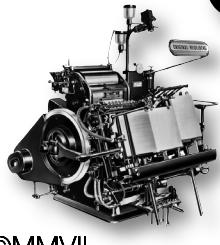


Heritage Day, Christmas in Marion arrive this weekend | Schedule of events on 10B

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No drivers' tests given this Friday

According to Madeline Henderson, Crittenden Circuit Clerk, there will be no written or road drivers' tests given this Friday in Crittenden County.



Flu clinics set to begin next month

Several area flu clinics have been scheduled for the coming weeks, including opportunities in both Crittenden and Livingston counties to receive the influenza vaccine. Elderly, in particular, are encouraged to get their immunizations early, before the brunt of the flu season arrives in January.

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Absentee voting begins this week

Absentee voting at the county courthouse begins this Friday for those unable to be in town to cast their ballot in the general election on Nov. 6.

To help prepare you for the election, The Crittenden Press has begun publishing candidate surveys for the statewide offices up for grabs this fall. We start this week with the attorney general's race. The Kentucky Candidate Information Surveys are made possible by Vote Kentucky, which can be found online at [VoteKentucky.us](#).

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4-day calendar findings reported

The committees formed to weigh the pros and cons of a four-day school calendar in Crittenden County will go public next week. A 5:30 p.m. forum has been scheduled for next Tuesday at Rocket Arena for the purpose of a progress report from each of the committee's work to date. Immediately following their individual presentations will be a public comment period set aside to answer questions and gather input from the community in attendance. The entire community, whether parents of students or not, are encouraged to attend.

Local meetings

UPCOMING

• Livingston Fiscal Court will meet 5:30 p.m., Oct. 18 at the courthouse.

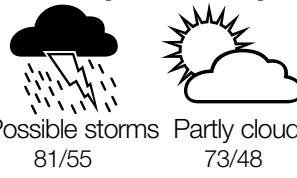
• Crittenden County Board of Education four-day school calendar public meeting, 5:30 p.m., Oct. 23 at Rocket Arena.

Rain gauge
Reported by UK Agriculture Weather Service as of Tuesday at Paducah.
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Rash of burglaries continue

STAFF REPORT

More than a half dozen Crittenden County farms and other residences have been burglarized over the past month and authorities are stepping up their patrols trying to solve the thefts.

Sheriff Wayne Agent said the method of operation has been similar in most of the cases. Intruders are breaking into homes under construction, tool sheds and farm buildings, taking anything of value. Thousands of dollars worth of tools and equipment have been stolen, Agent said.

"They seem to be targeting copper wire, but then taking whatever else is convenient," the sheriff added. "In some cases, they're not taking everything of value, just a few things."

Deputy Don Perry said that copper wire has become an attractive target for thieves because the metal is fetching \$2.25 per pound. He said that buyers are required to notify authori-



They seem to be targeting copper wire, but then taking whatever else is convenient.

— Sheriff Wayne Agent

ties when copper wire is purchased on the open market. However, none of the wire taken during recent cases is surfacing in the area.

The burglaries have occurred in all corners of the county with a high rate of incidence in the southern end near Crayne and Frances.

Van Hunt Farms, Guess Farms,

Parish Farms and a Brock home under construction on Ky. 70 are among the places hit in the southern quadrant. Near Tribune and Shady Grove there have been a couple of burglaries, one at Travis Gardner's tool shed on Ky. 120 and two others closer to Shady Grove at the Tucker Farm and Hill Farm. Boone Farms in the Piney area has also been burglarized. Grain bins and other outbuildings where electrical wiring is present are common targets, authorities said.

Last weekend, an equipment building at Conceptional Stone on Ky. 723 near Salem, was broken into and about \$700 to \$800 worth of hand tools were taken. The burglars drove around a locked gate and broke into

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the maintenance building, the sheriff said. The burglary occurred between 3:30 p.m., Friday and 6:30 a.m., Monday.

"Most of these appear to be happening late at night or during the early morning hours," Agent said.

Officers will be canvassing areas recently hit by burglars and will be implementing other investigative tactics trying to solve the crimes.

Anyone with information regarding these burglaries should contact the sheriff's department at 965-3400 or call Crittenden County TipLine at 965-3000 and remain anonymous. Information leading to an arrest could result in a cash reward.

