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## **Feds giving local** departments \$187K for turnout gear

U.S Congressman Ed Whitfield and Sen. Jim Bunning announced last week that Marion and Crittenden County fire departments will receive a \$187,597 grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The money will be used to pay for turnout gear and other safety and operations equipment.

### **Weather Alert** radios available

Magistrate Dan Wood says anyone interested in buying a weather alert radio like the ones sold in the county last year, can place an order at the courthouse. Contact the judge-executive's office at 965-5251 to place an order before the spring storm sea-

## **Governor's reps** will be in Marion

Eddie Spraggs and Virginia Gray, representatives of Gov. Ernie Fletcher, will visit several communities in western Kentucky soon to address questions and concerns from constituents. They will be in Marion at the Crittenden County Courthouse at 10:30 a.m., Feb. 28.

### **EMT** basic class offered at Ed-Tech

Marion Ed-Tech Center will offer a basic EMT certification course beginning March 1. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m., until 9:30 p.m., for 20 weeks. Cost is \$800. The course is approved for EMS and firefighters. To register, call 965-9294.

## By my Valentine! Don't miss a chance to say it...

Valentines greetings will be accepted through Friday for publication in the Feb. 15 Press. Text-only love lines are \$6. Photos with text are \$10. Say "I love you" to a pet, spouse, grandparent, sibling or newborn. Let everyone know how you feel by putting it in black and white.

## **LOCAL MEETINGS**

## **TUESDAY NIGHT**

Crittenden County School Board will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday at the middle school library.

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# Dispatch upgrade

## City gets funds to improve emergency communications

A \$19,242 Homeland Security grant will communication capabilities enhance between emergency dispatchers and police, firemen and emergency workers.

The City of Marion originally applied for a \$66,510 grant to improve its equipment and dispatch antenna. The dispatch antenna is mounted on an old roadsign post, and the building that houses some vital equipment is housed in an enclosed truck bed that has suffered damage from weather over the

The grant was not enough to make those replacements; however. Administrator Mark Bryant said Marion will be able to purchase some much needed equipment, including a new dispatching

Currently, the dispatch center inside Marion City Hall, has limited capabilities. Because there is just one communications console, only one person at a time can answer calls or dispatch various agencies during an emergency. A new console and related equipment will allow two dispatchers to work simultaneously - something that could be a very valuable time-saving tool in the event of a serious event that requires communication with multiple agencies, Bryant said.

The remainder of the grant will purchase two police car radios, handheld radios and



Paula Miniard works the day shift at central dispatching inside Marion City Hall. Central dispatching handles all 911 emergencies, fire, ambulance and law enforcement dispatches.

## Crossing Rocket Creek

BY ALLISON EVANS

City of Marion and Crittenden County School district officials are surveying foot traffic on West Elm Street and the pedestrian bridge behind Crittenden County High School. It's the first step in applying for a Safe Routes to School Program that could result in up to \$275,000 to replace the metal bridge and construct sidewalks along three blocks of West Elm.

Some estimate that up to 150 people - including students and members of the community - use the bridge each day, many of whom walk down West Elm to school. Located at the end of West Elm Street, the four-foot-wide bridge was fashioned from metal grating material in the mid 1980s by high school industrial arts students. It is the only bridge across a small creek known in the school community as Rocket Creek. It's a small branch or tributary of Crooked Creek which drains a large portion of the county.

"When the weather is nice more peo-See BRIDGE/page 5A



City Attorney Bart Frazer, Mayor Mickey Alexander and school Transportation Director Al Starnes take a look at the old metal bridge connecting Elm Street to the school campus.

# Grand jury indicts 4

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted four individuals on various charges Monday. It also dismissed charges against three other people.

A grand jury consists of 12 individuals. It does not determine guilt or innocence. Instead, the grand jury decides whether there is enough evidence to continue a case in circuit court. At least nine of the 12 grand jurors must vote to indict or the charges against a defendant are dismissed.

The grand jury indicted James R. Boggess and Charles G. Bradley Jr., on a variety of charges based on evidence collected by police when their vehicle was stopped at a road check on U.S. 641 near Marion on Dec. 14.

Boggess, 43, of 13th Street in Paducah was indicted on a charge of first degree unlawful transaction with a minor and possession of drug para-

phernalia, second offense. Police say that a child under age 18 was in the vehicle. The indictment says that Boggess "engaged in illegal drug activity" in the presence of the juve-

Police say Bradley, 39, of Main Street in Salem, was driving the car in which Boggess and the juvenile were passengers. Bradley was indicted on charges of DUI, first-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, possession of a police scanner, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to produce an insurance card, failure to notify the Kentucky Department of Transportation of change of address and possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a vehicle.

The grand jury indicted a father and son from Smithland for the alleged involvement in a shooting near Mott City and a high-speed chase that led officers from Marion into Livingston County on Dec. 30.

