers if they want to charge someone with driving while high, allowing too many dangerous drivers on our roads. Stiff DUI laws have helped decrease the numbers of drunk drivers on our roads, and we hope that treating drug intoxication in the same strict manner will do similar good. At the same time, the bill would lessen the threshold to penalize the most intoxicated of drivers. These drivers, whose blood alcohol level is nearly twice the legal limit, are by far the most dangerous, and getting them off the roads could drastically reduce the number of accidents in Kentucky.

The legislative process will continue picking up momentum in the weeks to come. That makes this a very important time for lawmakers to stay in touch with the people we serve, to report on our work and ask for feedback.

(Editor's note: Sen. Ridley represents Crittenden, Livingston, Henderson, Webster, Union and Caldwell counties. His column will appear throughout the 2008 regular session.)

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Are you searching for something?

My sister was a cruiser. When freedom came to her and her friends as they turned sixteen years old, they quickly learned to follow an age old tradition that is still being carried out to this day. They could be found each weekend night driving from one end of town to the next only to turn around and start over. Occasionally, depending on their social interaction with those they passed, they would stop and talk to their friends until the time came when they would go back to "cruising town." As she would leave to start this ritual my dad would always ask her the same question, "Where are you going tonight?" And she would always reply, "I don't know." The most important thing to a cruiser is the freedom to drive, park, or change courses. So she would simply admit that she didn't know where she was going. To this my dad would always ask, "If you don't know where you are going, how will you know when you get there?"

Last night, my wife, my children, and some of our dearest friends visited many different Lexington-area-mega-supermarkets searching for a South American fruit called Plantain. The journey was made longer because often we knew that there was



a certain chain store on a specific street, but we rarely knew where the store would be. As I searched for these stores, made u-turns to back track, and scanned the signs of mini-malls, I came to the conclusion that I had no idea where I was going. As reality sunk in I asked myself dad's question, "If you don't know where you are going, how will you know when you get there?"

At that moment I realized that the most important thing in trying to navigate through life isn't knowing where you are going next. But, the big thing is knowing what you are looking for. I didn't know where I was going as I searched for those stores. But I did know what type of store I was looking for. When we got inside, I often had to ask for help to try and find this rare fruit

because I didn't know where in the store to find it. But I did know what fruit I was in search of.

Abraham's life would have looked like that of a wanderer. He traveled from region to region, town to town, searching for a city with foundations, whose builder and creator was God. He didn't know where he would find such a place, but he did know what he was looking for. For that matter he also knew why he was looking, because he had

there.

Dreams are born to those who have a purpose. Who realize that they have been called out to search for a better place, a better way, and a better life. Hope is afforded to them along their journey even when they don't know where they are going because in their heart there is an idea, an image, or an issue that they long to address and experience.

If you observe most of us in Crittenden County, we are searching for something. We don't know what it is and we are not finding it because while we know we should be looking, we just don't know what we are looking for. What will make you happy? Who can cause your burdens to be lifted? What would life be like if you could find what you are looking for? How different would the search be if you knew what you are looking for?

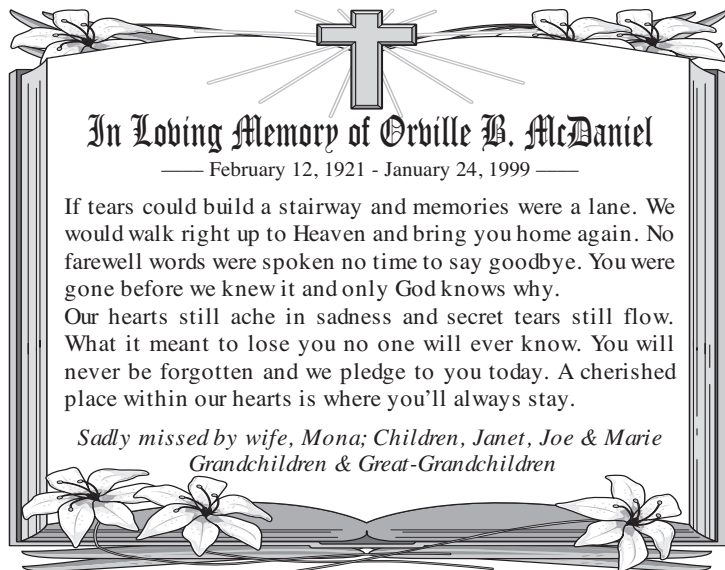
New hope is available to those who look to God as their commissioner and are in search for His city. His ways, and the life that He has for them.

