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Sneak-A-Peek CCES students prepare for back to school

The annual Sneak-A-Peek at Crittenden Elementary will be tonight (Thursday). CCES students should attend from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., if their last name starts with the letters A-L. For last names starting with letters M-Z, students should attend between 7-8 p.m.

Fancy Farm hosts picnic Saturday; Garden Party is Friday at Cherry's

Barbecue and politics will be the hottest things in Graves County this weekend as the annual Fancy Farm Picnic kicks off Saturday.



Cherry

Political speaking begins at 2 p.m. The picnic is widely considered one of the most important political gatherings in the commonwealth. On Friday afternoon from 3-5 p.m., Rep. Mike Cherry will host his annual Garden Party, a warmup for the weekend's other political affairs. Cherry says everyone is invited to the event at his home on Jefferson Street in Princeton.

Filing deadline for city council

The deadline to file candidacy for November's non-partisan elections is 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 14. Applications are available at the Crittenden County Clerk's office. All six non-partisan Marion City Council seats will be up for election in November.

Juggalos gather next week in Ill.

The annual Gathering of the Juggalos, a major party and concert event in Cave In Rock, Ill., will be held Aug. 8-12. Law enforcement officers in Marion say crime goes up here when the event is held across the river.

Meetings & More

✓ Crittenden County Circuit Clerk's office will be closed Monday and Saturday of next week due to state-mandated furloughs and rescheduling due to furloughs.

ON THE WEB Press Online Poll

This week's Web poll at The Press Online asked readers to answer the following question: "School starts back Aug. 7. Are you ready?"

Here is what 335 respondents said:

No, it's too early **212 (63%)**
Yes, I'm ready **55 (16%)**
I don't care **68 (20%)**

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Fair Pageant

Jessica Tinsley (right), a 2012 CCHS graduate, was crowned Miss Crittenden County Tuesday night to kick off fair week. The queen and her court (above from left) are Amber Wright, fourth runner up; Jenna Copeland, first runner up; Tinsley, Queen; Ashlee Collins, second runner up; Elizabeth Brown, third runner up and Miss Congeniality; and Leanna Riley, Most Photogenic. Fair-goers this week will be surprised to find that the carnival is here despite not being on the original fair schedule. A change in the amusement company's schedule allowed the Lions Club to book the carnival at the last minute. Bracelets to ride everything will be on sale for \$12 each night.



State approves Invensys package for Lyon County

STAFF REPORT

Invensys Rail has been awarded an economic development incentive for up to \$500,000 to create 50 new jobs in Eddyville.

The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority announced the award last week. Invensys' application for the economic development incentive package says it will make a capital investment of \$1.26 million and create 50 jobs with an average pay of \$10.50 per hour.

Jeff Waldrop, plant manager of the Marion Invensys Rail facility, said Monday that nothing is official.

"As part of our strategy, we're looking into things, but no official decisions have been made yet," he said.

Part of the company's application process for a state incentive plan such as the one Invensys received includes a certification by the applicant that any growth will not adversely affect other current jobs in Kentucky.

"A company cannot receive incentives for moving jobs from one county to another. The new jobs in Lyon County must be in addition to the jobs they already have in Crittenden," said Kevin Sheilley, an economic development specialist in Henderson who is familiar with requirements of state economic development incentives.

Under the incentive plan, the company qualifies for Kentucky corporate tax abatement up to 10 years. Incentives through the program also include use of employees' state withholding taxes to pay down debt until the program expires or the qualified debt is retired.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said he will be disappointed if these jobs can't be kept here.

"We'd love to have them here, but it's my understanding they need the extra space quicker than we could get anything built," Newcom said.

Local officials familiar with the situation say Invensys' Wayside Division, which makes large electronic boxes that go next to railroads, needs a large building with a high ceiling. Much of the wayside division's inventory is currently stored outside at the Marion facility.

Invensys has about 245 employees at its Marion plant, for which it received an economic incentive package in 2008 to create 150 jobs.

New Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation Director Jeremy Wheeler said attempts are being made to keep these potential new Invensys jobs in Marion.

"We don't have available right now a building with high ceilings and that's why they're looking at Lyon County," Wheeler said. "We want to keep these jobs here if at all possible, and we're still trying meet their needs."

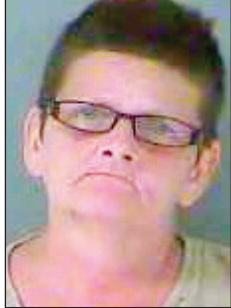
Wheeler said Invensys has a long-term lease at its Marion location in the industrial park and no matter what happens it should have no affect on manufacturing operations or jobs here.

Invensys also leases space at the Tyler Manufacturing building (formerly Tyco), which is locally owned. It's unclear whether Invensys will keep that operation going or whether it might be affected by possible plans in Lyon County.

Although neither company, economic development nor county officials would say what location Invensys is considering in Eddyville, there is speculation that it is looking at a vacant building at Eddyville's industrial park where Keith Coleman Racing, LLC was once located. The building is about 20 years old. It was originally a manufacturing facility for refrigerated trucks. The building is about 20,000 square feet.



Wheeler



Hutchinson

STAFF REPORT

Police reports filed in support of a murder charge against Cindy Lou Hutchinson, 50, of Marion allege that 89-year-old Jim Roberts struggled to save his life as she beat, stabbed and then strangled him to death at his East Depot Street home July 16.

In addition to murder, Kentucky State Police have charged Hutchinson with first-degree robbery, first-degree burglary, tampering with physical evidence and receiving stolen property (less than \$10,000) in connection with Roberts' death.

Roberts was found dead in his home after neighbors became suspicious when

Police report says Roberts strangled, taken downstairs

he did not answer the door. Neighbors said Hutchinson had moved in with the elderly widower less than two weeks before he was killed.

According to police reports there were signs of a struggle inside the home where Roberts was found dead in his basement. An autopsy by the state medical examiner's office found defensive wounds on Roberts' body, plus multiple stab wounds and blunt force trauma. The cause of death was determined to be strangulation. A blood-stained telephone cord was found in Missouri along with other items believed to have been taken by Hutchison

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State may not allow water district plan

BY JOHN WALKER PRESS REPORTER

Crittenden-Livingston Water District's board of directors voted down last week the Kentucky Public Service Commission's preliminary recommendations for rate increases, but there may be some arm twisting before this battle is over.

The state's recommendations are not yet official, according to the PSC. A representative will present an official recommendation tonight at 7 p.m., during a special called meeting at the district's Salem headquarters.

Preliminary recommendations urge the water district to increase its rates at a minimum of 6.19 percent.

Last week, the district board decided to keep its original plan of increasing rates by five percent, which was originally approved in February. The one-time increase would be across the board for all customers – residential and wholesale – and would generate projected revenue of \$106,688.

But that may not be enough, according to a PSC report. The last time the water district increased its rates was 2006 and the last time the PSC recommended an increase in rates was 2009. However, the

Rate Discussion

There will be a special meeting at 7 tonight (Thursday) at the Crittenden-Livingston Water District headquarters in Salem. Meetings are open to the public.

board chose not to act on that recommendation three years ago.

Now, the district will need an increase of 6.19 percent just to stay operational, says the PSC. If the board keeps its planned five-percent increase, it would lead to an \$18,000 budget deficit. The difference would be made up in cost-cutting, according to district officials.

District Superintendent Ronnie Slayden said it is possible that the PSC would reject the district's plan.

"Costs have come up quite a bit," Slayden said. "We have made substantial cuts, but we are still barely getting by."

PSC Public Information Officer Andrew Melnykovich said nothing is for certain until the PSC makes its formal recommendation to the district board.

"Smaller utilities will take assistance

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Giving our time to children is a precious gift

I remember the stay-at-home days when my two toddlers, just two years apart, filled every minute of my day. A short walk to the mailbox during their afternoon nap was like a trip to the park. Just having a few minutes to take a deep breath and feel the sunshine on my face was heaven. I loved my little boy and girl with all my heart, but I wondered if I would ever survive motherhood.

Don't get me wrong. Although I was exhausted most of the time, the rewards were great. Not everybody had the privilege to stay at home with their children and see their first steps and hear their first words. I wouldn't have missed it for the world. I really should be writing all this down, I thought. But there simply wasn't time.

Sometimes, I selfishly longed to go back to work. It would have been so much easier on me and we wouldn't always be behind the eight ball. Looking back at my own childhood, I never remembered coming home to an empty house.



Mom was always there, waiting to welcome us. I wanted that for my kids too.

I continually asked for God's help. My children were my greatest blessings, so why couldn't I relax and enjoy them while they were small? More than anything else, I was determined to raise them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, but this was the hardest job in my life.

Sunday was a real challenge. It had seemed easy for my mom. I could do it too. But, I had no idea how much work this commitment was going to involve. It might have been a day of rest for some, but for me, it was a day of stress.

It didn't take me long to learn one thing – all the planning had to take place on Saturday night. Clothes had to be ironed, shoes had to be polished, socks had to match, baths all around.

The next morning, getting everybody fed and dressed – in the right order – took more talent than I thought possible. To me, I had the cutest kids in the world and I wanted them to look their best. That meant my son wore a shirt and tie; my daughter, a frilly dress. Keep in mind; this was the 70s. We had yet to integrate dressing "casual" into worship services. How one dressed equaled the amount of their faith. The first time I wore a pantsuit to church, my grandmother nearly fainted. "I never thought I'd see the day," she said. In her way of thinking, I was treading on dangerous ground.

By the time we got to Sunday school, after being trampled for 30 minutes (car seats weren't required) I was so tired and drained, I was sure it showed. Wiping faces

and combing hair, I hurried the kids to class and made a quick stop at the restroom to run a comb through my hair and try to smooth the wrinkles out of my dress.

By the time I got settled into the adult class, I was out of breath, not in any shape for concentrating on God's word. My mind couldn't slow down after running at full speed for so long. Then, out of nowhere, the cute things the kids had said all week replayed in my head. I have to write them down, I thought. But there was never any time.

Before I knew it, both my kids were in school. Now, I thought, I'll have time to write things down. But school activities and homework took up a whole new space of time. When they caught the bus in the morning, I had so many things to do at home and before I turned around they were back again.

This whole scenario went on and on and on, until one day, it all came to an end. They were all grown up.

The years of bottles and diapers were over. The years of learning to crawl, walk, and talk – gone for good. The years of school functions, ballgames and homework – long passed. The years of being best buddies with their mom – a distant memory. Instead, I was watching them start their own lives – leaving home, getting married and having babies. The most precious days of my life were gone in the blink of an eye.

So, a word of advice: Whether you are a stay-at-home mom or a working mom, don't let this precious opportunity pass you by.

Get a journal, do scrapbooking, take pictures, but whatever you do – record the time you spend with your children while they're young.

You'll never regret it.

The Bible says a thousand years is like one day to the Lord and I know exactly what that means. While mine were growing up, 20 years flew by in only a few seconds.

The powerful nations' high cost and prophetic end

All dynasties and nations rise with a high cost of bloodshed, some soar high and mighty, but the prophetic warning has never been heeded by any of them. Will it this time?

"The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God." Psalms 9:17.

Those who are blinded to reality live cheerfully in a fool's paradise, while they attack all honest appraisals of the situation, and call them false prophecies of doom and gloom.

The famous British atheist converted to Christian writer C. S. Lewis nailed it. "...Civilizations are built upon...excellent institutions devised; but each time ...some fatal flaw always brings the selfish and cruel people to the top and it all slides back into misery and ruin."

That fatal flaw, sin in the heart of fallen man, demands corrupted power over their own lives and all others around them.

As has been stated:



"Power tends to corrupt, and total power corrupts totally."

After a study of 80 societies, including primitive societies of history and his own time, as well as ancient cultures like the Sumerians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, English and the Israelites, analyzing their cultural beliefs and practices, especially as related to sex and marriage, J. D. Unwin found the eventual fall of each was a breakdown in sexual morals.

His findings showed that when people entered into unlimited sexual behavior in both pre-marital and extra-marital sexual freedoms, such cultures began to decay.

Pitirim A. Sorokin,

founder of the sociology department at Harvard University, said: "Since a disorderly sexual life tends to undermine the physical and mental health, the morality, and the creativity of its devotees, it has a similar effect upon a society that is composed largely of profligates (no regard for principles, virtue or decency), which produces sexual anarchists, which if unabated eventually destroy the society itself."

The history versed and educated founding fathers were well aware of this fact, thus John Adams said, "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion . . . Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Noah Webster said: "All the miseries and evils of which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery and

war, proceed from their despising of neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."

Robert Winthrop, once speaker of the House of Representatives said, "Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled either by a power within them or by a power without them; either by the Word of God or by the strong arm of man; either by the Bible or by the bayonet."

The sexual revolution that hit our nation in 1950 is also a cultural one. At the same time an attack on the Judeo-Christian foundations of our nation ate away like acid at the twin pillars of traditional marriage and family.

