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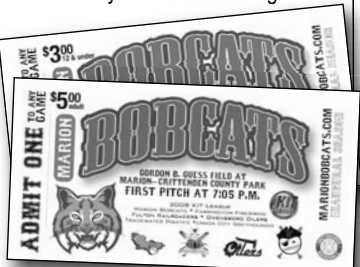
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Storm debris not collected by city

The City of Marion is not collecting storm debris piled on curbsides. Only residents who have previously been assisted by the Baptist group cleaning up in the aftermath of the storm will receive some relief thanks to the city. However, as a general rule, city residents are responsible for the removal of their own storm debris. A city debris dump located on Mill Street is open and residents may use it free of charge.



Bobcats '08 ticket packages on sale

Season and 10-game ticket packages for the Marion Bobcats are now on sale at two local outlets - Mike's Barber Shop and Superior Trophies on Main Street in Marion. The packages offer up to a 20-percent discount on the face value of tickets. A 10-game set of tickets can be purchased for both adults and children. For more, see story on Page 3B or visit the Bobcats online at MarionBobcats.com.

Learn how to spot a gathering storm

A free basic weather class will be taught by a representative from the National Weather Service of Paducah today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. This class at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion is designed for those who are outdoors, whether they are hunters or farmers. The class will discuss basic weather terminology, identifying cloud formations and how to protect yourself from severe weather. It is sponsored by Corey Payne, Crittenden County Extension Agent for Agriculture, and Dee Brasher, Adult Agriculture Instructor.

Quisenberry throws softball no-hitter

What better way to start her softball season than with one of pitching's top accomplishments? Sammie Jo Quisenberry began the Lady Rocket softball season Tuesday with a no-hitter to beat Trigg County. For story, see Page 4B



Quisenberry

U.S. 60 Corridor Safety Blitz is on

If you're going to be driving on U.S. 60 this week expect to see law enforcement officers. As part of the U.S. 60 Corridor Safety Blitz in several counties from the Ohio to Mississippi rivers, local police will be checking for speeding, seat belts and other traffic violations including DUIs. "We are planning to have three road safety checkpoints," said Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal. "If weather permits." One safety checkpoint was planned for Wednesday afternoon and two more are scheduled for Friday and Saturday. The checkpoints will focus on U.S. 60 near the city limits. At least one location has been pinpointed at the city limits on U.S. 60 West near Turner and Conyer. O'Neal said that motorists should be prepared to show their driver's license, registration and proof of insurance.

Weather

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

Forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 am Cloudy, 56°	Cloudy, 54°
Noon Cloudy, 64°	Cloudy, 56°
6 pm Overcast, 66°	Clearing, 55°
9 pm Overcast, 61°	Overcast, 50°

Precipitation report

Last 7 days2.79	For 200816.05
Last 30 days7.03	Deviation+3.84

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School dropouts account for \$600,000 loss

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Just under 10 percent of the students 16 or older enrolled at Crittenden County High School at the start of school have dropped out, bringing to 78 the number of local teens who have given up on a secondary education in the last four years.

"I think it's a combination of things," cited Vince Clark, instructional supervisor for both the high and middle schools.

Clark believes it is the failings of parents, the school district and state policymakers that have led to a total of 27 dropouts so far this year. Some local trends show stu-



The survey says...

Reasons given by Crittenden County High School students for dropping out of school:

Failing classes	35.0%
Student/teacher conflict	17.6%
Employment	17.6%
Medical reasons*	12.0%
Family issues	7.0%
To get GED	4.0%
Other	8.2%

*Includes pregnancy

dents who have transferred in from other districts or are cared for in non-traditional

homes - such as with a grandparent as the primary caregiver - are the most at risk for dropping out. Home life that includes parents with a substance abuse problem can also be a factor for students who quit school.

According to national data, at least half of those former students will become a burden to the country's taxpayers, with high school dropouts accounting for 50 percent of both welfare households and the prison population.

It's a nationwide problem that seems to have no easy solution, Clark said.

"I don't think there's a quick fix," he added.

Thirty-seven percent of CCHS's dropouts in the last three years have been sophomores. Clark said that is typically the year students turn 16, the minimum age in Kentucky that a teen can quit school with a parent's permission.

"I've had a couple of parents who have given that as a birthday gift," Clark said of the dropout permission. "That's one of the problems we're dealing with."

The number of students to

quit school has steadily increased the last four school years according to figures presented to the board of education last week by Clark. This year's number of dropouts has climbed from 13 in 2004-05, to 15 in 2005-06 and 23 in 2006-07.

Clark compares the numbers to the similarly-sized Lyon County district with only two dropouts this year and Henderson County, which has 10 times the enrollment but approximately the same number of dropouts.

He estimates the number of Crittenden dropouts will

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Wayne Crider reflects on years growing up on Marion homestead



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

Wayne Crider, 71, stands last Wednesday on the porch of his old homestead at the corner of South Main Street and Industrial Drive just two days before the near-century-old home was torn down to make way for a modern home. Below, the tin-roofed home as seen across the road before it was razed Friday by owners Eddie and Karen Wheeler.

Home sweet gone

STAFF REPORT

One of the last vestiges of 20th century farm life has disappeared on the edge of Marion's city limits.

The old, tin-roofed, white clapboard house on the south side next to the industrial park has come down to make way for a new home

for Eddie and Karen Wheeler. The house and farm have been in Wheeler's family since the 1940s when Eddie's father, Bruce Wheeler, purchased it from W.E. and Rose Crider.

Wayne Crider, 71, a local contractor, was born and raised on the place during the earliest part of his childhood. He recalls walking to school at Fohs Hall from the farm, which back then seemed far from downtown.

"I hate to see the old place go,"

Crider said last week, pointing to many fond memories of the place that once was a sprawling 300-acre working farm. "I remember sleeping on the front porch with my father during the hottest part of the summer."

Crider's father was an old-fashioned horse and mule trader, he said. He swapped, sold and bought livestock of all shapes and sizes.

"He must've done pretty well back during the Depression because I have documents that show where he sold milk cows on credit," Crider explained.

W.E. Crider bought the home in 1922 from A.J. and Mary Baker. He paid \$487.50 for the house and 9.75 acres.

"They swear that the tin roof on the house is the same one that was on it when he bought it," said Wayne Crider.

His father patched together other area farms until he had quite a large ranch. A.H. Cardin, who

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Time to tidy up

Statewide cleanup week offers no-cost dumping at center

STAFF REPORT

Commonwealth Cleanup Week returns this weekend in Crittenden County, with free dumping offered at the county's convenience center.

Sue Padgett, the county's solid waste coordinator, said free dumping of certain items will be allowed Friday and Saturday. Though household trash will not be permitted as a part of the free program, items such as appliances, toys and junk typically cleaned out of garages or basements will be accepted for free.

The convenience center, located behind the county road department on U.S. 60 East of Marion, will be open Friday from 8 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m., to noon.

This is the 10th year for Commonwealth Cleanup Week. The weeklong event began Monday across Kentucky in conjunction with the Transportation Cabinet's Adopt-a-Highway Spring Clean Week.

Last year, more than 8,350 people

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Padgett

Kenergy seeks input on its ice storm action

STAFF REPORT

One of the two electric utilities serving Crittenden County will host an informational meeting tonight (Thursday) on the impact of February's ice storm on its customers.

Kenergy District Manager Donnie Phillips Sr., said Wednesday the 6:30 p.m., meeting is for anyone who might have input on storm response by the electric cooperative.

"It's to serve as a review of our ice storm procedures," he said. "What went wrong, what went right."

The informational meeting will be at the high school multi-purpose room.

Kenergy is hosting similar meetings in other counties affected by the storm. The rural utility's service territory covers 14 western Kentucky counties and the extent of ice damage was system wide, leaving 10,000 customers without power.

"We couldn't find a single mile of line that didn't have ice on it," said Kenergy CEO Sandy Novick.