Ronald G. Ledbetter Sr., 44, of Tanglewood Estates in Benton, Ky., was indicted on a charge of firstdegree fleeing or evading police, firstdegree wanton endangerment, complicity to first-degree wanton endangerment and first-degree reckless driving. Investigators said Ledbetter was in the vehicle when his son fired shots into the home of Randy Cowsert on U.S. 641 four miles south of Marion then led police on a chase through two counties at speeds exceeding 100 mph.

The son, Ronald G. Ledbetter Jr., 24, was indicted for firing the shots into Cowsert's home.

The grand jury dismissed charges of theft against Tracy L. Skees and Michael W. Skees. It also dismissed charges against Derrick W. Spinks.

## Risk ready?

## Community gets graded on its preparedness

BY ALLISON EVANS PRESS ASST. EDITOR

Results of a 16-site Homeland Security assessment will not be available for two months, but some of Marion's strengths and weaknesses were identified during a public review Friday.

Marion is among 90 percent of Kentucky communities to undergo an assessment conducted by the Department of Criminal Justice and its representatives, who have police, fire and military backgrounds.

Vulnerability assessments are conducted at no cost to the city, but participating communities earn up to \$10,000 to use to begin correcting deficiencies identified in a detailed report.

The assessment also gives Marion and Crittenden County some leverage on future state and federal grant applications.

Locations reviewed last week were the courthouse, city hall, fire department, Ed-Tech Center, hospital, water plant, three local industries, health department, each school, National Guard Armory, state highway garage and city-coun-

The purpose of the assessment is to identify preparedness, policies and weaknesses in infrastructure in the event of a natural disaster or domestic terrorism attack.

Mike Roe, one of the representatives who helped carry out last week's assessment, said the purpose of the program should not be confused with that of helping Kentucky communities prepare themselves for a major international terrorist threat. Such terrorist threats are remote, he said. But other risks are very real.

A good working relationship between city and county fire and police agencies was commended during the presentation. Additionally, a school resource officer and access control at Crittenden County High School are two posi-

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## USDA unveils 2007 farm bill proposals

Secretary Johanns last week unveiled the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2007 farm bill proposals. The more than 65 proposals correspond to the 2002 farm bill titles with additional special focus areas, including specialty crops, beginning farmers and ranchers, and socially disadvantaged producers.

'We listened closely to producers and stakeholders all across the country and took a reform-minded and fiscally responsible approach to making farm policy more equitable, predictable and protected from challenge," said Johanns. "We started with the 2002 farm bill and propose to improve it by bolstering support for emerging priorities and focusing on a market-oriented approach.

USDA began preparations for the 2007 farm bill in 2005 by conducting 52 Farm Bill Forums across the country. More than 4,000 comments were recorded or collected during forums and via electronic and standard mail. These comments are summarized in 41 theme papers. USDA economists, led by Dr. Keith Collins, studied the comments and authored five analysis papers.

The proposals unveiled last week represent the final phase of a nearly

two year process. Each detailed proposal provides information about why a change is needed, the recommended solution, and relevant background information about the impacted program or policy.

Highlights of the proposals include (funding reflects 10-year totals):

■ Increase conservation funding by \$7.8 billion, simplify and consolidate conservation programs, create a Environmental Quality Incentives Program and a Regional Water Enhancement Program.

■ Provide \$1.6 billion in new funding for renewable energy research, development and production, target-

ed for cellulosic ethanol, which will support \$2.1 billion in guaranteed loans for cellulosic projects and includes \$500 million for a bio-energy and bio-based product research initiative.

■ Target nearly \$5 billion in funding to support specialty crop producers by increasing nutrition in food assistance programs, including school meals, through the purchase of fruits and vegetables, funding specialty crop research, fighting trade barriers and expanding export mar-

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## AREA NEWS BRIEFS

### **Coast Guard boat safety classes**

Kuttawa flotilla is offering its Boating Skills and Seamanship class to be held at the Lyon County Public Library behind the courthouse on three consecutive Saturdays. Dates are Feb. 17, Feb. 24 and March 3. Classes will start at 8 a.m., and end at 4 p.m. They will cover boat handling, proper equipment for your boat, weather, navigation and trailering among other subjects. There is no fee for the class, but books are \$30. Most insurance companies give up to a 10 percent discount on boat insurance for completing the course. The class size is limited, so pre-registration is advised. Contact Darrell Gammon at 365-1358 or Al Romero at 388-0255.

#### **KSP releases January activities report**

The Kentucky State Police Post 2 at Madisonville has released its monthly activities report for January. Last month, officers arrested 33 drunken drivers, wrote 1,746 citations, issued 459 speeding tickets, issued 330 seatbelt citations and 36 child restraint citations. They also investigated 72 wrecks, answered 1,105 criminal complaints, opened 70 criminal cases and made 139 criminal arrests. There were three fatal crashes reported in the Post 2 District in January. Three people were killed as a result of the crashes. Single fatality accidents occurred in Christian, Crittenden and Webster counties. Two victims were not wearing a seatbelt and one victim was wearing a seatbelt. Last year, only one person died in traffic accidents during January.

