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## Presidents' Day shuts fed offices

Only federal government offices, including the postal service, will be closed Monday in observance of Presidents' Day. Some local banks, too, will be closed Monday.

However, all state, county and city government offices will be open, as well as schools.

## Water line work to disrupt traffic

Traffic on North Main Street may get frustrating at the end of the month. Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant said extension of the city's new water main to near Sturgis Road will begin Feb. 27.

Installing the line will take about five weeks Bryant said. "I don't know if that means every-day flagging," he said. Local traffic can be routed through side streets, but large trucks will simply have to wait for clearance to pass.

## New feature tells you Who We Are

A new item found inside this week's issue of The Crittenden, Who We Are, features a person in our community each week to tell you a bit more about their life. Page 5.

## Meetings

■ Crittenden County High School site-based decision-making council will meet at 4 p.m., Monday at the school conference room.

■ Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Monday at Marion City Hall.

■ Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday in the judge's courthouse office.

■ Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday at Salem City Hall.

■ Carrsville City Commission will meet at 7 p.m., Friday in the back of the Baptist church located on the corner of Fleet and Church streets.

## What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked: "Do you think the judge was right in forcing the Kentucky legislature to reconsider the way it conducted legislative redistricting?"

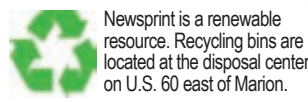
Just under half believe Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd was correct in his decision. The 228 voters said:

- Yes, 113 (49%)
- No, 45 (19%)
- I don't care, 44 (19%)
- Need more info, 26 (11%)

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## Savings over diesel unit on same route reflect benefits of going green

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN  
PRESS REPORTER

The school district's first and only "green" bus in its fleet has yielded some disappointing results in its first four months of use. While not a lemon despite its yellow color, initial findings on the hybrid bus show its fuel efficiency was less than that of a comparable diesel bus.



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But as with shopping for a house, location is important, and it turns out to be the key factor in any perceived sub-par performance of the hybrid.

During a recent work session with the Crittenden County Board of Education, the five-member panel was presented with discouraging information by lead bus mechanic Wayne Winters regarding the county's new hybrid-electric bus. Just a few months on the job, the ecologically-friendly bus has been on a city route, using more fuel per gallon than its



PHOTO BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN

Crittenden County students riding the school district's only hybrid bus head to their homes on Circle Drive Monday after a day of classes. Bus No. 1111 utilizes the traditional combustible engine with an electric engine supplementing power at certain speeds. Pictured (from left) are Emily Hall, Courtney Beverly, Tanner Beverly and Timberlee Harris.

"sister" bus, a diesel-driven vehicle that is virtually a clone except for what's under the hood.

According to data from computer

software onboard each vehicle, the hybrid — with its internal combustion engine propulsion system coupled with an electric propulsion

system — was achieving only 7.873 miles per gallon. Winters then produced numbers from its diesel twin that showed it was getting slightly more distance per gallon — 8.164 miles.

While figures show the hybrid bus isn't performing as well as hoped, the comparison between the buses isn't exactly apples-to-apples. The hybrid bus was intentionally put on a city route, while its sister makes mostly rural stops. The hybrid bus was placed on the city route because its specs best fit stop-and-go performance. Routes that have several stops and starts and don't exceed 50 mph provide the best performance for hybrid buses, according to the Kentucky Clean Fuel Coalition (KCFC). Below that mark, the bus relies mostly on its electrical power rather than burning fuel.

"It was a little disappointing to see that it wasn't performing quite where we thought it would be, but the comparison wasn't a fair comparison, either," Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough said. "Mr. Winters provided those figures to help show board members how the hybrid bus was performing. In order to be able to get a better comparison, we would

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## SENIOR CENTER CELEBRATES NEW DIRECTOR



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

## Sweetheart of a job

Now in her fourth week as director of the Pennyrile Allied Community Services Senior Citizen Center in Marion, Alicia McDowell (center) is still not quite settled into her position, though it's no fault of the people she works with. McDowell, who worked at the center eight years ago under previous director Mona Manley said the regulars at the center greeted her with open arms. "They immediately welcomed me," she said. McDowell wants to get activities started to entice more people to use the center and is visiting area centers to get some ideas. Above, senior center mainstay Ann Hodge (right) shows off her Valentine's Day roses from her "sweetheart" to McDowell and Diana Trask. Hodge is very happy with the new director and is confident she'll get settled in soon. "I think she's going to pick things up."

## Judge hears guilty pleas

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Circuit Judge René Williams has sentenced Christopher Chase Bingham, 21, of Marion to five years in prison for his involvement in three burglaries that occurred last summer and fall.

Bingham appeared in Crittenden Circuit Court last Thursday in a green-striped inmate's jump suit, shackles and a bandage around his head. While out on bond and awaiting formal sentencing on the multiple burglary charges, Bingham was arrested and charged with DUI after being involved and injured in a single-vehicle accident on U.S. 60 West almost two weeks ago.

Bingham had pleaded guilty two months ago to the burglary charges, including breaking into a home to take drugs and for being involved in the theft of a television from another residence. Bingham was sentenced to five years on each of two counts of felony third-degree burglary and one year on a single count of third-degree complicity to burglary, a Class A mis-



Bingham

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## Crittenden Grand Jury indicts 9 on various charges

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County Grand Jury met last week and indicted nine individuals on a variety of charges.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It decides whether enough evidence exists to continue a case in the court system. An indictment means a case moves to Circuit Court where criminal, felony proceedings begin.

Among those indicted last week were:

■ Jared J. Asbridge, 26, of Marion was indicted on charges of second-degree burglary, theft of a controlled substance and for being a second-de-

gree persistent felony offender. The charges stem from an alleged theft Nov. 19, 2011 at a home on U.S. 641. Court records say police received a complaint from the homeowner, alleging that Asbridge entered her house without permission and took medications from a cabinet.

■ Michael D. Driver, 32, of Paducah was indicted on a charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. The charges stem from a Nov. 21, 2011 visit by probation and parole officers to a home on Wilson Farm Road. Sheriff Wayne Agent was also involved in the inves-



Hoover

charge of flagrant non-support for allegedly being in arrears by the amount of \$10,509.47 in child support.

■ Allen C. Hoover, 31, of Marion

tigation. According to court records, officers are alleged to have found methamphetamine and a needle inside the pocket of a jacket that allegedly belonged to the suspect.

■ Donald C. Fleming, 33, of Fredonia was indicted on a charge of flagrant non-support for allegedly being in arrears by the amount of \$10,509.47 in child support.

was indicted on three counts of third-degree burglary, four counts of being a second-degree persistent felony offender, one count of first-degree burglary by complicity and one count of flagrant non-support. Hoover is alleged to have been involved in a series of burglaries in the city and county, and he also faces two burglary charges in Caldwell County. The indictments stem from his alleged involvement in burglaries Nov. 29, 2011 on Ky. 365 in rural Crittenden County where a firearm was taken, Dec. 17, 2011 at a barn off Ky. 506

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EDITORIAL

# Awaiting state, fed action, municipalities left to take on pseudo drugs with own laws

A problem not only for law enforcement, but society as well, is the epidemic of pseudo marijuana and its synthetic relatives.

In Marion, as in other cities across Kentucky, the drug has been widely distributed even through over-the-counter sales. And in many cases, the substance is not technically illegal to sell because of its ever-changing chemical make-up in order to skirt the laws already in the books. To date, legislation banning particular substances used to create the drug have been outpaced by the creativity of those who produce it.

The problem for law enforcement in keeping the dangerous — and sometimes fatal — substance off the streets and out of the hands of buyers has been the lack of broad legislation prohibiting all forms of the synthetic substances. Many forms are sold illicitly, but new varieties are being created every day to bypass the specifics of local laws prohibiting possession and distribution of the drugs.

Numerous municipalities in Kentucky have attempted to address the plague of faux pot and other cannabinoids with local ordinances — Hazel, Owensboro, McCracken County, Hazard County, Corbin, Laurel County, Letcher County and recently Nicholasville, to name a few. The City of Murray, in fact, is expected to enact an ordinance on Feb. 23 that would outlaw the sale or possession of the current compounds found in certain synthetic marijuanas.

Again, however, makers of the drug can steer around the laws if they are able to alter the make-up of the drug in order to avoid use of the chemicals that make the substance illegal. So, one can see why wider legislation against its production and distribution is desperately needed.

In Marion, the city council has discussed its own ordinance against synthetics after they were found being sold over the counter locally. Thus far, city leaders have patiently awaited state or federal legislation to better address the plague; laws that would paint a broader stroke against possession or distribution. That has yet to happen, so local authorities continue to work within the framework of inadequate laws against synthetic drugs like "7H" or "Mr. Nice Guy."

City Administrator Mark Bryant does not believe that help from above will come anytime soon because of partisan gridlock in Frankfort and Washington over virtually every issue that comes before them.

"I don't really have any faith at this point that anything at the state or federal level is going to get passed," he said.

Because of that, Bryant said the city is beginning to look more closely at its own ordinance against the drugs. He expects action to be taken locally within the next few months if, indeed, municipalities do not get the help they are seeking from Congress or the Kentucky General Assembly.

However, the framework for that assistance is there at both levels.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, House Resolution 1254, known as the Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011, has already passed with support from both sides of the aisle. It still awaits passage in the U.S. Senate.

"Across the country, we have seen a rise in the abuse of substances that imitate the effects of marijuana and other illegal drugs resulting in tragic, and in many cases, avoidable consequences," Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-Hopkinsville) said in a recent news release. "While these items are sometimes sold legally, they have the same dangers as illegal drugs. This bill would close a loophole that allows for the sale of synthetic drugs while also offering law enforcement officers the tools they need to stop their spread."

In Kentucky, three pieces of legislation addressing the growing problem have been introduced in the House of Representatives during the current session — House Bills 176, 185 and 198. Introduced by both Democrats and Republicans, each is aimed at expanding the definitions of "synthetic cannabinoids or piperazines" and "synthetic cathinones," again, giving police the teeth they need to battle the plague.

If Washington and Frankfort Democrats and Republicans can agree on more than disagreeing, then leaders in Marion will have the proper tools they are seeking to battle another scourge beyond those of methamphetamine and prescription drug abuse that have already taken a heavy toll on our society. If not, the city appears prepared to take matters into its own hands.

# Signs paradox of Frankfort

A pair of butting signs hang in the parking garage at the Capital Plaza in Frankfort featuring two one-way arrows — each pointing in opposite directions. Thanks to the iPhone, I was able to snap a poor-quality photograph of the oxymoronic signage.

The signs — inanimate directors — struck me as the perfect paradox and a metaphor for our state government. Like the lifeless pointers, conscienceless leaders of the Kentucky General Assembly have turned up the polarity to a deafening din this winter, disenfranchised the very people they're sworn to serve.


The self-contradiction is indeed self-evident in a form of redistricting, which has hobbled government this session and cast a dubious funk over Frankfort.

How clear it is that our government has run amuck when two sides go in exact opposite directions to create the most perfectly ridiculous plan that tramples the rights of voters and citizens who trust in government to do what's right for the whole.

The parody is laughingly pathetic. The selfishness transcends good government to the point that engaged individuals find complete disgust in the misguided buffoonery that took a senator from Henderson and made him the voice of Lexington.

Malfeasance of that degree

Chris Evans  
Crittenden Press  
editor and publisher



About Town

would ensure termination in the private sector. Sadly, when government misrepresents or marginalizes its people, the electorate shake their heads with a loathing like a child might at his own father's blatant stupidity. What else is there to do?

We turn now to a supreme court — much deeper thinkers, we expect — to solve this enigma. We trust that a brainier examination will provide a measure of common sense to the nonsense that has directed traffic to this point.

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While in Frankfort last week for the annual West Kentucky Legislative Appreciation Night, wife Allison and I were pleased to catch up with a friend from the past.

Ben Waide, who is the state representative from Madisonville, was creating ties to Crittenden County before I ever stepped foot here. He was a youth minister at Marion United Methodist Church in 1984-85. A couple of years prior to that, I knew Ben Waide as the resident

advisor — commonly called by its acronym RA — in the freshman dormitory at Murray State. He was in essence the paid student-babysitter for incoming college boys. A tough job it was indeed, for which he was up to the task.

Waide has strong Christian values and a stiff moral compass that guides his conservative thinking. We need more people like him in Frankfort.

I politely informed Rep. Waide that he is now Crittenden County's "extra" voice in the House, much like Sen. Ken Winters has been our "extra" senator. Winters hails from here originally, but now serves the senatorial district that includes Murray. Local leaders have always considered him part of the Crittenden legislative delegation even though he officially represents another district. Winters is not running for re-election, which puts even more pressure on Rep. Waide to be a second advocate for this community in Frankfort.

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We visited for a while with Rep. Mike Cherry on the House floor last week, too. Cherry, of course, does represent the district that includes Crittenden County. As he prepares for retirement, I must say that Rep. Cherry has been a solid representative for his district.

Rep. Cherry ascended to a leadership role as chairman of the State Government Committee and has long been a firm advocate of veteran's rights — as he is a retired U.S. Navy captain

himself. Cherry had a prominent role in last week's House recognition of families of fallen Kentucky soldiers.

Cherry's communication skills and relationship with Marion and Crittenden County will be missed when he steps down. We appreciate his service to the commonwealth and acknowledge that he has been a crusader for western Kentucky and his Fourth District.

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Looks like we get Sen. Dorsey Ridley back again, at least for a time. As of now, a Franklin County circuit judge has ruled the state's redistricting plan unconstitutional. It's also unconstitutionally.

Ridley, a Henderson Democrat, had been impaled by GOP leaders in the Senate, moving him from his own district in western Kentucky to representing Lexington, where he has no direct ties.

A good soldier, Ridley has not been overly outspoken about the process which left his district disenfranchised. He understands the process and knows that barking too loudly might get him assigned to an even odder environment.

As stated earlier, we only hope the Kentucky Supreme Court will force a sensible solution to this crisis. Ridley has also been a strong advocate for Crittenden County.

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# Islamic warriors in our nation's midst

The uninformed, self-centered, money- and party-minded population is so easily duped until it is too late. It took Russia 70 years to even come close to getting their freedom back, while China, North Korea and Cuba are still in slavery. And all of South America is swiftly coming under communist control and are being taught to hate America.

So communism is north, east, south and west of America. Meantime radical Islamic millions all over the world say they will not rest until they have killed all the rest of the world who will not come under their doctrine.

As of 2006, the intelligence information tells us Hamas, the Islamic terrorist group, has developed the largest network of cells, spreading across the U.S. and numbering 33 from California to Florida — in all the major cities and even in small towns like Plainfield, Ill., and Dover, Tenn. Their dedication is to kill all the Jews and everyone else whom they call infidels unless they convert to Islam.

Go to Goggle and type in "Sleeper Cells in America by Dave Gaubatz" and see what is true in 2012. Why are these cells and terrorist groups permitted here? I wish I knew!

Hundreds of Muslims from Somalia are in Louisville, Mayfield and Shelbyville, Tenn., just south of Nashville, working at Tyson Foods and chicken plants. The high seas pirates who hijack ships, kidnap and kill for ransom are Somali Muslims. Are these Muslims injecting themselves into so many of our cities — even in small communities — a coincidence or a concerted, orchestrated plan to overcome America? Are our politicians blind, evil or stupid?

Rev. Lucy Tedrick  
Crittenden Press  
guest columnist



Religious Views

"The Federal Register has listed that the Obama administration has set aside \$20.3 million from the United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund (our tax dollars) for the purpose of meeting the needs of thousands of Muslim refugees in Palestine in Gaza who are loyal to the Hamas terrorist group."

This did not hit the national news, but you can check this out in the FR Doc E9-2488 in the Federal Register at [www.gpoaccess.gov/fr](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr).

I was in Lebanon in the 1960s, and it was predominantly Christian with a little less than 49 percent Muslim population. They all lived together harmoniously until the goodness of the Christian's heart permitted thousands of refugees from Palestine to enter their country. These refugees began a slow, underlying work to draw the Muslims in Lebanon against the Christians. Still unsuspecting, the Lebanese government let two more huge influx of Palestine refugees in and soon war broke out and Lebanese Christians were slaughtered by the thousands. Now the terrorist organization Hamas rules in Lebanon and it is now considered a terrorist state.

All of this can be checked out in the book "Because They Hate" by Brigitte Gabriel, a survivor of Islamic terror in Lebanon who lived with her father and mother

in a bomb shelter in southern Lebanon for six years, hiding for their lives.

Brigitte Gabriel is a U.S.-based journalist and news producer who started her career as an anchor for World News, an evening Arabic news program broadcast throughout the Middle East. As a terrorism expert and the founder of the nonprofit organization ACT for America, she travels widely and speaks regularly on topics related to the Middle East.