Until then most Americans understood that the Judeo-Christian worldview was the foundation of American government and society.

We all can see it is no accident that the rapid acceleration of crime, out-of-wedlock births, shacking-up, deviate lifestyles and welfare de-

pendency started at just the time that the counterculture got under way.

Next Bible and prayer were put out of schools, abortion on demand put in law, school children killing school children, rape, incest, murder, American haters, communist lovers, homosexuals and lesbians crawling out of the wood work, and an orchestrated movement to sanitize all religion out of the public square and human hearts, except of course the Islamic religion.

Little wonder God has let a shadow government of wealthy czars, powerful money brokers, Muslim, Communist, Socialist and criminal elements behind the scenes calling the shots in Washington.

Again a prophecy: "For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted." Isaiah 60:12.

History shows most peoples and leaders of decaying societies were unaware of

their cancerous sickness. Most were satisfied with their present state and future prospects and continued to live cheerfully in a fool's paradise, and were rocked to sleep by the Satan filled leaders' promises of paradise on earth, shooting the informed and caring messenger until it was too late as it was at the Flood.

As Jesus said: "They knew not until the flood came and carried them all away. So shall it be at the end of the world."

Be warned. There is no other place on this planet that one can escape to as was in the days of the Pilgrims coming to America for religious and personal freedom. Only unending eternity and a just, all-knowing judge who inhabits heaven, earth and all eternity.

God almighty!

Rev. Tedrick is a Marion minister. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.

Conservation is key to the region's health

John Walker
Press Reporter

This past Sunday afternoon you could not have asked for a more perfect day. The wind was rolling off the Ohio River and just a few drops of rain would fall every few minutes to cool off the spectators who gathered to see an event that can only be described as majestic.

When the Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky organization pulled up in its van, emblazoned with a bird of prey, I did not know what to expect. I had never witnessed any kind of animal releasing before, let alone three eagles.

Commentary

Bald eagles...just the thought of them brings many images to mind. It is one of those pure North American animals. You know, the ones that must have amazed my Scots Irish ancestors as they slowly made their way west of the Appalachian mountains. Animals like the bison, the grizzly bear or even the pronghorn deer are a part of the identity we take on by living in the western hemisphere.

Notice in that list though, I did not mention any birds

of prey. Birds seem to be a forgotten aspect of the natural identity of our country. It seems sort of ironic, considering our national symbol. But the reality is we do not connect with birds the way with do with mammals. Pretty understandable considering what we are.

But that does not make the fact that our flying friends up in the air do not deserve the recognition they deserve for their part in the food chain. Birds are an important part of the puzzle that is nature. They are not always pretty to look at, and can be frightening to hear. But they are a great indicator species and very impor-

tant to determining how healthy a region is.

Take, for example, the oldest of the three birds released near Big Rivers WMA Sunday. This bird was 25 years old. That is two years older than me. And when they found it there was lead poisoning found in its system. Lead, like in humans, will eventually lead to insanity. This bird alerted wildlife officials that somewhere in this region there is a lead source. Will they find it because of this one eagle? Most likely not. But it is a clue to officials, who are now alert to the issue.

Birds are important, and we should recognize that

fact more often. Imagine today if our ancestors had not hunted out the Carolina Parakeet, or the ivory-billed woodpecker. Would the world be any better? I don't know.

But I cannot imagine it would be any worse if we had taken the steps needed to protect those species when we had the chance. Let us make sure that we do not make those same mistakes, for the sake of those generations coming after us.

Or, if that is not enough, do it for those three eagles released by the river on Sunday. They have earned the chance to soar once more.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you all

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the community for their generous donations towards my Eagle project. Thank you to True Value for the equipment that was used and to the Scouts and Scout leaders from Troop 30 who took the time and effort, especially on the unbearable hot days. Lastly I want to thank Marion United Methodist Church. If not for them, this project would not have been possible,

Logan Harris
Marion, Ky.

Vote "No" to alcohol in Princeton

Dear Editor,

On Aug. 7 Princeton is voting on the wet-dry alcoholic beverage question. Recently, by invitation, members of the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control conducted an educational meeting in Princeton.

It was easy to see that this organization has great power in making decisions relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages.

But it is also easy to see that there is one thing pertaining thereto over which they have no control.

They have no control over the alcohol itself as to how the drinker will be affected.

They are not changing the chemical formula of the alcohol.

Those who vote to legalize beverage alcohol are likewise just as helpless to control the effects of the alcohol in the beverage.

No magic wand has ever been found to pass over an alcoholic beverage and eliminate the negative potentiation of the alcohol itself.

The alcohol in the beverage is an unruly beast that has never been tamed.

There is plenty of documented ev-

idence to show that it leads to murder, rape, robbery, broken homes, wrecked careers, deadly car wrecks and the list goes on.

Trying to put an acceptable veneer on beverage alcohol is like putting a rattlesnake in a beautiful, expensive cage on top on an eye-catching table, with beautiful, fragrant flowers all around.

That does not change the effects of the snake's venom if it bites you. Rattlesnake venom is still rattlesnake venom, and beverage alcohol is still beverage alcohol regardless of the camouflage used.

Princeton, vote no on August 7.

Dale Faughn
Princeton, Ky.

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WHO WE ARE



Marion



Rebecca Zahrte

Who We Are is a regular feature in The Crittenden Press, focusing on people in our community. If you know someone who'd make a good subject, email thepress@the-press.com

When Rebecca Zahrte joined Crittenden County Extension office in January in a staff support role, she couldn't have perceived that by midsummer a severe drought would grip the region and the demands on her position would be made even greater.

She says many farmers are now coming into the Extension office concerned about high nitrate levels in their corn. Zahrte collects, catalogues and sends samples to a lab to determine if the corn is safe to use as feed for livestock.

Zahrte said the Extension office accepts samples for nitrate testing on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

"They have to have it here before 10 a.m. It needs to be harvested that morning so the nitrates don't deteriorate in the samples before we get it to the lab. There is a form

they have to fill out and a \$12 fee," she said.

Before coming to the Extension office, Zahrte was a manager at Buzzard Rock Resort and Marina in Kuttawa. Prior to that, she was the assistant manager to the operations manager at Prizer Point Marina and Resort in Cadiz. With water everywhere, she didn't have to worry about drought conditions. At the lakes, she worked to ensure visitors enjoyed their stay.

"Being able to help people enjoy their vacation, that was important to me. When you go on vacation you should have a good time. So it was an important part of my job to make sure that you were enjoying your time," Zahrte said.

Originally from Wisconsin, Zahrte met her husband Chris during their senior year in high school. They

have two children. Their son Sean is 13 years old and their daughter Mckenzi is 11 years old. The family has lived in Marion for two years.

Her responsibilities at the Extension office include lending office support for the county Extension agents, confirming appointments, bookkeeping and making sure the office functions efficiently. She also serves as the first contact when clientele either telephone or visit the office for information.

"There have been a lot of questions as far as water levels. We're in a severe drought at this point in time. They've had a lot of problems with the crops," she said.

Zahrte says the Extension Office also offers a wealth of information for individuals through special programs, publications and online material.

"We're offering adult sewing classes this month through the Family and Consumer Sciences Program. Our 4-H system is very expansive. We just had a really great 4-H Camp. We have the EFNEP Program here for food and nutrition. There are so many programs that are available through the Extension Office and so much information available," she said. "I would encourage people to stop by with any kind of questions they have. Always look at The Press. If we have any upcoming classes we put them in the paper. We just had a canning class. Food preservation is very big. We have so many resources available here that all you have to do is ask and we can find you some kind of information."

CHARGES

Continued from page 1 from the crime scene.

Police think Hutchinson stole and drove Roberts' unregistered and uninsured Chevrolet Cavalier to Arkansas before she was arrested there on charges of possession of marijuana and receiving stolen property (the vehicle). Marion Police Officer George Foster and a neighbor witnessed Hutchinson driving Roberts' vehicle as they waited in front of his house for a key holder to come let them in the house the night his body was discovered.

The next day, Hutchinson was sitting in Roberts' car when police in Arkansas arrested her. She first told them that Roberts was with her in Arkansas and that the vehicle was not stolen. She later admitted to Arkansas authorities that the vehicle was indeed stolen, according to court documents filed at the Crittenden County Circuit Clerk's office.

Police think Roberts was killed upstairs then drug down a flight of stairs to the basement. When officers arrived, they found a barricaded door leading to the basement from the main floor. There were signs of a struggle on the main floor of the home, the police report said. It also says someone tried to cover up the crime by shampooing the carpet



Jim Roberts
Neighbor Maurice Bell says the ring on his finger is the one police believe was pawned in Missouri.

and washing bed sheets. Blood stains were found in various locations in the house and on evidence recovered in the stolen vehicle and elsewhere along Hutchinson's alleged getaway trail.

The day after Roberts was found dead, a Missouri Highway Patrolman found items allegedly connected to the crime scene on a county road in Pulaski County, Mo., which is almost in the dead center of the state. Blood-stained blue jeans, the blood-stained telephone



Jim Roberts' home on East Depot Street where police say he was murdered by Cindy L. Hutchinson.

cord, business cards from Marion businesses and a check belonging to Roberts were all found in Missouri. Also found among the items there was drug paraphernalia.

Inside Roberts' car in Arkansas, police found a receipt to a Springfield, Mo., pawn shop. Police believe that during her flight, Hutchinson or someone else pawned a Masonic ring belonging to Roberts. Also in the car was other blood-stained evidence, a cordless telephone believed to have come from Roberts' home, Roberts' wallet and several bottles of prescription medicine belonging to the victim.

On Friday, Hutchinson was transported from Sebastian County (Ark.) Detention Center to the Crittenden County Detention Center

where she remained without bond on Tuesday. The two charges filed in Arkansas were dropped because Hutchinson waived extradition proceedings there.

Hutchinson was scheduled to be arraigned in Crittenden District Court Wednesday morning. She remains lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center on a \$1 million cash bond.

Preschool programs help student transition into elementary school

BY JASON TRAVIS
PRESS REPORTER

The first day a child begins school can be stressful, both for the student and parents.

Karen Nasserri wants to alleviate as many concerns as possible. She is the director of special education, preschool coordinator and assistant principal at Crittenden County Elementary School. She says preschool helps children learn to socialize with fellow students while they develop fundamental skills that ease the transition to kindergarten.

Preschool in Crittenden County begins Aug. 20. Two different programs exist in the county. One program is Early Childhood with ages ranging from infants to children three-years-old. The program is intended to provide help to teen parents who want to continue with their high school education. It is located at the mobile office building adjacent to the elementary school. Nasserri says there are two separate classrooms, each is allowed to have eight children. The program, in place for almost

three years, has expanded for parents whose children are already in the program. Once a teen parent graduates from high school, his or her child can continue with the program until age three. The parent must be pursuing post-secondary education, receive some type of training or be employed.

Preschool is for children ages three and four years old. Classes are Monday through Thursday. There are two half-day sessions from 7:30 a.m., until 11 a.m., and from 11:30 a.m., to 3 p.m.

Three preschool classrooms are located within the elementary school building.

"That really helps with that transition to kindergarten. They know what school is. They know how to walk down the hallway," Nasserri explains.

The intent of preschool is to meet the needs of students and to prepare children that may need extra support to be ready for kindergarten. Children benefit from social interaction, learning to follow directions and having a consistent schedule.

"The first day they aren't familiar with the situation. But within a week, they're walking in a straight line on the second block, which is one of our systems to get everybody down the hallway carefully and safely," Nasserri said. "We have these kids going through the cafeteria line and knowing how to carry their tray. It just makes that transition to kindergarten so easy. In the process, they are learning so much in the classroom."

Children learn how to share, listen to a story and learn basic academic skills such as letter recognition, colors and shapes.

Two orientation days will be held prior to the first day of preschool. On Aug. 9, an orientation will be held where teachers will meet with parents to fill out paper work and discuss bus schedules. One session begins at 1 p.m. The second session begins at 6 p.m.

On Aug. 16, a Phase-In program will allow parents and students to visit classrooms, teachers and become familiar with bus procedures.



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Conference Schedule

8:30 am Registration and Light Breakfast

9:00 am - 11:15 pm Session 1

9:40 When I Look In the Mirror I Still See Hair

10:35 I'm Not Proud, I'm Just Good

11:15 am - 12:00pm Lunch

11:25 Lunch Breakout Sessions for Pastors, Worship Leaders & Other Staff

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Session 2

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Bald eagle released: Volunteers and supporters gather at Ohio River boat ramp to send off once injured eagle found on rural road

BY JOHN WALKER
PRESS REPORTER

After five months of rehabilitation and recovery the bald eagle BE 12-30 found on Ky. 365 near Baker Church in February was finally released back into the wild. Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky Inc., or RROKI, an organization that takes care of injured and sick birds of prey, released three eagles at the Caseyville boat ramp just outside of Sturgis Sunday afternoon.