Defunct humane society hands over \$30,000

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Humane Society Inc., officially closed its books last Wednesday and signed over all of its cash reserves to the Crittenden County Animal Shelter.

The humane society was formed in 1982 and through a great deal of effort had raised thousands of dollars to help countless pets and pet owners with all sorts of services over the years.

"We had yard sales, road blocks, trail rides and solicited donations," said Ruby Crowell, the last president

of the now defunct organization.

Although the humane society had remained incorporated, it had whittled back its activity over the past five or so years, Crowell said.

"We didn't publicize it, but we were helping people at times," she said.

Flying largely under the radar for the past few years, the group paid for spay and neutering of dogs and cats when owners couldn't afford it.

That's exactly the mission it has set for the last of its resources. Last week, Crowell wrote a check for \$29,223.27 to the county's animal

shelter.

Judge-Executive Fred Brown said that, based on the wishes of the last remaining members of the society, the funds will be used to spay and neuter animals that show up at the county's shelter. The money will be used to defray the costs for people wanting to adopt stray dogs and cats.

There are some other strings attached, Brown said, such as a limit on the amount that can be used for each animal. While the money will not pay for the entire adoption process, it will tremendously reduce the costs a

person will bear to save a pet from being euthanized.

To learn more about adopting a pet, call Animal Control Officer Ricky Winders at 965-3376 or the judge-executive's office at 965-5251.

The local shelter is located on U.S. 60 East, just outside of Marion behind the county road department. Animal lovers are welcome to visit the shelter at any time, as the animals are caged. The dogs in particular are free to roam inside or out of the kennel through an opening in the building.

Press Editorial

Educators must take heed of role

Education is an easy mark for attack with its goals and expectations of leaving no child behind.

Our American system of learning is so critical to our society's success and relevance that it should be of great interest to every member of a community whether they have a child in school or not.

Last week, Crittenden County Board of Education took the enterprising step of inviting the business community to informally share its concerns related to how the school system prepares each new wave of employees, leaders and future parents who will drive the local economy.

"We want to know the good, the bad and the ugly," Board Chairman Chris Cook urged the noon-time crowd gathered last Thursday at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.

What was shared with all five board members and administrative staff from the central office and all three schools was an array of concerns from the teaching of simple math to life skills.

"We know we have a good school system, but we also know we can be better," Cook said after a second forum held later that night.

That thinking is spot on.

No institution of education should be satisfied with the status quo, including the rural, cash-strapped school districts of Kentucky like our own. Opening dialog with the public – particularly our business community – is fundamental to encouraging growth and improvement in our local education system.

We applaud the board's openness to criticism and its apparent willingness to make adjustments to current methods of instructing. That is a good start for raising the bar of expectations.

America is failing as a whole in education, lagging behind other industrialized nations poised to replace us in the global economy. A faltering dollar, major energy issues and political division are problems not easily solved by coming generations ill-equipped to handle even the most basic elements of life.

Many of the failings of today's student-turned-adult are rooted at home. What used to be instilled before the first day of class now rests on the backs of pre-school instructors. The character-building that used to be merely supplemented by paid educators now often starts with those teachers.

Education needs have become more than simply reading, writing and arithmetic.

Whether we like it or not, the new American way of life has put a strain on what is available at home for a child. Whether it is due to apathy or the stressors of a more complicated lifestyle, things that were once taught at home are now neglected.

That's where our school system must take a look at its responsibility to not only parents, but the public at large. Schools must first take notice of what is missing at home, then take charge by filling that void.

It is a tough job, true, but open communication and a willingness to change course is key to getting it done.

It is now the responsibility of public school systems to discover what is missing and begin to close that gap. It is the responsibility of every taxpayer to pay attention to the schemes of state and federal lawmakers and see that they provide those public school systems with the tools and freedoms they need to get the job done.

It is unfortunate that our school resources must be spent to teach cleanliness, promptness, punctuality, morality and basic communication skills. But that, we are afraid, is the new trend for America's primary and secondary educational institutions.

The unpardonable sin

Beware lest you commit the unpardonable sin! When the Holy Spirit is charged with committing sin it is blasphemy. When the Holy Spirit moved the writers of the Bible to print what was sin, and anyone denied the sins as being sin, it was blaspheming the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus was doing great things by the power of the Holy Spirit and the doubters of His time said the devil was doing them, Jesus cautioned them about blaspheming the Holy Spirit of which there was no forgiveness.

The Bible tells us: "Without holiness, no man shall see God," and those who deny that you have to live holy to see God, are on quicksand.

The Bible tells us "Thou shalt do no murder, and no murderer has eternal life in them." But there are those who support murdering the little helpless, unborn human beings, and the partially-born

Rev. Lucy Tedrick

Religious Views

Crittenden Press guest columnist



human beings. They murder the little ones that survive an abortion attempt even after they are alive when they come out. They vote to kill it and throw it in the trash then say they are followers of Christ. Are they not blaspheming the Holy Spirit, denying the Word of God and lying?

The Bible plainly says homosexuals, lesbians, fornicators, adulterers, liars and murderers are not saved and are on their way to hell. Those who deny that, or commit, or support any of these sins then say that they are followers of Christ, are they not blaspheming the Holy Spirit? Or are they are calling the Holy

Spirit that moved the writers of the Bible a liar?

Any politician or anyone else, and there are many, who are guilty of these sins, and their voting records reflect these facts, are bringing shame and reproach on God. They are misleading people, bringing God's judgment down upon themselves and our nation, and are not fit to be leading our nation. They certainly are lying when they call themselves Christian.

People would not be deceived into believing they can be guilty of these sins and still be Christian if all the people who call themselves preachers would love people enough to tell them the Gospel truth, not water it down, not compromise it but remind all who will listen that, "Jesus will judge the alive and the dead at His appearing and at His Kingdom; Preach the Word; be quick to do so when they wanted it and when they do not want it. Reprove, rebuke,

and exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts they will only listen to those that will tickle their ears; and they will turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch in all things, endure afflictions (for preaching it), do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of your ministry." 2 Timothy 4:1-5

To my sorrow that time is here in too many cases, and many people are headed to hell and do not even realize it. That is why all who know the worth of prayer need to join us in praying for a Holy Spirit, Heaven sent awakening and revival.

God said we would find Him if we would seek Him with our whole heart.

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

The Press Letters

Return to paper ballots bad idea

To the editor:

From the article (County voting transferring to paper by 2010) in the Feb. 28 issue of The Crittenden Press, are we to believe that this is anything but a return to the Dark Ages?

The machines we have now can generate a paper trail, tape trail, data trail and be downloaded to a main frame. To go back to punching cards is far too reminiscent of Florida's

"hanging chad" and that most awful word, disenfranchisement.

Now, to the money that will be wasted changing over, storing and accounting for paper ballots again. Please, someone in government wake up and do what you were elected to do and stop wasting our tax dollars.

Stan Wheeler
Marion, Ky.

(Editor's note: The federal Help America Vote Act was passed in 2000 by Congress. That act requires a return to paper ballots by 2010.)

Humane Society gift appreciated

To the editor:

On behalf of the animals at the Crittenden County Animal Shelter, I would like to thank the members of the Crittenden County Humane Society for their very generous monetary donation for the spay and neuter program. I personally know that many years of hard work and dedication went into saving this money, and we are very lucky to have received such a gift.

Spay and neuter is the best preventative to control overpopulation, as we all know.

The next time you are considering adding a member to your family, please check out the animals available at the Crittenden County Animal Shelter, for you are their last chance. These animals may not have a pedigree but they have plenty of love to give.

Toyia Redd
Crittenden County Animal Shelter Volunteer,
Marion, Ky.

Bikes, guns among MPD recovered items

STAFF REPORT

Start with a couple of guns, mix in a few bicycles, add several keys and CDs and even a bank card and you've got Marion Police Department's recovered property list.