#### **New microchip means big changes**

Intel, the world's largest microchip maker, has overhauled the basic building block of the information age, paving the way for a new generation of faster and more energy-efficient processors, the New York Times reported last week. Company researchers said the advance represented the most significant change in the materials used to manufacture silicon chips since Intel pioneered the modern integrated-circuit transistor more than four decades ago. The microprocessor chips, which Intel plans to begin making in the second half of this year, are designed for computers but they could also have applications in consumer devices. Their combination of processing power and energy efficiency could make it possible, for example, for cellphones to play video at length - a demanding digital task - with less battery drain.

#### Former Princeton publisher dies at 84

Lowell Hobby, former publisher of the Caldwell County Times, died Jan. 28 in Princeton. Hobby, 84, retired on April 30, 1992. At that point, the Hopkinsville New Era purchased the newspaper and merged it with the Princeton Leader, creating The Times Leader of Princeton. Hobby started his career in the newspaper business as a sportswriter in 1941 at age 18. The weekly paper had been established just 16 years before by the late Homer

### Crittenden man injured in Ky. 295 wreck

A Crittenden County man was injured in a single-vehicle accident about 10 a.m., last Thursday three miles south of Dycusburg on Ky. 295. According to Kentucky State Police, Wilbur Dekema, 89, was northbound when he lost control of his vehicle, ran off the right side of the highway and hit a tree. Lyon County rescue squad freed Dekema from his 2003 Chevrolet Impala and he was taken by ambulance to Caldwell Hospital for treatment. The police report said that when first responders got to Dekema, he was complaining of chest pains, which may have been a contributing factor in the accident.

## **Princeton woman in national contest**

Rachelle Phillips of Princeton competed on a national stage last week in the Miss America contest, televised live on CMT from the Aladdin Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. Phillips, 24, was wearing a dress, designed by Kayne, supplied by Ziobro's Weddings and Formals in Princeton, according the Princeton Times Leader newspaper. Phillips is the daughter of Randall and Debra Phillips of Princeton. She was crowned Miss Kentucky in Lexington on July 22. Phillips did not earn a spot in the pageant's top 10. Lauren Nelson, Miss Oklahoma, was crowned Miss America.

## **Economic pointers showing strength**

Employers across the nation added 111,000 jobs last month, a pullback from the pace of previous months but still enough to sustain the recent trend of steady strength in the labor markets, the government reported late last week. The national unemployment rate moved up slightly to 4.6 percent in January, from 4.5 percent in December. In its monthly report, the Labor Department also said that job growth was stronger last year than its preliminary figures had shown. That extended a pattern of upward revisions in 2006, bringing to just over 400,000 the number of jobs that the government overlooked in its initial statistics but counted later. The New York Times reported that architecture firms, doctor's offices and restaurants hired with confidence last month, helping to offset cutbacks on factory floors and at residential home sites. It also reported that consumer confidence rose in January to the highest level in two years, citing a University of Michigan consumer sentiment index.

## Oil industry reaping record profits

Big oil companies have recorded some of the largest annual profits in U.S. history. The nation's three biggest oil companies, Exxon Mobil, Chevron and ConocoPhillips, together showed a fourth-guarter profit of \$72 billion on revenue of \$771 billion. Exxon Mobil set a new standard for corporate profit, outpacing its own 2005 record with annual profit in 2006 rising 10 percent to \$39.5 billion, according to MarketWatch. Revenue for the year rose 2 percent to \$377.6 billion – flowing in at a rate of more than a billion dollars a day.

## **Bears' championship gear goes to Africa**

In some parts of the world, the Chicago Bears will be the reigning Super Bowl champions. Every player on the winning Super Bowl team Sunday – along with coaches, executives, family members and ball boys - were outfitted in colorful T-shirts and caps proclaiming them champions. Of course the real spoils of victory went to the Indianapolis Colts. The other set of championship gear - 288 T-shirts and caps made for the Bears - were hidden behind a locked door at Dolphin Stadium. By order of the National Football League, those items are never to appear on television or on eBay. They are never even to be seen on American soil. Instead, they were shipped Monday morning to a warehouse in Sewickley, Pa., near Pittsburgh, where they will become property of World Vision, a relief organization that will package the clothing in wooden boxes and send it to a developing nation, usually in Africa. That way, the NFL can help one of its charities and avoid traumatizing one of its teams. The gear, according to the New York Times, is flown, along with school and medical supplies, into a major city. It is then driven to one of the villages where World Vision staff members work. They distribute the shirts and caps at a community center, about two per family.

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## Election finance: Crittenden outpaces neighbors

When it comes to donations to federal candidates or political action committees (PACS), Crittenden County contributes more per capita than most of its neighbors.

Union County is the only bordering county that donates more to such political activity.

Crittenden Countians in 2006 contributed \$13,000 to candidates, political parties or PACS. That's an average of \$1.45 per person. According to a recent Federal Election Commission report, political

giving in Crittenden County is higher per capita than Caldwell, Webster, Lyon or Livingston counties.