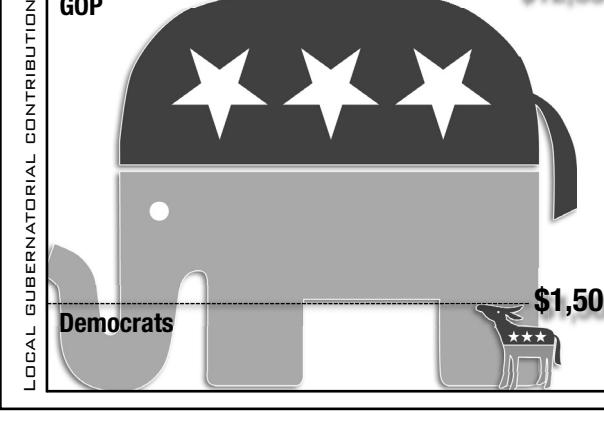
Christmas in Marion



Crafter Linda Wooley will showcase many of her crafts at this weekend's Christmas in Marion, just as she has done for many years. Above, Wooley paints a Support Our Troops paperweight.

Gubernatorial donations

Republican donations from Crittenden County to 2007 gubernatorial campaigns outnumber those by Democrats more than 8 to 1, according to campaign finance records. Registered Democrats, however, outnumber Republicans 3,292 to 2,693 in the county.



Local GOP handouts dwarf that of Dems

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Countians have overwhelmingly supported Gov. Ernie Fletcher financially this campaign season.

Fletcher, a Republican, is trailing Democratic challenger Steve Beshear in polls by more than 10 percent as the Nov. 6 general election nears. However, that hasn't slowed fund-raising efforts here.

In Crittenden County, campaign contributors have given \$12,650 to Fletcher in 2007 while Beshear has received just \$2,000 from the Marion and Salem areas. Overall, Beshear has outraised Fletcher by about \$2 million. Beshear has received \$4.9 in campaign contributions while Fletcher has taken in \$2.9 million.

Information about individual contributions is available online from the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance at [kref.state.ky.us](#).

Two-thirds of Fletcher's donations came during or near a fund-raising event hosted by Crittenden Judge-Executive Fred Brown and his wife Minnie Lou. The September affair raised \$8,150.

Fletcher's top local benefactors this year included the judge-executive and his wife, who have given the governor at total \$3,000. Other top contributors have been the Crittenden County Republican Party; Alan C. Stout, a local attorney and active party leader; Sharie

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Wooley

torch, the Homemakers will pass the very well organized manuals for a successful show, which outline duties of coordinators in various capacities from publicity to cookbook and candy sales.

"Homemakers kept making it bigger and better and due to the advancing age of many of our members, we knew it was time to pass it on to someone else since it brings 1,000 plus visitors from 15-plus states each year," said Nancy Hunt, Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences in Crittenden

County. "We have no trouble filling our 30-plus booth spaces, and if someone cancels, we have someone on the waiting list ready to take it."

Hunt's daughter Kim is president-elect of the Community Arts Foundation and will coordinate the 2008 show which will occur the third weekend in October as always.

As constant as the fall ritual of Christmas in Marion has been the participation of crafter Linda Wooley.

Wooley's booth has displayed a plethora of handmade crafts over the two decades — everything from teacher gifts and key chains to wooden potato boxes and

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Hungry city

Eating is big business in Marion, with restaurants serving millions of dollars in meals yearly.

\$1.50

Amount spent per day by the average Crittenden Countian on prepared meals.

\$5,000,000

Gross receipts in food sales in Marion last year.

Dining out generates millions locally

STAFF REPORT

One new restaurant is open and another is about to start doing business in Marion, each seeking a piece of the \$5 million pie in gross sales of prepared foods.

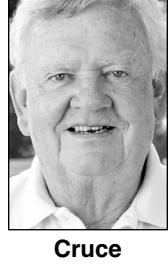
Tracking the amount of money spent on food in Marion is much easier than it once was because the city now has a restaurant and motel tax. The tax has been around for about four years and sales have been steady, according to gross receipts reported by restaurants, grocers and convenient shops that sell prepared food here.

According to city records, there are 18 establishments in Marion that sell

ready-to-eat food products.

Of those, only Food Giant, McDonald's and Dairy Queen are locally owned or operated national chains. The rest are homespun businesses that are taking advantage of a high per capita expenditure for prepared meals. On average, every Crittenden County resident spends about \$1.50 each day on prepared meals.

In the past month, Cozy Hearth Restaurant has opened in the former



Cruce

Druther's building on Sturgis Road and longtime restaurateur Richard Cruce is opening a new burger joint on North Main in a few weeks.