The organization said it has never released that many birds at one time.

The eagle suffered injuries after being hit by a car last winter. It had a large open wound and a broken wing. After checking a band on the bird it was determined to be 25 years old, an extraordinary lifespan according to wildlife officials.

RROKI spokesperson Eileen Wicker said when they first examined the eagle they found it had lead poisoning, which can lead birds to lose their sense of flight and eventually make them go insane.

“To be honest we were not sure if this bird was even going to make it at first,” Wicker said.

They never thought the eagle would be able to fly again. But a short time after RROKI took it in, two smaller eagles were admitted to the rehab center. Over the course of a few months the two younger eagles learned to fly, and in turn taught their older friend how to fly as well. RROKI put many resources into saving the three birds. Wicker said bald eagles are one of the most expensive animals to take care of.

She said only one in four birds of prey make it past their first year, and she is hopeful the three eagles they released will last a long time in the wild.

“This is their second

chance,” Wicker said.

The bird was hit by an SUV near Baker Church in late February. After contacting local authorities and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife the eagle was taken to Linda Crenshaw, a local wildlife rehabilitator in Caldwell County. She helped organize the transfer of the eagle to RROKI. Crenshaw attended the event on Sunday and could not hold back the tears as she saw the eagle fly into the distance.

“This is such a perfect day to do this,” Crenshaw said. “I think God gave us this day, because the weather is just perfect. When I saw those eagles spread their wings and take off, I could not have been happier.”

The bald eagle was once an endangered species, but no longer. It was taken off of the endangered species list in 2007 and its population has been growing ever since. Bald eagles are making their way back into the food chain slowly but surely.

One reason for the Union County release location is because of the eagle's fondness for water. Eagles are known to nest very close to water because a major part of their diet is fish.

Spectators to Sunday's eagle releasing may have noticed the two other eagles did not have the signature white feathers on their heads. That is because bald eagles do not attain their white feathers until they have reached maturity at around three years.

Many laws are in effect to protect America's national symbol. Anyone who intentionally kills or tries to possess the bird is committing an illegal act. It is also illegal to possess any other bird of prey.

RROKI is an all volunteer organization based out of Louisville. Their website is www.raptorrehab.org.



PHOTOS BY JOHN WALKER

RROKI volunteer Bill Persons had the honor of releasing one of the eagles on Sunday. All three eagles headed in a northeasterly direction as soon as they were set free.



VFW Post 12022 visited the Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem to honor the veterans living there. Standing (from left) are William Clark, Chief Jeremy Gatewood-U.S. Navy, Joe Lanham, Don Gatewood, Connie Hunt, Rhonda Steward and Nancy Lanham. Front (from left) are Burtis Christison, Alfred Benton, James “Bud” Crider and his wife Katie.



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CHERRY STREET - Cute 3 bdr, 1 bath home, utility rm, storage bldg & double lot. Good starter home or investment property. \$30,000.00 **gt**

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MAIN STREET - 3 bdr, 2 bath w/ nice big rooms, city water & sewer. This home is a piece of history, motivated seller. Make an offer. \$81,000.00. **dm**

PERFECT LOCATION - 2 bdr, 1 bath, large kitchen w/ lots of cabinets, dining rm & laundry rm. Nice storage bldg, 2 car garage on 3/4 acres. \$35,000.00. **df**

UNBELIEVABLE - This is a must see 2 story 5 bdr, numerous updates. Walking distance to anywhere in Marion. Owner is motivated and wants an offer. Located on Gum St. Reduced to \$129,000.00. **jw**

GORGEOUS SETTING - This Amish built home & 70 +/- acres located in Mattoon will knock you off your feet. 2 ponds, 6 other bldgs, property is already fenced, wildlife everywhere. Lots of road frontage. Going fast. \$250,000. **ay**

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BEAUTIFUL SETTING - 3 bdr, 2 1/2 bath, some recent remodeling, new kitchen cabinets & appliances, 2 stone fireplaces, a sun rm & 2 big porches. All on 3.8 acres +/- with a paved drive. PRICE REDUCED TO \$87,500.00. **ag**

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Agency arms students with supplies

BY JASON TRAVIS
PRESS REPORTER

A Back to School celebration at the Crittenden County Child Support Office offered free school supplies for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The event was sponsored by Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson.

This is the third year for the back to school event. Over 120 students were provided supplies.

Johnson said using vouchers helped ensure students received school supplies appropriate to specific grade levels and gender.

"We can give away specifically for what that child needs. We got in a lot of supplies because quite frankly this is something we are committed to doing," she said.

Johnson says the list of required school supplies for students has increased along with costs.

"I remember you had a box of crayons and some paper and a pencil and that's all you had. And you just have to look at the list that the kids need now to realize it's quite expensive to get all that together."



Kimberly Wischmeier and daughter Jennifer Bricken sign in as Rebecca Johnson prepares to provide school supplies for the sixth grader.

Nearly 70 bags of school supplies were given to stu-

dents the first year the event was held. Last year about

120 bags were given away. Long lines stretched down the sidewalk as individuals waited to receive school supplies. Johnson says each year they have modified the event in such a way to serve the most people efficiently as possible.

Johnson credits donations from employees in the Child Support Office for help in buying supplies. She says they shop locally and look for sale items. She expressed appreciation to Dr. Steve Crider for donating toothbrushes for each bag, and to Melissa Guill, Circuit Court Clerk-Elect, for also donating items.

"Looking back when I was in school, there's nothing quite like having that brand new box of crayons or that new pair of scissors to use. I think it's so important for every child to have that," Johnson said. "We've had a lot of people say they have multiple children in their family and they were just wondering how they were going to be able to pay for school supplies. Hopefully this is a small way we can help people out."



Maclin-Wunderlich

David and Joan Maclin announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Nancy Kathleen, to George Tyler Wunderlich, son of George and Andrea Wunderlich of Evansville.

Maclin is the granddaughter of the late William and Nancy Heines of Marion and the late Neiman and Ann Maclin of Dyersburg, Tenn.

She is a 2009 graduate of Crittenden County High School and is a senior majoring in biology at Freed-Hardeman University. She will graduate in December with plans to continue her education in speech pathology at Murray State University. She is an alumnus of Chi Beta.

Wunderlich is the grandson of George and Mary Ann Wunderlich of Evansville and Butch and Jane Edwards of Dixon. He is also the great-grandson of Billy and Stella Blankenship and R.C. and Helen Edwards of Dixon.

He is a 2009 graduate of Harrison High School and a 2012 graduate of Freed-Hardeman University with a degree in Bible. He is an alumnus of Chi Beta and is currently an associate minister at Northside Church of Christ in Mayfield.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 2 p.m., Saturday at Benton Church of Christ in Benton.

Princeton native publishes first novel

BY JOHN WALKER
PRESS REPORTER

A Bowling Green man with Crittenden County ties released his first novel July 22 under the title, "The Road to Justice: A John Fowler Novel."

Author David Carner is a native of Princeton but his mother, Edith Carner, is a native of Crittenden County.



Carner

Carner is a big fan of mystery, and that is reflected in his new and first book. His lead character, John Fowler, combines his first name, John, and his mother's maiden name, Fowler.

Carner said this being his first novel, he tried to find an agent or a publishing house that would take his book and run with it. But after multiple rejections he decided the best way to release his new novel would be to do it himself.

He is very engaged with his work, so much so that Carner went ahead and wrote a second novel while trying to sell his first. He is currently

working on his third title. All three books follow a single character, John Fowler, a down and out detective who gets wrapped up in a murder mystery that sends him from New York City to Kentucky coal mines and all the way to the White House.

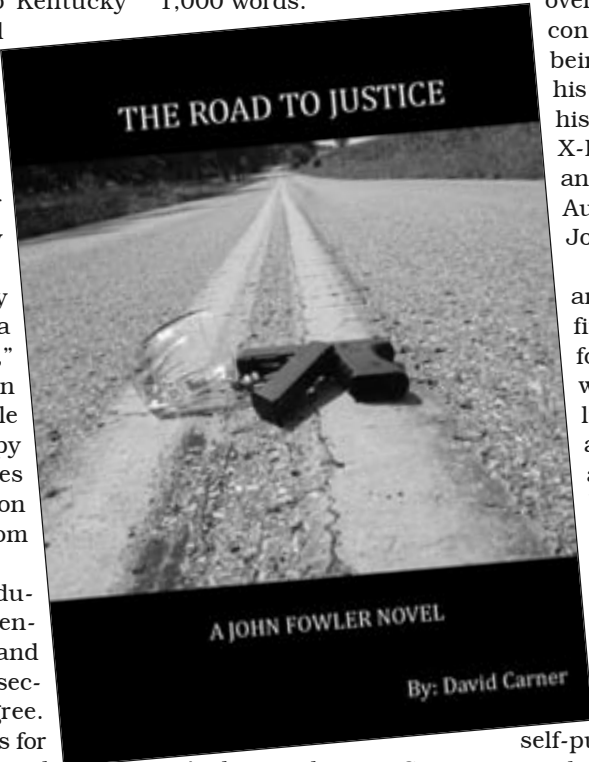
Carner said he took a rural man and made him the antagonist of various mystery stories.

"I just really enjoy that idea of a mystery story," Carner said. "When I was kid my uncle Bill gave me a copy of Sherlock Holmes and my imagination just took off from there."

Carner is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and just attained his second masters' degree. He currently works for his alma mater and lives in Bowling Green. When asked where he gets the time and energy to write while working full time, he said he just loves to write.

"I will be watching T.V.

with my wife or even just listening to the sermon from the preacher and I will get this idea in my head," Carner said. "The next thing I know I've written between 800 and 1,000 words."



And according to Carner, that is not very much.

"I try to write somewhere between 1,000 and 2,000 words a day on average," Carner said. When he was younger he never thought he

would be able to be a writer because of his terrible handwriting. But with the advent of the personal computer and by having decent typing skills, he has been able to overcome an obstacle and continue his dream of being an author. He said his inspiration comes from his favorite TV shows like X-Files and Burn Notice and novels written by Sir Author Conan Doyle and John Grisham.

He has currently sold around 40 copies of his first novel. Not too bad for only being out a week and self-published. The novel is available on amazon.com and will be available on Kindle and Nook as well. In time it will also be offered on the Barnes and Noble and Books-A-Million websites.

He is not sure if he wants to continue self-publishing. He is currently using social media to advertise and is looking for a few websites to review his book.

He resides in Bowling Green with his wife Richelle and their daughter Grace.

Never too early to make retirement plans

Retirement planning is important for all individuals; however, it is especially important for women. At some point during their lives, 80 to 90 percent of women will be solely responsible for their own finances. Unfortunately for the majority of them, it will be later in life. Women tend to have shorter work histories than men, as a result of entering and leaving the workforce due to raising children. In addition, fewer women participate in employer-sponsored retirement plans compared to men.

One of the first things you should realize as you begin thinking about retirement is where you will get your money. You can think of retirement savings plan as a three-legged stool, with each of the legs being one source of retirement income.

The first leg is Social Security. For many women, Social Security is the main source of retirement income. Social Security eligibility is based on your lifetime earnings record and your age. This requires you to meet work requirements yourself or be married to someone for at least 10 years who meets the work requirements. Employed women who are married, widowed or divorced



after at least 10 years of marriage are said to be dually entitled and can collect the higher amount between their own Social Security benefits or their spousal amount. You should understand that there are some ways your benefits can be reduced including if you earn income after you have retired and/or you are between the age of 62 and full retirement age when you start receiving benefits.

Full retirement age varies by the year you were born. For example, full retirement age for people born before 1937 is 65. For those born between the years 1943 and 1954, full retirement age increases to 66. To determine your retirement age, visit the Social Security Administration's website <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/retirechart.htm>.

As a general rule, your Social Security benefits over your lifetime will be the same, whether you retire

late or early. If you retire early, the monthly benefit amount is smaller to take into account that you will likely receive your benefits over a longer period of time. If you retire late, you will likely get benefits for a shorter amount of time, so your monthly benefits will be larger. Receiving Social Security early or late can each have advantages and disadvantages, and when you decide to retire, should be based on your current situation.

The second leg is employer-sponsored plans. This leg is often the one that is missing for many women. These plans include defined benefit plans, which guarantee a specific monthly amount, and defined contribution plans, which grow tax-deferred but do not guarantee specific retirement benefits. Most employers today are offering the defined contribution plans, including 401 (k), 403 (b), Section 457 plans, profit sharing, stock bonus plans and money purchase pension plans.