A majority of Crittenden's contributions went Republican candidates GOP-affiliated PACS. Oddly, Livingston County's

only contributions registered with the Federal Election Commission were Republican candidates or affiliates. Livingston is largely a Democrat county with a wide majority of its voters registered

as Democrats.

## **FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

These figures show county-by-county breakdowns of all contributions of \$200 or more to federal candidates, parties and PACs. The party breakdown shows how much went to Democratic and Republican candidates, parties or "leadership PACs." Where party totals don't add up to county totals, the rest went to third parties or independents. The overall total also includes contributions to corporate, labor and ideological PACs that are not affiliated with either party. Totals are based on contribution data from the Federal Election Commission released Jan. 22

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Population	Per Capita	
McCracken County	\$457,656	\$105,000	\$296,000	64,698	\$7.07	
Union County	\$26,299	\$3,450	\$6,350	15,592	\$1.69	
Crittenden County	\$13,000	\$3,000	\$9,550	8,984	\$1.45	
Caldwell County	\$7,325	\$1,450	\$5,375	12,973	\$0.56	
Webster County	\$7,807	\$1,670	\$500	14,161	\$0.55	
Livingston County	\$4,485	\$0	\$3,675	9,760	\$0.46	
Lyon County	\$1,050	\$500	\$550	8,160	\$0.13	



COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENTU	INEMPLOYMENT	DEC. 06	NOV. 06	DEC. 05
Statewide	2,061,379	1,960,118	101,261	4.9%	5.2%	6.2%
BALLARD	4,266	4,035	231	5.4%	5.9%	7.3%
CALLOWAY	17,871	17,017	854	4.8%	4.6%	5.6%
CARLISLE	2,357	2,224	133	5.6%	5.7%	7.0%
FULTON	3,054	2,841	213	7.0%	7.7%	8.1%
GRAVES	16,054	15,090	964	6.0%	6.2%	9.3%
HICKMAN	2,064	1,946	118	5.7%	6.4%	6.6%
MCCRACKE	N 31,812	30,370	1,442	4.5%	4.7%	6.3%
MARSHALL	14,641	13,838	803	5.5%	5.5%	7.0%
CALDWELL	6,429	6,135	294	4.6%	4.9%	5.9%
CHRISTIAN	28,281	26,659	1,622	5.7%	6.2%	7.0%
CRITTENDE	N 4,157	3,925	232	5.6%	5.7%	6.1%
HOPKINS	23,374	22,178	1,196	5.1%	5.3%	5.9%
LIVINGSTON	5,030	4,708	322	6.4%	5.9%	6.5%
LYON	3,145	2,961	184	5.9%	6.1%	8.1%
TODD	5,492	5,133	359	6.5%	7.0%	9.1%
TRIGG	6,878	6,450	428	6.2%	5.9%	6.5%
HENDERSO	N 23,841	22,756	1,085	4.6%	4.1%	5.7%
MCLEAN	4,903	4,577	326	6.6%	6.2%	7.8%
UNION	7,342	6,991	351	4.8%	5.0%	5.9%
WEBSTER	6,915	6,585	330	4.8%	4.3%	4.8%
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## **Jobless** rate falls in state

Unemployment rates fell in Crittenden and 113 other Kentucky counties between December 2005 December 2006, rose in three counties and stayed the same in three counties. according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training.

Crittenden unemployment, on a steady decline for the past year, was at 5.6 percent in December, a full half of one percent lower than the previous year.

In December 2006, two counties had a jobless rate at or above 10 percent compared to five counties that recorded double-digit rates in December 2005.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 3.5 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette and Oldham counties, 3.6 percent each; Scott County, 3.7 percent; Boone and Madison counpercent; and ties. 3.8 Bourbon, Gallatin, and Warren Jessamine counties, 3.9 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 12.2 percent. It was followed by Clay County, 10.3 percent; Wolfe percent: County. 9.9Magoffin County, 9.7 percent; and McCreary County, 9.3 percent.

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

Teen evades

local police

A 19-year-old Crittenden

Fitzgerald was

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County man led police on a

vehicle chase last Thursday

in

Policeman Marty Hodge.

Fitzgerald sped away when

Hodge approached his pick-

up. Hodge pursued the vehi-

cle onto Reiters View Road

where Fitzgerald ran off the

road and through a fence.

Fitzgerald exited the truck

The officer later dialed the

teen's cell phone number

and advised him to give up. Fitzgerald did so the next

morning, turning himself in

to police. He was charged with evading police and

and escaped on foot.

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# Fohs Hall: Understanding her past

## Historic building has been great public servant

This is part II of our history about Julius Fohs and the wonderful gift that he gave to Marion.

We all know about Fohs Hall and hopefully everyone has at one time or another been lucky enough to be a part of this beloved building. Whether we realized it at the time or not, having been a part of this storied building was a unique treasure. You might have been involved as a student, teacher, staff worker, or you may have been in a music recital there, a 4-H play or one of many other events. Maybe we take this building for granted since "it's always been there."