Cruce said it's obvious that Marion people eat out often; but, too, he says motorists passing through spend a great deal on meals in Marion and while he owned the Front Porch restaurant a few years back many of his customers were from southern Illinois.

Cruce has been in and around the restaurant business for ages. He's a tad over 70 and started as sophomore

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Food bank helping needy

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

More Kentuckians lived in poverty last year than in 2005, countering a nationwide drop in the number needy, according to recent Census figures. In 2006, 17 percent of the state lived below the poverty level, with many of those struggling to make ends meet right here in Crittenden County.

Free food
The next food bank give-away is this Friday at the senior citizens center on North Walker Street. Residents of Crittenden County can pick up free food between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Residents are asked to pick up food only for themselves. A ride to the center can be arranged by calling 965-5229.

Determined to make a difference, Sisco began talking to Phillip Giltz in 2005 about how they could organize a local food bank. "I wanted to help families in Crittenden County that really needed it," Sisco said. "Hard times can affect us all, and I just wanted to be able to make something a little bit easier on families."

After talking the idea over, Sisco then contacted Tri-State Food Bank in Evansville to see what it would take to get a food bank going. Glad to help with the project, Assistant Director John Hillenbrand plotted a course for Sisco to establish a food closet.

Today, Sisco, Giltz and others make use of some more local generosity to hand out bags and boxes of groceries to as many as 130 people a month.

"It helps me a lot," said Thelma Denton of Marion as she walked away last month with a bag of frozen meat, canned vegetables, dry goods and even cookies. "I'm on a fixed income so it helps me every month."

The goods for the food bank, bought at a paltry 18 cents per pound at Tri-State Food Bank, are stored and distributed from an outbuilding at the senior citizens



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

center in Marion. The center's generosity, as well as \$300 per month from both the county and City of Marion, keep the food bank open, Sisco said. Individuals and churches have also chipped in to donate freezers, food and money.

"If it weren't for the money we get from the city and county, we couldn't do it," he said.

With the cost of food so low, Sisco is able to spend between \$800 and \$1,200 each month and get enough food to for all of the families signed on.

But, those big orders require a big haul. To help with that hurdle, Judge-Executive Fred Brown donates a truck each month to carry the ton of food back from Evansville.

"He's been real good to us," Sisco said. "I pick up about 2,000 pounds of food, and it takes a large truck to fit two pallets comfortably. If he didn't donate the use of a truck each month, I don't know what we would've done."

In order to qualify for the program, applicants must meet a yearly wage and be residents of the county. They must also sign in on give-away days.

"I really feel an accomplishment by helping out..." Sisco said. "I just hope that after Giltz and I retire from it, someone else will be kind enough to take over."

(Editor's note: Jerritt Hovey, Daryl K. Tabor and The Associated Press contributed to this article.)

Sin exposes ignorance in educated

All of us and even the highly educated expose our ignorance in being a party to sin of any kind, and especially those that spit in God's eye without any compunction.

Atheists are to be pitied, as they live and many die without any hope of anything but a burning hell, with a fiendish creature tormenting them forever and forever and making fun of how smart they thought they were, but how ignorant they turned out to be.

The atheistic biology scientist Richard Dawkins not only denies the existences of God but in his hate and rantings reduces to vitriolic name calling when he talks about God. The following are some of his remarks in his book "The God Delusion":

"The God of the Old Testament is arguably the



Crittenden Press guest columnist

most unpleasant character in all of fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynist (hater of women), homophobic (condemner of homosexuality), racist, infanticidal (killer of babies), [look who's talking], genocidal (killing of certain groups), filicidal (killer of own child), pestilential (sends deadly epidemic diseases), megalomaniacal (mental disorder of overestimating one's abilities and importance), sado-masochistic (derives pleasure from emotional or physical pain), capriciously malevolent (extraordinary capacity of being malicious) bully."

Mr. Hawkins has to know there is a possibility that there is a God out there in another world. Now if Mr. Hawkins did not have to die his ignorance would not be as severe maybe, but since he has to die, no way around it, he exposes his gigantic capacity for showing his extreme ignorance in running the risk that a jealous, sender of deadly epidemic diseases, a hater of homosexuality and all deviate sex acts is out there awaiting his passing.

Exuding this kind of blasphemous tirades toward a God that just might be, also exposes that the Bible he denigrates and hates is right on in giving him his fitting name: "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'. They are corrupt, they do abominable things..." Psalms 14:1.