Why are these hundreds of Somalia Muslim refugees permitted to come here? Why are our tax dollars going to Muslims we know have plans to kill all Jews and Christians they can? Let us not forget that Obama has already stated in his book he wrote about in "Dreams of My Father" that if the political winds ever shifted against the Muslims, he would be on the side of the Muslims? You can check that out in his book or on the Web.

God has promised blessings and protection to countries that honor Him. He has promised destruction to all those that do not. America honored Him for many years — the best years of our history. Now the evil crowd is getting larger and larger, louder and louder, more wicked and more wicked.

Remember the "Occupy Wall Street" crowds who were very vocal that they wanted communism to replace our form of government. Who is backing their movement? The Muslim Brotherhood of the Middle East. Why? To weaken America, and they will then take over.

There are Muslims in our national legislature and in Obama's cabinet. Check that out on the Internet.

When we legalize the

killing of over 50 million unborn, innocent human beings just to satisfy their selfish and sinful mothers and condone homosexual evils and trash, there is no wonder the destroyers of our great nation sets on the sidelines licking their lips waiting for the perfect moment to pounce. Meantime, God watches from Heaven to see if America will repent and turn back to Him, the one that made us great in the first place.

The devil first strikes at the sinful, fallen nature of man to get them immoral. Then his cohorts work to take all vestige of God out of our midst so they won't get convicted and come to Him. Then they tell lies about our founding documents and forefathers and say we were not founded on Christian principles. Then they lead us into a communist system which is always atheistic, even with some of its followers claiming to be Christian just to fool the foolish.

America is standing at the threshold of a great awakening — or destruction. I've made my decision as to what my stand will be. Some will spend their time trying to make everybody feel good about the times, and themselves, telling them only about the love of God and not the justice of God or how we are to love Him. But as for me, I will spend my time obeying the message God has given me in Ezekiel 3:17; 33:7, "Warn them for Me."

Could the looming threat of the radical Muslims in and out of this country be a part of God's pending doom for a backslidden America?

*(Rev. Tedrick is a Marion minister. She shares her views regularly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)*

# Blindfold keeps Lady Justice from seeing courtroom attire

It's a good thing that Lady Justice is blindfolded, because she probably wouldn't like what she saw.

If she were to carefully slip her blindfold up over one eye to sneak a peek, she might cringe at what she sees in the courtroom — a defendant in torn jeans and a tattered sweatshirt or a witness in sweatpants and faded t-shirt. Not all are dressed that way, of course, but too many are.

As a defendant appearing before a judge, jury and prosecutor who hold your future in their hands, wouldn't you want to put your best foot forward in a shoe that doesn't

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My 2¢ Worth

look like the dog has been using it as a toy? As a witness for or against someone, would not covering the sleeve of tattoos up and down your arm with the sleeves of a decent dress shirt buy you a little more integrity?

Maybe as a society we've

gotten used to it. On any given Sunday, you'll find shorts and Saturday night dance club outfits in the pews of churches. We may not like them, but somehow, we've learned to just accept it's going to happen. And surely God doesn't care. He is supposed to be more understanding than anyone you'll find in a courtroom, right?

That's my point.

People — remember, not as forgiving as God — are watching, and that's all the more reason to look presentable in court. First impressions are hard to overcome,

and if 12 jurors' initial glimpse sees you in your street-cred clothes topped off with facial piercings, you probably stand an increased chance of trading in those rags and metal in your face for a striped jump suit and shackles.

Sadly, those same jurors, too, are not immune to the lack of respect shown the judicial system by their attire. But we are entitled to a jury of our peers after all.

At least the courtroom has some standards of dress that are enforced beyond the convenience store mantra of "no shirt, no shoes, no service."

No caps in the courtroom. No sleeveless shirts. No offensive slogans. I'm pretty sure shorts might be on the list, too.

For me, even as an onlooker, I feel underdressed in the courtroom in anything less than the traditional church or funeral home attire. (We'll save the argument against classless dress at a loved one's last rites for another time.)

"But I cannot afford a new set of dress clothes," you say. True, they can be costly. But they are only as expensive as you want them to be. A pair of khakis and polo or

button shirt can be as inexpensive — or even less so — than the hottest brand of jeans (or sweatpants) and the \$8 t-shirt you paid \$30 for five years ago for its trendy logo.

Perhaps because Lady Justice is blind, people just find no need to impress her. Then again, maybe she simply slipped on the blindfold because she was tired of what she was seeing.

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# Lexington! Downtown Lexington! No!

The framers of the Kentucky Constitution designed our government with three co-equal branches – Executive, Legislative and Judicial. Each branch is connected to the others and each has its own responsibilities and powers. Our form of government also was designed with a system of checks and balances – and those checks and balances were tested earlier this week – offering proof that our government does work.

The Republican leaders in the Senate and the Democrat leaders in the House crafted a redistricting plan that was imbalanced. That plan moved me out of my district to Lexington. Downtown Lexington! Who would have ever dreamed? I have always dreamed of the opportunity to serve the people of northwestern Kentucky and never in my wildest dreams imagined that I would be assigned to a five-mile urban segment of Lexington. Not only was I taken aback, but the people here in Western Kentucky did not understand the ac-



tions of our legislative leaders; they thought the plan was outrageous.

However, I am happy to report that our form of government worked. The Judicial branch this week saw the plan as unconstitutional and a judge ordered that the legislature rewrite the plan to meet constitutional guidelines – and, in the meantime, put me and other legislators back in our old districts. I am glad that our government worked and I am pleased to be back representing my constituents in northwestern Kentucky.

Our representative form of government was also designed to give the people of Kentucky a voice, and to ensure elected officials are ap-

proachable and attentive to their constituents' needs. It is one benefit of the Commonwealth having a "part-time" legislature. Most of the year, we live and work in our hometowns — right beside the people we serve at the Statehouse.

The Framers' original intent was for a loud citizen voice – but some people question just how much influence they have on our work in Frankfort today. For those doubters, I have an answer. The fact is that a small group of concerned citizens can still impact – and even initiate – legislation meaningful to them and their unique needs. The evidence can be found in the unanimous passage of Senate Bill 75 from the chamber this week.

Members of the Amish community in Kentucky felt that a current requirement for a bright orange triangle mounted on the back of their horse-drawn buggies was a violation of their religious convictions. So they wrote to their lawmakers and worked together with them toward a

safe solution that would not go against their religious beliefs.

The resulting legislation allows for white or gray reflective tape to be used as an alternative. The provision requires at least 100 inches of it outlining the back of the buggy, as well as several feet of tape on both sides and the front. Some supporters feel it is even safer than the orange emblem, a beautiful example of citizen-motivated legislation identifying even better solutions to the issues facing us.

We also passed several education-related bills this week. Senate Bill 95, which cleared the Senate on a 37-0 vote, encourages elementary schools across the state to establish summer learning programs for low-income students. Research shows that the achievement gap for disadvantaged students widens over the summer. This measure encourages schools to utilize a variety of existing resources, including community and business partnerships, to keep those

students engaged and learning through summer day camps.

Senate Bill 38 (passed unanimously) focuses on keeping high school students interested in learning. The bill would create a career and technical education curriculum in the public school system. Supporters hope the new curriculum will prevent at-risk students from dropping out before graduation by preparing them for careers in local business and industry that do not require a college degree.

Another proposal aimed at increasing the number of high school graduates in Kentucky cleared the Senate by a 35-2 vote. Senate Bill 109 would give local school districts the authority to adopt a policy requiring students to stay in school until age 18, or actual graduation if that comes first. Districts implementing such a policy would be required to offer an approved alternative education program that would help meet the needs of students most likely to drop out. The

curriculum outlined in SB 38 would meet those qualifications. If made law, the provisions would take effect in the 2014-2015 school year. The bill does not go far enough. I support raising the statewide legal dropout age to 18. I hope we vote on another bill this session that addresses that issue.

This is just a one-week snapshot of the legislation we are working on this session. There are many other issues being discussed in the Capitol. I encourage you to join in those discussions. You have a big say in the laws affecting you. As always, I stand ready and willing to listen to your thoughts and concerns. Our committee meetings, and chamber proceedings, are open to the public and aired on KET. If you cannot drive up, then tune in.

*(Sen. Ridley is a Henderson Democrat serving the Senate District 4. He has represented Crittenden, Livingston, Webster, Union, Caldwell and Henderson counties in Frankfort since 2004.)*

# Legislation needed to address state's drug epedimic

Friday afternoon the House and Senate passed a congressional redistricting plan and sent it to the governor for signature. It has been a torturous process with an interesting array of twists and turns. As the lead sponsor of the legislation, I have learned as much about parliamentary procedure these last few weeks as I have in all my previous experience.

But the bottom line is we passed a congressional redistricting plan with bipartisan support and I do not expect it to be challenged in court, unlike our other redistricting plan which I will address in a moment.

The new plan disappoints many of us in the west because it does not return Daviess County to our 1st District. Instead it stretches into central, and some would say eastern, Kentucky. There were some changes to that portion of the district, specifically it picks up some necessary additional population by adding Marion, Ohio and Taylor counties plus part of Washington, while losing only Butler and Lincoln counties.

However, redistricting took another turn last week and,



as predicted, the Franklin Circuit Court judge returned his opinion, disagreeing with the state House and Senate plan and directing candidates to run under the old district boundaries. We still feel that the plan is constitutional and correct because it meets the same legal guidelines of the very plan that the state has been using for a decade. We have filed an appeal to the Supreme Court and if the court does not agree, then we will ask for guidance on how to proceed.

There seems to be two viable options: 1) candidates will run in the old districts and a new plan will be put in place for the 2014 election cycle, similar to what was done 20 years ago; or 2) the court will quickly find our new plan constitutional and allow it as the basis for this

year's state elections. As always, there is another, though unlikely, option where the federal courts get involved and require us to quickly draw revised boundaries for use this year.

While the redistricting process has been difficult and often partisan, every year the Kentucky General Assembly puts aside our differences to come together to honor those soldiers who have sacrificed their lives to defend freedom. We stand united in support of our troops and that was never more evident than the solemn ceremony on the House Floor last week where tribute was paid to three Kentuckians who made that sacrifice.

On the budget front, subcommittees spent most mornings last week camped out in Capitol Annex committee rooms to hear testimony on state-agency budget requests for the next two years.

The \$19-billion biennial General Fund budget that we are now researching in subcommittees is expected to impose cuts to most agencies, but we do not want to make cuts to services that do the most good for the most people.

There will be several more grueling workdays before the subcommittees finish their analysis and a proposed Executive Branch budget comes before the full budget panel for expected lengthy discussion and a vote. Writing a budget is a long, hard slog.

Last week, stopping prescription drug abuse also took center stage as Gov. Beshear held a press conference to highlight the broad, bipartisan support behind stopping the illegal flow of prescription drugs. The event featured legislative leaders from the House and Senate and representatives from key support groups.

There is no shortage of evidence showing that we are truly facing an epidemic. Kentucky has a much higher rate of abuse than the national average, and the numbers of those dying annually from prescription drug overdoses far outpaces those dying on our highways. Many of our prisoners, meanwhile, are there because of crimes tied one way or another to these drugs.

Under House Bill 4, the state would take a much

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Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton) can be reached by e-mail at [mike.cherry@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:mike.cherry@lrc.ky.gov) and Sen. Joey Pendleton (D-Henderson) at [dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov).

It would begin doing that by moving the state's KASPER program — which monitors prescription drug use — from the Cabinet for Families and Health Services to the Attorney General's office and expanding access to our local prosecutors. All prescribers would also be required to take part, which would dramatically increase KASPER's usefulness. Currently, less than half of our pharmacists and doctors are enrolled.

This blanket coverage would make it significantly harder for abusers to doctor shop, and it would severely limit the ability of rogue doctors to prescribe such drugs as OxyContin with little to no patient oversight. We are very conscious of not hindering patients in need or doctors acting in good faith, and steps are being taken to keep that from happening.

As always, I welcome your comments and advice.

*(Rep. Cherry is a Princeton Democrat serving House District 4. He has represented Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of Trigg County in Frankfort since 1999.)*

more proactive approach. In short, this bill would make it much easier for law enforcement and medical licensure boards to find exactly where this abuse is taking place and then stop it.

# New food service position pondered

**By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN**  
PRESS REPORTER

If approved, a proposal brought before the board of education would streamline the schools system's food services by eliminating two positions in favor of one, while keeping Janet Stevens in a position of districtwide oversight.

Crittenden County Schools Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough introduced the idea last week of eliminating the positions of manager at each of the district's two cafeterias in favor of one overall supervisor. Creating a position of Food Service Supervisor II would streamline food services and allow the kitchen at Crittenden County Elementary School and the combined Crittenden County Middle and High school cafeteria to run autonomously.

"We would be eliminating that layer of having two managers so we could combine the jobs into one position for best efficiency," Dr. Yarbrough said, of creating the supervisor position. "Our goal is to provide a new restructuring of food services in the district and having both



Stevens

kitchens functioning as one kitchen. The food service supervisor would be in charge of the operation, overseeing a variety of things."

Yarbrough explained the position in comparison to a tier of superintendent, principals and teachers. Stevens, who serves as Food Service Director, will continue to administratively oversee the service districtwide as a superintendent would the district. Meantime, the proposed supervisor position would oversee autonomous kitchen operations and staff, as a principal would a school. The cafeteria staff, much like teachers, would answer directly to the new supervisor.

Outlined in a local district classification plan given to board members, the description of the position is to "plan, organize and supervise the complex service operations and activities of a central kitchen and plan food service transportation to district school sites or supervise the activities of a large school district food service operation."

Though the position isn't official yet, Dr. Yarbrough said the board will vote on the issue Feb. 28, and if approved, the position would be implemented as soon as possible.

The salary of the position starts at \$13.50 an hour.

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# Local education officials thrilled with NCLB waiver

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

Local school officials are excited that Kentucky was one of 10 states last week to be granted relief from some parts of the Bush-era No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law, allowing the state to use a newly developed accountability system to determine progress in public schools.

Under NCLB, progress in public schools is primarily measured using scores from standardized reading and math tests. Reductions in federal funding were one consequence for being listed as a failing school or district.

Thrilled about the relief, Crittenden County Schools Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough said the district is very optimistic about what the new testing model could mean for Kentucky schools.

"We are cautiously optimistic," she said. "In the past, students have had to meet Kentucky accountability on one track and No Child Left Behind sanctions on another track. Any time you can streamline your effort with regard to student learning, it's a better model instead of traveling

down two tracks at the same time."

Kentucky's model scraps the one-test method and instead measures a school's progress using a combination of test scores, achievement gap levels, student progress, graduation rates and career- and college-readiness benchmarks.

"The accountability model that we will use for state and federal purposes provides in-depth information about every school and district, so that we can focus our resources on the areas of greatest need and challenge our students and educators to constantly improve toward the ultimate goal of college and career readiness," said Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday.

Gov. Steve Beshear also applauded the decision, which the state has been waiting for since applying for relief in November.

"This federal flexibility opens a new chapter in the Commonwealth's work to ensure a well-educated citizenry," said Gov. Beshear.

Kentucky education officials have been overhauling the state's public education system from top to bottom

## Dropout bill awaits House okay

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Local school districts could increase the dropout age to 18 under a bill passed by the state Senate last week and awaiting House consideration.

The Senate voted 35-2 to approve the measure, which would go into effect in 2014. Republican Sen. Jack Westwood of Erlanger said the legislation is an alternative to legislation being pushed by Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear that would uniformly increase the dropout age for all school districts from 16 to 18 by 2017.

Beshear said last week that he was pleased to see some movement

on the part of the Senate on the dropout issue that he and first lady Jane Beshear see as a priority that could prevent thousands of Kentucky teens from dropping out of school each year.

The House Education Committee has already approved the Beshear proposal, which is awaiting a vote on the House floor.

"Actually, I consider this a better bill than the governor's," Westwood said last week. "His met with a lot of resistance from folks who say just making a kid stay in school without giving them some kind of alternative program is inviting trouble."

since the 2009 passage of Senate Bill 1 filed by Crittenden County native and longtime educator Ken Winters (R-Murray). That legislation mandated that every Kentucky public school student graduate prepared for higher education or a career.

The state's NCLB waiver applica-

tion was more than 400 pages long. In detailing the new method for measuring progress, it said the state is setting lofty goals for children beginning as early as the third grade.

"The new testing system is linked from Grade 3 to Grade 12 and locked into college readiness standards," the

application reads.

Kentucky's accountability model will measure achievement by tests in reading, mathematics, science, social studies and writing, according to the Department of Education. There will be so-called "Program Reviews" in subjects that aren't tested, such as arts and humanities and practical living-career studies.