This past week Fohs Hall, Inc., had its annual meeting, and Saturday the annual Fohs Hall Ball will be held there.

Let's take a look back and learn more about this generous person, Julius Fohs, and share the pride and joy of an earlier Marion when she received this building.

I think many of the things written about Marion in 1926 are still what makes us love to live here and be a part of the community in 2007.

From archives of The Crittenden

Fohs Hall Dedication Day has often been spoken of during the last few weeks as Marion's great day. When the climax of "Home Coming Week at Marion" is reached tomorrow afternoon with the dedication of Fohs Hall, Marion will occupy a place unique in the history of the state of Kentucky.

Even before Julius Fohs was born other great and influential men had contributed enormous sums of money and beautiful buildings to various cities in the land. But, with possibly a very, very few exceptions these sums of money and these buildings have been contributed to the large cities. The donors in most cases at least have placed



those gifts in a way which would bring glory and honor in one way or another to the donor. But not so with Fohs

We feel safe in saying that, there are communities not a hundred miles from here in which there are scores of people, who do not know that such a town as Marion exits, Marion does not now, never has, and possible never will make any city-like preten-

Marion is a country town, Marion has always been a country town. Marion perhaps will always be a country town. But she has no cause for regret even at that. Marion, though small in population and though very limited in financial assets as cities go, is big and strong, and powerful, and durable in that "other thing" which makes for better citizenship and for better living, and Marion can count herself many times blessed that she has always placed a premium on that thing which we cannot describe, which we cannot explain but which makes us glad that we have known even a little bit about the Marion spirit, if you want to call it that, which makes Marion the biggest little town in Kentucky.

Many years ago, when Julius Fohs was a school boy in Marion and when his parents were citizens and mighty good ones, too, of the community, he heard Charles Evans and James F. Price and other forward looking and influential Marion boosters, refer often to those things which have to do with the ideal community.

We are only surmising now, but it's possible back there in those days Julius Fohs said to himself that if in the days to come good fortune should come his way he would not be unmindful of the town and the home in all



Fohs Hall shortly after its completion in 1926. The building has served as a school and now a community center.

that this meaningful word

implies of his childhood. And good fortune came his way. But his good fortune was deserved. This good fortune was the result of study of application to the tasks at hand and of hard work. And as good fortune came Julius did not forget, as perhaps many of us would have done, his old home, his old friends, his old community which had encouraged him and helped him in days gone by. The more good fortune smiled, the more the Marion boy thought of Marion and of home and of the days of long

About two years ago Julius Fohs came to Marion, presumable to pay a brief visit to a few of his many friends here. He found Marion changed in many ways. There were new business houses, new firms, new businesses, new clubs, new organizations, but in them all he found the same old neighborly lovable Marion spirit.

"The spirit that helps when another's down That loves its neighbor and

loves its town, That knows how to scatter The darkest frown."

Julius Fohs was glad that Marion was after all, in all those lofty, noble, worthwhile things in life - the same

old Marion.

Julius Fohs might have erected a magnificent building in New York City where his home is now located and where the metropolitan presses would have sung his praises as a philanthropist. He might have erected, as a gift to the city a public building in Lexington or in Frankfort, where his ability as a geologist was highly prized, either of which cities would have seen that his name thru their papers was placed on the roll of Kentucky most distinguished citizens.

But Julius Fohs did not place that building in New York City. He did not locate that edifice in Lexington, nor in Frankfort, the capital of the Blue Grass State, but he came back home to Marion back to the town of his childhood, back where old friends greeted him sincerely and joyously, back where they still called him Julius, and inquired about his own family and about his father and mother and talked about the days of yesteryear.

On this visit to Marion Julius Fohs found out what was Marion's greatest need, Marion's most extravagant wish. Marion's most cherished dream.

And then back to his home on fashionable Fifth Avenue in New York City Mr. Fohs

In a few weeks it was reported that his Marion agent had purchased the site of the old Fohs home here. Then some time later property adjoining was purchased. Then soon there was the sound of hammer and trowel and then slowly but very beautifully and majesty Fohs

Hall came into existence. On October 22, 1926, at the dedication. Julius Fohs. with out any "ifs" or "ands," without any "strings" or "provisions" will present Fohs Hall, the only building of its kind in America, to the Marion School Board as his gift of love to the community of his childhood, to be used, as the stories say "forever after" for the furthering of those worth-while things which really make life worth living.

## THIS WEEK IN

Press Archives Local news articles from

this week in 1957...

■ Nancy Corley, a former student of Marion High school, ranked among the 10 highest girls in the state in preliminary judging in the American

Homemaker of Tomorrow contest. ■ The Kentucky Theatre was showing 'Thunderstorm" starring Linda Christian and Carlos Thompson. Also playing was "Gun Brothers" starring

Buster Crabbe and Ann Robinson. ■ Mrs. P. R. Taylor hosted a luncheon in honor of the 80th birthday of her mother, Mrs. Walter Enoch, more commonly known as "Miss Rosa." Local news articles from this week in 1982...