The sad thing about all of this is that so many people will follow a pied piper if they have degrees in front of their names. The many he will lead to hell with him will also torment him with hate and rancor throughout eternity for leading them astray, and Satan will laugh at all of them for their ignorance, because down deep in every human heart there is the breathed-in breath of the Eternal God and inherent knowledge God exists. We all know right from wrong and we all, way down deep, know there is a God.

The Press Letters to the Editor

Visitor seeks aid for local museum

To the editor:

My name is Shirley Green and I was in Marion a few weeks ago and visited the Ben E. Clement museum. I also went to four of the fluorspar mines in your area. I took an awesome tour of the

museum while I was there. The specimens I saw there are some of the best I have ever seen. I was just amazed by all of the fluorite that Mr. Clement collected over the years.

I would like to suggest that your newspaper/ Crittenden County give some support to this splendid museum so that they can stay in business.

Perhaps you can encourage visitors to come and visit the museum by running an article in your paper. If more young people could see the

specimens in the museum perhaps they would become more interested in our earth and the treasures it holds.

It would be a real shame if this museum were to close due to lack of funding. Then no one else would be able to share in this absolutely wonderful experience!

I was there with the M.A.G.M.A. Rock Club from North Carolina. My husband and I had a wonderful trip and thoroughly enjoyed your town and the museum. We plan to come back next June for the annual fluorite dig that the museum sponsors. It was a time

for us to get together with our friends and enjoy spending time with people we had not seen in a while and also enjoy looking for some spectacular fluorite from Kentucky.

Perhaps the newspaper could sponsor a Museum Day and encourage visitors to come this way. You never know but you could encourage some young person to become a geologist this way!

Thanks for your time and for considering my request.

Shirley Green
Raleigh, N.C.

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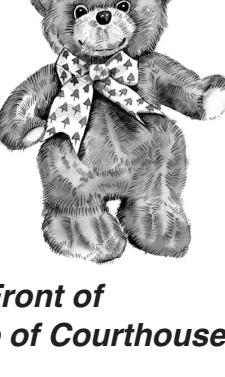
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Couple takes leap of faith

God leads Baughmans to former Mel's Market

BY CHRIS HARDESTY

PRESS STAFF WRITER
Michael and Yvonne Baughman exhibited a huge leap of faith in June.

After serving as youth ministers since the 1990s in Henderson, Paducah, Lexington, Shellville, all in Kentucky, and Middletown, Ohio, they felt like the Lord was leading them to start a church in Marion. The new church, located in the former Mel's Market, will be non-denominational and named Center for Hope Sanctuary.

So they moved to town in June without a house, knowing God would provide for them since he wanted them to start a ministry here. Taking God at his word, they had a house two weeks later because of their obedience.

"That's knowing how to walk by faith," Yvonne Baughman said, referring to the way God provided them a place to live.

After experiencing the many blessings God has given him through the years, Michael Baughman knew that finding a place to live after arriving in town would be a minor thing.

While making his living as a truck driver in 2002, he suffered a severe injury that placed him in a wheelchair as



Michael and Yvonne Baughman stand in front of the former Mel's Market at the corner of Main and Gum streets in Marion. The Baughmans, who have ministered across Kentucky and in Ohio, are converting the building into a new church, Center for Hope Sanctuary.

an invalid. But he never felt sorry for himself and was healed by the power of God the following year.

"God renewed not only his spiritual body, but his mental capacity," Yvonne said.

Even before the injury, Baughman credits his wife's faith and dedication to the Lord for playing a pivotal role in their ministry.

"She was actually more versed in the Bible than what I was," Michael said.

The move to Marion has

been made easier since it has afforded them a chance to get close to their daughter, who was already living in Crittenden County.

While God's will has led them to Marion, Michael recalls a time when he had no idea that would be the case.

"All Marion was back then was a pit stop," he said, referring to the first time his family passed through here nearly 15 years ago.

In a day and age when it seems as if way too many

teenagers are making wrong choices, Yvonne has a burning desire to be a positive influence through the couple's youth ministry at the Center of Hope.

"The teenagers are my heart. They understand that I really do care for them," she said.

If things go as planned in renovating the building, the couple hopes to begin holding services some time next month.

Ill words can, indeed, harm

We've all witnessed children hurling angry and insulting remarks to other children. After a time, someone will begin the chant, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." We know that is untrue, because words often leave scars so deep that time can never heal them.