On the list are 17 unclaimed items dating back to January 2006. Most of the property was recovered by police officers inside the city, but a few items, including a .22 caliber handgun found outside a Marion home, have been turned in by civilians who found the items.

The list is maintained by Patrolman Bobby West, who can be contacted to reclaim rightful property.

Police Chief Ray O'Neal said he has little hope some of the property will be recovered, even though names have been attached to at least two of the items – a wallet belonging to Tyrone Harbin and a bank card in Buffie Koue's name. He said attempts to contact those individuals have been unsuccessful.

The remaining booty has some value,

Marion Police Department recovered property

DATE RECOVERED	LOCATION	ITEM(S)
Jan. 28, 2006	East Depot Street	3 Kumho Ecsta tires
May 18, 2006	Food Giant	Mountain Climber all-terrain bike
Aug. 21, 2006	Old Salem Road	3 sets of keys
Sept. 20, 2006	Kevil Street	Integra Bank card (Buffie Koue)
Oct. 2, 2006	Old Piney Road	Schwinn Stingray bicycle
Nov. 13, 2006	Cherry, Bellville streets	CD case with 29 CDs
Nov. 17, 2006	Oak Street	Tri-fold wallet (Tyrone Harbin)
March 2, 2007	305 Moore St.	Jennings .22 caliber handgun
March 25, 2007	Crittenden County High School	18-speed mountain bike (maroon)
April 11, 2007	1294 Ky. 120	TT-Olympia .22 caliber pistol
May 31, 2007	Ky. 91 North	Keyring with 16 keys
June 10, 2007	Chapel Hill Road	Roadmaster bicycle (silver)
July 9, 2007	Lake George parking lot	Keyring with 11 keys
Aug. 3, 2007	Commonwealth Attorney's office	GPX home stereo
Aug. 12, 2007	306 S. Main St.	Black tri-fold wallet with chrome cross
Sept. 29, 2007	West Bellville, Yandell streets	Black CD case with 23 CDs
Sept. 29, 2007	West Bellville, Yandell streets	Dierks Bentley CD case

too, particularly 30 keys on three separate key rings, 52 music CDs and three bicycles. The chief said he doubts at least one of the two guns on the list will be sought by its owner due to the circumstances under which it was found. It could, he said, incriminate the individual.

O'Neal said law enforcement agencies

often hold auctions to disperse unclaimed property, but at this time the city's police department just doesn't have enough items of value to hold an auction.

To contact West about any of the property listed with this story, call Marion Police Department at 965-3500 or e-mail the officer at bwest@marionky.gov.

History museum re-opens Tuesday

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Historical Museum and log cabin will open for the season on Tuesday.

The museum, inside the former presbyterian church on East Bellville Street in Marion, houses many local documents and items of historic value.

The log cabin, which is about a block from the museum on North College Street, is an authentic cabin that once belonged to Tom Croft and was located near Tolu.

Magistrate Percy Cook, a member of the Historical Society Board of Directors, said the cabin was taken down and reassembled in Marion by Amish contractors. The cabin includes chimney



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

Crittenden County's history museum opens for the season on Tuesday. Just more than a block down from the museum on North College Street is an authentic log home now owned by the Historical Society. The cabin was once located near Tolu.

stones from another log house once located on Hebron Church Road. The stones are from the fireplace at the home where Cook was born 77 years ago.

The local historical society

operates the museum and cabin. This year, the museum will have a new curator, Dot Meredith. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m., to 3:30 p.m.

CLEANUP

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participated and picked up 13,343 bags of trash along Kentucky roadways. There were 44 illegal dumps cleaned up, and volunteers collected and properly disposed of 458 appliances and 30,360 tires. Nearly 1,100 groups now participate in the Adopt-a-Highway program, which the cabinet established in 1988. Those volunteers clean about 8,000 miles of roads.

Crittenden County's participation in both cleanup weeks will be somewhat limited com-

pared to efforts in other counties, but many of the aspects featured without cost elsewhere during the week are free year-round locally.

In fact, Judge-Executive Fred Brown said appliances are accepted without cost at the convenience center every day during regular business hours. Those like air-conditioners and refrigerators, however, must have the coolant properly disposed of before they can be accepted.

A recycling program is also based at the convenience center.

Brown also said the county's brush dump for limbs and

other foliage remains open 24-7 for those still cleaning up after February's ice storm. Dumping at the old landfill off Bridwell Loop is free, as is the city's brush dump on Mill Street, which is also open around the clock.

No tires, paint or other hazardous household chemicals will be taken during Cleanup Week, but a special time for free disposal of those items will be held at some point.

"We'll do that later on," Brown said.

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Buggy bait

Marketing ploy hoping to draw lake goers to Amish

STAFF REPORT
Marion Tourism Director Michele Edwards is collaborating with Eddyville tourism specialists on a new marketing campaign that targets summertime lake goers from the Greater Evansville area.

"Barkley By Buggy," the name of the marketing scheme, will target Henderson and Evansville area tourists. It will encourage those heading to Barkley Lake for recreational outings to take the backroads on their way. The idea is to get those heading to the lakes area to go through Marion rather than take parkways and interstates toward their destinations.

Edwards said thousands of people from the southern Indiana and Henderson areas head toward Barkley and Kentucky lakes every week-end. She wants to attract them to Crittenden County where local merchants can capitalize on their spending habits.

More than 250,000 people reside in the Greater Evansville area. Reaching them can be expensive, but Edwards and her friends in the Lyon County tourism department think they've found a way to get their message to a captured audience.

"We're going to put spots in the theaters," Edwards said. "Studies show that the retention rate of advertising in theaters is 90 percent."

Marion and Eddyville will be splitting the cost of a six-month marketing campaign that includes 30-second spots on the big screens at five Evansville area theaters.

Marion's video footage has already been shot for another project so there will be no additional production costs. The commercials will show during movie previews. It will promote Lake Barkely and the scenic backroads of Crittenden County as the most attractive route.

"Barkley by Buggy" hopes to capture the imaginations of lake goers by using the Amish community as bait. Once they've bitten, Edwards said, there will be additional efforts to encourage tourists to shop in Marion and to stop by the tourism office for a goodie bag. The goodie bag incentive will help local officials track the success of the campaign because they will be able to count the people coming through.

Cost of the marketing campaign will be just over \$9,000, which includes an advertisement in the Evansville newspaper, brochures and a booth at the Evansville Home Show in April. The entire program kicks off early next month. Marion's share of the total cost will be \$4,523.

The movie theater spots will be shown on every screen, every day in the Evansville area. That will come to about 560 showings per week.

"Without the cooperative effort with Lyon County, we couldn't have afforded to have done this," Edwards said. "It was too expensive to do on our own."

The tourism departments are also working on plans for an Internet Web site to further promote the campaign.



Former Marion residents Lisa Cosby and her husband Tom go over a home fire escape plan with their daughter Alyssa, 7, for a FireSafety.gov promotional photo for a national home fire safety campaign. The Cosbys live in Lawrenceville, Ga. Lisa said the family was chosen for the campaign, which also includes video, from her daughter's photo that was sent in as application to be chosen to help promote fire safety. "They initially just wanted her, but I decided to do it to show her the importance of the matter," said Lisa, who added that the family does utilize smoke alarms and has an escape plan. The family can be seen by visiting FireSafety.gov, following the "for the Media/PIOs" link to the right and then clicking on the "Photos & B-Roll Footage" link. Lisa's parents, Gail and Terry Williams, still live in Marion and Tom's parents, Mary Jane and Glen Cosby are from Salem.

Passerby reports fire; officer wakes family

STAFF REPORT

The quick action of a Marion Police Officer may have saved a family from injury early Easter morning.