"The new Kentucky Accountability model has more rigor with academic standards," Dr. Yarbrough said. "We have yet to see how it works, which is why we're saying that we're approaching it with a cautious optimism. It is definitely better to have one accountability system that will serve both purposes instead of the two."

The department said the first release of data from the new accountability model will occur in late summer or early fall 2012. For the 2011-12 school year, schools and districts will be gauged on test scores, achievement gap reduction, student academic growth, college- and career-readiness percentages and graduation rates.



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

## A day on Capitol Hill

Allison Evans, owner of The Crittenden Press, visits with GOP Rep. Ben Waide of Madisonville (far left), Democratic Rep. Mike Cherry of Princeton (second from right) and Raymond Giannini (far right), the Democratic candidate for the Fourth District House seat which Cherry currently holds. After 14 years in Frankfort, Cherry plans to retire from the state legislature and is not seeking re-election in this year's election. Giannini has no competition in May's primary election.

## JURY

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just outside the city limits, Dec. 26, 2011 at Chandler and Vaughn Cattle Company on Spar Mill Road in Marion and Jan. 3 at Wild Wing Lodge on Long Branch Road in rural Crittenden County. Because a firearm was involved in the November incident, Hoover faces first-degree burglary by complicity. Another man, James Edward Millikan, is also charged in connection with that incident and others (see below). Court records also alleged Hoover is arrears in child support by the amount of \$34,473.51. Flagrant non-support is a Class D felony. Kentucky State Police, Crittenden County Sheriff's Department and Marion Police Department were all involved in the burglary investigations.

■ James Edward Millikan, 35, of Marion was indicted on two counts of third-degree burglary, one count of first-degree burglary by complicity and three counts of being a second-degree persistent felony offender. Court records allege that Millikan was involved in three burglaries, namely those on Nov. 29 and Dec. 26 of 2011 and Jan. 3 of this year for which co-defendant Allen C. Hoover is also charged (see above). Millikan is believed to have been involved in the alleged break-ins at Chandler and Vaughn Cattle Company, Wild Wing Lodge and the home on Ky. 365 where a .22 Browning rifle was missing. Kentucky State Police, Crittenden County Sheriff's Department and Marion Police Department were all involved in the burglary investigations.



Millikan

■ Raylyn Hunt Wallace, 26, of Marion was indicted in two separate cases. The first case alleges that she was in possession of methamphetamine and a pipe made from a deer antler. Court records indicate that on Nov. 21, 2011, Wallace was at a home on

Wilson Farm Road when probation and parole officers arrived along with the sheriff. Wallace is alleged to have helped conceal the whereabouts of two suspected probation violators believed to be inside the home. She was indicted on charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and second-degree hindering prosecution or apprehension.

In the second case, Wallace was indicted on charges of second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, theft by unlawful taking and 16 counts of second-degree forgery. Those charges stem from her allegedly taking checks from a family member's home and writing several at various locations around Marion in the cumulative amount of \$726.04.

■ Shannon L. Little, 34, of Marion was indicted on charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, carrying a concealed deadly weapon and second-degree possession of a controlled substance. The charges stem from a visit to a home on Wilson Farm Road by probation and parole officers and the sheriff. Court records indicate that officers found in the suspect's purse – which was in a vehicle outside the home – a small bag of what is believed to have been methamphetamine, a pipe, alleged hydrocodone and a 9mm Ruger handgun in the console of the vehicle.

■ Larry Simpkins, 58, of Marion was indicted on a single count of first-degree sexual abuse from an investigation that stems from an alleged incident on Jan. 1, 2011. The case was investigated by Kentucky State Police Detective Matthew Foster and is alleged to have included a victim who was a family member.

■ Phillip L. Sitar, 42, of Marion was indicted on a charge of second-degree rape, for allegedly having a sexual relationship with a minor under the age of 16 on Aug. 2, 2009. The case was investigated by Marion Policeman George Foster.

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**Velma Lee Lynch**  
Lynch is a part-time employee at Coach's Cleaners, working Monday through Thursday and some Fridays at the Marion dry cleaning business. She has been there 20 years and loves Harley, the furry little dog of store owner Frank Pierce who regularly

greets customers at the door.  
"We're all a big fan of Harley," Lynch said of her and her co-workers. She loves dogs, in fact, and has one of her own she calls Scooter. Scooter lives with Lynch at her home on Carr Street in Marion. Lynch moved to the city from Illinois with her parents more

than 20 years ago.  
To pass the time, she enjoys television. Her favorite program to watch is re-runs of "Little House on the Prairie," the NBC drama that first ran 1974-82. "Even though I've seen every one of the episodes," she added. There were 203 episodes and five

specials in the series.  
Lynch is big into country music and picks Alan Jackson as the one person she'd like to meet.  
In the summer, she enjoys playing basketball and badminton, "every now and then" with her 30-year-old daughter.

# Judge admonishes man for courtroom disrepect

**STAFF REPORT**  
A Marion man was sentenced to 365 days in jail by District Judge Daniel Heady last week.  
Brian A. Armstrong, 33, pleaded guilty to third-degree criminal trespassing and theft by unlawful taking for a December incident involving scrap metal. Both are misdemeanor charges.  
Court and police records indicate that Armstrong was in the act of stealing scrap metal from a toolshed on Ky. 120 in eastern Crittenden County when the property owner arrived and caught him. Armed with a handgun, the property owner held Arm-



Heady

strong until Sheriff Wayne Agent arrived and arrested the suspect.  
In court last week, Judge Heady strongly admonished the defendant to cease his disrespect of the court. Armstrong had made comments in court and a deputy jailer had allegedly heard Armstrong making threatening comments about the judge. Judge Heady told the defendant that he could face 180 days for contempt if he didn't change his tune. With that, Armstrong became quite contrite and apologized. He also denied threatening the judge.  
Heady sentenced Armstrong to serve 75 days with the balance of the jail term to be probated for two years. He was also ordered to pay a \$25 fine.  
Armstrong is currently held in the Webster County Jail on other charges.

# Authorities: Scam targeting elderly

**STAFF REPORT**  
Police have been looking into the report of a scam that recently targeted an elderly Marion woman.  
Marion Police and County Attorney Rebecca Johnson were notified of the alleged plot to bilk a widow out of her money. An out-of-state relative learned of the scheme and notified local authorities before her aunt could complete the cash transaction.  
A man posing as a minister contacted the woman by phone. He gave her a sad story and asked her to put a certain amount of cash in the mailbox after the mail carrier had passed that particular day. The purported minister told the woman that a company named Green Dot would come and fetch the

money from her mailbox.  
Johnson and Police Chief Ray O'Neal think there could be some link between this case and traveling salesmen working in the area. However, that has not been confirmed.  
O'Neal said elderly residents should be reluctant to allow into their homes salesmen they don't know. He also said they need to be aware that paying a salesman with a personal check provides that person with the account number and routing number to their bank account.  
The chief said that if a resident believes he or she is being taken advantage of and the people perpetrating the scam are on their property, it might be appropriate to call 911.

# Tip solves several cases

**STAFF REPORT**  
A tip in one case helped police solve several other alleged crimes that occurred inside the city in late January and early February.  
Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said a person came forward and told police about spray-painting vandalism that occurred at Marion-Crittenden County Park on Jan. 15. As police began uncovering details in that case, they unraveled a more extensive series of alleged burglaries that has led to felony charges against one man, and more charges are pending against two juveniles.  
Police say three individuals have confessed to being part of the incident at the park where black paint was used to scrawl graffiti on the outside walls of the restrooms. Criminal summonses have been issued for Linda J. Alexander, 35, of White Plains, Ky., in Hopkins

County; Marcus Andrew Menser, 18, of Marion; and a 17-year-old male.  
After questioning individuals involved in that case, police soon discovered clues that led to charges being filed against Aaron Morgan, 18, of Marion for misdemeanor theft, third-degree criminal trespassing, felony unlawful transaction with a minor and felony third-degree burglary.  
Those charges stem from an investigation involving nine vehicles that were allegedly burglarized or rummaged through in Marion between Jan. 31 and Feb. 3, and the taking of a golf cart belonging to Clifton Etheridge from the Marion Country Club on Jan. 29.  
Police think the alleged crime spree also involved a couple of juveniles, a male and female. Charges will likely be filed against them, too.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

# Changing of the guard

Bob Briley, former director of two local nursing homes, officially resigned his position as chairman of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce last week. Briley and his wife are moving to Ohio to be closer to family. Instead of passing a gavel to incoming chairman Vanda Hunt Adamson, Briley handed her a hammer to signify the work left to be done. Also pictured are Chamber board members (from left) Barbara Myers, Robin Curnel, Minnie Lou Brown, Janie Hill, Adamson, Briley, Scott Belt, John Watson, Jeff Ellis and Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander. The Chamber meets the first Monday of every month at the Marion Tourism and Welcome Center.

# COURT

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demeanor. The sentences are to run concurrently and the court ordered him to pay restitution to two victims.  
Bingham's defense attorney, Ben Leonard, told Judge Williams that his client has admitted to a "serious issue as it relates to substance or drug abuse" and was a good candidate for court-ordered rehabilitation. Judge Williams recommended Bingham for a three-month substance abuse treatment program while incarcerated, provided he meets the standards and qualifications of the program.  
In other cases:  
■ Anna Kirby Hunt, 65, of Marion pleaded guilty to writing nearly \$4,000 in

## Detention center prisoner count

Following is a census of the 133-bed Crittenden County Detention Center as of Monday:

CLASSIFICATION	MALE	FEMALE
Federal	0	0
State	98	15
County	12	2
Other	1	0
Gender total	111	17
Total population:	128	

Last week, 36 detention center work release inmates put in 1,524 hours of community service, saving taxpayers approximately \$11,049.

checks to herself from the account of person for whom she was a caregiver. The plea was entered in exchange for a lesser charge.

Hunt was indicted by an October grand jury on a charge of theft by unlawful taking over \$500 in connection with pay she received between April 5 and April 30 of 2011. The charges were brought by Marion Police Lt. Marty Hodge. According to police records, Hunt gained access to an alleged victim's checks and a signature stamp. She wrote five checks to herself on the victim's account, totaling \$3,970, according to authorities.  
Special Prosecutor Carrie Ovey-Wiggins agreed to amend the original felony charge to a misdemeanor last week in circuit court. Judge Williams sentenced Hunt to 12 months unsupervised probation. According to the court, Hunt has paid full restitution to the victim.  
■ Bobby Ray Patton, 46,

of Marion pleaded guilty to charges of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (codeine) and trafficking in marijuana within 1,000 yards of a school.  
He was indicted last year after an investigation originating on July 15, 2010.  
Following his plea, Judge Williams sentenced Patton to three years for each offense with the jail time to run concurrently. He was ordered to serve 30 days with the balance probated for five years.  
Patton will be evaluated for entrance into a drug treatment program and must report to his probation officer as requested during the five-year probation period. He was given credit for 30 days served while awaiting sentencing, therefore, was released from custody.

# HYBRID

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have to compare the hybrid to a diesel bus that was on a similar route, in town."  
Because the hilliest fell short of expectations, Winters looked into other districts that utilized hybrid buses in order to compare gas mileage. Some of the best performing buses were in Pike, Whitley and LaRue counties. When Winters saw that Pike County was able to squeeze 9.7 mpg out of hybrid buses on average, he was surprised since the far eastern Kentucky county is considered one of the hilliest in the commonwealth. With further research, he discovered that all of the buses performing better per gallon were Thomas Built Buses with Cummins hybrid engines. The "green" bus that Crittenden County has is an International brand with a

MaxxForce engine. Though uncertain as to why the Thomas hybrid buses are outperforming the Internationals, Winters believes it could have something to do with the motor.  
"To meet EPA regulations, the MaxxForce engines have twin turbos," Winters said of district's hybrid bus. "When I think of twin turbos, I think of cars used in drag races that have 800 hp. This engine, with the twin turbos, is only pulling 215 horses."  
The lower horsepower causes the bus to work harder to get under way, reducing its fuel efficiency.  
"Cummins went a different route on their engine, using an exhaust side to control emissions from the engine, providing better mileage," Winters said of other districts' environmentally-friendly Thomas Built Buses.  
Though data from both the district's hybrid and its

comparable diesel bus didn't yield the expected results, Yarbrough said Winters was able to later provide a fuel report that compares the mpg used by a diesel bus that was formerly on the same city route as the hybrid bus. Bus No. 9707, a diesel, was achieving only 5.51 miles per gallon in October of 2011 before the hybrid bus took over the route.  
"This is a better comparison and definitely shows the hybrid bus is performing better than the diesel," Yarbrough said. "As a board, I think we're learning to ask better questions regarding the hybrid bus. We're going to continue gathering data and review the information for next year to see how to further improve the return on miles per gallon."  
Crittenden County is one of 32 school districts across the state that currently operate 157 hybrid electric buses, making Kentucky

home to the largest hybrid bus fleet in the nation according to KCFC. More than 200 buses will be purchased with a \$12.9 million grant awarded from the U.S. Department of Energy.  
The local school district purchased the \$138,000 hybrid bus last year for \$78,500, with the remainder covered by a federal grant. Hybrid buses generally cost about twice that of a comparable diesel-driven bus.

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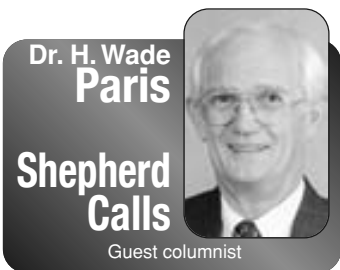
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# Simple suggestion for political critics

It is the big election year again. I hate it. I can't wait for it to be over. It seems to me the candidates never stop running. They campaign from poll to poll. This week's campaign advertisements are removed only to be replaced by another tribe tomorrow. Despite my distaste for politics, many of my friends apparently assume they know my political persuasion. I am regularly bombarded with political "cuties" disparaging one candidate or another.

Truth to tell, I have never appreciated political parties. The word seems to be a misnomer. A political party is seldom what I call a party.



Besides, I prefer to judge the person rather than his or her party. This often places me in a political hot pot.

Franklin D. Roosevelt is the first president I can remember. Since then, I have had 12 other presidents. Sometimes I have liked them, and sometimes I have not. When I approved of my president

and his work, life was simpler. When I disapproved, life became more complicated. How should I respond, I wondered, when I do not approve of the president and his work or policies? After all, I am an American; and the President of the United States is my president.

After years of prayerful consideration, I recalled I have had many pastors in my lifetime. I did not always like them or approve of their ministry; but still they were my pastor, and I did not think I should criticize them. However, there was something I could do. I could pray for them. That is how I solved

my pastoral dilemma.

I decided I could do the same for my president; I could pray for him. When I liked what he was doing, I would thank God for him. When I disapproved of him and his work, I would pray for him. After all, God is still in charge. I cannot change any president's heart or mind, but God can.

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## Perfect attendance at Calvary Baptist

On Jan. 8, Rev. Roger Waters of Calvary Baptist Church in Crayne presented perfect attendance pins for Sunday school. During the service, Rev. Waters proclaimed the year 2012 as the year of Sunday school growth at Calvary Baptist Church. Pictured from left are Bro. Waters with Sarah Spurlock, five consecutive years; Earl Jackson, first year; Beck Jackson, first year; Dennis Gibson, first year; Bill Rushing, two consecutive years; Linda Yandell, first year; and Tommy Yandell, first year.

### Church notes

■ Marion Baptist Church will have a bake sale from 3:30-5 p.m., Friday and a car wash from 12:30-3 p.m., Saturday. Proceeds will support the girls attending the Revolve conference in March.

■ Singing of the community churches will be hosted by Creekside Baptist Church in Salem at 6 p.m., Saturday.

■ New Union General Baptist Church will have a dodgeball tournament at 10 a.m., Feb. 25. Admission is \$5 for each player (limit six per team). There will be two classes, one for third-sixth grades and another for middle school through adults. All proceeds go to the church's Relay for Life team.

■ The Marion Baptist Family Life Center's weight room and walking track will be open 5-8 p.m., Mondays, 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., Thursdays and 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturdays.