Unfortunately, the first two legs of the stool typically do not provide enough money to meet the needs of individuals during their retirement years. Most need

the third leg which includes personal savings and investments. To find out how much additional income you'll need, you should contact your local Social Security office and ask for a Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement. If you have an employer-sponsored retirement plan, contact your human resource or benefits office to get a pension estimate. With this information, you can get a ballpark estimate of how much your retirement savings is estimated to be when you retire and how much additional income you'll need to comfortably retire. To get a more accurate estimate of how much money you'll need to retire, take into account the rate of inflation. The average annual rate of inflation from 1914 to 2010 has been 3.38 percent.

Making these calculations well in advance of your retirement, can give you enough time to save enough money. If you wait until you're about to retire, it may be too late to put any more money aside. For more information related to topics in family finance, contact the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service.



Kaitlin and Kendra Guess recently vacationed with their parents Ronnie and Kim Guess at Panama City Beach, Fla. Once tropical storm warnings lifted for tropical storm Debby, it was beautiful weather.



Jenna Lynn took The Press with her on her graduation cruise with her nanny, Katie Hosman. Pictured in Antigua, she stands in front of her Carnival cruise ship, The Valor. The cruise also stopped at St. Thomas, Tortola and Nassau, Bahamas.



Cat Bishop took The Crittenden Press on vacation to Newaygo, Mich., to visit her cousin, Annabell Arney. During her visit, Bishop was able to see the Croton Dam.

Doom-Worley

The wedding location for Jeslyn Doom and David Worley has been changed to Freedomia Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Vows will be exchanged at 11 a.m., Saturday.

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Pictured above are Woman's Club members Judy Winn, Becky Zahrt, Cindy Davidson, Nancy Hunt and Marilyn Hunt. Not pictured: Linda Schumann and Sandra Belt.

Woman's Club prepares for busy year

STAFF REPORT

July is the annual planning session and business meeting for the Woman's Club of Marion. At this meeting, plans are formed for the 2012-2013 year.

To fulfill scorecard requirements, a club must do a program, action or study in each of the following departments: arts, conservation, education, home life, international outreach and public issues/pub-

licity as well as special projects from the general and state federations.

Chairmanships are being secured for special, standing and finance committees.

The clubroom has new blinds and sheers and is available for rent. Contact Susan Alexander for rates and information.

The Woman's Club will start the 2012-2013 new year on Sept. 13 with the 92nd

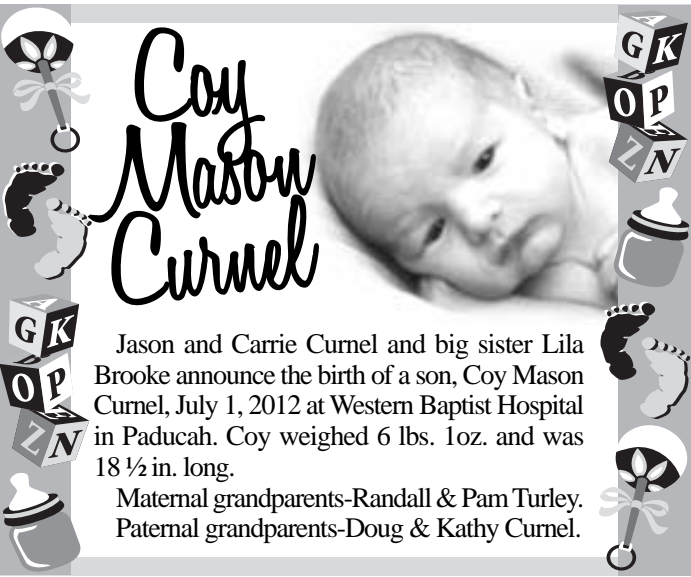
anniversary celebration at 6 p.m. The club will again sponsor the Pumpkin Festival photo contest on Oct. 11. Rules and regulations are forthcoming. Nov. 6 will be the annual Election Day lunch.

The Woman's Club of Marion offers many opportunities for members to become involved in club and community activities that make our world a better place.



Dunbar joins Campbellsville council

Rev. Jason Dunbar, minister of worship and youth at Marion Baptist Church in Marion, has been recognized as a new member of Campbellsville University's Church Relations Council. Pictured above (from left) are Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University, Dunbar and Rev. Jay Hatfield of Willisburg, Ky., chair of the Church Relations Council and director of missions for the Central Baptist Association.



Jason and Carrie Cumel and big sister Lila Brooke announce the birth of a son, Coy Mason Cumel, July 1, 2012 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah. Coy weighed 6 lbs. 1oz. and was 18 1/2 in. long.
Maternal grandparents-Randall & Pam Turley.
Paternal grandparents-Doug & Kathy Cumel.

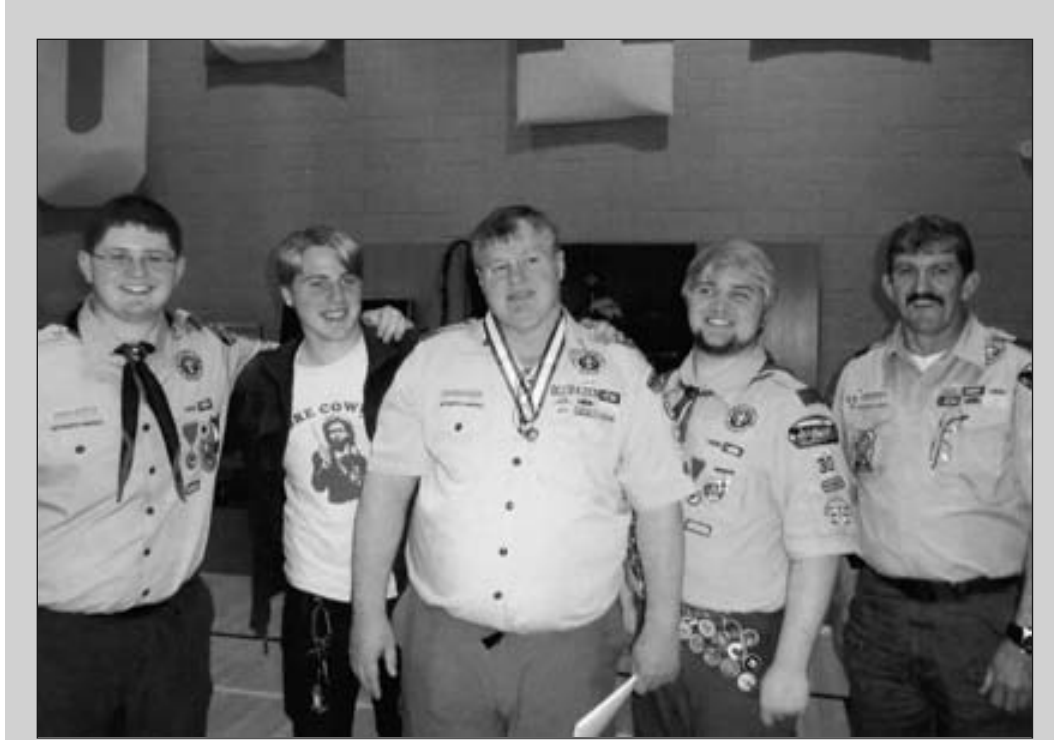
Historical Society names scholarship recipients

The Livingston County Historical Society awarded \$3,000 in college scholarships to six Livingston Central High School graduates for the 2012-2013 school year. Four of the students will attend West Kentucky Community and Technical College while the other two will attend Murray State University.

The G.A. Carol Memorial Scholarship has been awarded for more than 20 years. Awards this year of \$500 each went to Talia Santana Aquilar, Kaitlyn Connor Brooks, Kristen Taylor Brooks, Keirsten Denise Keith and Jena LeAnn Ramage.

The Julia Lee Thompson McIntyre Memorial Scholarship award, in the amount of \$500, went to Brandy Leann Johnson. This is the fifth and final year of the McIntyre Scholarship which was established in 2008.

The Historical Society Scholarship Committee consists of Jim Edmonds, Don Foster, Lois Ramage, Barbara Riley, Mary Lou Smith, Faye Teitloff and Judy Wasko.



Sizemore receives Silver Beaver award

David Sizemore (center) former scout master for the Troop 30 in Marion, was recently honored with the Silver Beaver award. It is the highest award an adult volunteer can receive. Pictured with him are the last three Eagle Scouts he taught, Alex Kirby, Zach Sizemore and Jake Urbanowski, and to the right is Jewel Miller, the current Scout Master.

ThePressCALENDAR

Monday, Aug. 6

■ Marion's American Legion Ellis B. Ordway Post No. 111 will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday in the Fohs Hall basement meeting room. All members are urged to attend.

Tuesday, Aug. 7

■ School starts in the Crittenden County School District.

Upcoming

■ Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 9 at the county Extension office.

■ Fredonia will host a "Let Freedom Ring" parade in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 10 and there will be a prize for best float based on the parade theme. Program and refreshments will be served afterward at the Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church activities building. Betsy Ross will be in attendance.

■ Hurricane Camp Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Aug. 10 in the dining hall. Open to the public.

■ The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., Aug. 11 in the meeting room

at the Crittenden County Public Library. The program will be a continuation of "Writing Your Family History" and any other interesting item you might like to share.

■ West Kentucky Regional Blood Center blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 13. The bloodmobile will be located in the medical office building's parking lot off of Country Club Drive. There is a blood shortage and everyone is encouraged to help save a life by donating blood. All donors will receive a t-shirt and a non-fasting cholesterol screening.

■ The Crittenden county Republican party will meet at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 14 in the Crittenden County Courthouse.

Ongoing

■ Free coffee for all veterans 7-11 a.m., every Tuesday at the VFW Post 12022 located at 412

North College Street.

■ Free vegetables are available at Main Street Farmers Market from 9-11 a.m., Fridays. This is produce from the Victory Garden, sponsored by local churches and headed by Life in Christ Church.

■ The Caldwell and Lyon County Grief Support Group is held at 2 p.m., every Monday in the Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association building in Princeton. It offers an educated and trained Christian grief counselor who can guide a person through the initial stages of grief and beyond after the loss of a loved one. The group is open to everyone and there is no charge. For more information or directions, call Carma Lee Chandler at 365-6578. If unable to attend meetings on Monday nights, Bro. Mac Walls can counsel on Saturdays. Call 210-1204 to make an appointment.

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Dycusburg essay documents easy ‘20s, tumultuous ‘30s

Written in July 1969 for a Dycusburg school reunion, Mr. Wayne Lott, a guest speaker for the reunion, shared his memories of growing up in Dycusburg. By doing this, he left some great history about those by-gone days in his hometown. I really enjoyed re-reading this article, and I think you will too. It's about those good times and sometimes hard times of growing up in our rural hometowns of yesteryear.

**The Crittenden Press
July 24, 1969
Dycusburg Group Holds Reunion**
A large crowd attended the meeting and potluck supper at Kentucky Lake State Park July 5. The guest speaker of the evening was Wayne Lott of Pleasure Ridge Park, who took the alumni down memory lane. A former resident and graduate of Dycusburg High, Lott made an interesting talk on "My Dycusburg," highlighting his boyhood and early days in the community.

My earliest memory of Dycusburg as a small boy, as was many of yours, was in the 1920s. Those roaring 20s were prosperous years for most. But things moved slowly in little river towns.

Our school struggled as an independent system wholly dependent upon local taxes for existence. The men at the helm back then were the late Judge David H. Postleweight, Lewis Brown and later Senator Marion F. Pogue, who together with such school board members as the late S.G. Griffith, Y.H. Ferguson, R.W. Howard, L.B. Vosier, George M. Graves, Cal Tosh and my own father, Lawrence Lott, put much time and their own resources into this first experiment in education in Dycusburg.

This was a Dycusburg with a hitching rack on the backside of the main square, filled with wagons and buggies, while model T Fords barely made their way up the unpaved surface of the front hill. It was an isolated community with no highways in or out; with gaslights or kerosene lamps to illuminate the long winter nights, but it was blessed with the Cumberland, which was the reason Dycusburg was here in the first place.

You will remember as I do, the faraway blasts of the steam whistles of the packets and towboats as they neared town. It would be difficult for me to forget the haunting strains of the callopes of the "Cotton Blossom," the "American," the "Majestic" and the "Hollywood" as these old showboats rounded the bend of



the river and came into sight. We were thrilled by the melodramas presented by these waterborne troupes and hissed the villain soundly at every turn.

Our pride and joy was the local steamboat, the "Gracie Devers," and we looked forward with eager anticipation to a very infrequent trip on it to that tremendously large city of Paducah. The high point of entertainment was a dance on Saturday night at the homes of some of the younger married set, and sometimes now when I'm critical of the shag and watusi of today, I remember my "little boy" interest in the teenage glamor girls of that time and I specifically call to mind Madeline Owen, Geneva Cooksey and Leila Ferguson as they danced the Charleston to 'Yes Sir That's My Baby' tune of the time and how they dressed in the highly fashionable flapper styles of that day.

I remember payday at the mines, for that meant large crowds in town on Saturday night: I remember Children's Day; Mother's Days and even Chicken Days when prime prices were paid for all marketable poultry in the community. And do you recall the annual Christmas tree at the city hall on Christmas Eve night? These were all warm and wholesome things in a small isolated community. They promoted a type of community life that can no longer be enjoyed in suburban America today and that I seriously doubt is enjoyed any longer even in a small town.