Words are like feathers, easily scattered and impossible to gather up. A Chinese proverb says, "Swiftest horse cannot overtake the words once spoken."

The writer of Proverbs

said, "A right word spoken at the right time is priceless." The Apostle Paul wrote, "Let not any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up." Proverbs 15:1

claims, "A soft answer turneth away wrath but grievous words stir up anger."

We should not engage in jesting or cruel teasing. Someone makes a derogatory remark and when they see the shock on your face they say, "I was only kidding." But you knew they meant to hurt.

Parents and teachers should avoid using words that are demeaning or harsh; such could destroy a child's self confidence. Instead, they should speak words that are kind, encouraging and truth-

ful, because everything we say is important and has consequences.

Let your parting words always be loving and kind. They could well be your last.

A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in the settings of silver.

- Psalms 25:11

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Garbage now has 2 pick-up options

STAFF REPORT

Two new trash removal services are ready to start operating in Crittenden County.

Waste Management, the lone company picking up household and merchant garbage over the last couple of years, has been sold to Freedom Waste Service. Freedom will begin handling all customers in Marion starting Nov. 1.

Additionally, Madisonville Disposal, LLC is now operating in Marion. Rita Chappell said her company has started collecting garbage at a couple of retail merchants and will soon be offering household, roadside service.

Joe Buchanan, one of the owners of Freedom Waste Service, met with the Crittenden County Fiscal Court Tuesday and went over some plans that his company has to improve service here when it takes over for Waste Management.

Waste Management

spokesman Tim McNally said his company sold the Marion, Princeton and Cadiz service areas as well as a landfill in Mayfield to Freedom Waste Service.

Buchanan said Freedom will keep some of the same equipment used by Waste Management, but customers will soon be seeing new, smaller trucks which he said would be more mobile and would operate more easily on the county and city's narrow roads and streets.

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State & Regional Briefs

U.S. 641 to remain down to one lane

One of the main roads into and out of Marion will be down to one lane a portion of next week to replace a cross drain just outside of town.

The lane closure on U.S. 641 will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The project was originally scheduled to be completed today (Thursday), but the threat of rain delayed work.

The closure of one lane will allow a crew to complete its two-day maintenance on the drain at the 6-mile marker. The work zone is just south of Marion near the intersection with Coleman Road. No closures are expected.

Kentucky highway personnel will have to be extra cautious during the work due to the proximity of a gas line to the site. While the work may require a few extended delays today, the roadway is expected to remain passable.

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Motorists who regularly travel U.S. 641 between Marion and Fredonia may want to make alternate travel plans. Work at the site will start at 7 a.m., each day and is expected to be complete by 4:30 p.m., each day.

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Welch, of Marion, accounted for a third of the donations. Welch poured in \$400 raised from his annual "Garbage Party," on which he remains mum as to an explanation other than it being a gathering of friends and family.

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Winn steps in as trial commissioner

While his retirement and the job that brought him out of retirement were short-lived, Kenneth Winn is poised to settle into his new position as trial commissioner. Winn, former Marion police chief, will replace James O'Neal, who retired as trial commissioner due to illness.

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Coal fund could help make county's first jail payment

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Fiscal Court has approved a plan to request \$300,000 from its coal severance tax fund in order to help make the first payment on the new county jail.

The 129-bed, \$7.7 million Crittenden County Detention Center is scheduled to open the last of this year. Construction is on schedule, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown told magistrates during Tuesday's fiscal court meeting.

Brown suggested tapping

into what's known as the "single-county coal money" in order to help make the first payment on the jail. Brown made the suggestion based on the amount of money in the single-county coal fund earmarked specifically for Crittenden County projects.

County leaders currently have a great deal of control on

how and when that money is spent, but Brown thinks that the process could change beginning in January when the state legislature convenes.

"There's a chance that the legislature will start overseeing that money again and then we will have to apply for it two years ahead of time," Brown said.

The judge suggested using the money now while the county still has primary discretion over its usage.

The fiscal court agreed and approved requesting the funds.

ticularly Doris Lemon, Wooley and Diana Herrin and others learned how to display Crittenden County crafts at the fair, as well as the etiquette involved with greeting booth visitors.

Armed with those skills, Wooley and her husband Doug, a local contractor, have become well known crafters at Christmas in Marion.

The popularity of Wooley's crafts are as much a tradition as the two-day craft fair itself. Wooley, who operates The Stitchery out of her Marion home, will bring a few

new items this year including patriotic painted rock paper weights and gift boxes containing stuffed animals.