According to police reports, Donnie Phillips of Marion was passing by a home at 308 Fords Ferry Road when he saw smoke coming from the roof top. Phillips phoned police and then checked the front door of the home, but it was locked. He knocked several times, but no one answered the door.

When Marion Police Officer Bobby West arrived on the scene ahead of the fire department, he went around back to check the rear door, which was open. West yelled inside sever-

al times and finally got an answer.

A mother and three children were asleep inside the home, Police Chief Ray O'Neal said.

Angel Vogues, two young boys and a girl were all escorted to safety by the officer before the fire spread to the lower part of the house.

The home suffered smoke, fire and water damage. Some furniture was damaged in the front living room, too. The fire was largely confined to the attic area.

Marion Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished the blaze. From the time of the call until fire fighters arrived was only seven minutes. The call came in at 7:50 a.m.

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once ran for governor of Kentucky, owned a piece of land next to the farm, and Forest C. Pogue, a famous author and Crittenden County native, had signed one of the deeds as a notary public. There are volumes of history wrapped up in the deeds and documents Crider has dug out of the county courthouse with help from local researcher Brian Guess.

From the 1920s and through the '30s, W.E. Crider continued to buy parcels adjacent to his original plot of less than 10 acres. He purchased tracts from Fosters, Clements, Jameses, Kinseys, Millikans, DeBoes and Gasses.

By the 1940s, he was selling

off parts of the farm so others could start building homes in the neighborhood. By then, town had already encroached upon the country setting. There was once a large pond where The Front Porch Restaurant is today, Crider explained.

"That big oak was right next to the pond," he said, pointing to the tree jutting up from the paved parking lot of the restaurant.

The old farm started there and ran on both sides of the current highway all the way to the creek at the intersection of Coleman Road and U.S. 641. The eastern border of the farm was at the crest of the big hill where water towers are located today. Crider remembers exploring a cave on the side of the ridge.

"The cave had a really small

opening. You had to get down and crawl into it, but once inside it opened up into a big room," he said.

When the sell-off of the farm began, one of the first pieces to go was on the far southwestern end of the place.

"My dad sold 5.4 acres to the City of Marion and that's where they built old City Lake," Crider added. "My dad built the levy with a team (of mules) and scrapers. He hired other people to help, anybody he could find. Can you imagine moving that much dirt with mules and a scraper?"

The railroad track ran through the center of the farm. One day a train stopped just down from the home and the engineer walked back up to the farmhouse. He told Crider's father that the train had run over one of his horses.

"I hate to see the old place go."
- Wayne Crider

"He offered to pay for the horse," Crider said. "Can you imagine that happening now-days? After that, the railroad company gave my dad the wire to run a fence down both sides of the track."

Crider's father was a nephew of William Deboe, a U.S. Senator from Marion who served in congress during the late 1800s and early 1900s. His mother was very understanding when the family left

Marion and moved farther out into the county.

"If I was her, I would have been mad as heck at my father for selling that place," Crider says now. He was one of 12 children born to the couple. All but four are still living.

In 1944, right before the Criders sold the farm to the Wheelers, Wayne's father had the home wired for electricity.

"I don't know why he did it, but he sold the house then moved my mother and us kids out to the country on Lone Star Road near Piney. The place we moved to didn't have power and there was horse weed higher than our heads growing in the yard."

SCHOOL

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cost the district \$600,000 between 2005 and 2011 due to the state's formula for school funding based on about \$3,800 per student per year.

As a silver lining, however, 16 of 78 of local dropouts since 2005 have gone on to get their GED, including four so far this year. And the local dropout rate is right at the national average of 9.4 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

But the data does not sit well with Superintendent John Belt.

"I shared with the (Board of Education) my concern about the dropout issue at the meeting (in February) and at that time indicated we had a situation that is unacceptable," Belt said in an e-mail.

To help combat the growing dropout rate, Clark and District Community Liaison Holly White have spent weeks researching and traveling to other districts to observe their methods for aiding teens at risk of giving up on their education.

School districts in McCracken and Marshall counties, as well as in Mayfield, utilize alternative programs to address the needs of at-risk students. The programs craft curriculum and a learning environment that limits triggers for dropping out, which are often cited as student-teacher conflict or

a lack of classroom understanding.

Clark said about four percent of the student population has trouble in the traditional classroom, making the alternative instruction a viable solution to the dropout issue.

"All of these programs are different," said White, "But students work, and they work hard."

Clark is quick to point out the difference in the off-campus auxiliary school and a true alternative school. The alternative school, he explains, is for students with disciplinary problems, not those who have trouble learning in a traditional classroom environment.

White today (Thursday) plans to submit a Workforce Investment Act grant applica-

tion that could bring \$55,000 to the district to fund an instructor for an auxiliary high school for at-risk students. Grants awards will be announced in early May.

Since a disconnect between students and teachers is commonly cited by teens as one of the reasons for dropping out, the proposed off-site program would lavish greater attention to the individual needs of those 16 or older who may be considering leaving school. Smaller class sizes, constant monitoring, extended counseling and work-readiness programs would all be aimed at providing the student a better shot at graduation.

"This gives them an opportunity to get that high school diploma," Clark said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Local State Board Public Hearing

The Crittenden County Board of Education and the Kentucky Board of Education have scheduled a local/state Board public hearing on the proposed Crittenden County District Facility Plan for Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 5:30 PM CDT, in Rocket Arena located at 519 ½ West Gum Street, Marion, KY 42064. The District Facility Plan lists the pending capital construction and/or renovation projects that the school district may undertake, and the priority order, if applicable, that projects will be initiated. Copies of the proposed District Facility Plan are available for examination by interested individuals at the Board of Education office, 601 West Elm Street, Marion, KY 42064, between 8 AM and 3:30 PM through April 10, 2008. Questions may be directed to Superintendent John W. Belt at (270) 965-3525. Those individuals wishing to comment on the proposed District Facility Plan may present oral or written comments at the local State Board public hearing.

The local Board of Education, after due process, will forward the approved District Facility Plan to the Kentucky Department of Education for Ultimate approval by the State Board of Education.

The local State Board public hearing is being scheduled in accordance with KRS 157.620, and regulated by 702 KAR 1:001.

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POPLAR STREET - 3 br, 1 bath home, dining rm, kit., 1 car garage on double lot. Good starter home. Price reduced to \$25,000.00. **mc WALKING DISTANCE** - 2 br, eat-in kitchen w/app., laundry with w/d, Oak hardwood floors, new vinyl siding and new cen H/A. Price Reduced to \$51,500.00. **bg**

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30 +/- ACRES - 30 Wooded acres with creek, excellent for hunting. Price \$64,500.00. **jn**

GOOD ROAD FRONTAGE - 1 Acre +/- located on Hwy. 60 W. \$19,900.00. **dw**

70 +/- ACRES - Of prime hunting. Creek on one side, bluffs on back & food plots. Fenced front with lots of road frontage. **ff**

Calendar

Today

■ Food will be available from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., today (Thursday) at the Senior Citizens Center on North Walker Street. Residents are asked to only pick up for themselves.

Friday

■ The Senior Citizens Center will host bingo at 10:30 a.m., Friday.

■ Salem Springlake Health and Rehab is having a Red Cross Blood Drive from noon to 6 p.m., Friday. All blood types are needed. The life you save, may be that of someone you love.

Saturday

■ Carsville Masonic Lodge No. 812 will have a fish fry at noon Saturday. The event will be held rain or shine.

■ Come join others Saturday at the Mantle Rock Native Education and Cultural Center for a cup of herbal tea and make your own native design herbal sachet. The class is \$7 to cover the cost of materials and will take place at the Mantle Rock Center in Marion next door to Pamida. Class will begin at 10 a.m.

Monday

■ Bingo is hosted every Monday at the Marion VFW post on North College Street. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., with bingo following an hour later.

■ The Local Chapter 1373 of NARFE has canceled its meeting which was supposed to be held Monday at Miss Scarlett's Restaurant in Grand Rivers.