Life in the 1920s was full, slow and void of international struggle, domestic disturbance and political strife. If there was ever a period that could truly be termed "The Good Old Days" it must have been the 1920s.

As individuals, I'm sure all was not always good. I vividly recall an incident which occurred in the late 1920s. This story is about a small boy whose nose was glued in wide eye wonder at the front of a store window in the December cold. It was Christmas Eve, 1928. He was looking at all the Christmas toys that he would like for Christmas. These things had all been possible on past Christmases when things were better for the



Above are students who attended Dycusburg School in 1931. Pictured are Mr. W. D. Sullenger, teacher, and Mrs. Sullenger; senior class members Ruth Cassidy and Elaine Vosier, and Anna Graves, Seth Ferguson, Howard Cassidy, Carlon Howard, Robert Dycus, Hazel Campbell and Neoval Ferguson.

boy. This year things were different. Hopes for a normal Christmas were dim. His father was bedridden with a terminal disease. Ill health, medical expense and lack of attention to a business had eroded the financial structure of the family. Near dusk in the afternoon, the little boy was called to his father's bedside. He was told of the financial condition of the family but the father said, "Son there is 50 cents in the drawer of the table." "I want you to take it and buy the toy that you want most." Tears welled in the eyes of the little boy. He rejected the offer. His father insisted until the little boy took the money and bought a toy musical instrument. Two months later in February 1929, this fine father-son relationship ended forever. I knew this little boy very intimately. He treasured the toy highly, but he treasured even more the lasting impression he gained of the unselfishness and generosity which was exemplified by the incident. I think that he shall remember it all his life.

The easy life of the 1920s suddenly ended in 1929 when we were plunged almost overnight into the worst depression in the history of the United States, but Dycusburg, its school system and its people forged ahead into the 1930s.

The 1930s tested the ingenuity and the fortitude of its people. I'm sure you, along with me, remember the "Fireside Chats;" The navy beans; 15 cents per pound coffee; and wages as low as 50 cents per day. There were no demonstrations and no riots because these solid people had faith in the future and they believed strongly there "was nothing to fear but fear itself."

The austerity of the times took its toll of the operation

of an independent school, but again the community fought back. The school continued to operate. During this period, the principalship was entrusted to the strong and capable hands of Mazie Pogue Howard. She was assisted by a talented staff of such people as Milodean McGowen, Glenn Sullenger, Clint Bugg, Juanita Threlkeld and Carol Gilliland. Things hung in the balance daily, precariously perched between economies to save precious funds and the desire to produce the best possible educational program leading to an accredited curriculum. It was during this period that Mrs. Mazie inherited the future graduating class of 1935.

With the advent of good roads, improved transportation, new techniques of in-

struction and educational progress, the loss of our high school became imminent. The class of 1937 was the last class to receive diplomas bound in the blue and white. It was difficult to assess whether the loss of the high school or the devastating 1937 flood shocked the people more.

The 1930s gave way to the 1940s. A world conflict replaced the depression. The former students of Dycusburg High School went away to war; some married; some went away for employment; and a few stayed in Dycusburg. It was the beginning of life and a career for some, but it was the end of life for others who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. This was the war to establish a lasting peace. Nations accomplished little

toward this goal as has since been evidenced by the Korean Conflict of the 1950s or the involvement in south-east Asia during the 1960s.

The students of Dycusburg High School carried their responsibilities well. Although the high school operated only about 14 years, it produced successful farmers, merchants, ministers an international known historian, lawyers, engineers, teachers, educators, bankers and business executives. A remarkable record for a school so small.

I've described my Dycusburg to you tonight. I'm sure each of you have "Your Dycusburg." I am sure it holds memories just as fond as mine. After many of this group have been away all these many years, there is no longer the pangs of homesickness that we experienced soon after our departure from here, but in its place there is a deep and abiding respect for home, and a desire to always come back again and again, because as I've said before "Dycusburg is the biggest town on earth - for it is filled with big people."

Small towns provide the opportunity to be able to know your neighbors and belong to a community that cares about its people. Small towns and communities are just more naturally caring and friendly. We were fortunate to be a part of all of Crittenden's small towns during those past years. Mr. Lott's article for his reunion was truly a walk through Dycusburg past history.

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■ Charles Mick, son of Evers Mick, enlisted in the United States Air Force and underwent basic training at Lackland Air Force base near San Antonio, Texas.

■ Three officers from Marion on active duty with Company D Kentucky National Guard Unit at Fort Knox received promotions. They are James T. Hatfield, promoted to captain; and Billy Mike Wardlaw and Richard Small advanced to First Lieutenants.

■ Maple Lake Playboys, a local string band specializing in country music, was recognized over WSM Radio Station, Nashville, as one of the best country music bands in Kentucky.

NEWS FROM 1987

■ The laboratory at Crittenden County Hospital won a two-year accreditation from the College of American Pathologists (CAP). The certification of hospitals, which periodically inspects the other portions of the local facility, was based on a visit by a team from Norton's Hospital in Louisville.

■ Bob Campbell, local fisherman and owner of Marion's Brushmaster Lure Co., and Ron Lippin, a Kentucky Lake Fishing Guide, were featured on Kentucky Educational Television (KET) in a show on fishing for striped bass.

The half-hour program consisted of fishing footage from Kentucky Lake and cleaning, cooking and other recipes for the bass.

■ Jim Tulbert of the Christian Law Association updated members of Marion Church of God on the activities of the organization which offers free legal defense to churches and church schools.

■ Crittenden County Convalescent Center raised \$200 to help the American Heart Association in its fight against Kentucky's number one killer, cardiovascular disease and stroke.

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Anna Jimenez (front left) enjoyed getting to spread her love of the Lord while on an eight-week missionary trip to Thailand.

Thailand trip reveals culture, allows students to spread the word of God

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

For almost two months, Marion resident and college student Anna Jimenez has been spreading the word of God in Khon Kaen, Thailand as part of a missionary trip through Campus Outreach at Murray State University.

Though the trip centered around bringing others closer to Christ, Jimenez says it also opened her eyes about other cultures and helped her to discover more about herself and her faith.



Jimenez

"This trip has taught me a lot about people in general, but also including myself," Jimenez said. "I've become more comfortable talking about my faith with people, sharing my love for the Lord through this trip. It helped me to realize that everyone has their own story."

Learning of the trip at the beginning of this year, Jimenez was told that it would cost her \$6,000 to fly to Thailand and spend the eight weeks on Khon Kaen University campus. It seemed like a lot of money but it didn't shake her faith. In the

end, she raised a little more than \$9,000.

"I knew that if this was something God wanted me to do, I'd find a way to be able to participate," Jimenez said.

Jimenez called on her church family and friends, asking for donations but said when the story in The Press was published about her intentions to go to Thailand, people began reaching out to her.

"They'd tell me they read the paper and saw where I was going and told me they were praying for me," Jimenez said. "It's incredible to see that kind of support from the community and it meant a lot to me."

With the financial part of her trip taken care of, Jimenez became more focused on her mission. Students from colleges all across the United States joined together to take the word of God to the students of KKKU, in hopes of opening their hearts to the Lord, as well as helping with the church that Campus Outreach was connected to.

Jimenez said it was an experience she'll never forget.

"Genuine friendships were made while we were there," Jimenez said. "All of us became closer during the path of helping others make the decision to follow Christ."

"God is doing work all over

the world and during my time in Thailand, I learned to come to the cross again and again. My faith became stronger."

While Jimenez was sharing her faith, she learned more about other cultures and religions. Monks were everywhere, Jimenez said, as were small birdhouse-type structures called spirit houses.

"It was explained to us that these spirit houses were used to keep the bad spirits away," Jimenez said. "People would offer things to keep the spirits happy. These houses were placed everywhere, along with several offerings which included a lot of red Fanta."

By the end of her trip, Jimenez not only gained a stronger sense of her faith but also made friends that she wouldn't have made otherwise. And though she returned to the states on July 24, she'll still be able to keep in touch with them through Facebook.

"Their English is a little hard to understand but it warms my heart knowing that they miss me," Jimenez said. "Before we went to Thailand, they had never heard of God or Jesus or even knew what Christianity was. There was a lot of spiritual warfare in Thailand and I feel good knowing that when I left, I helped changed some lives, bringing them closer to God."

Church notes

- Miracle Word Church in Salem will not have a worship service on Sunday.
- The Repton Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting Saturday at Caroline Kieffer's pavilion. The meeting will follow a noon potluck lunch. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Main Street Missionary Baptist Church at 718 S. Main St., will be having a benefit yard sale from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday, and 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Saturday. All proceeds will go to the telethon in honor of Reese Adams.
- The Repton Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting Aug. 4, following a potluck lunch held at noon. Everyone is invited.
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The Press **OBITUARIES**

Casper

Norma J. Casper, 84, of Cave In Rock died Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at Hardin County Hospital in Rosiclare, Ill.

She is survived by one son, Denny Clevenger of Cave In Rock; three sisters, Phyllis Richards of Eddyville; Earlene Fields of Elizabethtown, Ill., and Delforse Frey of Copperwood, Ariz.; three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Eva Bainbridge; one brother and one sister.

Services were Wednesday, Aug. 1 at Potters Church at Cave in Rock with interment in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Barciszewski

Julia Theresa Barciszewski, 97, of Marion died Friday, July 27 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem.

She was a homemaker and member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Sturgis.

Barciszewski is survived by her daughter, Beth Kemp of Marion; sons, Daniel Barciszewski of Barnhart, Mo. and John Barciszewski of Lampe, Mo.; sister, Clara Kiselewski of Sesser, Ill.; 18 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, August and Anna Gajewski Stanioch; husband, Andrew Barciszewski; one son, one daughter, two brothers, two sisters and one grandson.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Aug. 1 at Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Radom, Ill., with burial following in the church cemetery.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion handled local arrangements.

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Fire crews battle county wildfire

STAFF REPORT

A wildfire consumed almost 40 acres Saturday night in Crittenden County despite the best efforts by crews from the county and Sheridan volunteer fire departments and the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

The blaze, north of U.S. 60 West near Fritts Road, started Saturday night and was brought under control.

Forestry officials returned to the charred area Sunday and went around its perimeter with a dozer to prevent it from re-igniting, according to Billy Arflack, county fire chief.

Arflack said there was no indication of how the fire started. It began in an undeveloped area.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom reminds residents that an emergency burn ban remains in effect for the entire county.

Sliger

Alfred Ray Sliger, 77, of Marion died Saturday July 28, 2012 at his home in Marion. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila Sliger of Marion; sons, Nicholas John and wife Tammy Sliger of Galien, Mich., and George Anthony and wife Terri Sliger of Valparaiso, Ind.; sisters, Faye Duggan of Oakland, Tenn., Kay Glore and Roberta Cash both of Marion; brother, Kenneth Sliger of Smyrna, Tenn.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Mansel and Gladys Estelle Sliger; two brothers and four sisters.

Services were Wednesday August 1 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Mapleview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Hope Lodge, 2008 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Quertermous

L.G. Quertermous, 87, of Marion died Saturday July 28, 2012 at his home in Marion. He was of the Baptist faith and a Korean War Veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his son, Danny Quertermous of Marion; daughter, Judy Jones of Marion; step son, Jackie Moore of Marion; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; parents, Guthrie and Alice Quertermous and one brother.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Aug. 2 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Mapleview Cemetery.

Military rites will be given at the cemetery.

Extended obituaries require a fee. Ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.

RATE

Continued from page 1 from the PSC to determine what is adequate for their operation," Melnykovych said.

The PSC has the power to force the local water district to accept its recommended rates. However, it usually tries to let local commissioners decide on what is best for their communities.

"We try our best not to micromanage," Melnykovych said. "We try to help utilities understand the importance of investing in their long-term infrastructures."

Last week, the board discussed ways it might be able to make up the shortfall with the five-percent increase. One proposal was to take a more aggressive stance on property owners who illegally hook up more than one residence to a water meter. It is not known how many of these double hook-ups are active in the two counties, but the board suspects somewhere between 150 and 200 may exist.

Crittenden County gets ready to go back to school



Jayna Tabor and her daughter, Rheavynn, say they are a little nervous but also excited as Rheavynn begins sixth grade this school year.



Senior Zack Knight receives his schedule from special education teacher Millie Hughes.

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JASON TRAVIS

Press Reporter

On July 30, a Back to School Bash was held for Crittenden County middle and high school students. School officials said the event provides students the chance to meet with their teachers as the transition is made to the new school year.

Crittenden County Middle School Principal Teresa Marshall said students will notice some changes at the

middle school. Classrooms have been arranged according to each grade level.