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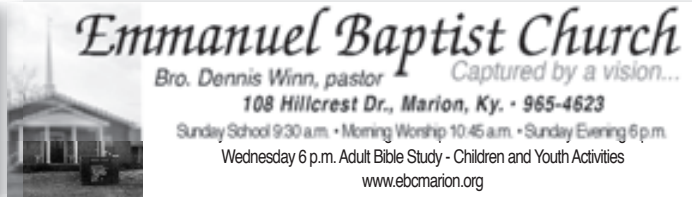


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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.  
— Matthew 18:20



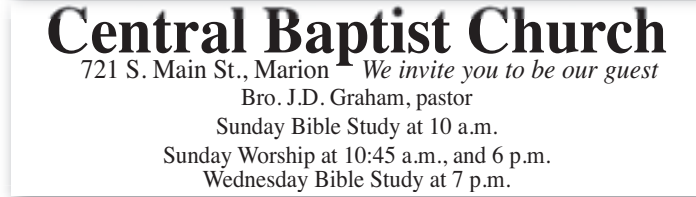
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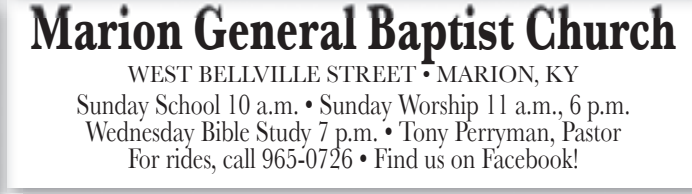
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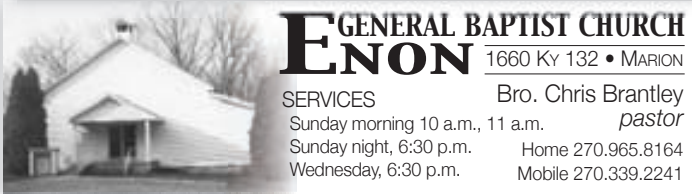
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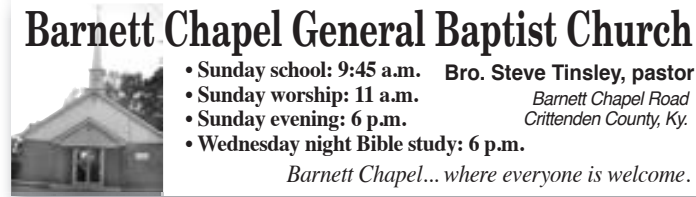
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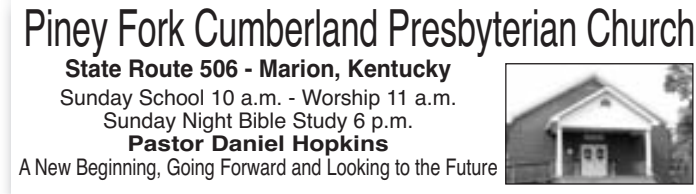
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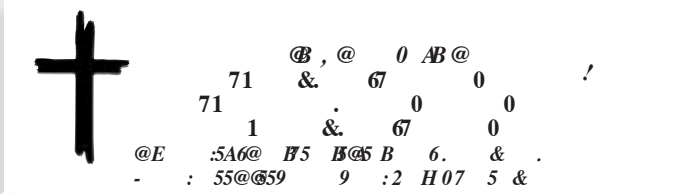
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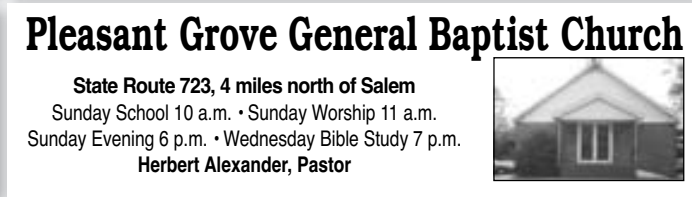
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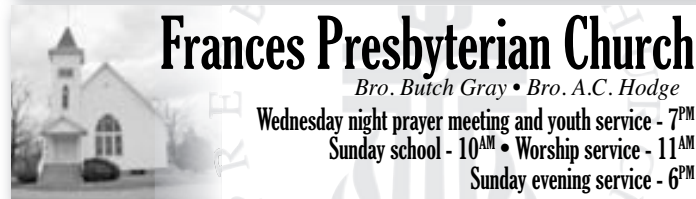
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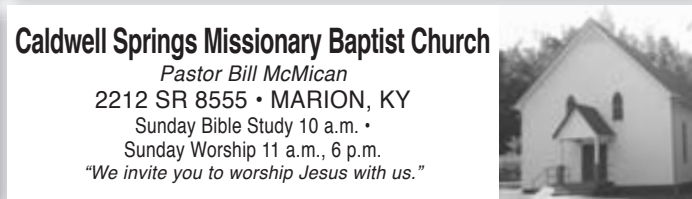
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The Press OBITUARIES

Shewmaker

Marcia Carolyn Shewmaker, 69, of Marion died Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

She was a beautician.

Shewmaker is survived by her stepmother, Roberta Shewmaker of Marion; one half-sister, Judith and husband Mark Gar-gus of Owensboro; and one half-brother, Bill and wife Kelley Shewmaker of Marion; one uncle, Orman and wife Mary Nell Shewmaker of Henderson; three aunts, Melva Adkins of Elizabethtown, Ky., and Sue Shewmaker and El-wanda McDowell, both of Marion; one niece; five nephews; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Euna McDowell, and her father, William Arzie Shewmaker; grandparents, Ethel and Ewin McDowell and Ina and Billie Shewmaker; and three uncles.

Funeral services were Sunday at Myers Funeral Home with Rev. Dennis Winn officiating.

Graveside services were Monday at 10 a.m., at Trinity Cemetery in Hickory.

Landreth

Ronnie Landreth, 67, of Marion died Friday, Feb. 10, 2012 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Stallion Landreth of Marion; one son, Shannan and wife Tressie Landreth of Reidland; one daughter, Suz-ian Landreth Cunningham and friend Mark Winquest of Glasgow; two brothers, Edward and wife Shirley Landreth of Fredonia and Tommy Blackburn of Bowling Green; four grandchildren, Ryan Marc David-son, Ally Beth Davidson, Alec Robert Landreth and Dawson James Landreth.

Landreth was preceded in death by his parents, Marc and Wanda Blackburn; one brother Joe Blackburn; and one nephew, Jeff Landreth.

Memorial services were Monday at Gilbert Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Ameri-can Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231.

Belt

Lena Inez Hunt Belt, 97, of Marion died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2012, at Crittenden Health Systems.

She was amember of Pleas-ant Hill Baptist Church and was a former cook at the Crit-tenden County Senior Citiz-ens Center.

Belt is survived by two sons, Billy Belt of Marion and Tommy Belt of Henderson; two daughters, Maxine Sutton of Marion and Marie Evans of Glenmora, La.; 13 grandchil-dren; 21 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bennie Belt; one daughter, Flossie Mae Bynum; parents, William Har-vey and Carrie Hunt; five brothers; and two sisters.

Services were Sunday at Gilbert Funeral Home with in-terment in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231.



Shewmaker

Daymon

Leonard Daymon, Jr., of Belleville, Mich., formerly of Hardin County, Ill., died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospi-tal in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Daymon is survived by one son, Lawrence Daymon of Belleville; one sister, Beverly and husband Jack McLeoud of South Lyon, Mich.; one brother-in-law, Robert and wife Carole Cronkite of Eliza-bethtown, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Winona Sue Cronkite Daymon; three sis-ters; and two brothers.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Satur-day at Peters Creek Cemetery in Elizabethtown, Ill., with in-terment to follow. Military rites will be given at the ceme-tery on Saturday.

Hardin County Funeral Service in Rosiclare, Ill., is in charge of arrangements.

Eberle

Robert Lawrence "Robbie" Eberle, 44, of Marion died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012 at his home in Marion.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Eberle of Marion; one son, Robert W. Eberle of Marion; one daughter, Michelle Eberle of Marion; mother, Geraldine Eberle of Marion; father and step-mother, Bob and Eva Eberle of Burna; two sisters, Tina Eberle of Marion and Jessi Eberle of Grand Rivers; grand-mother, Jeannie Latham of Marion; and two grandchil-dren, Tristan and Evangaline Cooper, both of Marion.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of arrangements.

Deaths on state roads nears 70

Kentucky State Police each week re-port year-to-date traffic fatalities across the commonwealth. Below, the number of deaths through Sunday are represented alongside the difference from the same period in 2011.

2012 DEATHS	CHANGE FROM 2011	ALCOHOL RELATED
Deaths .....68	.....+2	.....11
MODE	DEATHS	NO SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Automobile .....	61	.....33
Pedestrian .....	4	.....n/a
Motorcycle.....	2	.....1
ATV .....	1	.....1
Bicycle.....	0	.....n/a
Scooter .....	0	.....n/a

Fraliex

Bill Fraliex, 80, of Fredonia died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 at Christian Care Center of Kuttawa following a short ill-ness.

He was a retired mainte-nance worker for Fredonia Valley Quarry and a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

Frailiex is survived by three sons; Bobby Joe Fraliex and wife Janice of Fredonia, Earl Fraliex and wife Helen of Fre-donia and Barry Fraliex and wife Christy of Fredonia; six grandchildren, Michael Fraliex, Dustin Fraliex, Tara and husband Andrew Felker, Matt Fraliex, McKenzie Fraliex and Cayden Fraliex; three brothers, Paul "Jabo" Fraliex

of Burna, Douglas Fraliex of Lyon County and David Fraliex of Marshall County; one sister, Dottie Hooks of Caldwell County; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Una Mae Fraliex; his parents, John Henry and Mary Mae Peek Fraliex; five brothers; Raymond, Richard, Robert, Steve and Donnie Fraliex; two sisters, Betty Jean Crayne and Stella Wyatt.

Funeral services were Fri-day at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Jerrell White and Rev. Kyle Noffsinger officiating. Burial followed in Fredonia Ceme-tery.

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The family of Ruby Frantz wishes to express our gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy at the loss of our mother. The emergency personnel were kind and considerate and the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home made the whole experience easier to bear. Thank you to all of our friends and family who brought food, sent flowers, donated gifts and offered assistance in any way. Mom would have been humbled by the outpouring of love.

The family of Rev. James T. Boone would like to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our Dad and Papaw. Thank you to Drs. Gary James, Greg and Johnathan Maddux, APRNs Alicia Clark and Lee Anna Boone for their wonderful care. Thanks to the nurses, nurse aids and staff of Crittenden Health Systems and Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center, we appreciate the compassion and care you gave our loved one as well as the family. Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, food, cards, flowers, donations and visits to the funeral home. Thank you to Bros. Russ Davidson, Dennis Winn and Tim Burdon for their words of comfort. The meal the members and ladies of Emmanuel Baptist Church provided after the service was delicious and very much appreciated. Thank you to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for the many acts of kindness shown to the family.

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I know how much you care for me  
And how much I care for you,  
And each time that I think of you  
I know you'll miss me too.

An Angel came and called your name  
And took you by the hand and said

Your place was ready in Heaven, far above...  
And you had to leave behind, all those you dearly loved

You had so much to live for; you had so much to do...  
It seemed impossible, that God was taking you.

And though your life on earth has past, in Heaven it starts anew  
You'll live for all eternity, just as God has promised you.  
And though you've walked through Heaven's gate  
We are never far apart  
For each time that we think of you,  
You're right here, deep within our hearts.

We miss you dearly,  
Naomi and Children

**Goodbye To My Dad**

Goodbye dad I had to say,  
A few months ago on a cold winter day.  
I'll remember the good time and try not to be sad,  
But saying goodbye still hurts so bad.

I miss you more than I can express,  
My love for you will never grow less.  
I keep trying to imagine how I will go on,  
I realize tomorrow is another dawn.

I know you're in Heaven above,  
Looking down on us will all your love.  
Only to whisper in our ear,  
Remember that I never stopped loving you dear.

I'll always remember the good time we had,  
Remember the man, my wonderful dad.  
I'll remember you each and every day,  
And if it need to talk to you, I'll just sit down and pray.

One day we'll be together again,  
To talk about all the places we've been.  
Until that time, I'll always treasure,  
Having you for a dad was such a pleasure.

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Happy Birthday  
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Barry, Bennie,  
Rita & Grandkids

## Thank You

We the family of Harold "Cotton" Tabor would like to express our appreciation to all the churches for keeping Harold and our family on their prayer list and for each individual prayer said on our be-half. Thank you for the phone calls, visits, food, cards, Gideon Bibles, the beautiful flowers, each of the gifts in memory of and the thinking of you gifts and the monetary gifts.

Thank you to the Crittenden County 911 re-sponse. Thank you to Rev. John Dunn and Rev. Joe Baker for your words of comfort during our time in need and for being here for us. Thanks also to U.S. Army, Ft. Campbell soldiers for the presentation of the United States flag. Thank you to each of the pallbearers; Rodney and Tyler Robertson, Mason and Martin Stone, Stewart Walker, James Jasis and Daniel Kemper. Our thanks to Brad and Keith Gilbert and the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home.

If we have offended anyone during this difficult time, please forgive us. We humbly ask for your continued prayers. May God bless each of you.

Love,  
The family of  
Harold "Cotton" Tabor



# Crittenden County once filled with mineral wealth

Still fascinated by the fluorspar history of our county, I am always looking for interesting and new items to read and learn about this era in our past. This article written in 1909 is from the archives of The Crittenden Press.

Oct. 21, 1909

When the great whistle of the Kentucky Fluorspar company is heard every morning warning the employees to work, we can imagine we are on the great Mississippi or the Ohio River and the R.E. Lee, or Evansville's queen of the waters, the Idlewild, is coming into port.

It is a beautifully sounding whistle and carries the man, acquainted with the happy olden steamboat time, back to the days of the Lee, Natchez, Emma C. Elliott, Idlewild or other favorites of that never to be forgotten age.

The whistle of the Kentucky Fluorspar Company is a great whistle and is on a great mill for the purpose of grinding and separating the product of the many great lead, zinc and spar mines of Crittenden County.

This company produces lump, gravel and ground fluorspar. The lump and gravel after being thoroughly washed is shipped in the crude state and used principally in the manufacture of open-hearth steel as a flux.

The better grade of ore, as it comes from the mines goes through their concentrating mill here whereby a system of "Hariz Jigs," all impurities, such as calcite, silicon, etc., are separated from the spar and taken out and the lead, as a valuable product, is saved. The spar is then ground to a fine powder and finds a market all over the United States and is used by makers of high-grade glass enamellers, hydrofluoric acid, etc.

The hydrofluoric acid is a pungent fuming acid gas, very corrosive, attacking glass and porcelain and etching its surface. It is very soluble in water, the specific gravity of the solution rising to 1.55. The concentrated aqueous acid becomes weaker on boiling until, when boiling at 120 degrees it attains a constant composition from 36 to 38 percent of the anhydrous acid. Concentrated hydrofluoric acid is a powerful corrosive, having the peculiar property of hardening the skin or tissue with which it comes in contact and continuing its action underneath the hardened tissue with an extraordinary amount of and persistency of pain.

The teams bring the product from the many mines in Crittenden to the several large crushing mills and separators in Marion, where it is washed for shipment in the crude state, owing to its value, or ground and shipped in barrels like flour. Much of the lead ore is 95 percent pure and is washed and shipped for the mines.

For a short period, the mineral industry of Crittenden has been on the wane, and for no reason but for the lack of funds to develop the unlimited wealth of the ore better and to devise the cheapest way by which the ore can be marketed. In other



words, let the amount of money expended in the development of coal in Union County alone be judiciously applied in Crittenden County and it would astonish the world with its wealth.

The home people, with few exceptions, are never credited with developing the coal or oil lands, and just so it is with the fluorspar industry. The lands of Crittenden County are rich with lead, zinc and fluorspar and easily developed; but in most cases, inaccessible to railroad or river. But money and brains could and would over ride and make simple this bar to her wealth and in a few years the state revenues from old Crittenden would surpass that of any other county.

Fluorspar is found in many states, but in very few instances is it known to exist in paying quantities. The western Kentucky district is composed of the counties of Crittenden, Caldwell and Livingston, but by far the greater part of the product comes from Crittenden County.

Deposits have been found in other nearby counties, but there has been no production of importance. Across the Ohio River in Illinois the counties of Pope and Hardin are large producers. There does not seem to be any good reason why the industry should be languishing in Crittenden County. It is probably the first in the United States to make shipments. Fluorspar is in active demand and brings good prices.