Tuesday

■ Bigham Lodge No. 256 F&M will hold stated communication at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday night. All master masons invited.

Wednesday

■ The Woman's Club of Marion will have its regular monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m., next Wednesday. Speaker for the Education Program will be Marci Saign, RN-BC, Director of Senior Care Program at LHHS. Program Chair Ruth Davis invites members to hear this program.

Upcoming

■ Former employees of Moore Business Forms will have their reunion at noon on April 5 at the Cozy Hearth restaurant in Marion. For more information call Bobby Woodward, Claudena Travis or Margaret Gilland.

■ There will be a project graduation meeting at 6 p.m. on April 7. All parents are encouraged to attend.

■ Kentucky Democrats will go to their local polling places at 10 a.m., April 5 to elect precinct leaders. The leaders will consist of a man, woman and youth. These precinct leaders will be responsible for electing the County Executive Committee on April 12 at the courthouse.

65 +/- ACRES - Wooded, pond, some fencing, Matteson. \$118,000.00. **km**

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

42 +/- ACRES - Hwy. 506. **bg**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 BEAUTIFUL LOTS - On Hillside Rd. off of Christopher Rd. in Fredonia, KY. Lots of big oak & hickory trees on these lots. Priced to sell at \$12,500.00

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

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

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Lord, you had me from ‘Peace’

I love to read and learn how God used ordinary men to do extraordinary things. One such character found in scripture is the man we commonly call “Doubting Thomas.” Really, Thomas was no more guilty of doubting than the other apostles. Instead, he was probably just a little more emotionally attached to Jesus than the others. Maybe, we should actually be calling him “Hurting Thomas.”

You see, Thomas was also called Didymus. The Greek word Didymus means twin. In other words, his name was Thomas the Twin. And there is just something about being a twin that sometimes makes you a little more dependant on another person.

Being a twin, Thomas had rarely been alone, and maybe he had little experience of being torn away from those he loved. It is also possible that Thomas had experienced an emotional loss of the twin he naturally loved and didn’t want to be torn away all over again from someone he loved deeply.

Whatever the case may be, we are clearly taught in



scripture that when Jesus was arrested, beaten, tried, crucified and placed in the tomb, Thomas took it harder than the others. So hard, in fact, that when Jesus appeared to His apostles, Thomas wasn’t present and was most likely off by himself, mourning in private. When Thomas learned about the Lord’s resurrection from the dead, he doubted just like the other apostles before they saw Jesus themselves. Thomas’ doubt caused him to swear an oath that revealed the depth of his pain and the extent of his frustration.

Shortly after Thomas’ fit before the other apostles, Jesus entered the room and greeted His followers by saying simply, “Peace be unto you.”

I cannot imagine the emotion Thomas felt when

he heard the Lord’s voice and turned to see that the thing he dreamed too wonderful to imagine, had come true and Jesus was alive.

A contemporary movie made famous the phrase, “You had me from hello.” And when I read about the love Thomas had for Jesus, I can’t help but feel like the contemporary response to what Thomas felt that day would have been, “Jesus, you had me from peace be unto you.”

There was really no need for the Lord to go any further in proving His presence to Thomas. Thomas was convinced. His dreams had come true. And the emotion was more powerful than he could have possibly described.

As you and I live our lives, we know that life is difficult and seems to get more challenging with each

passing day. Whether they are due to financial problems, failing health, employment, parenting, addiction or simply fatigue, our problems seem to grow exponentially even when we are trying our hardest.

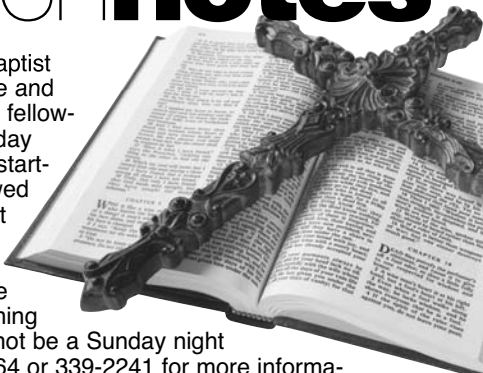
It is during these occasions that we can most appreciate the Lord Himself coming onto the scene and simply reminding us that he is the one who can give us peace. Perhaps, in our inner most being we can even feel Him speaking and saying, “Peace be unto you.” And then that famous contemporary saying becomes lived out in our emotions as we proclaim, “Lord, say no more, you had me from peace.”

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

“...Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

- John 20:19-31

Churchnotes



■ Enon General Baptist Church’s open house and dedication of its new fellowship hall will be Sunday with Sunday school starting at 10 a.m., followed by worship service at 11 a.m. There will be a meal and a gospel singing by the Pughs after the morning services. There will not be a Sunday night service. Call 965-8164 or 339-2241 for more information.

■ Marion General Baptist Church will be having revival at 7 p.m., through Friday with evangelist Bro. Jeff Owens.

■ Barnet Chapel Church will be having a spring revival at 7 p.m., through Friday with evangelist Wayne Winters. Everyone is welcome.

■ Marion United Methodist Church invites everyone to its revival Friday through Sunday. There will be nightly services, plus the regular Sunday morning service. Nightly services are at 6:30 p.m., and will feature Dr. Jay Smith, the Methodist District Superintendent from Madisonville. Marion United Methodist is located on South College Street across from the U.S. Post Office.

■ The Harvest House, an Apostolic church with a pentecostal experience, will be having its second anniversary service at 7:30 p.m., April 11 at Fohs Hall. The speaker will be Pastor Monty Fuller from Ilsley, Ky., and special singing guest Eleventh Hour Praise from Star of Bethlehem Apostolic Church in Ilsley.

■ There will be a Beth Moore bible study at the Dycusburg Baptist Fellowship Hall, starting 6 p.m., Monday. In this 11-week in-depth study, participants will seek the Heart of God through a study of David. For more information, call 988-3058 or 988-2492.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia and Mexico Baptist Church both offer clothes closets for those in need. New clothes are accepted regularly.



Smith

Mayfield church hosts women’s summit

STAFF REPORT
Western Kentucky women are invited to a nearby day filled with praise, worship and Bible study just for them. First Baptist Church of Mayfield will host a Women’s Conference on May 3 at the church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program is designed especially for women. Margaret Kennedy, founder and president of Threads of Hope, a biblical speaking and writing ministry in Dothan, Ala., will be the featured speaker and will be leading Bible study on “Stepping Up—In Your Faith as You Walk with the Lord.” She speaks at Women’s Conferences

across the United States and is a writer and trainer for LifeWay Christian Resources. Her goal is to encourage women in their walk with the Lord as they trust Him with their whole heart. Kennedy shares that God continues to weave into the tapestry of her life His precious promises and eternal truths from His Word, and sharing these riches with women everywhere is her greatest passion. Kelly Garner, a resident of Franklin, Tenn., will be the worship leader. She is currently a freelance artist, developer, songwriter, producer, studio owner (Big Dog Studio) and a worship leader at Thompson Station Church of Christ in

Thompson Station, Tenn. Garner has led worship at events for numerous Christian speakers including Beth Moore, Liz Curtis Higgs, and Lisa Welchel. Her greatest desire is to exalt the name of the Lord and celebrate His goodness and victory through worship and praise. The registration fee is \$20 and includes a box lunch. The deadline to register is April 18. You may register at the church office or by mail. Please include a check payable to First Baptist Church and mail to Women’s Ministry, First Baptist Church, 118 W. South St., Mayfield KY 42066.