"We're really excited about the start of the new school year," Marshall said. "We've rearranged classrooms. We'll have a wing for sixth grade, one for seventh and one for eighth. We're just really excited about having the kids back. The teachers are excited and prepared. We're anxious to get started."

Classes begin Tuesday.

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MARKET NEWS

LIVINGSTON COUNTY - Ledbetter

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

KDOA-USDA Market News

Livingston County Livestock Ledbetter Ky. (Cattle Weighed at time of Sale)

Receipts: 704 head.

Compared to last week: Slaughter cows and bulls steady. Feeder steers under 400 lbs 6.00-8.00 higher, over 400 lbs steady. Feeder heifers 1.00-4.00 higher.

Slaughter Cows: %Lean Weight Avg-Dress High-Dress Lo-Dress

-Breaker 75-90 1085-1655 66.00-75.00 77.00-91.00 50.00-63.00

Boner 80-85 880-1450 61.00-70.00 72.00-74.00 53.00-58.00

Lean 85-90 735-1090 53.00-61.00 52.00

Slaughter Bulls: YG: Weight Avg-Dress High-Dress Lo-Dress

1 1610-1860 95.00-99.00

2 1485-1840 87.00-93.00 77.00-84.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

4 100-200 172 177.00-195.00 185.46

11 200-300 235 185.00-209.00 194.92

24 300-400 340 162.00-180.00 165.63

10 400-500 434 142.00-151.00 146.45

11 500-600 536 133.00-145.00 138.68

7 600-700 643 123.00-130.00 125.56

1 700-800 755 124.00 124.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 200-300 265 157.50 157.50

7 300-400 376 140.00-154.00 152.06

5 400-500 475 130.00-137.00 131.37

9 500-600 559 120.00-131.00 127.53

1 600-700 670 117.00 117.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

4 100-200 168 150.00-170.00 160.75

11 200-300 276 149.00-179.00 155.93

24 300-400 342 135.50-149.00 138.92

50 400-500 447 128.00-138.00 134.47

32 500-600 534 126.00-137.00 131.43

32 600-700 633 120.00-132.00 126.69

3 700-800 717 113.00-122.00 118.90

5 800-900 829 103.00-108.00 105.82

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

4 200-300 248 125.00-145.00 137.43

4 300-400 371 120.00-131.00 127.63

5 400-500 435 117.00-121.00 119.65

14 500-600 554 117.00-125.00 120.91

6 600-700 646 115.00-119.00 118.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

17 300-400 362 160.00-174.00 164.29

11 400-500 427 143.00-153.00 148.32

14 500-600 545 127.00-136.00 130.42

8 600-700 643 116.00-124.00 120.11

1 700-800 710 111.00 111.00

5 800-900 808 90.00 90.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

3 300-400 372 140.00-158.00 149.57

9 400-500 461 115.00-139.00 134.11

1 500-600 575 121.00 121.00

1 600-700 670 114.00 114.00

Stock Cows: Cows 4 to 8 years old 5 to 8 months bred 660.00-930.00 per head.

Stock Cow/Calf Pairs: Not enough to test.

Baby Calves: Beef Breeds: 120.00-250.00 per head.

Chip Stewart(Market Specialist)

Source: Kentucky Dept of Ag-USDA Market News, Louisville, Ky

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Agroforestry
book available

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan has released a first-of-its-kind practical agroforestry handbook that contains information to help establish, manage and market agroforestry projects that are profitable and sustainable over time.

The handbook, Profitable Farms and Woodlands, is written for underserved and limited resource farmers and woodland owners living in the Southeast and includes five main agroforestry practices: alley cropping, forest farming, riparian buffer strips, silvopasture and windbreaks.

"Profitable Farms and Woodlands will help landowners make good use of their land in terms of making profits but also as land stewards," Merrigan said. "Our emphasis on agroforestry helps focus on job creation, increasing rural prosperity, support local and regional food systems, and helps to guide stewardship of working farms and forests."

Agroforestry is a unique land management approach for farms, ranches and woodlands that intentionally combines agriculture and forestry to create integrated and sustainable land-use systems.

Among the information in the book are simple explanations of how growing medicinal plants, mushrooms or cultivating bushrooms can help landowners become part of a multi-billion dollar industry. In Georgia, for example, a forest farmer can grow goldenseal and earn \$6,500 an acre. Or an 800-log shiitake business can reap roughly \$6,000 per year.

Other information focuses on responsible landownership through the use of windbreaks and riparian buffers. Riparian buffers can help a farmer save money or even earn added income because the buffers help protect water quality, improve food and cover for wildlife and fish, and can even be designed to grow profitable products such as berries, nut crops, and timber.

■ White oaks are the most important wildlife tree in Kentucky

Sharp: Too early to tell about acron crop

KENTUCKY AFIELD

Oaks are the most important tree species to wildlife in Kentucky forests, but the impact of this year's drought remains to be seen. White oaks are faring better than red oaks so far.

White oaks produce acorns that are a critical food source for squirrels, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, black bear and many non-game species. White oak acorns are preferred by wildlife because they are more palatable. Acorns produced by red oaks contain tannin, which makes them bitter.

White oaks can produce acorns every year. Entire crops are often lost due to late freezes and heavy rains just as pollination of oak flowers begins as well as summer droughts.

Philip Sharp, a private lands wildlife biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in Crittenden County, said it's too soon to make a prediction on the mast crop in western Kentucky, the area of the state most affected by drought. "Our white oaks have small acorns now, but that's pretty typical for this time of year. They can grow a lot in a short period of time and fill out in late summer."

Red oaks are not faring as well. "Some areas of western Kentucky are really dry. There are places that have

had about a half inch of rain in the past two months," said Sharp. "I'm concerned. The dry conditions are killing some of our red oak trees on ridges with thin soils."

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, Crittenden and parts of nine other Kentucky counties along the lower Ohio River are classified as being in an Exceptional Drought, the driest category of five listed. Because it takes two years for red oak acorns to mature, and not all trees produce mature acorns in the same year, red oaks are a more reliable source of acorns on an annual basis.

David Yancy, senior deer biologist for the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, said a mix of white and red oak species is preferred. "This will ensure that some acorns will be there for wildlife when there's a failure of the white oak crop."

According to the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, there are 10 native species of oak trees in Kentucky: six members of the red oak group and four of the white oak group.

Typically, it takes an oak tree



Sharp

about 20 years to start producing acorns.

The U.S. Forest Service's 1981 Wildlife Habitat Management Handbook said the white oak (*Quercus alba*) followed by the chestnut oak are the two white oak species in Kentucky that produce the highest yields of acorns. For red oaks, it's the northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*), then the scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*).

The leaves are a good way to tell the difference between white oaks and red oaks. White oak leaves are narrower (about 4 inches) with rounded lobes. Red oak leaves are wider (as wide as 6 inches) with pointed lobes.

Although oaks are considered intermediate in their tolerance to shade, they grow best on sites with openings in the forest canopy and minimal competition for sunlight, water and nutrients from other plants. Oak stands regenerate naturally by sprouting acorns as well as stump sprouts.

Since acorns and other hard mast are so important to wildlife, department biologists began an annual survey in 1953 to assess each year's crop. Biologists walk the same route every year and determine the proportion of trees bearing hard mast by observing nuts on hickories, white



and red oak and beech trees.

The mast survey helps biologists predict game availability and behavior. For example, each year's estimate of the number of squirrels available to hunters is based on the previous year's mast crop.

In years when the mast crop is sparse, deer and wild turkey are more vulnerable to hunters because game must move around more to find food. In years of plenty, deer and turkey harvests are likely to decrease because food sources are available everywhere, so there isn't as much game movement.

Nuts begin to mature in mid-September. The annual survey will be conducted this year between Aug. 15 and Sept. 1.

Emergency haying, grazing of CRP is approved

Crittenden and Livingston counties are approved for emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres, says the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Laura Kessler, County Executive Director of USDA's FSA, has announced that emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage has been authorized effective today (Thursday).

Based on a decision made by the Kentucky FSA State

Committee, CRP emergency haying approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during the previous 12 months.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency haying of CRP must request approval before haying eligible acreage," said Kessler. "It is also important for producers to obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that includes haying or grazing

requirements," she said.

The haying authorization will end no later than Aug. 31. Approved grazing authorization will end no later than Sept. 30.

Only livestock operations located within approved counties are eligible for emergency haying or grazing of CRP acreage. CRP participants who do not own or lease livestock may rent or lease the grazing privilege to an eligible livestock farmer located in an approved county.

Producers with CRP acreage that is hayed or grazed will be assessed a 10-percent reduction in their annual rental payment.

In addition, participants are limited to one hay cut-

ting. For more information and to request approval for emergency haying or grazing of CRP acres, contact the Salem Service Center FSA office at 988-2180.

Outdoors & Agriculture

HEL program

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced that continuous sign-up for the Highly Erodible Land (HEL) Initiative under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) started on July 23.

Kentucky received a total allocation of 39,400 acres to enroll in the HEL CRP program. Offers will be accepted until either the state acreage allocation limit is reached or Sept. 30 whichever occurs first.

"CRP is a voluntary program that has protected environmentally sensitive land for more than 25 years," said John W. McCauley, State Executive Director for Kentucky. "This initiative will accept offers with an erosion rate of at least 20 tons per acre per year for new cropland or CRP acres that expire on Sept. 30; however, existing grass stands that are not considered expiring CRP will not be considered eligible," he said.

Producers can stop by the local FSA office to determine if their land qualifies for the Highly Erodible Land Initiative and to receive additional location-specific details.

Landowners enrolled in CRP receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Incentive payments are not authorized under this initiative.

New land contracts approved during this continuous sign-up initiative will become effective the first day of the month following the month of approval and are valid for 10 years.

CRP contracts set to expire on Sept. 30, may be offered for consideration and approved

contracts will become effective Oct. 1, and are also valid for 10 years.

Woodlands course

Managed woodlands are healthy woodlands, which can enhance the landowner's experience by attracting more wildlife, producing a cash crop of valuable timber and providing a place for family recreation, according to forestry specialists in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. The 2012 Woodland Owners Short Course will cover all those aspects – for

both novice and experienced landowners.

More than 10 Kentucky forestry, wildlife and natural resource organizations work in partnership to plan, conduct and evaluate the one-day course, which is offered once in each of the three regions of the state. Local planning committees have developed the regional programs with local needs in mind, so each region's course will vary slightly from the others. The course in Western Kentucky is scheduled for Aug. 11 at the Marshall County Extension office.



Students at Tiny Tot Day Care in Marion harvested tomatoes, okra, watermelons, pumpkins and cucumbers from their summer garden. The children enjoyed eating the food they planted, cared for and harvested with their own hands, said Chris Hodge, daycare operator. Pictured are (from left) Gavin Bennett, Hadley Myers, Anna Boone, Lacey Boone, Kendall Hoover and Ella Hoover.

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SOCCER

CCYSA registration
Crittenden County Youth Soccer Registration has three opportunities to register youngsters for fall soccer leagues. The first is tonight (Thursday) at Sneak-A-Peek at CCES. The other registration dates are from 8 a.m., to noon Saturday, Aug. 11 at Dairy Queen and 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 14 at Dairy Queen. Registration forms are available at Conrad's and Food Giant. Boys and girls may participate in age divisions from 4-under to 12-under. Cost is \$40 per child. The season runs from Aug. 27 through Oct. 6.

FOOTBALL

Little League sign up
Registration for Junior Pro Football (third through sixth grade) will be tonight (Thursday) at the elementary school's Sneak-A-Peek. Cost is \$50. Final registration deadline is Saturday, Aug. 11, the first day of practice. Contact Chad Mott at 704-1458 or Donny Beverly at 704-1973 for information.

Flag football registration
Registration for the fall youth flag football season will be held tonight (Thursday) at the elementary school's Sneak-A-Peek. Boys and girls from kindergarten through second grade are eligible. Player evaluations will be at 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 11 at Rocket Stadium. The first game will be Aug. 25. Games will be played each Saturday morning at Rocket Stadium for six weeks. For more information, contact Michele Reddick at 875-8276.

Rockets host scrimmage
The Rocket football team will host its first scrimmage next week. Muhlenberg County will play at Marion Friday, Aug. 10. The Rockets' second scrimmage will be Aug. 17 at Graves County.

GOLF

August 18 scramble
Marion Country Club will host a four-person golf scramble on Saturday Aug. 18. For more information, contact the pro shop.

BOATING

Boat race this weekend
Kentucky Drag Boat Association is hosting races at Pisgah Bay on Kentucky Lake this weekend. Visitors may watch the races from the water or on land at Land Between the Lakes' Birmingham Ferry. The action starts around 10 a.m., and lasts to about 5 p.m. Time trials will be held on Saturday and finals are on Sunday. There is a spectator fee of \$5 per person at LBL. Children under 12 are free.