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### Tabb Fault located in the Mexico-Claylick District

Here are some of the many mines that were active in the mining era. Located in the Mexico-Claylick District. The area designated as the Mexico-Claylick District embraces three general fault zones extending between Mexico, Claylick Creek and View. It was practically confined to southern Crittenden County in the area between Claylick and Livingston creeks. The points of ship-

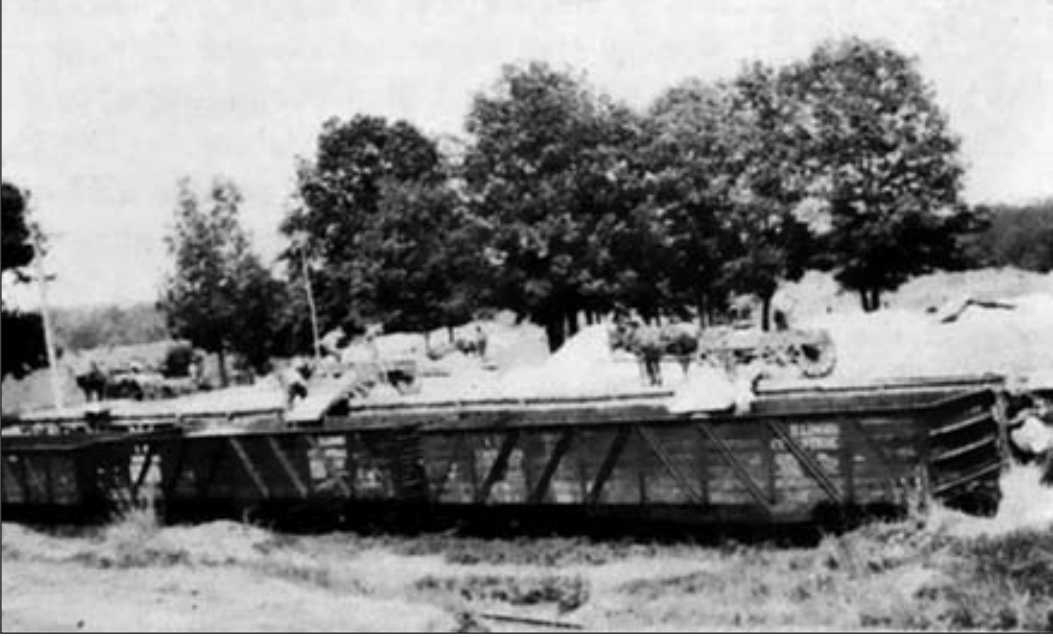


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Pictured above is the fluorspar storage and loading yard, located on the Illinois Central Railroad at Mexico. Here, loads of spar from the different mines were brought and unloaded, waiting shipment by rail to the Marion Depot to be processed and shipped to other states.

ping were Mexico, seven and half miles south of Marion, and Crayne, four and a half miles south of Marion, of the Illinois Central Railroad.

Of chief development was the fault system extending from Mexico to Frances, known as the "Tabb" faults. The Pygmy Mine was owned by the Rosiclare Lead and Fluorspar Co, there were two shafts that ran along a course of a mile south of Mexico railroad station, and on both sides of the Illinois Central Railroad tracks.

Haffaw mine, the mine of the Aluminum Ore Co., was situated one-half mile west of the Pygmy mine. The course between the Haffaw main shaft and the Pygmy marking the general trend of the Tabb fault zone in this vicinity. The Haffaw was one of the best developed mines of the entire field. Calcite was prominent in parts of the vein, frequently spotted through the main vein filling of fluorspar. The vein carried both lead and zinc values.

Keystone Fluorspar Co. (Blue and Marble mine). The main shaft was one-half mile west by south of the Haffaw mine, still on the Tabb fault system. Several shafts were sunk on this property during the course of many years of prospecting and mining.

Tabb Mine was formerly West Kentucky Ore Company, one of the earliest mines of the field, being first opened in the late 1880s, and production was continuous into the 1900s. Numerous shafts and pits were in evidence. The greatest vein

width was reported at 17 feet, the average probably close to five feet. Zinc and lead sulphides appeared in the vein material in minor amounts.

Asbridge Mine was operated by Roberts Fluorspar Co., of Marion. It was situated on the Tabb system, west of the Tabor mine, and was about two and a half miles from Mexico. The main shaft was 250 feet deep.

Pogue Mine was owned and operated by the Kentucky Fluorspar Co. Located about 275 feet south of the west of the Asbridge mine and about two and a half miles west of the railroad ore storage yard at Mexico, was on the Tabb system. Due to the comparatively great depth to which residual decomposition and disintegration of the walls have proceeded, pockets and blankets of grave spar are typical about the solid walls, necessitating a caving method of mining.

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The territory now included by the Yandell mine extends for over one-third of a mile along the Tabb system. The working shaft had a depth of 85 feet. Solid walls were not met at this depth, so that the mine was another of the numerous "soft-ground" or "gravel" mines. The deposit is mined by drifting and a modified caving method. Hand picking is credited with the production of some of the acid fluorspar.

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### The Hodge System of Veins

The Hodge System of Veins is located three-quarters mile northwest of Frances and is a group of mines on a system of fractures having a general northeasterly bearing. The group includes the Reiter, Hodge, Loveless, Riley, Brown and Redd mines and prospects. The extension of the fault to the northeast or

northwest from nearly two miles, along with several minor breaks are associated.

Hodge Mines is situated two and a half miles south-southwest of View, on the John Hodge land. The Hodge Mines are among the oldest of the entire field. The deposits were first prospected in 1898, at which time gravel fluorspar was marketed. Later the mines became a part of the Kentucky Fluorspar holdings, and in 1920 were operated under lease. Exploitation of these mines has proceeded intermittently through many years, and abandoned shafts, pits, open-cuts, and trenches testify to the numerous periods of activity. Also located in the Hodge system were the Susie Beeler, Ebby Hodge, Riley, Butler, Howard, Farris and White Mine.

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The information used for the location and descriptions of the mines are from the book, "Fluorspar Deposits of Kentucky," by Willard R. Jil-lison, State Geologist in 1923. It's interesting to think that some of these mines were worked years later, and the names are still familiar to many who still live in the surrounding Mexico and Frances areas. Some of the history of the mines are kept alive today by some of the local roads being named for them, such as Browns Mines Road and Yandell Mines Road in the Frances community. In a future article, the district of Marion – Sheridan will be written. Remember, history is kept alive each day by visiting the Clement Mineral Museum, located next to Fohs Hall.

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### CRITTENDEN COUNTY CLERK YEARLY FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

CAROLYN BYFORD, CLERK

PERIOD: 1-2-2011 THRU 12-31-2011      DATE: 02-06-2012

RECEIPTS:	
VEHICLE & BOAT TANSCTIONS	\$1,662,613.69
FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSE	6,877.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE	3,301.50
RECORDINGS	61,531.50
COPYWORK	3,229.25
DEED TRANSFER TAX	18,999.50
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTED	59,864.96
OVERPAYMENTS (REFUNDED)	764.84
COUNTY FEES PAID	7,400.71
STATE FEES PAID	65,112.12
BANK INTEREST	325.25
CASH SHORT/OVER (INCLUDES WEB RENEWALS)	206.51
ACCTS REC/PAID	3,715.94 ( 3,536.00)

MISC RECEIPTS	3,037.74
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,893,444.51

DISBURSEMENTS:	
VEHICLE AND BOAT DISBURSMENTS	\$1,517,017.55
(PROPERTY TAX, USAGE TAX , LICENSE FEES)	
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND (KY STATE TREAS)	9,348.00
FISH & WILDLIFE	6,718.50
OFFICE SALARIES	171,848.07
LEGAL PROCESS TAX (KY STATE TREAS)	8,962.80
DEED TRANFER TAX (COUNTY TREAS)	18,199.59
SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, REPAIR	16,032.71
PRINTING TAX BILLS	2,116.50
REBINDING	5,000.00
SCANNING DOCUMENTS	2,065.05
DEED ROOM COMPUTER YEARLY MAINT.	6,436.34
MISC. (TRAVEL, POSTAGE, DUES .	8,753.74
DELINQUENT TAX DISBURSEMENTS	54,432.43
REFUNDS	1,319.90
OVERPAY REFUNDS	807.84

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,829,059.02
EXCESS FEES FOR 2011	\$64,385.49

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS STATEMENT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

CAROLYN BYFORD, COUNTY CLERK



BASKETBALL

Local High School  
Crittenden County Games

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY**  
Lady Rockets at Webster County

**FRIDAY**  
Rockets at University Heights

**NEXT WEEK**  
District tournaments at Lyon County

'Cats 1, Murray State 16

Associated Press Top 25

Murray State went from No. 9 to 16 after its first loss of the season to Tennessee State.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Prvs
1.	Kentucky (63)	25-1	1,623	1
2.	Syracuse (2)	25-1	1,559	2
3.	Missouri	23-2	1,498	4
4.	Kansas	20-5	1,356	7
5.	Duke	21-4	1,336	10
6.	Ohio St.	21-4	1,284	3
7.	Michigan St.	20-5	1,283	11
8.	North Carolina	21-4	1,227	5
9.	Baylor	21-4	1,064	6
10.	Georgetown	19-5	983	12
11.	UNLV	22-4	976	14
12.	Marquette	21-5	810	18
13.	San Diego St.	20-4	688	13
14.	Florida	19-6	675	8
15.	Wisconsin	19-6	635	21
16.	Murray St.	24-1	600	9
17.	Michigan	19-7	562	22
18.	Indiana	19-6	430	23
19.	Louisville	20-5	421	24
20.	Florida St.	17-7	406	15
21.	Saint Mary's	23-3	377	16
22.	Virginia	19-5	337	19
23.	Notre Dame	17-8	231	—
24.	Gonzaga	20-4	221	—
24.	Wichita St.	22-4	221	—

OUTDOORS

Upcoming seasons

Bobcat	Nov. 19-Jan. 31
Rabbit	Nov. 15-Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 14-Feb. 10
Crow	Jan. 4-Feb. 29
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round

KDFWR town meeting

Residents have an opportunity to exchange ideas and engage in open conversation with staff from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources during a town hall meeting March 26 at the Kentucky Dam Village Convention Center. This is the First District meeting, which includes Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Lyon and 10 other counties.

TRACK & FIELD

Boosters selling chops

Crittenden County High School track and field booster club will meet at 5 p.m., Feb. 27 at the meeting room in Rocket Arena. The group will also be selling rib eye sandwiches from 9 a.m., to 2 p.m., on the Farmers Market lot on Main Street on March 3.

SOFTBALL

Travel team needs girls

An 8-under girls' travel softball team is organizing in Crittenden County. Coaches will be Jason Champion and Randy Hayes. Try-outs are at 9 a.m., March 10 at the Marion-Crittenden County Park. Proof of age is required. For more information, call 704-0475, 704-5256 or 965-4677.

DODGEBALL

New Union tournament

New Union General Baptist Church will host a dodgeball tournament starting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25. Proceeds benefit Relay for Life. Teams will consist of six players and there are divisions for third graders to adults. Call Kent Wilcox for more information at 988-2931. Admission is \$5.

BASEBALL

Baseball future is bleak

Crittenden County Dugout Club is on the verge of folding after almost a month of trying to drum up support for youth baseball and softball programs has failed. A few weeks ago, most of the club's officers resigned and so far no one has stepped up to replace them, said Jim Cosby, one of just two board members who remain active. Cosby said the program, which serves about 300 local boys and girls each summer, will not be organized without sufficient response from parents or volunteers. Registration generally begins in late February or early March. You can contact Cosby on his mobile number at (812) 305-2697.

Owen breaks out with scholarship

From toes to ribs, bones sacrificed by 'Go hard' attitude

STAFF REPORT

Talk about earning a college scholarship. Crittenden County High School senior Emily Owen has put more than a little blood, sweat and tears into a deal inked early this week with the University of Pikeville.

You can count the scars of her high school soccer career in broken bones and bruises. The bones alone include an arm, three fingers, three toes and two ribs. Add to that three knee injuries and what you have is a mixture for a four-year scholarship to play soccer with the UPike Bears.

Owen consummated her plans in front of family, coaches and friends Monday at Rocket Arena. She signed an official collegiate letter of intent and will begin play this fall in far eastern Kentucky.

Owen started soccer at age four, back when soccer itself was in its infancy in Crittenden County. It was just three years after the birth of the Crittenden County Soccer Association when she first joined a youth team.

"I had broken my arm on the monkey bars so they stuck me in at goalie," Owen remembers about her first year in soccer.

The goalie gig stuck and that's where she's made her mark on Crittenden soccer. As a senior, Owen recorded 227 saves. She also scored seven goals and had one assist. As a junior, she scored a 40-yard goal, which may very well be a school record. She also had 33 saves in one game while playing as an 11th grader. She's been a regular on the Lady Rocket varsity team since her freshman year.

Owen has a personal slogan that she lives by, "Go hard, or go home." That attitude is testament to her personal success, and it's been tough to attain on a team that went three years without a victory. Owen said last fall's 3-18-2 record was enough to lift the spirits of a team that had struggled to even score the previous three seasons as it lost 41 straight games.



Emily Owen signed a letter of intent Monday to play collegiate soccer at the University of Pikeville in eastern Kentucky. Pictured with her are (front from left) Gordon Guess, who helped start youth soccer in the county; Owen in her new UPike shirt, her mother Angie Owen, Pikeville coach Gary Warford, (back) her father, Duke Owen, Lady Rocket coach Juan Gonzales, soccer coach Ken Geary and Crittenden High School Principal Rhonda Callaway.

"Winning those games last year, that was gratification for our team," she said. Now, the senior is getting some personal rewards of her own, namely a trip to college and a chance to keep playing soccer.

Pikeville soccer coach Gary Warford, who made the seven-hour trip to Marion this week to sign his newest recruit, said his club started seven freshmen last year and will be young again in 2012. Owen, he said, has the skills to be an early contributor for the club, which plays in the Mid-South Conference in NAIA Division 1. Pikeville's opponents include Campbellsville, Lindsey Wilson, Georgetown and five other schools.

Juan Gonzales, the Lady Rocket soccer coach, says the team has retired Owen's No. 20 jersey as recognition for her contributions to the program.

"This is what we're looking for," the coach said regarding one of his players moving on to play at the next level.

Owen is just the third player from Crittenden County to play collegiate soccer. Ginny Templeton and Jackie Cook were the first. Both played at Bethel College in Tennessee. Another Crittenden Countian, Jessica Carder, played collegiate soccer at Morehead for three months before joining the Morehead track and field team, where she finished her athletic career.



Livingston's Jonathon Armstrong (10) works against Aaron Owen and Devin Clark as coach Denis Hodge directs orders in the background. The last time the teams met, Livingston eked out a two-point win.

5th District Pairings

BOYS AT LYON COUNTY GYMNASIUM

Monday's First Round

Crittenden County vs. Livingston Central, 6 p.m.  
Trigg County vs. Lyon County, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday's Final

Championship game, 7 p.m.

District At A Glance

■ **WHO'S HOT:** Trigg County had won five straight before losing Tuesday to Todd Central. The Wildcats still have the league's best record at 21-7. However, Trigg has beaten just four teams with winning records. Their best wins were early against Tilghman and Mayfield. Trigg has lost twice to Livingston this season, and to UHA and Christian County in the region. Outside the Second Region, the Wildcats lost two in a Louisville Christmas Tournament.

■ **SEEING RED:** Livingston is 18-10 overall and have won three straight. The Cardinals have not lost a game in the district this season. They are led by Lucas Croft and Kenneth Cowser, a pair of seniors who are averaging 17 points apiece. Cowser also gets eight rebounds a game and Croft six.

■ **GLASS CLEANER CLARK:** Crittenden center Devin Clark is currently tops in the district and 15th in the state in rebounding. Clark is averaging 10 boards a game. His Rockets play Livingston Monday, a team it lost to by two in the All A Classic.

■ **LYON'S SHARE:** The Lyons are 14-14, and have lost two of their last four, but before that the boys had won four straight, including Ws over Lone Oak and Union County.

5th District Pairings

GIRLS AT LYON COUNTY GYMNASIUM

Tuesday's First Round

Livingston Cent. vs. Crittenden Co. 6 p.m.  
Trigg County vs. Lyon County, 7:45 p.m.

Friday's Final

Championship game, 7 p.m.

District At A Glance

■ **TOP SCORER:** Aneta Sloma is the district's top scorer. The Livingston senior guard is averaging 19 points a game and she's got a hot hand from long range. She makes 37 percent of her threes. Sloma is the motor under the hood of the hottest team in the league. Livingston is 19-5 overall and has not lost in seven games against Fifth District teams this season.

■ **SIX SHOOTER:** Trigg (10-14) had lost six in a row heading into Tuesday's game with Todd Central.

■ **FLAT IN FIVE:** Lyon County is 8-18 after losing five straight to some pretty good teams down the stretch. Before the skid, they had reeled off three wins over Dawson Springs, CCA and Reidland.

■ **LOOKING FOR RESPECT:** At 3-22 going into Tuesday's game, Crittenden has the worst record in the district. Its only wins have come over Dawson Springs twice and CCA to start the season. Baily Brown has led the girls all season in scoring. She averages just over 16 points a game.

Crittenden boys, girls swipe victories

Girls win in 2 OTs

STAFF REPORT

Bailey Brown scored 11 of her season-high 29 points in overtime as the Lady Rockets (4-22) won 56-54 at Hopkins Central (6-20) Tuesday night.

Crittenden lost 73-55 at St. Mary Friday as coach Shannon Hodge benched the starters for much of the first quarter. St. Mary outscored Crittenden by 23 points in the opening period, but Crittenden played much better the last half.