Pope praises conversions, prays for Tibet, Iraq peace

VATICAN CITY (AP) _ Pope Benedict XVI rejoiced over conversions to Christianity in an Easter Sunday Mass on the steps of St. Peter’s Basilica a day after he baptized a prominent Muslim newspaper editor. A white canopy protected the 80-year-old pontiff from a downpour while thousands of pilgrims, tourists and Romans braved thunder and wind-whipped rain. The faithful were celebrating their belief in the resurrection of Jesus after he was crucified. Thanks to the

apostles’ preaching about the resurrection, “thousands and thousands of persons converted to Christianity,” Benedict said. In a speech at the end of the Mass, Benedict singled out the Middle East and Tibet among places most in need of peace and denounced “selfishness, injustice, hatred and violence” between individuals and peoples. “These are the scourges of humanity, open and festering in every corner of the planet,” the pontiff said, speaking over the sound of heavy rain.

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General Assembly watch '08

Ridley named to ethics committee

Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) on Tuesday was appointed to a legislative ethics conference committee to finalize details of House Bill 250, which relates to the executive branch ethics code.

"With his experience as a legislator in both the Senate and the House, Sen. Ridley brings to the table a great deal of knowledge and experience to help move the negotiations along," said Senate Democratic Floor Leader Ed Worley of Richmond. "I feel confident that he will represent the caucus well and work across party lines to reach an agreement."

Ridley was chosen by Senate President David L. Williams (R-Burksville) to represent the Senate Democratic Caucus as a member of the legislative conference committee.

If the conference committee reaches an agreement, the bill will be sent back to the respective bodies to be voted upon. If it gains approval from both the Senate and the House, the bill will be sent to Gov. Steve Beshear to be signed into law.

This is the second legislative conference committee that Ridley has been named to during the 2008 legislative session. He is also serving on the pension plan conference committee.



Ridley

Senate, House negotiating budget

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) – Negotiations between House and Senate budgeteers began Tuesday, but lawmakers' talks over the state's next two-year spending plan advanced little beyond setting a targeted end date.

Lawmakers agreed their goal is to finish their negotiations by the week-end, a move aimed at preserving the General Assembly's authority to override any possible vetoes by Gov. Steve Beshear. By law, the legislature must complete its work by April 15.

"I see a real determination on the part of both sides, and I can assure you that our side wants to have a budget and we want to have it in a timely manner," said House Speaker Jody Richards (D-Bowling Green).

Kentucky lawmakers are attempting to craft a state spending plan amid dreary economic projections of an approximately \$900 million shortfall during the two-year period that starts this July 1.

Negotiations between the two chambers have not always gone smoothly in recent years. The legislature adjourned without passing a budget in 2002 and in 2004.

This year, the House and Senate have each passed different versions of a nearly \$19 billion budget. Gov. Steve Beshear's proposed budget called for 12 percent cuts to public universities and numerous government agencies and programs.

Proposals that cleared the House and Senate have dueling ideas on how to handle the state's fiscal future.

In the House, lawmakers have proposed an increase in the state's cigarette tax of 25 cents per pack along with raising various other taxes on services. The Senate proposal did not call for raising any taxes and instead would release up to 2,000 felons and increase the percentage of money the Kentucky Lottery must return to the state.

Beshear has called on lawmakers to increase the cigarette tax by 70 cents per pack, among other things.

Legislators were scheduled to resume negotiations Tuesday afternoon, following the General Assembly's daily session. A delay in producing a comparison document listing the differences between the House and Senate plans, however, prompted lawmakers to instead resume talks Wednesday.

The negotiations got under way in a government office building next

door to the Capitol. The traditionally closed-door talks have been opened to reporters this year.

Senate Majority Floor Leader Dan Kelly (R-Springfield) said lawmakers were under a tight schedule to finish their work on time.

"If we work hard, we can accomplish it," Kelly said. "But there is a lot to do. It will be very difficult."

At press time Wednesday, no compromise had been reached on the budget, House Bill 406.



Kelly

Local & Regional Briefs

Parker graduates academy, on patrol

When Marion Police Department goes back to its community policing program next Tuesday, a new officer will be on duty.

Jerry Parker, 42, graduated last week from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Academy in Richmond. Parker was a decorated cadet, graduating among the top new officers. During the 18-week course, Parker received one of just three Certificates of Achievement given to the class of 25 graduates. He also received the Firearms Proficiency Award with a 97.5 rating on the handgun and shotgun ranges.

Parker was the oldest cadet to complete the training last week. He is a 23-year veteran of the U.S. Army where he achieved the rank of sergeant first class. Parker is a 1983 graduate of Crittenden County High School. His duties started Tuesday, bringing the Marion police force up to full strength with seven officers.

"I expect Jerry to excel as a local police officer," said Chief of Police Ray O'Neal. "He is very level headed and a hard worker."

Steve Blackwell, a 25-year veteran of civilian law enforcement, was added to the Marion police force earlier this month.

Parker and other police officers will be reintroducing community policing next week. Through the program, officers are assigned particular sectors of the community and encouraged to be out on foot in those areas, meeting with citizens and discussing their concerns.



Parker

Domestic response nets two arrests

A 42-year-old Marion woman was jailed last week after a domestic complaint led authorities to an unrelated discovery of drug paraphernalia and a stolen gun.

Cathy J. Martin was lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center Friday on charges of receiving stolen property and possession of drug paraphernalia after police responded to a domestic-related complaint on Ky. 297 near Marion.

Kentucky State Police, along with the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, responded to the residence and discovered Alfred M. Baxter, 55, of Providence had apparently entered the home through a bathroom window. According to reports, Baxter did not live there and was in the home without permission.

He was arrested and also lodged in Crittenden County

Detention Center.

While at the home, authorities also learned there were items of drug paraphernalia and a stolen rifle in Martin's possession. The 30-30 Winchester rifle, valued at around \$300, had been reported stolen from Henderson and the case was under investigation by the Henderson Police Department.

Skateboarder rats on illegal trail use

Two men were arrested late Friday night after a police officer observed them driving a car on the walking track at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

A young man at the skate park called police at about 9:50 p.m., and reported a vehicle driving on the track, which is prohibited.

When Marion Policeman Bobby West arrived, he parked his cruiser at the basketball court and started on foot toward the a silver Saturn Ion that was driving on the trail near the old railroad bridge. The car started toward the officer who shined his flashlight at the driver, announced himself as a police officer and ordered the car to stop. The driver's side window was down, West's report said.

Instead of stopping, the driver accelerated and left the park area, turning north onto Old Morganfield Road. West hopped back in his cruiser and began following the suspect with his blue lights flashing. The driver did not immediately respond, but later pulled off the side of the road near the intersection of Adams Street and Old Morganfield Road.

West charged the driver, Christopher L. Schuler, 29, of 403 W. Gum St., with DUI, fleeing and evading and having no driver's license. A passenger, Lawrence J. Boviall Sr., 65, was charged with alcohol intoxication.

West's report said there were beer cans in the floorboard of the automobile and a strong smell of alcohol omitting from it when he got the driver to stop.

Police Chief Ray O'Neal said the call from the skateboarder is testament to how important it is for park users to help monitor illegal activity there. The chief also said officers routinely check the park when they are on patrol.

Crittenden native featured in paper

Earlier this month, The Paper of Montgomery County (Ind.) caught up with a former local resident in its daily community profile.

Donnie Fritts, Salem-born and a graduate of Crittenden County High School in 1984, was asked a series of five questions used in each of the paper's community profiles.

From that, the readers of the Crawfordsville, Ind., newspaper learned that Fritts attended Paducah Community College before transferring to Western Kentucky University and that he is a truck driver and youth baseball coach.

This May he and his wife, Rhonda, will celebrate their 16th anniversary. They have two children, Jessica, 20, and Cody, 12. Jessica has a 10-month-old daughter, Jeane.

He and his wife also recently opened their own business in the Indiana community.

Fritts also responded to a couple of whimsical questions:

■ If given an all-expense paid vacation, he would go to "Hawaii. I'm a tropical dude."

■ If given \$1 million, he'd invest most of the money and spend the rest on his family.

"I'd buy a house and my wife a real gym," he added.