MISCELLANEOUS

Eddyville Founders Day
Eddyville Founders Day will host an array of sporting activities and competitions on Saturday, Aug. 25 at Lee Jones Park. There will be 3-on-3 basketball in boys and girls divisions for 8-under, 10-under, 12-under and 14-under and open adult divisions. There will also be a volleyball tournament. For more information, contact Paul Akridge at 388-2910 or 388-4449. Entry forms are available locally at Akridge Farm Supply in Fredonia. Registration deadline is Aug. 22.

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Archery Deer	Sept. 1 - Jan. 21
Archery Turkey	Sept. 1 - Jan. 21



Out of Action Marion first baseman Greg Liming makes the catch, getting this Hopkinsville baserunner who tried unsuccessfully to slide safely into first base after laying down a bunt in last week's semifinal playoff series against the Bobcats. The Hoppers and Bobcats split the first two games, but Hopkinsville won Friday's deciding third game 2-0. The Hoppers went on to win the Ohio Valley Summer Collegiate Baseball League Championship Series which ended Monday against Fulton.

Marion players shine for Calvert Post 236

STAFF REPORT
The Tri-County Titans American Legion Post 236 baseball team completed its season last week in the district tournament at Paducah's Brooks Stadium.

Post 236, based in Calvert City, includes four Marion players. They are Devin Belt, Travis Gilbert, Brenden Phillips and Zac Knight. All four have been starters for the ball club. Heath baseball coach Scott Matlock is the head coach.

Gilbert and Knight played very well in the post-season tournament as the team beat Lyon County then lost to eventual district champion Paducah.

Gilbert was 2-for-4 with an RBI in Friday's final game as Paducah

won 7-2. Knight had a game-winning, two-out triple in the seventh inning to beat Lyon 9-7 last Thursday.

Gilbert threw a complete-game shutout for a 3-0 win over Lyon County as the team headed down the regular-season stretch. It was his second complete game win over the Lyon team this year. Phillips, the team's catcher, threw out three runners trying to steal bases in that game. The team was 6-19 in the regular season.

Knight hit a home run earlier this season and in one game against the Northwest Tennessee Blazers, the Titans got beat in a close game and the only hits for Post 236 were from Marion players (Gilbert, Phillips and Belt).



Four Marion baseball players completed the season with the Calvert City American Legion Post 236. The are (from left) Devin Belt, Travis Gilbert, Brenden Phillips and Zac Knight.

Local boys help Titans claim World Series 2nd

The Tri-County Titans fought through a deep field to claim runner-up honors in their division at the 2012 BPA World Series two weeks ago in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Titans, made up of players from Caldwell, Lyon and Crittenden counties, fell to the East Tennessee Flames 4-2 in the championship game.

The Titans, who have five players from Caldwell, three from Lyon and three from Crittenden, began play in the event on July 18 and ended on July 22.

There were 16 teams in the Titans' bracket, with 112 squads taking part in the World Series.

The Crittenden County boys on the team are Hunter Boone, Pate Robinson and Gavin Dickerson.

Boone of Marion hit over .500 for the tournament for the Titans.

The Titans began practice in January and played over 40 games this season. Nearly all of the youngsters on the team also played in their local youth leagues as well.

The team is coached by Shane Board, Bobby East and Ken Parker.



Tri-County Titans are (front, from left) Gabe East, Pate Robinson, Trace Adams, Joby Jagers, Oliver Parker, John Davis, (back) Jake Klueppel, Bryar Riley, Gavin Dickerson, Hunter Boone and Gabe Board. The team is coached by Shane Board, Bobby East and Ken Parker.

Quarterback Club Benefit Golf

Crittenden County Quarterback Club held its annual golf benefit last week. This year's tournament was dubbed the Victor "Pippi" Hardin 18-hole Salute, to honor the longtime booster and former judge-executive who passed away earlier this year. Fittingly, Hardin's family was one of the big winners during the four-person scramble. The tournament gives prizes for top finishers, but also randomly draws team for more prizes. The 10th place team was drawn, which was (pictured above) Kayla Hardin Gachoka, Phillis Hardin, Stefanie Hardin Shoulders and Jason Hatfield. In front is Malaika Gochoka.

The foursome of Curtis Gamblin, Heath Williams, Kyle Overby and Chad Audus from Eddyville won the Quarterback Club benefit golf tournament, shooting an 18-under-par 54.

Several locals participated in a benefit roping event Saturday at Jim Vaughan's arena in Marion. Local businesses chipped in items that were auctioned for cash. Proceeds went to buy local student school supplies. CCES PTO, which helped sponsor the event, recognized donors Marion Feed Mill, Health Quest Wellness Center, Convient Car Care, Superior Trophies, Dairy Queen, KB Pharmacy, Louise's Flowers, Barber Mike Crabtree, Journey Massage Therapy, Main Street Italian Grill, True Value, Hodge's, Subway, Conrad's, Etheridge Tree Service, Tiny Tot Day Care and Dale Fowler for their donations. Pictured at top is Scott Thomas of Morganfield heading a steer; (middle picture) Kelsi Myatt warming up her American quarter horse gelding Duke; and (bottom) Kyle Myatt pulling a steer while Lane Shelley heeled during the youth team roping event.

Area News and Information

After 24 years, Tolley retires from public work

Pennyriile Area Public Health Director Jim Tolley, 46, of Fredonia has retired.

Tolley has worked with the public health department for 24 years. For the last six years, he has served as director of the five-county Pennyriile Area Health Agency that includes Crittenden County.



Tolley

During his tenure as head of the area's public health, new health department buildings have been built or scheduled to be built in Crittenden and Caldwell counties and a new administrative building was opened in Lyon County.

Tolley says public health has increased its reach over the past few years to include school clinics. It was during his tenure that the Pennyriile Area Health Department went from having one school nurse in the entire region to putting 10 clinics in schools and having a nurse in every school district in the area.

The district health department's payroll increased from 38 workers to 61 over the past six years as several new programs were brought to local communities, Tolley said.

Tolley plans to spend time with his family, fish and play golf. He and wife, Meg, have one son, Will.

A reception was held last week at Eddyville for the retiring director.

Lesson to be learned from hot dog fire

A Crittenden County man says there is a lesson to be learned in his nearly \$800 in fines and fees for violating a local burn ban last month.

Brian Fitzgerald said he did not know there was a burn ban in effect, and thought it would be safe for he and his girlfriend to cook hotdogs over an open fire one evening three weeks ago. Last week, he was in Crittenden District Court, charged with violating the county's burn ban.

Fitzgerald said he was at a farm near his home on Brown Mines Road when he roasted a package of weiners on the evening of July 9.

"After we finished, I took the water hose and sprayed the fire until there was no smoke or steam," he said.

The next morning, when the wind picked up, the fire reignited, catching nearby grass and leaves on fire. It spread to the forest, burning almost two acres before Fitzgerald, neighbors and firemen could extinguish the blaze.

Fitzgerald was one of the first to try and put out the fire. His girlfriend drove by the next morning and saw the flames. She called him and when he arrived, it was a manageable fire, Fitzgerald said. But his water hose wasn't long enough to get to the entire fire.

"If I'd have had a bucket, I think I could have put it out, but the hose wouldn't reach," he said.

It was an innocent mistake, Fitzgerald explained, that cost him \$500 restitution to the fire departments that responded, a \$100 fine and \$178 in court costs.

"I really don't know how it started back," Fitzgerald said. "I really soaked the fire good."

District Judge Daniel Heady told Fitzgerald those were probably the most expensive hot dogs he'd ever cook and urged him and others to be mindful of the volatile conditions that exist.

Because of severe drought, the area has been under an emergency burn ban virtually every day since May 25.

"I learned an expensive lesson," he said.

Judge sends three cases to grand jury

Crittenden County District Judge Daniel Heady has found probable cause to refer three felony cases to the Aug. 10 session of the Crittenden

County Grand Jury.

Following preliminary hearings in each case last Wednesday, Heady denied bond reduction for each suspect and sent their cases to the grand jury, which will decide if the evidence warrants further prosecution in circuit court.

Heady heard testimony in the case of Brandon Stinnett, Richard Sutton and Crystal J. Edging.

Stinnett, 31, of Marion is charged with first-degree robbery. Police say he used a stun gun June 5 to steal more than \$500 from the Ideal gas station on Sturgis Road.

Police Lt. Marty Hodge testified last week that there were three eye-witnesses to the alleged crime, including the station attendant.

Stinnett's public defender Paul Sysol argued that a stun gun is not a lethal weapon; therefore, his client should not be charged with first-degree robbery.

Assistant County Attorney Mary Rohrer told the judge that stun guns can indeed be dangerous weapons and it should be left to a jury to decide whether the one used in the alleged robbery warrants the first-degree robbery.

The judge agreed, saying that even a BB gun can be dangerous enough to warrant such a charge under the right circumstances.

Sysol asked to have his client released from jail to attend substance abuse counseling, but the judge denied the request. Stinnett remains jailed on a \$10,000 cash bond.

The judge also denied bond reduction for Sutton, 54, of Marion and sent his case to the grand jury. Sutton is charged with being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun.

Finally, Judge Heady denied bond reduction for Edging (aka Crystal Curnel) after finding probable cause in five counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument.

Edging is accused of forging four checks in June to Food Giant for a total of \$609. Police say the checks belonged to another man and that the account was closed.

Edging is also accused of paying another person \$250 by check for work he'd done for her. He also cashed that check at Food Giant and it was on the same account as the others.

Policeman Jerry Parker testified that law enforcement was able to identify Edging from a surveillance video at the grocery store. They saw her cashing the checks, but the video did not show her writing them at the store.

Judge Heady found probable cause following testimony to send Edging's case to the grand jury.

Investigation recovers ATV from June 29 D'burg burglary

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department has recovered a stolen ATV and other items taken June 29 from a hunting lodge on Gorman Pond Road near Dycusburg.

Steven Alexander, 21, of Marion is charged with second-degree burglary, a Class C felony, and receiving stolen property, a Class D felony. He is lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center under a \$5,000 cash bond.

Deputy Greg Rushing said he received a tip about some of the items taken from the hunting camp. He said intruders had broken into the lodge, a secondary house and a barn. They had taken about \$13,000 worth of items, including electronics, family heirlooms, collectables and a 2008 Yamaha Grizzly valued at around \$5,000.

The ATV was recovered from a juvenile who had purchased the four-wheeler, not knowing originally that it had been stolen. After following up leads from the recovery of the ATV, Rushing and other officers executed a search warrant at Croft's Trailer Court where Alexander was living. There, they found personal



Alexander

AREA UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES JUNE 2012							
County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	June 2012	May 2012	June 2011	
Statewide	2,108,288	1,930,668	177,620	8.4%	8.1%	9.9%	
MCCRACKEN	32,395	29,839	2,556	7.9%	7.7%	8.6%	
CALDWELL	6,831	6,325	506	7.4%	6.8%	8.5%	
CRITTENDEN	4,336	3,982	354	8.2%	7.7%	8.9%	
HOPKINS	23,608	21,767	1,841	7.8%	7.9%	8.4%	
LIVINGSTON	4,844	4,451	393	8.1%	7.6%	8.8%	
LYON	3,533	3,224	309	8.7%	8.4%	10.1%	
TRIGG	6,553	5,976	577	8.8%	8.7%	10.8%	
HENDERSON	23,364	21,587	1,777	7.6%	7.5%	9.3%	
MCLEAN	4,740	4,320	420	8.9%	8.2%	9.3%	
UNION	8,276	7,729	547	6.6%	6.4%	8.2%	
WEBSTER	6,506	5,914	592	9.1%	8.8%	9.3%	

items belonging to the victims, including business cards, credit cards and their wedding album.

Rushing said that although a number of items have been recovered, he's still looking for the rest, including a 60-inch television.

Anyone with information can call the sheriff's department at 965-3400 and remain anonymous.

Rushing said another adult and two or three juveniles may also face charges when the investigation is complete.

Crittenden is among dozen counties where jobless rate up

Unemployment rates fell in 108 Kentucky counties between June 2011 and June 2012, but Crittenden, Livingston and 10 other counties saw their jobless rates rise.

Unemployment information comes from the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.8 percent. Union, Hancock and Daviess counties are among the counties with the state's lowest unemployment. All are at seven percent or below.

Fulton County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 17 percent. The other high-rate counties are mostly in eastern Kentucky.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

Stolen pickup pulled from river at E-town

A stolen pickup truck was pulled from the Ohio River at Elizabethtown Ferry Road last Wednesday. The truck was reported stolen from Hickman County in far western Kentucky. It belonged to Great River Marine Service of Columbus, Ky.

Sheriff Wayne Agent said a group of commercial fisherman waiting by the boat ramp saw the truck go into the river around 4 a.m.