**Crittenden 56, Hopkins Central 54, 2 OT**  
Crittenden County 16 9 8 7 9 7  
Hopkins Central 11 11 10 8 9 5  
Crittenden - Brown 29, Binkley 4, Oliver 9, Head 12, Mattingly 2, Collins. Field Goals 20. 3-pointers 3 (Brown). Free Throws 13-28. Fouls 19.  
Hopkins Central - Orton 8, Howerton 2, Smith 9, Childress 4, Wells 20, White 8, Gordon 1, Stafford 2. Field Goals 21. 3-pointers 1 (Orton). Free Throws 11-28. Fouls 22.

**St. Mary 73, Crittenden 55**  
Crittenden County 5 13 23 14  
St. Mary 28 11 13 21  
Crittenden - Brown 26, Mattingly, Oliver 10, Binkley 9, Head 8, Collins 2, McDowell, Phelps, Moss, Davis. Field Goals 18-41. 3-pointers 4-12 (Brown 3-8, Binkley 1-3). Free Throws 15-25. Rebounds 31 (Oliver 8). Fouls 8.  
St. Mary - Powell 12, Word, Guess 27, Durbin 22, Thweatt 2, Eck 7, Gipson, K.Word 3, Shockley, Hunt, Denkins, Thomas. Field Goals 32-66. 3-pointers 3-8 (Powell 1, Guess 1, K.Word 1).

Scott tips winner

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County has won four of its last six games as the Rockets ready for next week's Fifth District Tournament.

Rocket center Devin Clark scored a season-high 22 points and grabbed 15 rebounds Tuesday as Crittenden won in the final seconds 63-62 at Fort Campbell.

It was the Rockets second win over the Falcons in less than two weeks thanks to a tip in by Thomas Scott of a Bobby Knox misfire at the closing horn.

The game was close the entire way even though Crittenden dominated the glass, getting 44 rebounds, which was twice as many as the Falcons.

Turnovers hurt Rockets

Twenty turnovers hurt the Rockets Friday in a 60-44 loss at St. Mary. The Vikings scored 21 points off those CCHS miscues. St. Mary also outrebounded Crittenden 40-29 and made six three-pointers.

Thomas Scott scored 26 points last Thursday as the Rockets won by 21 at Dawson Springs.

**Crittenden 63, Fort Campbell 62**  
Crittenden Co. 14 15 15 19  
Fort Campbell 16 16 16 14

Crittenden - Clark 22, Hill 3, Knox 4, Scott 19, Gilbert 11, Owen 4, Dickerson. Field Goals 24-55. 3-pointers 5-15 (Scott 2-5, Gilbert 3-5). Free Throws 5-13. Rebounds 44 (Clark 15). Fouls 13.  
Fort Campbell - McDaniel, Clayton 10, Washington 2, Ch.Hamilton 2, Jethro, Dingle 14, Tucker 10, John 4, Bryant 18, C.Hamilton 2. Field Goals 25-54. 3-pointers 2-7 (Dingle). Free Throws 10-17. Rebounds 22. Fouls 16.

**St. Mary 60, Crittenden 44**  
Crittenden County 15 19 6 4  
St. Mary 23 16 10 11  
Crittenden - Clark 6, Frazer, Hill 9, Knox 14, Scott 11, Gilbert, Owen 4, Tinsley, Dickerson, D.Watson, C.Watson. Field Goals 18-49. 3-pointers 2-14 (Scott 1-7, Owen 1-3). Free Throws 6-11. Rebounds 29 (Gilbert 6). Fouls 10.  
St. Mary - Hubert 18, Dickens 6, Averill 3, R.Vaughan 8, B.Vaughan 2, Overstreet, Bray 4, Dome 3, Lutz 16. Field Goals 23-56. 3-pointers 6-20 (Hubert 1, Dickens 2, Averill 1, R.Vaughn 1, Dome 1). Free Throws 8-13. Rebounds 40 (Hubert 12). Fouls 10.

**Crittenden 60, Dawson Springs 39**  
Dawson Springs 12 6 14 7  
Crittenden County 8 16 17 19  
Dawson - Bullock 2, McKnight 6, Smiley, Chappell 7, Miller 7, Fambrough 15, Stevens 2. Field Goals 15-45. 3-pointers 4-15 (Chappell 1, Miller 1, Fambrough 2). Free Throws 5-6. Rebounds 22. Fouls 17.  
Crittenden - Clark 2, Frazer, Hill 7, Knox 10, Scott 26, Gilbert 4, Owen 11, Tinsley. Field Goals 21-51. 3-pointers 4-11 (Scott 4). Free Throws 14-20. Rebounds 41 (14). Fouls 12.



# CCES goes wireless

**By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN**  
PRESS REPORTER

In the last few weeks, the Crittenden County Elementary School has undergone a major invisible change. It has just recently become fully wireless, allowing administrators, teachers and students to access the internet through devices not connected to a server.

The move to become fully Wi-Fi saturated came last month when CCES received funding for a complete network upgrade. According to District Technology Coordinator Ben Grainger, the elementary school was eligible for a discount on internal network connections through the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) during the 2009-2010 school year. Grainger applied to replace the network equipment and in September of 2011, USAC approved the school's application in the amount of \$72,307.10.

The money was used to purchase 35 wireless access points, one access controller and six network switches making Wi-Fi at CCES fully attainable throughout the building.

"We had Wi-Fi access but it wasn't consistent," CCES principal Melissa Tabor said. "We would have teachers or students try to get on



PHOTO BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN

**The Crittenden County Elementary School library was one of the many areas at the school that was inconsistent when it came to Wi-Fi. A network upgrade helped to fully saturate the school with wireless connection, providing teachers and administrators like Melissa Tabor (above) the ability to access the internet with their own devices.**

and sometimes it would kick them off. Wi-Fi also wasn't available in parts of the building like the first-grade wing."

With the new access, Tabor said teachers can now utilize the mobile lab that has 15 netbooks that encourages more hands-on

learning for students, as well as teachers using their own devices like iPads or laptops in their rooms instead of having to seek out wireless hotspots.

Though there are still some last minute adjustments that need to be made, Tabor is excited about the

possibilities that going wireless can bring.

"We're inundated with technology here so it's great we're able to have this access," Tabor said. "We hope to benefit from it a great deal."

## Extension Homemakers support military families

submitted by Nancy Hunt

Active duty military families usually live on or near their bases but in contrast, National Guard or Reserve members and their families live in all Kentucky communities and are our neighbors. They work regular jobs and their children attend community schools. During declared states of emergency and natural disasters, the governor can activate the National Guard, and during times of national crisis, National Guard and Reserve members can be called by the President to federal active duty.

In military terms, they are taken from their reserve status to active duty status. The announcement of deployment may be sudden or expected. In each family, the deployed member's departure leaves a large hole in the heart and in the family's daily habits,

tasks and activities. The families left behind often feel like nobody around them knows or cares what they are going through.

Caring neighbors and community groups can make a huge, positive difference in the lives of families of deployed and returned service members. Crittenden County Extension Homemakers will have a lesson on "Supporting Military Families" at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 28 at the Crittenden County Extension Office.

Participants will learn about the structure and mission of the branches of the military, become aware of the presence and needs of military families and receive materials on supporting military families in our communities.

For more information or to pre-register, contact the County Extension Office at 965-5236.



PHOTO PROVIDED

**Pictured above is the King's Knights chess team. Members are (front from left) Steven Graham, Tori Hoogendorn, Derrek Hoogendorn; (back) Johnny Graham, Caleb Graham, Riley McConnell and coach Michelle McConnell.**

## Homeschool chess team advances to state

STAFF REPORT

The King's Knights, a homeschool chess club in Crittenden County, participated in the Quad A Regionals on Jan. 21.

The kindergarten-fifth-grade team, consisting of Caleb Graham and Riley McConnell, placed second. Steven Graham, Tori Hoogendorn and Derrek Hoogendorn, members of the kindergarten-third-grade team, brought home the

third-place trophy.

Individually, Johnny Graham competed in the K-eighth-grade division. In the K-fifth-grade division, McConnell placed second and Caleb Graham placed sixth. Derrek Hoogendorn placed sixth in the K-third-grade division.

Both K-third and K-fifth-grade teams qualified for the state competition on March 3 in Louisville.

## Estate planning

### Ask yourself, 'what if?'

Have you ever asked yourself the "what if" questions? What if something should happen to me today? What if something should happen to my spouse or business partner? What if I have an accident that leaves me incapacitated?

No one likes to think about these questions. However, the answers are very important to your surviving family members. Taking the time to answer those questions can provide peace of mind. It also can mean that your wishes for asset distribution following death will be followed.

If you should die without some form an estate plan in place, such as a will, your property and other assets will be distributed according to Kentucky state law. Dying without a will is known as dying intestate. If you do not wish to have your assets distributed according to state law, then you will need to develop your own estate plan according to Jennifer Hunter, UK financial extension specialist.

The estate planning process can be quite simple, depending on the size and complexity of your estate. The first step is to get organized by gathering important information and documents. Start by making a list of your assets, or everything that you own. Include all property, including your home, farm property, rental property, and other business assets. Additionally, list other investments and assets, such as stocks, bonds, retirement plans, insurance policies, banking accounts and cash.

As you list your assets, be certain to note how each asset is titled. For example, are you the sole owner, a joint owner with your spouse, or does the asset, such as a life insurance policy, have a specific beneficiary listed?

Once you have completed a list of all assets, make a similar list of all debts owed, such as mortgages, car loans, credit cards, installments debts, etc. If you subtract your total debts from your total assets, the result will be your net worth.

Nancy Hunt Home Notes

UK Cooperative Extension Agent



Organizing the paperwork associated with your assets and liabilities will be important to your family members when your estate is settled. As you prepare the list of your assets and debts, also note the locations of important paperwork. You may consider purchasing a small fire proof safe to consolidate all important papers into one place.

Once you have an inventory of your assets, discuss with your spouse and other family members how you would like to distribute your assets to meet your estate-planning objectives. Remember, communication is important throughout the estate planning process. Sharing your estate-planning objectives with family members will help them better understand the choices you make in asset distribution. Often, a spouse or close family member is asked to be the executor of an estate; the executor ensures that your assets are distributed according to your estate plan.

The final step is to work with an attorney to put your plans on paper. Depending on the size of your estate, you may also need to work with your accountant, financial planner or others to develop your complete estate plan. To locate an attorney, talk with friends and family members who may have recently completed an estate plan. Don't be afraid to interview two or three attorneys to find a lawyer which meets your specific needs. In addition to helping you put your plans on paper, an attorney will also be able to assist you in understanding and developing other estate planning tools such as power of attorney, trusts, or gifting.

Remember, estate planning is too important of a topic to delay planning.

## ThePressCALENDAR

### Thursday, Feb. 16

■ Girl Scout cookies will be available for pickup at 2 p.m., Thursday (today) at the National Guard Armory.

■ Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement presentation on road laws for farmers and haulers will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

■ Crittenden County Historical and Genealogical societies will host Pam Smith who will discuss her slave ancestry in Crittenden County at 6:30 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Crittenden County Public Library.

### Friday, Feb. 17

■ Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m., Friday at the Crittenden County Extension Office. Program will be provided by Crissy Carter, Registered Dietitian for Livingston Hospital.

■ The ninth annual Fohs Hall Ball will be held on Saturday at Fohs Hall. Dance only tickets can be reserved for \$25 per person. Proceeds raised from the event are used to maintain Fohs Hall for all citizens of Marion and Crittenden County.

■ The Crittenden County Animal Shelter will have a pet adoption drive from 10 a.m - 2 p.m., Saturday at the Community Farm Store in Salem. Animals from the shelter will be present, including several puppies.

### Monday, Feb. 20

■ CCHS site base council will meet at 4 p.m., Monday in the CCHS teachers' conference room.

### Tuesday, Feb. 21

■ A private pesticide application certification session for anyone needing to purchase restricted-use pesticides will be held at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday at the Extension Service office.

### Wednesday, Feb. 22

■ The CCMS Community Service Class will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m., Wednesday in the CCMS gymnasium. CCMS and CCES parents will receive registration forms through the school. Parents may also register by going to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) and entering sponsor code: CrittendenMS.

**Ongoing**

■ Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12022 in Marion is offering free coffee for veterans on Tuesdays from 7 to 11 a.m., at its 412 N. College St. headquarters.

■ AARP Tax Aide Program is provided each Wednesday at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Tax counselors will be on hand from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., to assist local individuals in filing their tax returns. This free service is for seniors or anyone considered low to moderate income level. Services will be provided each Wednesday through April 11. Please make an appointment by calling 704-2160. Walk-ins accepted, but appointments preferred.

**Upcoming**

■ CCES site base council will meet at 4 p.m., Feb. 23 in the CCES library.

■ Crittenden County Diabetes Coalition will meet at noon, Feb. 27, at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. For further information contact the County Extension Office at 965-5236.

## Correction

Due to a reporting error, a headline in last week's newspaper incorrectly identified the photo and article. The headline should have read, "Woman's Club of Marion."



### Seniors recognized for college readiness

Twenty-seven seniors at Crittenden County High School have been recognized for being college and/or career ready.

Students were given certificates to showcase their accomplishments on Feb. 7. More students are anticipated to be added in the coming weeks. All seniors who earned the recognition will be recognized during graduation. Students recognized are: Emily Bruns, career ready; Brittany Beard, Corey Berry, Brody Bruns, Rain Carroll, Rebecca Clark, Elliott Day, Amelia Gilley, Logan Harris, Will Hayes, Dee Dee Hinton, Dominique LaPlante, Jenna Lynn, Jeremiah Markham, Korey Mayes, Matt O'Dell, Matt Pendrick, Cody Pinson, Tina Reynolds, Emily

Shewcraft, Jake Tabor, Madison Travis, Bryce Willis, college ready; Cortni Head, Jenna Odom, Keaton Shewcraft and Joseph Tedford, college and career ready.

### Courtright receives Airman of the Year

Tom Courtright recently received the Air Force Global Strike Command 2011 Outstanding Aerospace Medicine Airman of the Year award. Courtright graduated technical school in 2010 as an aerospace medic. He has reenlisted in the Air Force and is stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri. He is the son of Juanita Courtright and Michael and Debra Courtright, all of Marion.



**Judy Rhodes took The Crittenden Press to visit Howard, Portia, John and Shirley Crider in LaBelle, Fla., in February.**



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**Michael "Tom" Courtright receives the 2011 Outstanding Aerospace Medicine Airman of the Year award.**



# Diabetes seminars teach proper blood sugar control

STAFF REPORT

Individuals with diabetes, family members of people with diabetes and friends attended a free diabetes class Jan. 24 and 31 at the Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center.

The Pennyrile District Health Department, Crittenden County Health Department and U.K. Cooperative Extension Service in Crittenden County sponsored the two four-hour classes.

The free classes included curriculum developed by the Kentucky Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (KDPCP). Kelly Dawes RN, BSN, CDE (Certified Diabetes Educator), Health Educator for the Pennyrile District Health Department, taught the classes.

Participants learned how diabetes can be controlled with diet, exercise and medications including oral and insulin. They also learned about the new MyPlate which

replaces the My Pyramid.

The MyPlate guidelines recommend portion control while making half your plate fruits and vegetables, switching to one percent or skim milk, making at least half your grains whole and varying your protein food choices as well as reducing sodium and sugar intake.

Nancy Hunt, County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences said, "These classes help individuals with diabetes if they have been recently diagnosed or have had it for years. People with diabetes need to learn as much as they can about the disease so it will impact their potential economic care cost as a result of improved management of their diabetes."

Class members learned the "ABCs of Diabetes" which includes: A1C measures your average blood glucose over the past three months, high blood pressure (BP) makes your heart work too hard,

and LDL or bad cholesterol, builds up and clogs your arteries. HDL, or good cholesterol, helps remove cholesterol from your blood vessels.

Hunt said one part of the class which was most requested by participants was how to deal with diabetes when sick. Several helpful tips were given. Other important topics were the importance of monitoring blood sugar, benefits of exercise, diabetes medications and eating properly to control blood sugars.

Pennyrile District Health Department and U.K. Cooperative Extension covers the five counties of Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg. For more information on diabetes or upcoming classes contact Dawes at Trigg County Health Department 522-8121 Ext. 212 or Hunt at Crittenden County Extension office 965-5236.



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Kelly Dawes, Certified Diabetes Educator for the Pennyrile District Health Department, demonstrates on class participant Rose Hill how to check blood glucose levels at Diabetes Awareness classes held in Marion. Class members learned that fingertips and the palm are the most common sites for blood glucose testing but it can be done on the thigh, upper arm and forearm. The classes, which were open to the public, were sponsored by the Pennyrile District Health Department and the Crittenden County Extension Service.