(Editor's note: Rob Ison is pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Greenwood Heights. His column appears periodically on this page.)

“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going... for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

— Hebrews 11:8, 10

been called out. He went when he didn't know where he was going because of two things: the one who told him to go and the image of what he would find when he got



In Loving Memory of Orville B. McDaniel

February 12, 1921 - January 24, 1999

If tears could build a stairway and memories were a lane. We would walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again. No farewell words were spoken no time to say goodbye. You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why. Our hearts still ache in sadness and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you no one will ever know. You will never be forgotten and we pledge to you today. A cherished place within our hearts is where you'll always stay.

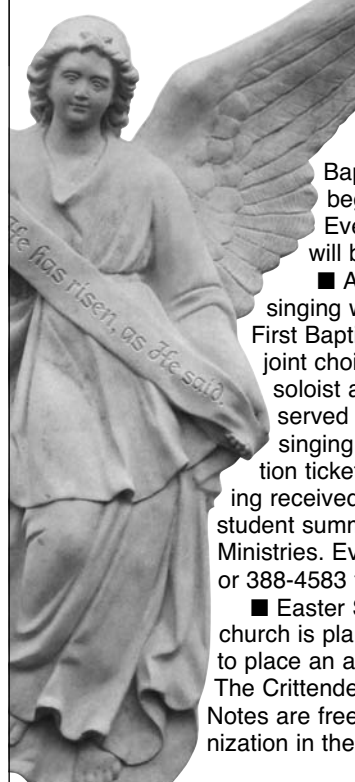
*Sadly missed by wife, Mona; Children, Janet, Joe & Marie
Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren*

Words cannot express our gratitude for all of the acts of kindness shown to us during Mike's extended illness and at the time of his death.

Your love, support and prayers as well as the cards, visits, phone calls and gifts have helped to carry us through these difficult times. May God bless each of you.

*The family of Mike Watson
Linda, Lisa, MJ, Tyler,
Adam, Mildred & Dianne*

Churchnotes



■ Bro. Jackie Brantley will bring Sunday services at Freedom General Baptist on Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

■ Upward ballgames at Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center begin at 9 a.m., Saturday. Everyone is invited. Concessions will be available.

■ A fellowship meal and Gospel singing will be held Feb. 9 at Eddyville First Baptist Church. Featured will be a joint choir of area singers and various soloist and groups. The meal will be served from 5 to 6:15 p.m., and the singing starts at 6:30 p.m. The \$6 donation ticket for the meal and the love offering received in the singing will benefit the student summer mission program of H.R. Ministries. Everyone is invited. Call 545-7729 or 388-4583 for more information.

■ Easter Sunday is March 23. If your church is planning special activities, be sure to place an announcement in this segment of The Crittenden Press. Placement of Church Notes are free to any church or religious organization in the community.

• IN LOVING MEMORY •

EMILY BLAIR TURNER
May 12, 1994 - January 23, 2002
We sure miss those looks.
*We Love You,
Your Family*

Ecumenical Community

Fish Fry

Friday, January 25 • 5-7 p.m.
St. William Parish Hall
860 South Main, Marion, Kentucky
EVERYONE WELCOME!

In Loving Memory of
Silas "Dave" Robinson
June 11, 1926 - January 25, 2007

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. Part of us went with you the day God called you home. A million times we've thought of you, a million times we've cried. If loving could have saved you, you would have never died. Forgive us Lord we'll always weep. For the husband and father we loved, but could not keep. We miss you and will always love and cherish the memories we had with you forever and always.

*Love,
Louise, Scott, Angie,
Bro and Kim*

SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Located between Dycusburg & Frances on Hwy. 70
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday 6 p.m.
Lonnie Knight - Pastor
— Fundamental, Pre-Millennial, Independent —

FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
224 W. Bellville • Marion, Ky.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 7 p.m.
Mickey Alexander, Choir Director

Deer Creek Baptist Church
Five miles on Ky. 297 from U.S. 60 just past Sheridan
Come make a splash at "The Creek"
Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday services: for all ages 7 p.m.
E-mail us at: dcbc@bellsouth.net

Mexico Baptist Church
175 Mexico Road, (270) 965-4059
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training 6 p.m. • Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m. • Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Pastor Tim Burdon
Minister of Music Mike Crabtree
Visit us at www.mexicobaptist.org