No one was found inside the vehicle, but witnesses reported seeing a man run into the nearby woods just after the



Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander and Police Chief Ray O'Neal stand next to the police department's newest addition. The police truck is a four-door, crew cab, Ford F-150 that has been recustomized to fit the needs of Marion's police department. It has a V8 engine, built-in emergency lights, two 100-watt speakers on the front and a six-foot bed. It will get between 14-19 mpg, which is better fuel economy than the traditional Crown Victorias the police force currently uses for patrolling.

truck went into the water.

Crittenden County Rescue Squad responded to the scene and determined that a dive team would be needed to help retrieve the truck.

Area 2 Dive Rescue from Hopkinsville arrived at the scene around 10 a.m., and spent five hours working with local officials retrieving the truck.

The truck was caught in a swirling current about 35 feet under water, which made it hard for crews to keep track of its location. Divers had to make repeated attempts and eventually decided to tie a rope between the truck and a rescue boat so as not to lose the truck's location.

After multiple attempts, the truck was finally pulled from the water.

It was found to be largely intact other than the back window busted out.

After being pulled from the river, it was determined that a rock had probably been placed on the accelerator to hold it down, taking the vehicle into the water unmanned.

The incident attracted approximately 15-20 bystanders. Sheriff Agent believes there may have been two people involved. Authorities think the suspect who dumped the truck in the water may have been picked up nearby later.

Hickman County authorities told local investigators the truck bed had been full of copper wires and cables when it went missing.

Authorities are unsure as to how much connection there is between the unidentified suspects they are looking for and Crittenden County. They feel certain, however, the perpetrators knew enough about the area to know about the remote E-town landing.

Sidewalk plan finally getting going along West Elm Street

The city of Marion is moving forward on a years old plan to build a new sidewalk on West Elm street. The sidewalk will start at the bridge over what's commonly called Rocket Creek, which is a tributary of Crooked Creek, on the east side of the high school campus. It will run to South Weldon Street, approximately 1,700 feet. The grant-funded project will cost \$125,000.

The area is known for hosting plenty of student pedestrian traffic after school lets out. City officials are trying to make the area safer. There isn't much vehicle traffic on the dead-end street. It was closed off at the high school many years ago.

The city applied for a grant five years ago and is finally taking bids to implement it. The current sidewalk is in disrepair, say city officials.

Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander said this project has



A stolen pickup (at top) was pulled from the Ohio River at Elizabethtown Landing last week. Directly above are members of a dive team called in to help retrieve the pickup from about 35 feet of water.

been a long time coming.

"It's called the Safe Route to School Grant," Alexander said. "It was brought up by some of the teachers over at the school who saw how many of the students would walk that route after school. If we can offer a safer alternative for those kids then we will do just that."

City Administrator Mark Bryant said the main purpose of the sidewalk is to keep students from walking in the street when going to and from school.

"This will extend the sidewalk to where there currently is none," Bryant said. "And it will connect with the bridge at Rocket Creek."

The current bridge at Rocket Creek will also be replaced. Bryant said the new bridge will be compatible with the Americans with Disabilities Act and will be concrete, which will help keep the bridge dry in rain and easier to de-ice in winter.

The city received the grant

in November of 2008, but Alexander said the city had to jump through quite a few hoops to finally get the project authorized. After dealing with bureaucracy and a long delay due to the ice storm, the project will finally come to life.

"We talked with the school about it," Alexander said. "That was about the only place that made sense. There was another plan we looked at to possibly put a sidewalk on U.S. 60, but the funds would not have been enough to build a sidewalk that long."

The city will be taking construction bids until 2:30 p.m., Aug. 16.

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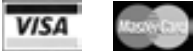
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Yard sale, Fri.- Sat., and next week, Thurs., Aug. 9 - Fri. Aug. 10. 211 Fords Ferry Rd. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. (1t-05-p)

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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that on July 25, 2012 Sherry Hendrix of 1738 SR 654 S., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executrix with will annexed of Edward Hendrix, deceased, whose address was 1738 SR 654 S., Marion, Ky. 42064. Robert B. Frazer, P.O. Box 361, Marion, Ky. 42064 Attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Executrix with will annexed on or before the 25th day of January, 2013 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court
Madeline Henderson, Clerk
(1t-05-c)

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2. Upon default of the deposit or posting of bond by the purchaser, not referring to Plaintiff should the Plaintiff be the highest and best bidder, the Master Commissioner will immediately resell the property upon the same terms and conditions set forth in the afore-mentioned Judgment and Order of Sale.

3. Upon confirmation of the sale the risk of loss shall pass to the purchaser.

4. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on June 14, 2012 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendants, Jonathan McMackin aka Jonathan T. McMackin, Magen McMackin aka Magen R. McMackin and Farmers Bank and Trust Company as follows:

a. The principal sum of \$78,193.65;

b. Interest on the principal sum at the rate of 6.5% per annum from November 1, 2011 until paid;

c. The costs and fees of this action;

d. Reimbursement for attorney's fees in this action;

e. Sums advanced in payment of ad valorem taxes, insurance premiums, winterization, or in preservation of the real estate; and

f. Late fees, costs, attorney's fees, and other advances made pursuant to the terms of the Note.

5. The purchaser at the Master Commissioner's sale shall take the real estate free and clear of the claims of the parties to this action, but it shall be sold subject to the following:

a. Current year real estate taxes not yet delinquent affecting the real estate for which the purchaser shall take no credit on the purchase price, and further any delinquent State, County and/or City real estate taxes sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action;

b. Easements, restrictions and stipulations or record;

c. Any matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or

inspection of the property; and

d. Any current assessments for public improvements levied against the property.

6. The Plaintiff herein may submit a specified bid via facsimile to the office of the Master Commissioner prior to the date on which the sale is scheduled.

7. The real estate is indivisible and cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and the value of Plaintiff's lien thereon. As a result, the real estate shall be sold as a whole for the purpose of satisfying the Judgment Liens against the real estate.

8. The purchaser of the real estate is entitled to possession of the real estate upon confirmation of the sale by the Court.

9. To secure the purchaser possession of the real estate, a writ of possession will be issued and entered by the Court.

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Marion native Little recalls Grand Ole days

From Willie to Dolly, he’s worked with them all

BY JASON TRAVIS
PRESS REPORTER

Jack Little credits family for his initial interest in music. His brother, Leman, was the one who helped teach him to play the fiddle.

“I would just leave it on the bed uncased and when I had time, play a little,” he explains. “I didn’t play very well at the beginning. But it was pretty easy to pick up. I don’t read music, I play all by ear. I took violin when I was in high school and I never did get to where I could read the music. I would just go ahead and play what they wanted me to play.”

Little would also learn to play bass and the drums. His talent would eventually take him to Nashville where he would play with Porter Wagoner and his house band, the Wagonmasters. National and international venues soon followed. Along the way, he played with numerous country music legends and considers many close friends.

Little currently resides in Princeton. He was born and raised in



Jack Little grew up near Cave Springs, but now lives in Princeton.

Crittenden County near Cave Springs Church. His class of 1951 was the first to graduate from Crittenden County High School.

“I went to work at the service station there in Marion. I was playing the fiddle then,” he said. “I was playing the square dance down at Cadiz with Homer Randolph. That’s Boots Randolph’s dad.”

After service in the U.S. Army, Little came home and married. He and wife, Linda, moved to Nashville four days after their wedding. He initially worked with Cousin Jody, the stage name of James Clell Summey.

One afternoon Little was sitting in a restaurant in Nashville when

he learned about the opportunity to substitute on Porter Wagoner’s band.

“After two days, he hired me,” Little recalls. “I went to work for Porter in November of 1959.”

Little was a member of the Wagonmasters on The Porter Wagoner Show for 13 years.

“He was good to me,” Little said. “He was a kind guy to work for. I went all over the country. I went to every province of Canada.”

As his career grew, so did his family. He has two sons, Kevin and Michael, and a daughter, Kay.

Little recalls flight delays in Puerto Rico nearly caused him to miss the birth of one of his children.

“I went to Puerto Rico when the pilots went on strike. I was supposed to be over there 10 days and I got out in a little over two weeks,” he said. “My oldest boy was born just as soon as I got back.”

In 1962, he helped entertain American troops stationed in Germany. Tour stops were also made in Paris and the French Riviera.

Little has fond memories of performing in Nashville with his contemporaries.

“It was family,” he recalls. “It was really family.”

He remembers the day Patsy Cline picked he and his wife up to show them the new home she had purchased in Nashville.



Little says Dolly Parton is a ‘nice gal.’

“We were really good friends with her and her husband,” Little said. “She just got her royalty check for ‘Crazy’ and bought that house.”

That day stands in stark contrast to the day Little joined the search party after Cline’s plane went down near Camden, Tenn., in 1963.

“We went down to see where the plane crashed. We’d given her a house coat and house shoes to match before she went on that trip. She’d been in a car wreck and we went to the hospital to give her those. Then she went on this trip,” he said. “We got down there and that house coat was hanging up in the tree. One of the shoes was on the ground. That was a sad thing.”

Little campaigned and worked with Tex Ritter when Ritter ran for political office in Tennessee. He also enjoyed playing at the Grand Ole Opry. He worked with fellow artists such as Loretta Lynn, Wanda Jackson, Roger Miller, Roy Clark, Buck Owens and Willie Nelson.

On the television show, Wagoner was joined by singer Norma Jean Beasler, better known as Norma Jean. Beasler eventually left the show to start a family.

“We had several other girls try out,” Little says. “Finally, Dolly came along.”

Little says Wagoner and Dolly Parton were so popular that it was impossible for either of them to visit local restaurants to enjoy a meal.

“She’s a nice gal. A really nice gal,” Little said of Parton.

After leaving the Porter Wagoner Show, Little continued to play in bands such as CC Express and Jackson Junction. He’s enjoyed playing at the Sikeston Rodeo and the DuQuoin State Fair.

He advises those trying to break into the music industry to not become discouraged. He’s also encouraged by the sound of music coming out of Nashville today.

“It’s making a turn. It’s getting back to the old style. It’s trying,” he said.

Fund drive aimed at preserving Fohs Hall

BY JASON TRAVIS
PRESS REPORTER

Marion’s most recognizable landmark – Fohs Hall – is in need of some repair work. Although the building is structurally sound, work is needed to repair parts of the roof. New plaster and paint is also needed in some areas of the building. And after years of retrofitting the heating and cooling systems, air conditioners will have to be replaced.

Fohs Hall, Inc. board members Linda Schumann and Tom Crider say over 200 hours of volunteer work have been performed just in the last month. Trimming bushes, scraping and painting lower level windows and cleaning out the drainage lines in the window wells have all been performed by volunteers. Other projects, including roof repair and plastering will require specialized personnel for the 86-year-old building.

“Some of the facelifts that were done several years ago are beginning to show signs of wear,” said Crider. “Sometimes the windows leak, causing a little deterioration of the plaster around the windows. The windows and window sills collect moisture over a period of time.”

Schumann says half of the roof is slate and that requires constant monitoring and specialized repair.

“Every time you have a roof leak you have a plaster issue,” Schumann explains. “Now we are in the process of determining whether or not we have to replace the entire roof that is not slate or if that can be repaired.”

Equipment rental will also factor into repair costs. Parts of the building are inaccessible by ladder or scaffolding. Unless it can be donated for the project, a lift will be rented to reattach a gutter. Ladders and scaffolding will also be needed.

Operating costs to maintain the facility are estimated at \$30,000 a year. Heating and cooling expenses are over \$10,000 per year.

“We have definitely used up the air conditioning capacity. We’re going to have to replace two air conditioners within the next year,” Schumann said. “We had an energy audit of the building. Unfortunately, because of the way the building was designed and the age of it, and the historic nature of it, we don’t have a lot of options for decreasing our energy costs. For example, the windows are single pane, and must remain that way because of the history. So that’s one of the things that causes our utility bills to be higher.”

While structural repairs top the list of pri-



Plaster isn’t the only problem at historic Fohs Hall. Volunteers who keep the building operating say it’s in need of big repairs.

orities, officials would also like to see a new backdrop curtain for the stage area.

“All of the curtains that are here – both on the windows and on the stage – have been here since the renovation in the 1980s. So we are definitely in need of new backdrop stage curtains,” Schumann said.

Donations are accepted for the repairs. Schumann and Crider emphasize that as a separate entity, Fohs Hall, Inc. is responsible for maintaining the building. It does not have the same function as the Community Arts Foundation, which is the entity that provides performances and programming.

“We would love to see anyone with connections to the building join with others and perhaps fund the backstage curtain or a portion of the renovation in some way. That would be extremely helpful and also say to the community how important this building has been and continues to be,” Schumann said. “There is no place in this region that has the acoustics that we have in the auditorium. We have had people from Nashville to come up and perform here. Several singing groups have recorded here.”

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Fohs Hall was given to Crittenden County by F. Julius Fohs. It is used for education, school functions, arts programs and various civic activities.

“It really has a rich history,” Crider said. “It is a unified effort to keep this building alive and viable in our community.”

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