## CCMS, CCHS speech teams advance to state competition

Eight of the 12 Crittenden County High School speech team members competing at the 2012 Murray Regional Competition Feb. 11, qualified for state competition March 23-24 at the University of Kentucky. This is the best showing in recent years, and the team effort yielded a fourth place team finish for Crittenden. The Crittenden County Middle School team earned a third place team finish. Two members of the team will go on to state-level competition March 30-31 at the University of Kentucky. Qualifying for state competition were (pictured left) CCMS students Maria Dossett in broadcast announcing and Jessi Brewer in solo acting.

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Team members bound for state and their competition categories are (from left): Marcus Hughes, impromptu speaking and original oratory; Micah Hollamon, oratorical declamation; Anna Schnittker, original oratory; Alyssa Leet, prose interpretation; Jessica Tinsley, prose interpretation; Mallory Eubanks, prose interpretation; Cole Foster, broadcasting and humorous interpretation; and Amber Wright, poetry interpretation.

# Bound books will never grow old

There is nothing I love more than cracking open a book I just bought. The sound of crisp pages, the spine creaking as it gives in to the first time of being opened, even the smell of the ink can take me to what I call my happy place. Nothing makes me happier than a new book, unless of course, it's a first edition of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," which I collect. I found my first copy of the Carroll story while browsing an antique shop. I've always enjoyed the story and for whatever reason, the habit of looking for any Alice in Wonderland story has stuck.

Along with my Alice in Wonderland collection, I also keep every book I've ever bought. I have boxes and boxes of books that I can't find room for in my small house. Reading books is a serious addiction for me, one that the husband likes to make fun of. He can't seem to understand why a person with so much "book smarts" can often lack "street smarts."

When it comes to books, I don't think it's just the story told inside those pages that draws me to reading, but also the story of the cover. A printed book is an art form, from the outside covers down to the font used to grace the pages. It's not only intoxicating to get lost in a world of make-believe but also to have that heavy weight in my hand that has become all too familiar. I'm never one to part from a book, and if a person looked close enough, a dog-eared novel about a city enclosed

Jerritt Brown

Just My Opinion

Press staff writer



by a dome or even a worn copy of "The Awakening" can be found in my purse or car.

A recent discovery though may have put a threat to my ever-growing book collection. I've discovered how to download books onto my iPad.

I used the Book application for the first time just the other night, sitting down on the couch to enjoy a short story written by Stephen King. In five minutes, not only had I purchased the book, but I had it on my device and ready to read, adding to my allure of reading ebooks.

After reading the story, I decided that I liked the convenience of ebooks but it loses that personal characteristic that bound books offer. If browsing my library at home, all of my books' appearances tell a story of an owner who has read and reread the same story dozens of times. My iPad can't tell you which page I last read or marked because of a favorite passage. Don't get me wrong, I'll still download a book or two every now and then but I think my growing library of hardbacks and paperbacks is still safe. Regardless of any new technology, bound books will never grow old or be out-sourced.

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## Things to consider before buying auto insurance

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Auto insurance is necessary for anyone who drives. Though some places allow motorists to drive without insurance, doing so is an unnecessary risk, one that could prove costly should an accident occur.

When purchasing auto insurance, many drivers hope to save as much money as possible. That's understandable, as many drivers go years without ever filing a claim, giving some the feeling that they're paying for something they will never use. However, when an accident does occur, paying for those premiums proves well worth it.

While it's important to get the best rates and not overpay for auto insurance, there's more to shopping for auto insurance than simply finding the cheapest policy. The following are a few things drivers should consider when shopping for a new auto insurance policy.

■ Determine the amount of coverage you need. How much auto insurance coverage a driver needs depends on what the local law requires. Some areas, including densely populated cities with more drivers on the road, tend to require more coverage than others because the risk of acci-



Using the Internet to shop around for auto insurance quotes is one way drivers can save money on their next policy. Flashy sports coupes and luxury cars will cost you more.

dent is greater. In addition, some places require all motorists purchase personal injury protection, or PIP, which pays for a driver's medical expenses as well as any lost wages or additional costs that occur as a result of an accident. PIP is not required everywhere, but motorists should weigh its pros and cons if they live in a re-

gion where PIP is not mandatory.

The amount of coverage a driver needs is relative, but Consumer Reports recommends adequate coverage for bodily injury liability is \$100,000 per person and \$300,000 per accident, and an additional \$100,000 for property damage.

For drivers leasing or financing a vehi-

cle, the leasing or financing agreement will typically spell out the minimum coverage required, and drivers can choose to increase that coverage if they feel it's necessary.

■ Explore payment options. Drivers who want to reduce their insurance costs without reducing coverage should explore their payment options. In many instances, drivers who choose to make annual or bi-annual payments instead of monthly installments can save some money is so doing. If your current insurance provider does not offer such an alternative, then shop around for a company that does.

■ Re-examine your driving history. Speeding and traffic tickets might sting initially, but they will disappear from your record over time. When shopping for auto insurance, re-examine your driving record. In the United States and Canada, accessing these records can typically be done by contacting the local branch of the Department of Motor Vehicles. If an old speeding or traffic ticket is close to being removed from your record, wait until those disappear before purchasing a new policy.

■ Shop around. Drivers often lament paying so much for auto insurance, a safety net few drivers use but all must pay

for. Despite that, many motorists continue to overpay for their insurance because the popular misconception is that shopping for a better policy is inconvenient and tedious. But the Internet has made it much easier for consumers to shop for a better auto insurance policy. When shopping for quotes online, have your vehicle registration and identification number as well as your driver history on hand so the quote is as accurate as possible. Print out each quote and then compare them to find the best deal. If another company is offering a deal significantly better than your existing policy, discuss that with your current provider, who might match the rate to keep you as a policy holder.

■ Shop for discounts. Another thing to consider when shopping for an auto insurance policy is the availability of discounts. Many companies reward policy holders for good behavior, such as driving without an accident and earning good grades in school. Other companies even offer a one-time accident amnesty, forgiving drivers for their first accident by not raising their rates when an accident occurs. These discounts can add up to substantial savings over the course of the policy, so do your homework.



You have to spend money to save money, particularly when it comes to maintaining your automobile, whether yourself or through a mechanic.

## Routine auto maintenance protects your investment

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Most people today are interested in saving money. With an economy that hasn't fully rebounded and economic uncertainty still looming, the search is on for ways to stretch money further. Unfortunately, some motorists think that skimping on routine vehicle maintenance is an easy way to save a few dollars. While this might work in the short term, failure to properly maintain a vehicle will almost certainly come back to haunt you down the road. The experts at AMSOIL INC., the industry leader in synthetic motor oil, urge drivers to protect their vehicle investments by practicing continued maintenance of their cars and trucks for reliable performance and retained value. Many are aware of the old adage, "You have to spend money to make money." When it comes to vehicle maintenance, drivers should spend money to save money, since failing to maintain a vehicle can cause its resale value to plummet. Routine maintenance such as tire rotation and oil changes can prevent costly repairs to the engine and transmission, among other things. A car is a long-term investment and the better drivers treat their vehicles, the better those vehicles will treat them in return.

■ Don't skimp on necessities. It's best to replace a timing belt, spark plugs and tires on schedule, rather than risk inconvenient vehicle breakdowns and the need for costly repairs in the near future. Staying on top of monitoring worn auto parts both big and small will result in less wear and tear, helping the vehicle retain its resale value.

■ Follow guidelines for oil changes. Motor oil is the lifeblood of your vehicle's engine, and it's

best to adhere to oil change schedules set by either the vehicle or lubricant manufacturer. This will ensure the vehicle is adequately lubricated and running as efficiently as possible. When selecting motor oil consider synthetic lubricants, which greatly enhance a vehicle's performance. The uniform molecular structure of synthetic oil helps engines operate more efficiently by reducing friction and wear, while improving performance in extreme temperatures. Premium synthetic motor oils also have the ability to improve fuel economy and are better for the environment because they require fewer changes.

■ Keep tires properly inflated.

Fluctuations in temperature can mean fluctuations in the inflation level of tires as well. Tires that are not properly inflated can lead to poor fuel efficiency and premature wear. It's a good idea to get in the habit of checking the PSI level at least once a month.

■ Use well-tested products.

There are shelves and shelves of products at auto parts stores and big box retailers. It pays to do your research into the products professionals recommend. Since the early 1970s, AMSOIL has been an industry leader in synthetic motor oil and garners the testimonials of top auto racers, automotive enthusiasts and regular drivers worldwide. More information is available at [www.amsoil.com](http://www.amsoil.com).

■ Set up a maintenance schedule and document maintenance. Whenever you do routine vehicle maintenance or have significant work done, keep good records. Keeping track of maintenance can be useful to show how well you cared for the car and increase its resale value when it comes that time.



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## Debunking prevalent auto myths

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Certain myths about automobiles have been around as long as there have been cars on the road. Many drivers adhere to driving and repair theories out of sheer force of habit, without ever knowing if these strategies are legitimate. Here are some common myths revealed and debunked.

■ High-octane gas improves performance in all vehicles. Most cars will not get any added benefits from the use of high octane fuel, which is designed for higher-performance engines that burn hotter than those of most vehicles. Drivers will only waste their money putting in more expensive gas. Always use the fuel recommended in the owner's manual.

■ Longer cars are more stable. Many believe the longer the wheelbase the more stable the car will be. But wheelbase is only one of the factors that determines a vehicle's stability and reaction time.

■ Side mirrors are properly adjusted when you can see the side of the car in them. Actually, the mirrors should be adjusted so you can't see the sides of the car. The mirrors work in concert to allow a panoramic view around the car. This eliminates the need to turn your head to check blind spots, which takes your eyes off the road.

■ Automatic braking system was designed to shorten stopping distances. ABS was created to give drivers the ability to steer around obstacles while braking instead of spinning out of control.

■ Engine oil should be changed every 3,000 miles. There's no need to change engine oil that frequently, as motor oils today are much more durable and protect engines for longer distances. Unleaded fuels and clean-burning engines typically require oil changes every 7,000 to 10,000 miles, but consult your owner's manual.

■ There is a 72-hour "cooling off period" offered on auto sales in the U.S. There is no such provision for auto purchases, as there is for many consumer products and even home sale contracts. Once you buy a car, you're stuck with it, no matter how quickly you begin to experience buyer's remorse.

Myths prevail in life and in the automotive realm as well. Know the facts to avoid losing money or being unsafe on the road.





# Smaller cars getting safer

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Increased demand for small, safe and affordable vehicles has driven manufacturers to develop compact cars that are safer than in years past.

**Smaller cars getting safer:** Data from the 2012 Insurance Institute for Highway Safety top safety picks show that mini and small cars are increasingly showing up on the list for high crash ratings in terms of frontal-offset crash, side-impact test that mimics a collision with an SUV or pickup, a rollover roof-strength test and a rear-impact evaluation test. The testing measures vehicles on a rating from good to poor. Top picks on the list earned "good" in all categories. Because manufacturers realize that people are largely gravitating toward smaller cars for their lower price

tags and fuel efficiency, they are putting the effort into designs that boost safety.

**Larger cars still win on safety:** Although much has been done to improve small cars' safety, the fact remains that they often can't compete head to head with a large car. A car's weight and resistance to roll over are key factors in the safety of a vehicle. Small cars do not roll over often, but they do have a less substantial curb weight. Therefore, physics will prevail. If a small car comes in contact with a large one, chances are the smaller car will be subjected to more damage.

IIHS findings on average say that the type of car with the least amount of driver deaths per million registered passenger vehicles is a very large car. The next safest car is a midsize SUV. Small cars come

in with a high number of deaths. Small pickup trucks have the highest rate of fatalities thanks to their high propensity for rollover.

Despite higher test crash ratings, smaller cars cannot compete with larger cars receiving similar ratings. However, they can still offer adequate safety for good drivers. For those in the market for a new vehicle. Following are the IIHS top picks for 2012 in a variety of categories.

- Mini
- Fiat 500
- Ford Fiesta
- Honda Fit
- Toyota Yaris hatchback
- Small cars
- Chevrolet Cruze
- Chevrolet Sonic
- Chevrolet Volt
- Ford Focus 4-door
- Honda Civic 4-door

# Auto loans: What you need to know before you borrow

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Outside of purchasing a home or choosing a college, buying a car is arguably the biggest financial commitment a person will make. For first-time car buyers, the process can prove as intimidating as it can fun.

Most auto buyers will be looking to finance or lease their vehicle rather than buy it outright. But even those buyers who aren't planning to finance will likely look to negotiate the final cost of the vehicle in the same way buyers hoping to finance or lease will negotiate the terms of their purchase agreements. Before any negotiations can begin, there are things buyers should know about the process that can help or hurt them at the negotiating table.

■ **Know your budget.** A buyer's budget extends beyond the sticker price of their new vehicle. Auto insurance and fuel should also be considered when buyers are creating their vehicle budgets. The cost of auto insurance can vary significantly depending on the type of vehicle purchased. For example, the latest sports car to hit the market will cost more to insure than a typical sedan. The same goes for fuel costs, as an SUV will clearly cost more to gas up than a compact car. Each of these costs should be factored into a buyer's budget.

■ **Know your credit score.** Buyers who hope to lease or finance a vehicle should know their credit scores before visiting a dealership. The interest rate a buyer hoping to finance receives will largely depend on the individual's credit rating. If a buyer's credit score is low and a new car isn't entirely necessary, it might be a good idea for buyers to keep their current vehicle, re-establish their credit and then revisit the buying process once their credit



When seeking an auto loan, borrowers must take it upon themselves to find a trustworthy lender.

score has recovered. Men and women hoping to lease a vehicle should know that many lease agreements require a minimum credit score and individuals whose score is not high enough are not eligible to lease. Your insurance rate can also be affected by your credit score.

■ **Know the factors that determine an interest rate.** Interest rates can be low and they can be high, and it's not just a buyer's credit score that determines the interest rate. The type of vehicle, the amount of the down payment and the length of the finance agreement all help determine the interest rate a buyer will receive. When negotiating an interest rate, buyers should ask the lender what they can do to reduce their rates. A bigger down payment, which should also result in a shorter financing agreement, will likely lead to a lower, more manageable interest rate.

■ **Know the value of a co-signer.** Many buyers would prefer to go it alone when buying a new vehicle, but for some buyers a co-signer can greatly reduce how much they will end up spending. Younger drivers, for example, often have limited credit histories, which

makes them riskier in the eyes of lenders. While a lender might still agree to lend such drivers money, it's often at the expense of a significantly higher interest rate. Drivers with limited or checkered credit histories might want to ask someone close to them to co-sign a loan, which could greatly reduce their interest rate, saving them substantial amounts of money over the course of the loan.

■ **Know what you're buying.** The most flashy car on the lot is not necessarily the most reliable. Because a new vehicle is such an expensive investment, buyers should do plenty of research before visiting a dealership. Compare vehicles being considered for a host of factors, including safety ratings, average insurance costs, fuel economy, and maintenance history. When a make and model is settled on, visit several dealerships and shop around for the best price. This research will take some time, but effective research will pay off in the long run.

Buying a vehicle can be an intimidating, fun and sometimes stressful process. Buyers should know what to expect ahead of time to ensure the process goes as smoothly as possible.

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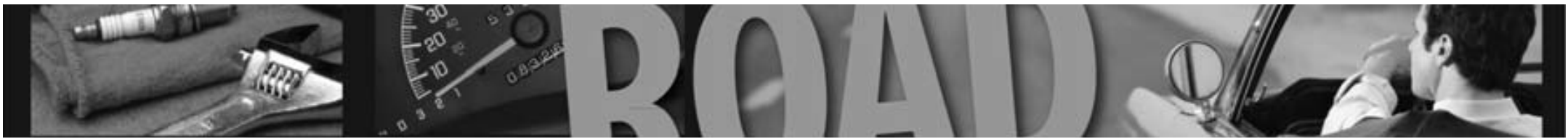
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# Cleaning preserves auto paint job

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Most people purchase a car for its looks and performance. However, unless the auto is kept in a garage and never driven, it is impossible to keep it in pristine condition. In many cases, damage to the clear coat or enamel paint on the car is something vehicle owners expect.

A car owner who decides he or she wants the car to remain in the best shape possible will have to take an active role in maintenance and damage prevention. One of the key things to remember is to never allow any substance to remain on the paint for too long; otherwise the risk for damage increases. Also, it may be very difficult to clean if the offender is allowed to sit on the paint. Here are some other factors to consider.

**UV light:** Just as UV light can affect skin, hair and other parts of the body, it also can affect the paint on a car. UV rays oxidize the paint and cause a white, powdery film to form on the car. Washing

the car frequently enough and applying the best quality wax will help keep UV rays from penetrating through the paint.

**Over sprays:** Life does not stop to allow cars to drive through, particularly when it comes to construction zones. It's possible for a car to be doused in paint spray, tar, concrete, and other chemicals

that are routinely used in construction. Do not allow these substances to harden on the car. Rinse promptly with automotive

soap. Try to avoid construction zones whenever possible.