■ "We can't afford to beat 'em too often." joked former superintendent Charles Cambell, following a tire-slashing at a basketball game between the Rockets and Livingston Central Cardinals. The damage had roughly cost about \$125. The Rockets had won the game.

■ Melinda G. Easley and Cindy J. McDowell of Marion, made the dean's list at EKU.

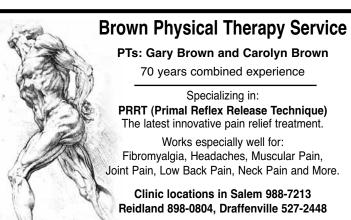
■ Four new directors were elected to the Marion Country Club Board of Governors at the shareholder's annual meeting. Elected to three-year terms were Joe McDaniel, Herb Tucker and Dwayne Croft.



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A city maintenance crew works to repair a water line on East Bellville Street Tuesday.

## Water repairs shut down city

Downtown businesses and residents were without water for short periods on Monday and Tuesday as City of Marion maintenance crews fought Mother Nature and an aging water system.

When the ground freezes and thaws, it creates havoc

on underground water lines. The old city water lines are very susceptible to breaking during such conditions.

City Administrator Mark Bryant said crews spent most of the early part of this week trying to repair four water line breaks. The two worst problems were on

North Walker Street and East Bellville Street.

Bryant said the water outages came at inopportune times as restaurants tried to prepare noontime meals. He said the city appreciates everyone's patience during such situations.



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your specifications.

our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit

sis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements

Audit fieldwork completed - June 13, 2006

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT CRITTENDEN FIGAL COURT FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2005**

To the People of Kentucky Honorable Ernie Fletcher, Governor John R. Farris, Secretary Finance and Administration Cabinet Honorable Fred Brown, Crittenden County Judge/Executive Members of the Crittenden County Fiscal Cour

ndependent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Crittenden County Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Crittenden County Hospital, Inc., a discretely presented component unit. Those inancial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and in our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Crittenden County Hospital, Inc., is based on the report of the other auditors. Those financial statements reflect 100% of assets and revenues of the discretely presented component unit opinion.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described in Note 1, Crittenden County, Kentucky, prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial statements of Crittenden County Hospital, Inc., a discretely presented component unit, have been prepared under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which is inconsistent with the basis of accounting Crittenden County, Kentucky, uses to prepare its financial statements n that certain assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses are made to the financial statements of the Crittenden County Hospital, nc. that are not recognized under the modified cash basis used in preparing the financial statements of the County.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the Crittenden County Hospital, Inc.'s financial statements been prepared using the same basis of accounting as Crittenden County, Kentucky, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the discretely presented component unit of Crittenden County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2005, and the changes in financial position, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of counting described in Note 1.

In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund infor-mation of Crittenden County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 The county has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board

(GASB) has determined is necessary supplementary information, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the budgetary comparison mation However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Crittenden

County, Kentucky's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, are presented for additional analy

of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 13, 2006 on our consideration of Crittenden County, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions

Respectfully submitted,

Krista L. Romaine, CPA Romaine & Associates, PLLC

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## **BASKETBALL**

#### Basketball schedule

Upcoming CCHS games: Friday Boys & girls at Caldwell Tuesday Rockets at Webster Tuesday Lady Rockets host Dawson

## Little league tourney There will be a little league

basketball tournament in Marion Friday night and Saturday. Play is for boys in grades 3-6. Games will be played at Crittenden County Middle School. Proceeds benefit the local baseball boost-

#### 5th graders win again

The Crittenden County fifthgrade basketball team beat Heath 58-8 in Paducah Athletic Club League action. Crittenden finished the PAC League 8-0 and will play in the post-season tournament starting Feb. 15. The boys will also participate in a tournament at Marion this weekend (see information above). Against Heath, scoring was as follows: Aaron Owen 10, Brenden Phillips 10, Jett Crider 8, Jake Hodge 7, Travis Gilbert 4, Taylor Champion 4, Tristan Cullen 4, Devin Belt 4, Paxton James 4, and Landon Young 3.

## **OUTDOORS Hunting seasons**

Rabbit & Quai Nov. 13 - Feb. 10 Nov. 13 - Feb. 28 Sauirrel Trapping Season Nov. 13 - Feb. 28 Nov. 13 - Feb. 28 Goose Pennyroyal Dec. 13 - Jan. 31 Coyote, Groundhog Year Round

### Deer hunter meeting

An organizational meeting to start a Crittenden County program for Quality Deer Management will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the Crittenden County Public Library. The meeting was postponed last week due to snow. Anyone interested in deer management or conservation should attend the meeting. It will be of interest to hunters and landown-

## Small game finale

Rabbit and quail seasons end Saturday, signaling the last of most of the mainstream hunting opportunities this winter, other than squirrel hunting. The statewide squirrel season ends the last day of this month.