Second Baptist Church
730 E. Depot St., Marion
Sunday Bible study and coffee 10 a.m.
Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. • Sunday night study 6 p.m.
G-Force children fellowship Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Bible study and prayer 7 p.m.
Bro. Danny Starick, Pastor • Bro. Chris O'Leary, worship leader

Marion Baptist Church
College and Depot, Marion • 965-5232
• Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
• Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
• Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
• Mission Possible (Grades 1-12):
Wednesdays 3:10 p.m.
Pastor Mike Jones

Marion General Baptist Church
WEST BELLVILLE STREET • MARION, KY
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. • Tony Perryman, Pastor

Barnett Chapel General Baptist Church
Barnett Chapel Road
Crittenden County, Ky.
• Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
• Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
• Sunday evening: 6 p.m.
• Wednesday night Bible study: 6 p.m.
Barnett Chapel... where everyone is welcome.

Worship with us
For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
— Matthew 18:20

St. William Catholic Church
860 S. Main St.
Marion, Ky.
965-2477
Sunday Mass 11 a.m.
Father Larry McBride

HURRICANE CHURCH
HURRICANE CHURCH ROAD OFF HWY. 135 W.
BRO. WAYNE WINTERS, PASTOR
Sunday school, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Bro. Rob Ison, Pastor
Captured by a vision...
108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion, Ky. • 965-4623
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. • Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study - Children and Youth Activities

Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church
State Route 506 - Marion, Kentucky
Sunday School 10 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Bible Study 6 p.m.
Pastor Cortis Hill
Come Join Our Youth Activities!

Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church
585 Sugar Grove Church Road • Marion, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Gary Carlton, Pastor • www.sugargrovecp.org

MAIN STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
720 S. Main St. • Marion | Bro. Gary Murray, pastor
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
— Philippians 4:13
WEDNESDAY: Bible Study 5:45 p.m. • Prayer Service 7 p.m.
SUNDAY: Sunday School 10 a.m. • Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Evening 7 p.m.

Tolu United Methodist Church
Bro. Steve Tinsley, Pastor
We invite you to be our guest
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The People of The United Methodist Church
Sunday School 10 am • Service 11 am • Bible Study 6 pm

Marion United Methodist Church
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The People of The United Methodist Church
College Street • Marion, Kentucky
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship 10:45 a.m., 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.
www.the-press.com/MARIONunitedmethodist.html
Pastor Wayne Garvey

Marion Church of God
334 Fords Ferry Road • Marion, Kentucky
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
"Where salvation makes you a member."
Lucy Tedrick, pastor

Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church
State Route 723, 4 miles north of Salem
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Herbert Alexander, Pastor

Unity General Baptist Church
4691 U.S. 641 Crayne, Kentucky
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m.
Pastor, Buddy Hix • 365-5836
Buddy Hix

Goshen Independent General Baptist
Located behind Pizza Hut in Marion
Need a ride to church? Call 965-5009
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m.
Casual apparel | Greg West, pastor

MARION CHURCH OF CHRIST
546 WEST ELM STREET • MARION, KY
965-9450
Bible Study 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
— The End Of Your Search For A Friendly Church —
Minister Andy Walker

LIFE IN CHRIST CHURCH
A New Testament Church
Contemporary in Worship
2925 U.S. 641, Marion • Harold Patrick, Pastor
Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Harold Patrick

Local&Regional Briefs

News from the
region and state
from AP and
staff reports

Salem hospital adds new doctor

Livingston Hospital and Health Services, Inc., has added Dr. Hazel Joseph, M.D., Ph.D. to its medical staff as a general surgeon.

Dr. Joseph, who grew up in the Radcliff, Ky., area, comes to LHHS from a general surgery private practice at the Colorado Rocky Mountain Burn and Complex Wound Clinic in Greeley, Colo. She is certified by the American Board of Surgery in General Surgery and Critical Care.

"She is a great addition to our medical staff," said Mike Budnick, LHHS Administrator/CEO. "I know that our patients will find her to be a fine physician and an outstanding person."

Joseph holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., as well as an M.D. and a Ph.D. in Anatomical Science and Neurobiology from the University of Louisville. She completed her residency at New York City's Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons before completing a Critical Care Fellowship at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va.

Joseph is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserve, where she serves as Chief Medical Officer for the Foundation for Research in Burns and Trauma in Brandenburg, Ky.

Roundball contest leads to brawl

A questionable call by officials during a recent basketball game led to a small riot in nearby Pope County, Ill.