Fritts

Veterans must file taxes for stimulus

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) urges veterans and their families to file federal tax returns to ensure they qualify for economic stimulus checks of at least \$300 this year.

Those veterans who would not ordinarily file a federal tax return must do so in order to receive the federal stimulus payments that will begin in May. Retired members of the military, who don't have a requirement to file a tax return, need to be aware that the only way they can get a stimulus payment is to file a return said KDVA Commissioner Les Beavers.

Even those who have little or no tax liability may qualify for a minimum payment of \$300 (\$600 if filing a joint return) if their tax return reflects \$3,000 or more in qualifying income.



News and notes on the people you know from Marion and surrounding communities

Community Spotlight

The Press Spotlight

Davidson earns top honors from agency

Larry Davidson, the Crittenden County Farm Bureau Insurance agent, has been recognized by the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies for achievement. Davidson recently received the Master Agent award, the most prestigious honor given to agency representatives. It is the "highest level of achievement awarded by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies," the company said in a news release. It was the first time Davidson had received the award in 27 years of service with Farm Bureau. He also received the President's Club award for being among the top agents in the state.



Davidson

City administrator attends KLC training

Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant attended the Kentucky League of Cities' Insurance and Safety Training in Bowling Green March 4-7. He sat in on sessions ranging from legal interviewing practices to safe trenching techniques. The insurance and safety training gives the city additional points on its insurance "report card," which bears significantly on the city's rates for workers' compensation, property and liability insurances.



Bryant

Farmers shareholders elect new directors

Shareholders of Farmers Bancorp, Inc., of Marion elected their board of directors for a new term during the annual meeting March 18. Re-elected to the board were Gareth W. Hardin, Joseph W. Yarbrough Jr., William G. McConnell, Richard H. Peek Jr., Alan C. Stout, William R. Frazer, James T. Hatfield, J. Wade Berry and G. Morris Hodge.

Deputy aids in search for missing woman

Crittenden County deputy and emergency management director Greg Rushing was in Paris, Tenn., last weekend helping search for a woman missing since March 13. Rushing is part of the Four Rivers Canine Search & Rescue Team that was called to assist in the search for Rachel Conger. Conger went missing two weeks ago and her husband, Paul Conger, was found a few days later, dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Law enforcement agencies in the west Tennessee town have exhausted most of their resources looking for the woman, who is feared dead, too. They called on volunteers from the area to help search Saturday, but nothing was found. Rushing said his search and rescue team used cadaver dogs and other trained canines to search for the missing woman.



Rushing

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY HOMES

SPRINGTIME... A great time for moving into this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ready for occupancy. Features: Separate entry hall to formal living and family kitchen dining combination. Has central heat & air, nice size laundry room and attached garage. Offering black top drive leading to a detached double car garage. Good location in Greenwood Heights. Priced in mid eighties. Call today for more details.

ENJOY THE PEACE & QUIET... in this 28 x 56 Cedar sided Manufactured Home situated on 1 acre of property. Features 3 BR, 2 BA, large den w/gas fireplace & vaulted ceiling. Kitchen is equipped w/all appliances including the washer and dryer & cabinet space to spare. Large master bedroom with walk in closets, master bath has garden tub and shower unit. Also has detached 2 car garage, a small storage shed.

MOVE TO THE COUNTRY... and enjoy the privacy of this tri-level brick ranch home situated on 3 plus acres. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large family room that also gives access to back yard. Includes all major appliances, goldfish pond, swimming pool & deck, 2 car garage, small stable/barn and outbuilding.

A HOME WITH CHARACTER... Describes this 3 bedroom house with wrap around porch. Features: Ornate arch center hall foyer, Living room with fireplace, large kitchen with granite fireplaces in 2 bedrooms, Eat-in kitchen, and large private covered patio. Includes enclosed chain link fenced back yard and nice detached heated storage building w/carport.

SOLD DON'T WAIT BECAUSE THIS ONE WON'T LAST LONG ...3 bedroom brick ranch home that has been completely been updated, new carpet, paint, kitchen appliances. Located in the county but only a half mile outside the city limits on 1.75 +/- acres, large 2 car detached garage, fruit trees, landscaped yard, paved drive, and ready to move in, the only thing this home needs is a new family. Call and set up a showing before it's too late.

OLD SHADY GROVE RD... This 3 bedroom, 2 full baths home located in Marion, with convenient location to town and the ball fields. Large living room, master bedroom with full bath, kitchen with large dining area, utility room, several updates to the home including HVAC, paint, vinyl siding, plumbing. Immediate possession available at closing.

MARION HISTORIC HOME... located on corner lot 3 blocks from center of town. Features 3 BR, 2 BA, high ceilings, dining room, butlers pantry, large living room, hardwood floors, original double pocket doors leading to the dining room/kitchen area, sunroom. Also has outside entry for upstairs for separate apartment including kitchen & bath. 2 car garage with side street entry.

SOLD 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. 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.

QUIET AND PEACEFUL... is where this 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home is located. Situated on 2 acres in Crittenden County. For the handyman that likes to tinker there is a 24 x 30 garage with concrete floor and work benches. Home features all appliances, plenty of room to have a garden and let the kids run around. PRICED REDUCED.

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.

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Let's take a ride down Main Street in 1913

In the early 1900s the automobile age was beginning to appear in Marion. The first sighting of one of these new contraptions in Marion was in August of 1904.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press let's take a trip back in time and explore this period of our history. It must have been an interesting time with the excitement of purchasing a new driving machine, but a frustrating time, too, for the horse and buggies and the folks who owned them.

August 11, 1904, a party of tourists, four in number, passed through the city in an automobile, en route from Nashville to the World's Fair at St. Louis. This was the first horseless carriage ever seen in Marion and the sudden appearance of the horseless carriage coming up Main Street created a stir among our population.

It was county court day and the streets were thronged with people, which added to the excitement. The small boys yelled and started in pursuit of the automobile, the whole crowd, big and little alike, following and yelling. The horse jockey left his plug and joined in the chase. The druggists, salesmen hotelmen, all made a rush for the street. The merchant left his counter and made for the door. The grocery men left their bars of soap unwrapped and leaped into the street.

One lady cried out "What a strange street car."

A boy yelled, "There goes one of them threshers without any engine."

The Press news gatherer walked down the steps into the street and was promptly run over by a gentleman who was going at a fast gait trying to join the procession. "That's one of them automobileholes," said a small boy as the auto disappeared in the outskirts of the city.

Several years later, in May of 1911, The Press tells us that "motoring in Crittenden County is getting more popular each day, and all that stood in the way of universal use of automobiles is the desperate roads, and not the



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cost as many would think. For compared with horseflesh and the expense of keeping same, automobiles were not high and were certainly a most delightful mode of transportation. With the advent of better roads the use of the automobile will grow into popular favor all over Crittenden County."

Also in the May of 1911 issue, an item appeared entitled "An Early Jaunt."

John Eskew, with his chauffeur, Mr. Estes, took J.B. Kevil, S.M. and Robert Jenkins to the John Nunn farm on the Morganfield Road for breakfast. Leaving Marion at 3:42, the run was made in one hour and seven minutes, and the indicator showed the exact distance as eleven miles. The machine behaved splendidly on the entire route and climbed Baker Hill (Baker Hill was located on Hwy. 365) with ease. The trip was pleasant notwithstanding the bad roads.

In July of 1911, Dr. I.H. Clement's new Ford automobile arrived. The Press reported it as follows:

It is a beauty and runs as smoothly as it's possible for a car to run; also J.W. Wilson sold J.B. Croft of Tolu a new Ford car. It is the first one to go to Tolu and will revolutionize travel there.

In January of 1912, J.W. Wilson, the local Ford automobile agent, received his first 1912 consignment, consisting of a car load of Ford machines of various types, one a four-door passenger of the latest 1912 model, one a runabout, and one for delivery purposes and general utility use, such as express, ice, laundry, groceries, milk or any other public utilities.