## LBL turkey deadline

Application deadline is Feb. 16

for spring quota turkey hunts at Land Between the Lakes. The quota youth hunt is March 31-April 1, and the two regular quota hunts are April 7-8 and April 12-13. No hunting is permitted between those dates. The non-quota hunting season, which does not require a prior application, is one 14-day hunt, April 16-29. Applications are available at LBL area retail outlets, visitor centers or by calling 924-2065. You may also request an application online at

## SOFTBALL

www.lbl.org.

## **Booster club meets**

Lady Rockets softball boosters will meet at 4:30 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Middle School gym. The meeting will last approximately one hour and the main topic is the Spring Break Tournament. Parents and players should attend.

## BASEBALL

## Little league sign up

Little league baseball and softball registration for boys and girls is now underway. Deadline to sign up without late penalty is March 3. Registration form appears in this week's Press (on this page). There are various leagues for boys and girls ranging in age from 3 to 17. Cost is \$40 per player. Discounts are available for multiple children in the same household. Contact Mickey Myers for more information.

## **CHEERLEADING**

## Copeland spirit leader

Jenna Copeland was the CCHS spirit leader for games played last week.

# Storm surge

## Rockets fall below .500 with Caldwell next

BY CHRIS HARDESTY

PRESS SPORTS WRITER With 6-foot-5 forward Jacob Courtney sidelined with foul trouble much of the night, visiting Hopkins Central took full advantage of the situation by outrebounding the Rockets 35-19 Tuesday en route to a dominating 70-55 win.

The game started out to be a nipand-tuck affair as there were two ties and numerous lead changes in the first quarter. Trailing 6-4, Rocket forward Adam Hardin connected for his only trey of the contest to put his team up 7-6.

But when Courtney, who finished with only three points and three rebounds, picked up his second foul at the 2:53 mark of the opening frame, a big, athletic Storm frontline began to have its way on the backboards.

Making the situation even more challenging was the fact that no other Crittenden player managed more than three rebounds for the entire game.

After settling for a 12-all deadlock at the end of the first quarter, the



## **5th District Standings**

	BOYS	
Team	Overall	District
Crittenden	8-9	4-2
Livingston	8-12	3-3
Trigg	7-14	3-3
Lyon	3-16	2-4
	GIRLS	
Lyon	16-6	6-0
Livingston	14-10	4-2
Crittenden	4-16	1-5
Trigg	4-17	1-5

Storm went on a 14-0 run to take a 26-12 lead. Crittenden (8-9) did not score again until Gaige Courtney nailed a short jumper with 2:52 remaining in the first half.

Trailing by 10 entering the second half, things progressively got worse for Crittenden as the Storm continued to stretch the lead and put the

Rockets tried a patient offensive approach against Hopkins Central's zone.

game away early in the last half. The visitors were also much more aggressive in taking the ball to the basket than were the Rockets. The Storm shot 19-of-27 at the free throw line. Conversely, the Rockets were only 11-of-17.

"We did not attack too much," Rocket coach Rob Towery said after the setback.

With such a steep hill to climb, the Rockets came out with some fullcourt pressure in the fourth quarter to try and make a game of it, but the Storm handled it well. Hopkins Central (13-13) only recorded seven turnovers the entire contest.

Despite only having one practice over the last week due to school not being in session, Towery refused to use that as an excuse. Rather, he credited Hopkins Central with outplaying his club.

"I thought we were more mentally out of it tonight than we were physically," he said.

The Rockets have never been more than one game below .500 this season, but that will be firmly tested tomorrow night when they travel to Princeton to face 15-3 Caldwell County. Sharpshooting guard Matt Fraliex is currently second in the state in scoring, averaging 32.8 points per outing. Caldwell is ranked among the top three teams in the Second Region.

#### **Hopkins Central 70, Crittenden 55**

Hopkins Central 12 31 Crittenden Hopkins Central - Evans 14, Stefford 14, Bell 4, Coble 7, Arnold 5, Alvarez 6, Heley 3, Croft 2, Bowman 4, Jones 9, Faulk 2, Guinel. FG. 24. 3pointers 1 (Coble). FT. 19-27. Fouls 19. Crittenden - Courtney, G. 19, Cosby 11, Markham 5, Hardin 9, Holzer 6, Courtney, J. 3, Stout, Highfil,

### Jackson, Deboe. FG. 12. 3-pointers 6 (Cosby, Markham, Hardin, G. Courtney, Holzer 2). FT. 11-17. Fouls 20.

Girls fall to Madisonville

#### BY CHRIS HARDESTY PRESS SPORTS WRITER

The young, inexperienced Lady Rockets' run of stiff competition continued Saturday night without much success as they fell to visiting Madisonville 83-46.

After an early deadlock at 4-all, the Lady Maroons (9-12) took immediate control, running off 25 unanswered points to claim a 29-4 advantage and remove any suspense about the outcome.

As if the deficit was not enough to contend with, the hosts committed 34 turnovers and were outrebounded by a wide margin. The Lady Maroons had plenty of

scoring options, placing five players in double figures in the blowout win.

just got outplayed. Madisonville has a nice basketball team," Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge said after the game.