According to the Hardin County Independent, a game between a visiting Indiana team and the Golconda Job Corps team was interrupted by flying chairs from the visiting team and lumber-wielding attacks on the visitors' bus by the Golconda team. The fight, which included both men and women, began indoors but escalated to the parking lot where the windows of a bus were broken out by two-by-four lumber.

Several agencies, including the Illinois State Police were called in to restore order. Several people were transported to Hardin County General Hospital for treatment of injuries.

Cleanup poster contest under way

Commonwealth Cleanup Week returns March 23-29 for its 11th year. The event includes a student art contest and cleanup activities coordinated by the Division of Waste Management.

Reducing waste that goes into the garbage and onto the landfill is the focus of this year's art contest. In fact, the theme for 2008 is "Use It Up, Wear It Down, Make It Do (Or Go Without)," urging thriftiness. The slogan harkens back to a similar one used during World War II. Students are being asked to create a 21st century version of the 1940s poster. The contest deadline is Feb. 21.

Judges will choose winners from each of four categories - Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Category winners will receive \$50 and a plaque, and their designated classrooms or libraries will get \$500 for the purchase of environmental materials.

Contest rules, background information and an entry form are available by going online to www.waste.ky.gov or by contacting the division at (502) 564-6716.

District court tries service dog case

Crittenden County District Court was scheduled for a trial at 1 p.m., Wednesday afternoon of this week regarding a complaint made by Dorothea Evans of Upper Marlboro, Md., on Aug. 27, 2007, against The Front Porch Restaurant and owner William D. Wheeler.

The complaint alleges that Wheeler violated KRS 258.500 which says that persons with an assistance dog shall not be denied accommodations. The Crittenden Press will provide coverage of the trial, which will also be posted at The Press Online following a verdict.

2007 Crittenden unemployment

	COUNTY	STATE
January	7.1	6.3
February	7.5	6.6
March	6.2	5.8
April	5.6	5.1
May	6.1	5.3
June	6.2	5.7
July	6.1	5.7
August	5.8	5.3
September	5.9	5.6
October	5.0	5.1
November	4.6	5.0
December	5.4	5.7

Unemployment rises in Kentucky

Crittenden County's jobless rate rose to 5.4 percent in December 2007, up from 4.6 percent the month before, following a trend across the state.

Kentucky's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate increased from 5 percent in November to 5.7 percent in December, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education Cabinet. December 2006's jobless rate was 5.4 percent.

"The decline in employment is reflective of consumers cutting discretionary spending in response to rising food and energy prices, the credit crunch, the housing slump and a volatile stock market," said Justine Detzel, OET chief labor market analyst.

The U.S. seasonally-adjusted jobless rate rose from 4.7 percent in November to 5 percent in December, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

County to receive dump grant funds

Crittenden County will receive more than \$14,500 to cleanup illegal dumps in the county. In fact, last week, Gov. Steve Beshear announced that more than \$2.9 million has been awarded in illegal open dump grants distributed from the Kentucky Pride Fund for cleanup of 293 illegal dumps in 52 counties.

Participating counties agree to provide a 25 percent match for the cleanup of individual illegal open dumps

costing less than \$50,000 to clean up.

Significant progress has been made in addressing the illegal dump issue, due in large part to a statewide cleanup and an education campaign by local, state and federal agencies, said R. Bruce Scott, director of the EPPC's Division of Waste Management. The division administers the fund.

State funding for the illegal open dump grant program comes from a \$1.75 environmental remediation fee for each ton of garbage disposed of at Kentucky municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The Kentucky Pride Fund is the first legislated and ongoing source of state funding for dump cleanup. Illegal open dump cleanup has been conducted in Kentucky for several years, using primarily county and federal money.

Caldwell student caught with gun

A 15-year-old Caldwell County High School student was taken into custody last week after allegedly bringing a gun to the school.

According to The Times Leader newspaper in Princeton, a .38-caliber hand gun was found last Friday morning in the freshman's locker after another student tipped off school authorities about the weapon. No ammunition was located and the gun was not loaded. Also, a search of his home turned up nothing suspicious.

The student told police he had taken the gun on the bus with him and intended to do some target practice after school. He could be facing felony charges, as well as school board disciplinary action.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Brett Glover and Robin Cardenas have been hired to improve attendance at Livingston County schools.

Livingston truancy battle lands grant

STAFF REPORT

The Livingston County Board of Education, in conjunction with the judge-executive and fiscal court, has been awarded a grant allowing for the formation of a program aimed at improving school attendance and preventing truancy.