The cars made quite a pretty sight as they moved up Depot Street after being unloaded and were displayed on Main Street. Afterward, they were put in Tucker's Furniture Store, a part of which Wilson has rented for the coming season.

In the year 1915, we find more interesting notes about the automobiles. In June of 1915, Prof. G.L. Lott of near Caldwell Springs made the news by purchasing a new rubber-tire buggy.

"The ladies of the area are being warned that Mr. Lott would most likely be out looking for riders. Mr. Dave Owen, from the same neighborhood, went to Marion and purchased him one of the new buggies also."

From the Repton community, it was reported that Roy Thurmond passed through Marion in his new car going for a Sunday afternoon drive.

From the Shady Grove community, R.R. Tudor, a prominent farmer, was in town driving a new Ford Touring car. Accompanying him were Henry Tudor, his son and Dennie Hubbard.

In October of that same year, the County School Fair was going to be held. The winners in the division's contests would be given a ride in an automobile. The following men, who were interested in Crittenden County's childhood, offered their automobiles to give the winners a joy ride around town: T.H. Cochran, J.H. Orme, S.M. Jenkins, Morris & Son, R.F. Wheeler, T.C. Guess, C.W. Haynes, Wm. Barnett, George Foster, Tom Martin, Bart Summerville, Gabe Abel, O.H. Paris, W.B. Vandell, J.C. Bourland, Dr. Cook, Dr. Clement, Redford Yates, W. Boaz, Edgar Threlkeld, Charlie Haynes, Frank Charles and Emmett Clifton. The parade of cars would be given under the management of Mr. Hollis C. Franklin and Miss Margaret Moore.

In an article that was written several years later by Evansville Courier columnist Joe Aaron, Mr. Allie Whitt from the Frances community told him the following story about his experience with one of the new rubber tire



The automobile parade in 1913 "brought into requisition all the machines here about and excited much interest," The Press said. Great throngs were on the streets in the line of the procession. Each machine was full of pretty girls and each chauffeur thought he had the most precious burden. Some of the machines were decorated beautifully. It was an inspiring sight, one long to be remembered, the newspaper published 95 years ago.

machines.

Mr. Whitt must have been a wonderful storyteller and history buff because Mr. Aaron wrote several columns about this unique man and his humorous but true stories.

This story tells about when Mr. Whitt nearly ran over a visiting senator in the town of Marion. The time would have been July of 1918 and the visiting senator was Mr. Williams from Alabama. He had come to Marion to attend the funeral of Kentucky Sen. Ollie James, a powerful Democrat who came within a few votes of winning the presidential nomination from Woodrow Wilson in the years leading up to World War I.

Now enters Mr. Whitt in his brand new car, the first he had ever owned, and he decided to attend the funeral too. The story follows:

As he drove into town that day, toward the Methodist Church, Sen. Williams, decked out in his funeral finery, absent minded crossed the street in front of the car.

Whitt felt around with his foot for the brake - and hit the accelerator instead. The car leapt forward and

at Fort Campbell. Both men had received their parachutist wings after completing a course which included five training jumps.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

From The Crittenden Press Archives

News from 1983:

•Donna Joyce was pictured with a four-pound largemouth bass she caught while fishing in a farm pond with her family.

•Seventh grade winners of the annual Crittenden County High School Science Fair were pictured in the newspaper. They were Allison Arlack, second place; Tonya Nation, first place; and Scott Martin, third place.

•The Crittenden County Conservation District honored county residents who had made efforts to upgrade and conserve natural resources. Honored at the banquet were Major Guess, Barthell Crowell, Larry and Margaret Parish, Daren Tinsley, Chris Cook, Rick Winders and

Rev. Ray Cummings.

•D'Anna Browning and Dan Kemper were crowned 1983 King and Queen of 4-H at the annual Variety Show. They represented the Tolu Hornets 4-H club. First runners up were Gala Belt and Brady Kirk of the CCES Green Machine Club. Angie Ritch and Bobby Hendrix were second runners-up from the Northside Mattoon Rockets Club.

News from 1958:

•Pictured practicing on the front page of The Press were "Sharpshooters," W.A. Franklin, James Branstetter and Fred Dresback of the Murray State College rifle team. The shooters were undefeated in 13 matches that year. Branstetter had the team's highest firing average for the season, 277.

•Mr. and Mrs. LaMont West and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson hosted a bridge party. Prizes were won by Mr. William Allen

and Mrs. Clarence Newcom. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Severs, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newcom, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. West.

•The Crittenden County Chapter of Future Homemakers of America held its annual mother-daughter banquet at the Methodist Church. Rev. Shelby R. Beaty was guest speaker and Donna Rushing served as toastmistress. Guests included the chapter mothers Mrs. Billy Loyd, Mrs. Wilbur Horning and Mrs. Roe Williams; Keith Franklin, the FHA Beau; Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Dunning, the Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Allen, Wilbur Horning and Lathan Keatts; and each member's mother.

•Army Pvt. Paul A. Woodall Jr. graduated from the 82nd Airborne Division Jump School at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Army Pvt. Billy R. Phelps graduated from the 101st Airborne Division

Legion is helping Army honor vets

The Ellis B. Ordway American Legion Post 111 in Marion is helping the U.S. Army honor its own. Legion member Jim Estes said that the group is gathering names of Army veterans as part of a Freedom Team Salute.

An application for recognition appears at left. Clip out the form, fill in the blanks and mail it to American Legion, c/o P.O. Box 134, Marion, KY 42064.

The deadline for mailing your application is Monday, April 21. Those names received will be honored during a Memorial Day ceremony at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion on May 26. Each honoree will receive a certificate, decal, lapel pin and more.

Estes said this is for U.S. Army veterans only. Currently, other branches are not doing anything similar, he said. This is not a fundraiser. It is free. Also, anyone can honor a veteran, reservist, active duty soldier or guardsman. Guardsmen can honor their parents, spouse or employer.

U.S. ARMY VETERANS RECOGNITION

(Please note this is for U.S. Army branch veterans only)

The Ellis B. Ordway American Legion Post 111 in Marion is helping the U.S. Army honor its own. The American Legion, through The Crittenden Press, is gathering names of Army veterans as part of a Freedom Team Salute. The following is an application for recognition. Those names received by a deadline of April 21, 2008, will be honored during a Memorial Day ceremony at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion on May 26, 2008. Each honoree will receive a certificate of honor from the U.S. Army. Please fill in the blanks and return this to the address below.

Rank _____

Dates of Service _____

Last Name _____

Middle Name _____

First Name _____

Address _____

City & State _____

Mail to: American Legion, c/o PO Box 134, Marion, KY 42064



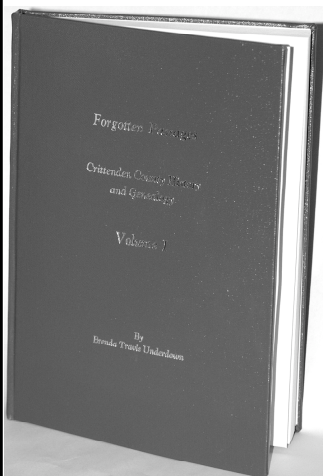
John W. Wilson, the local Ford automobile agent, received his first 1912 consignment of Ford machines. Wilson sits behind the wheel of the Ford Touring car (pictured at far left) as he displayed them on Main Street.

the senator, suddenly realizing that he was not strolling in some senatorial rose garden, leapt briskly aside, leaving his hat behind.


As Whitt recalled the story, he said it's funny now, talking about it, but he's often wondered what would have become of him if he'd struck and killed the visiting


senator.

In next week's article we will recall some other exciting and frightful incidents involving this new invention that was fast becoming the mode of transportation in Crittenden County. We'll visit some of the early automobile dealers and take a look at the



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