While Crittenden's (4-16) season has been trying at times, the Lady Rocket skipper hopes her team will continue to exhibit a good work ethic heading into the final days of the regular season.

"We've got to keep our confidence. We've just got to try and get a little bit tougher," she said.

Ali Shewcraft led the Lady Rocket cause with 21 points.

#### **Madisonville 83, Crittenden 46** Madisonville 30 48 67

Crittenden 20 Madisonville - Foster 22, Jackson 11, Oakley 11, Tedder 10, Peterson 12, Hardy 3, McReynolds 6, Jobe 1, Elliot 4, Clayton 2, Taylor 1, Hopson. FG. 31. 3-pointers 1 (Peterson). FT. 18-27. Fouls 20. Crittenden - Shewcraft 21, Cozart 6, Maclin 3, Hodge 3, Wallace 4, Brantley 5, Buntin 2, Johnson 2, Winn, Courtney, Tilley, Keene, Graham. FG. 12. 3-pointers 4 (Shewcraft 3, Hodge). FT. 10-17.

## Third trip's better

Lady Rocket Nancy Maclin applies defensive pressure.

## Bebout part of Lyon's winning edge in Classic

BY JOEY FOSKO SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

RICHMOND, Ky. - Kayla Bebout's third visit to the All A Classic was much more fun than her first two.

Bebout, a Crittenden County native, played for Lady Rockets teams that fell to powerful Bishop Brossart in the first round of the small-school state tournament in 1998 and 1999. As an assistant with Lyon County's girls' program, she was part of that team's march to the semifinals last

Lyon knocked Kentucky Country Day in the first round and edged favored Cumberland County in the quarterfinals before falling 83-63 to eventual champion Lexington Christian in Saturday's semifinals at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena.

"We got to stay a little longer this time," Bebout joked after the Lady Lyons' semifinal loss. "And we proved to a lot of people that we have a pretty good basketball team. I know some people doubted that we'd get this far, but these kids

believed they could do it." Now in her third season with Lyon, Bebout has played a role in Lyon's emergence as a Second Region contender. The Lady Lyons have made back-toback appearances in the All A Classic state tournament and have eyes on challeng-



**BEBOUT** 

ment. "I knew

this was a special group when I got here, and it was the reason I came here," Bebout said. "All three of us coaches (head coach Malissa Thomas and assistants Heather Simmons and Bebout) came here at the same time, and we've kind of grown up together, the coaches and players."

Bebout even holds out hope for a rematch. The Second Region and 11th Region champions will play each other in the first round of the state tournament on March 15 at Western Kentucky University's Diddle Arena.

"We'd love the chance to see (Lexington Christian)

again, and this team thinks they can get there," Bebout said. "I don't think these girls are happy just to say we made it this far. This is a team the Second Region needs to keep an eye on."

Despite her successes in Lyon's purple and yellow, Bebout hasn't lost sight of her roots. She still regards Crittenden County girls' coach Shannon Hodge as her mentor.

"Coach Hodge was my role model and if it wasn't for her, I may not be coaching now. She taught me it just wasn't all about the game, but it's about teaching kids about life."

Bebout, who started her coaching career Crittenden, said it was hard to leave the community where she grew up, the team she played for and the coach she learned the game from, but the move to Lyon has been very rewarding.

"I truly think it was God's plan, because in the three years I have been at Lyon County, five kids on our team have been saved," she said.

## **CRITTENDEN COUNTY DUGOUT CLUB**

## **Youth Baseball/Softball Registration**

player. If you have more than one child that will be registering, please complete another form. The registration fee for the first child is \$40; the fee will be discounted by \$5 per child for additional children in the household. Late Registration is March 4-24. If you register late, you will be required to pay the full fee and purchase the uniform from the Dugout Club vendor. Anyone wishing to register after April 15 will have to be approved by the Dugout Club Board of Directors

1. Signup days: Feb 16th at the Home Basketball game, Rocket Arena. Feb 17th 11am to 2 pm at the concession stand at park.

2. The cutoff for age grouping for Baseball is a player turning a year older before August 1st. For

Softball the date is January 1st. 3. All leagues with the exception of T-ball will have away games.

4. With the exception of T-Ball, boys must play baseball and girls must play softball.

5. Skills Assessment will be on March 3rd at 10 AM at the Crittenden County Ballpark. All new players in any league will be required to participate in the skills assessment

6. All parents/guardians will be required to sign a Code of Conduct. 7. All coaches will be required to participate in a Coaching Meeting. Date TBA.

## **GROUPS** (check one)

Softball Baseball T-Ball (girls & boys 3-5. Must turn 4 by Aug. 1) **LEAGUES** (check one)

☐ Rookie (6-8) ☐ Minor (9-10) ☐ Major (11-12)

☐ Senior League Baseball (13-15) ☐ Softball (13-17)

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Player's Name: \_

Age: \_ \_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_ Phone: \_ Last team played for: \_ Year played:\_

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