Brett Glover and Robin Cardenas have been hired as director and attendance coordinator of the program. "We want to help students and their parents," explained Cardenas who will serve as attendance coordinator. "Students can only achieve the best possible learning experience and develop positive life skills and habits through regular school attendance. It's important for a successful future."

Recognizing that importance, the Department of Education recently changed the attendance policy to include missing partial days as absences. A student miss-

ing 61 minutes or more of a school day is considered absent. Partial days are calculated as a percentage and added together to become a complete absence.

A student is allowed five excused absences per year with parent notes. Any excused absence after the five requires a doctor's excuse or it will be considered "unexcused." After three unexcused absences, the student is considered truant; after six the student is considered habitually truant and a parent or guardian can be summoned to Truancy Court or District Court and sentenced to fines and/or jail time.

Glover, director of the program, is a 1997 graduate of Reidland High School and Mid-America Christian University in Oklahoma. Cardenas is a native of Paducah and a graduate of the Universities of Kentucky and Florida.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY HOMES

MARION HISTORIC HOME...located on corner lot 3 blocks from center of town. This 3 BR 2 Bath home has early 1900's period architecture inside and out, high ceilings, gorgeous dining room with Butler's pantry. Large living room with hardwood floors and original double pocket doors leading to the dining room/kitchen area. Home also has outside entry for upstairs for anyone looking for rental income. Upstairs has separate kitchen and bath with 2 bedrooms. Two car garage with side street entry, large corner lot with trees and plenty of areas for your favorite flower gardens. Enjoy your morning coffee or evening tea in the sun room. Home also could be converted to professional office/specialty shop. Call today to set up a showing.

SALE PENDING GREAT VIEWS...of the Fredonia Valley from this 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home located on Lilly Dale Rd. Sit on the large front deck and enjoy scenic views, or work in the flower garden situated around a stone patio. Quiet and peaceful, this home has large open floor plan so you can enjoy the kitchen and den with fireplace. Large two car garage with work area, yard is landscaped and has large oaks to keep you in the shade, all on 2.2 acres of land. Over 2100 sq. ft. of living area for only \$65,000, call and set an appointment today.

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.

SALE PENDING 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.

SOLD 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.

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.

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.



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UPCOMING AUCTIONS

SAT. MAR. 15, 10 AM - 67.7 acres of hunting land. Deer, turkey, duck. Location: Hwy. 137 in Livingston County.



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Billie Belt of Salem subjects herself to a bone density test Tuesday at a LifeLine Screening at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion while nurse Kelly Long checks the readings. The machine uses the foot to test for osteoporosis. This and numerous other tests for patients were provided as a screening for serious health conditions such as stroke, aneurysms and artery disease. At least two patients found to be at high risk for stroke were immediately sent to the hospital or doctor's office. "He would have had a stroke," Long said of one man's condition if not treated immediately. The screenings were provided in part by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Agency. Results will be mailed to patients in about a week. From an August screening, 39 patients were found to have at least a mild threat of stroke and two with an arterial aneurysm.

PSC water advisories made available via e-mail, Internet

STAFF REPORT

Customers of mostly rural water utilities can now receive notification of a boil-water order on their personal computer.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission, or PSC, is making e-mail alerts available to water customers whenever their water supplier issues a boil-water advisory as the result of a water main break or other problem. The e-mail notifications will be issued automatically when a boil-water advisory is posted on the PSC Web site.

"Our Web site already contains a huge volume of information that consumers can access to learn more about the PSC or the utilities we regulate," PSC Chairman Mark David Goss said. "This notifi-

cation system takes the next step by sending important information out to utility customers when they need it."

Customers in Crittenden and Livingston counties can sign up to receive notification of advisories from Crittenden-Livingston County Water District, Lake City Water and Sewer District, Ledbetter Water District and North Marshall Water District. Municipal water utilities, such as those for Marion and Salem residents, are not regulated by the PSC and are not participating in the notification system.

Earlier this month, Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant told The Press that the city will air notices on area radio and television stations and often print in The Press.

However, the 151 water sys-

tems PSC has jurisdiction over are required to report the advisories to the PSC as they are issued. The PSC then places the information on the Web site. Upon receiving the notification, customers may then contact the water utility to determine how long the advisory will be in effect.

A list of boil-water advisories issued in the last 72 hours may be found at psc.ky.gov/ors/boilwateradvisories.aspx.

The boil-water advisories are latest outage-related information to be made available on the PSC Web site. In the last two years, the PSC has made information on major electric and telephone outages available on the Web site as soon as it is received from the affected utility.