"I hope to add some denim purses this year, they seem really popular, and I'll bring whatever I've got from my inventory that might fit someone's fancy," Wooley explained.

The origin of her craft ideas? A lot of her inspiration has been from the Internet and other craft shows.

Christmas In Marion hours are 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., Saturday and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday.

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City spells Legion of flag placement

In a salute to the time-honored efforts of a small group of veterans who decorate Marion's city streets with Old Glory on patriotic occasions, the city will be taking over the job of placing about 50 flags.

"It's just a small group of guys, and they're getting older," Councilman Jim Brown said of the volunteers, comprised over the years of mostly American Legion members.

At Brown's urging, city employees will now be scaling ladders to place the flags on utility poles lining Main and other prominent streets. Their first opportunity is around the corner, with Veterans Day just three weeks away.

"I think that's a wonderful thing," said Legionnaire Allen Summers, who has placed his share of American flags.

Summers said Farmers Bank keeps the Legion in flags, donating the money as needed.

Outdoor burning still prohibited

Any outdoor burning anywhere in the state remains illegal by order of the governor.

Earlier this month, Gov. Ernie Fletcher outlawed outdoor fires due to the extreme drought that has further

increased the danger of out-of-control blazes during the fall forest fire season. Fines and jail time could result if authorities catch someone burning.

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SOLD WELCOME HOME... is what you will be saying in this 3 bedroom brick home. Located on nice landscaped corner lot not far from town. Features eat-in kitchen with appliances, living room with gas log fireplace, French doors leads to deck and large back yard for the children to play. This won't last long so call for more information.

SOLD ECONOMICAL & AFFORDABLE... is this 3 bedroom, 2 bath split plan home. Located on nice corner lot with unattached garage & large storage building.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
FRIDAY

Fall Yard Decorating Contest will be judged

- 7 pm Crittenden vs Fulton Co. - HS Football Game
- 7 pm Kentucky Possum Wranglers (Local Band) - Stage Behind Courthouse
- 9 am Friends Of Crittenden County Public Library Book Sale and Silent Auction

SATURDAY

- 8:30 am Vendors Open
- 8:30-9 am Opening Ceremony, American Legion & CCHS Chorus
- 9 am 4-H Petting Zoo on courthouse lawn
- 9 am Pumpkin Decorating Contest at Marion Tourism and Commerce Center
- 9 am Inflatable's for Kids
- 9 am Games for Kids
- 9 am-1 pm Cookie Stacking Contest at the CASH EXPRESS booth
- 9 am Train rides on "The Little Smilin' Choo Choo"
- 9:30 am Horse drawn Wagon rides
- 10:30 am Calk Walk at The Skateboard Assoc. booth
- 2 pm FFA Pedal Tractor Pull

MAIN STAGE

- Decorations sponsored by The Peoples Bank
- 10-10:30 am Pepsi's "Wheel of Fortune" Giveaway Sponsored by Pepsi. A chance to win a Big Screen TV
 - 10:30 am Little Miss Heritage Days (Line-Up) at Ambassadors for Christ Church
 - 11 am-1 pm Little Miss Heritage Days Pageant, Sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Zeta Alpha (Rain venue - Marion Baptist Church)
 - 1 pm Announce Yard Decorating Contest Winner
 - 1:15-1:45 pm Building Our Flag Program sponsored by Farmer's Bank
 - 2-4 pm FREE CONCERT by BLEND - "Rock-n-Roll Review". Sponsored by The Crittenden County Bar Association

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 9 am-5 pm Christmas in Marion Arts and Crafts Show at Fohs Hall
- 9 am Friends Of Crittenden County Public Library Book Sale and Silent Auction
- 9 am NWTF "Jake" Day at the Old Marion High, College Street (3-D Archery, Casting and Air Rifle for ages 17 and under)
- 9 am Sidewalk Sale's by local businesses
- 10 am-3 pm Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum OPEN, 205 Walker St.
- 11 am-1 pm Crittenden County Historical Museum on Belleville Street and Cabin on North College Street Bean & Cornbread
- 4 pm Lunch. Log Cabin open to the public for a walk-through time
- 5 pm Crittenden Health Systems drawing (Sign up at their booth)
- Fohs Hall Community Arts Walk Through Time at Mapleview Cemetery, West Belleville Street

SUNDAY

- 12:30-4:30 pm Christmas in Marion Arts and Crafts - Homemakers

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