**Rain:** Both acid rain and regular rainwater (and other sources of water) can dissolve paint over time. The U.S. Geological Survey has said that water is a universal solvent because it can dissolve more substances than any other liquid. Whenever the car becomes wet, it should be dried with a towel or chamois and not allowed to air dry.

**Natural substances:** Tree sap, bird droppings and splattered insects contain compounds that can



Washing off harmful substances promptly can reduce the chances of damage to a car's paint job.

erode the paint on a car. Avoid parking under large trees where sap and bird droppings may be prevalent. In terms of bug splatter, try to wash it off as soon as possible to alleviate damage.

**Eggs:** Oftentimes, rambunctious children think it is funny to egg a car. However, the enzymes and sulfur content in eggs can cause paint and clear coat to dissolve, leaving white spots in the wake of the egg. Because egg can be sticky and very hard to remove once dried, it is helpful to wash it off as soon as possible. It takes

only a few hours for the damage to be permanent.

**Bleach:** Although a bleach-and-water solution is often heralded for its ability to clean many things, it should not be used on a car. Bleach is an oxidizer and it will pit metal and discolor paint. Be careful with pool chemicals as well, as chlorinator is usually regular household bleach.

There are many things that can damage a car paint job. Although it's impossible to shield the car from everything, there are precautions that can be taken.

# American automakers' sales continue to roll

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Strong sales in December capped off a great year for U.S. carmakers and 2012 should be even better.

For their biggest Japanese rivals, a year of struggles ended on a sour note, with U.S. sales falling and the outlook for the next year just as challenging.

Chrysler, in the midst of a comeback after its 2009 trip through bankruptcy court, said earlier this year that sales surged 37 percent in December and 26 percent for all of 2011. Demand was particularly strong for the Jeep

Grand Cherokee and Chrysler 200. Chrysler catapulted itself ahead of Honda as the fourth-largest automaker by sales in the U.S.

GM and Ford ended 2011 with more modest double-digit percentage gains. Analysts say U.S. car sales rose for the second year in a row as buyers' confidence in the economy picked up, their aging vehicles wore down and their ability to take out cheap loans improved.

U.S. auto sales rose 10 percent to 12.8 million in 2011. That's up 22 percent from 2009, when the U.S. auto industry and the financial system were in peril.

# F-series most sold, stolen

FROM AP AND STAFF REPORTS

In spite of a struggling economy and an attitudinal shift toward living a more environmentally friendly lifestyle, the top-selling vehicle of 2011 was the Ford F-Series pickup truck. In fact, Ford had three of the top 10 vehicles sold last year, more than any other automaker.

According to The Associated Press, Ford sold 584,917 F-series trucks, easily distancing itself from the runner-up. That distinction belonged to the Chevy Silverado, as General Motors sold more than 415,130 of the pickups in 2011.

At third, often considered to be in competition with the Honda Accord, the Toyota Camry outsold its supposed counterpart by 72,885 units, as Honda sold 235,625 Accords in 2012. That was good for

ninth place on the best seller list. Coming in at fourth was the Nissan Altima, with 268,981 moved off the lot. In fifth was Ford's second top 10 entry, the Ford Escape. The auto sold 254,293 of compact SUV.

The rest of the top largely reflects a consumer mindset that sought fuel-efficient vehicles, as only one of the remaining 10 best-sellers was a larger vehicle:

6. Ford Fusion: 248,067
7. Dodge Ram: 244,763
8. Toyota Corolla: 240,259
10. Chevy Cruze: 231,732

Of the top 10 selling vehicles of last year, the combined F-series models were by far the most likely to be stolen in 2011, according to the Highway Loss Data Institute, which reports 24.9 theft-related insurance claims per 1,000 vehicles. Silverado was second at 9.2.



Improving fuel efficiency is a great way for motorists to save money and reduce the expenses associated with vehicle ownership.

# Simple actions can lead to improved fuel economy

METRO CREATIVE SERVICES

The economy might be slowly recovering, but saving money is still foremost on the minds of many people. Men and women have looked to save money in a variety of ways, including at the gas pump. While there's little drivers can do to reduce the cost of a gallon of gas, there are ways they can make the gas last a little longer.

■ Don't break the law. Obeying the speed limit might save your life, and it can also save you money. Typically, fuel economy decreases rapidly as a car reaches and surpasses 60 miles per hour. According to the U.S. Department of Safety, drivers can assume that each five miles per hour they drive over 60, they are paying an additional \$0.26 per gallon for gas.

■ Empty the trunk. Though it might be more convenient to keep your golf clubs in the trunk of your car, extra and unnecessary cargo in a vehicle's trunk drastically reduces fuel economy. An extra 100 pounds in a vehicle can reduce

miles per gallon by as much as 2 percent.

■ Stop idling. Many people let their car idle for several minutes on cold mornings. But today's newer vehicles don't really need to idle to warm up, and idling can be very taxing on fuel economy. Depending on the size of the car, idling can use between a quarter to a half gallon of fuel per hour.

■ Embrace cruise control on long drives without lots of stopping and starting. Maintaining a constant speed, which a vehicle does when drivers utilize cruise control, can help save fuel, as it's less taxing on an engine to continue at one speed then it is to constantly switch back and forth between high and low speeds.

■ Inflate the tires. Poorly inflated tires lower gas mileage and also pose a safety hazard. The DOE notes that properly inflated tires can improve gas mileage by as much as 3 percent. Ideal tire pressure is different for each vehicle, so check your vehicle's owner's man-

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# Buying new automobile has its own dos, don'ts

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To the negotiating masters of the world, a trip to a car dealership is something that may be anticipated or even enjoyed. On the flip side, many loathe the thought of haggling over price and trying to weed through the fine print of a financing deal.

Whether you're a negotiating novice or a dealing dynamo, there are certain dos and don'ts that should be heeded when sitting down to discuss your next car purchase at the dealership. Keeping these tactics in mind can save you money and perhaps a few headaches along the way.

**Do** keep some of your negotiating cards hidden. It's unwise to walk into the dealership and immediately let the salesperson know your life story, including the exact amount you have to spend. You should be talking about the options and features you desire in the vehicle first and then let the salesperson bring up the topic of price. Mentioning a number means you take certain things out of the equation, such as how far a salesperson will deal, and perhaps the chances of walking out of the dealership with a car that sold roughly around invoice just because they wanted it off the lot.

**Don't** give a buying deadline. Telling the salesperson that you need a car immediately creates a sense of urgency and desperation. You want to give off an air that you can walk away from a deal at any time and that your purchase

is not contingent on time or cost. Experts agree that the biggest bargaining chip you have in the car-buying negotiation is that you may leave the deal and shop somewhere else.

**Do** see the bigger picture in price. Some buyers are so focused on monthly payment that they fail to see the bigger picture. You want to figure out the maximum price you're willing to pay for the vehicle over the long haul. Finance departments are very good at tweaking the math so that your monthly payment magically arises. But that number could be the result of stretching out payments over a longer loan, which will end up costing you much more in interest. Work toward the end price, not the monthly payment when negotiating.

**Don't** be blindsided by your credit rating. Failure to know your credit report and score means you cannot effectively negotiate a deal. If the dealership discovers your rate before you do, the dealer has the upper hand. A poor score means a higher interest rate for buyers in most cases. Some will pass on a buyer with a poor score. It pays to know your score and any blips on your credit report prior to sitting down with a dealership finance manager.

**Do** have an understanding of what you're looking for if you're shopping as a couple. Salespeople often work couples against each other. If the wife seems enthusiastic about one thing but the husband doesn't, the salesperson may play to the wife to sway the husband's de-



**Be smart about how you present yourself at a car dealership as well as which information you share with the salesperson**

cision, and vice versa. This may remove room to negotiate, especially if the couple isn't standing on the same playing field when it comes to the car, price and extras. You want to be viewed as a unified force.

**Don't** talk about trade-ins until later. Let the salesperson come up with a price for the car and then bring up the trade-in afterward. This asserts that one deal is not contingent on the other. Oftentimes selling your old car on your own yields a better price than simply trading it in. That's because dealerships do it as a convenience and know they have a small opportunity to turn a profit on trade-ins.

# Panic worst thing to do in tire blowout

METRO CREATIVE SERVICES

Accidents that occur on the roadways are unpredictable and can be caused by just about anything. Impaired or distracted motorists might heighten the risk of an accident, but even things like a squirrel running across the street and scaring a driver can lead to an accident.

Tire blowout is another potential cause of accident, and such blowouts might be more common than motorists expect. For instance, a 2005 study from the French National Institute for Transport and Safety Research found that, between 1996 and 2002, nearly 61,000 vehicles were involved in crashes with property

damage and/or injury on a particular stretch of highway. More than six percent of those accidents involved tire blowout, a problem many motorists might mistake as something that only happens in movies.

But tire blowout can put motorists in a precarious position, especially if they don't know what to do should one of their tires blow out. Surviving tire blowout can be done by adhering to the following tips.

**■** Don't respond by hitting the brakes. It might be counterintuitive to squeeze the gas pedal when a tire blows out, but doing so puts drivers in control of the vehicle and keeps it going in the

intended direction. Immediately slamming on the brakes will cause the vehicle to turn, possibly turning the vehicle into oncoming traffic, a guardrail or other cars traveling in the same direction. When squeezing the gas pedal, drive straight down the lane. Within seconds of pressing the gas pedal, slowly begin to release it.

**■** Coast to a slower speed. As the accelerator is released, allow the vehicle to coast to a slow speed, but not a speed so slow as to put driver and passengers at risk. Once the car is coasting between 25 to 30 miles per hour, use the turn signal and slowly turn toward the side of the road where

the tire is blown. For example, if the front right tire is blown, turn toward the right shoulder. You want to turn toward this side because it's always safest to limit your own exposure to oncoming motorists when changing the tire.

**■** Check tire pressure when you can pull into a parking lot. When you have safely made it to the shoulder and the tire has been changed successfully, find a filling station or other parking lot and check the tire pressure on the tires that did not blowout. A blowout is often the result of an underinflated tire, so if one tire blows out due to underinflation it's quite possible the others might as well.

# Things to know before filling up your gas tank

METRO CREATIVE SERVICES

For motorists, visits to a local gas station are a necessity. Fortunately for many, the prevalence of gas stations makes getting a good deal possible, right? Not exactly ... and there are some other things that gas stations don't tell us.

**■** Brand doesn't necessarily matter. Most gas stations are supplied by oil companies that share the same fuel pipeline. The only difference in brands may be a quart of detergent added to a truck filled with thousands of gallons of gasoline. Some brands advertise that they have sophisticated additives to keep engine performance at its peak. All gasoline providers have detergents added to their gasoline to help prevent fuel injectors from clogging. It's a requirement by the U.S. government enacted in 1994. So, in terms of gasoline quality, it really doesn't matter if a driver fills up at a locally owned filling station or a brand name vendor.

**■** Skip payment with debit cards. When a gas station employee swipes a debit card in advance of starting the pump, the company doesn't know how much

gas will be purchased, so it reserves a rounded-off amount. While a person may only be filling up \$20, the debit card may set aside \$30 to \$100 to be safe. It's only until the gas station sends over their bulk transactions a few days later that all is reconciled. With an unknown amount of money reserved, it's easy for an individual to bounce checks or deplete funds unknowingly from his or her checking account.

**■** Gas stations don't make more when prices go up. A number of gas purchases are made with credit cards. So when gas prices rise, gas stations have to pay a higher fee to credit card companies, which charge for the right to accept credit at a station. Some stations will charge a premium for gas that is paid for with credit rather than gas. Others will not in an effort to remain competitive.

**■** Some pumps are inaccurate. Older pumps or those in disrepair may not pump gas accurately. That means a driver could start paying for gas before the fuel has entered the car, or the volume measurements may be incorrect. Inspectors


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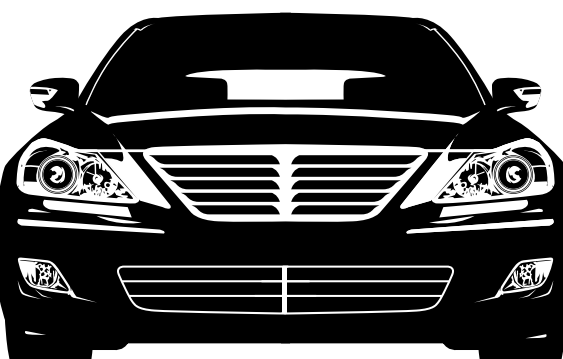
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to claim a higher payment for the failure of her Civic to deliver the 50 miles per gallon that was promised when she bought it.

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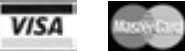
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The foregoing Settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on March 14, 2012. All persons having exceptions to said Settlements are to file same at once.

Crittenden District Court  
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Being the same property conveyed to Carl L. Couch and Donna M. Couch, married, by Deed dated October 24, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 203, page 339, in the Office of the Clerk of Crittenden County, Kentucky. The description provided herein was provided by the parties and is contained in the Judgment and Order of Sale.

Address: 2217 Turkey Knob Road, Marion, Kentucky 42064

1. The Master Commissioner will sell same at public auction to the highest and best bidder at the Courthouse door for cash or a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. The successful bidder shall be required to give a bond with good surety for the unpaid purchase price with said bond bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of the sale. In the event Plaintiff is the successful purchaser, Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obliged to pay the Court costs, fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any delinquent real estate taxes payable pursuant to the Order of Sale.

2. The Purchaser shall be required to assume and pay any ad valorem taxes and all taxes assessed against said property by any City, State, County or any school district which are due and payable at any time during the year 2012 or thereafter. Said sale shall be made subject to: all easements, covenants and restrictions of record; assessments for public improvements; and any facts which an inspection and accurate survey may disclose. Said property shall be sold with the improvements thereon "as is".

3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on January 12, 2012 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendant, Carl L. Crouch, et al for the sum of \$183,702.91, attorney's fees and for court costs expended herein.

4. The property hereinabove described is indivisible and it cannot be divided without materially impairing its value or the value of the Plaintiff's interest therein and lien thereon, and said real estate shall be sold as a whole, subject to those items above, for which the purchaser shall not have a credit against the purchase price, but free and clear of all other liens and encumbrances of the parties, to this action, however, the Plaintiff, the Court and the Commission shall not be deemed to have warranted title any purchaser.

5. Any purchaser at the Commissioner's Sale except the Plaintiff shall be required to make the deposit specified in the Notice of Sale. If a representative is not present at the Commissioner's Sale to place a bid on behalf of the Plaintiff, said sale shall be cancelled by the commissioner immediately and such property shall not be sold as originally scheduled.

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7. The Master Commissioner will withdraw the subject property from sale if requested to do so by written request from the attorney for the Plaintiff, provided, however, that the Plaintiff is the Party who instituted the foreclosure proceedings.

8. In making the sale, the Commissioner of this Court shall sell the above-described property in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Crittenden Circuit Court, which are incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

9. The Master Commissioner will withdraw the subject property from sale if requested to do so by written request from the attorney for the Plaintiff, provided, however, that the Plaintiff is the Party who instituted the foreclosure proceedings.

10. The Master Commissioner will withdraw the subject property from sale if requested to do so by written request from the attorney for the Plaintiff, provided, however, that the Plaintiff is the Party who instituted the foreclosure proceedings.

11. The Master Commissioner will withdraw the subject property from sale if requested to do so by written request from the attorney for the Plaintiff, provided, however, that the Plaintiff is the Party who instituted the foreclosure proceedings.

Dated this the 17th day of January, 2012.

Brandi D. Rogers  
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As Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-FFHA, Asset-backed Certificates, Series 2005-FFH4 PLAINTIFF V.  
JAMES R. ROBERTS, et al  
DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on December 8, 2011 I will on Friday, February 17, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. (CST) at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit:)

Parcel No: 057-00-00-035.01

Legal Description:

The Following described tract of land, in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stone, original corner, and corner to Bernie McDaniel's; running thence N. 50 W. 43 poles to a stone, corner to Ellis Nesbitt's line, N. 44 ½ E. 24 ½ poles to a stake or stone in said line, corner to Lot #1, thence with a line of said Lot #1, S. 45 E. passing corner of Lot #1, at 18 ¼ poles in all 36 ½ poles to a stake, or stone, corner to Lot #2 and Lot #3, thence with a line of #3 S. 67 E. 5 poles and 6 links to a white oak, corner to said Lot #3, also a division corner, thence with a division corner South 14 ½ poles to a stake or stone in the original line, a division corner, thence with original line S. 75 W. 22 ½ poles to the beginning, containing 8 acres, more or less, as shown on plat and surveyed by J. E. Sullenger on the 23rd day of October, 1938.

Less: A lot of 1 ½ acres sold off by Elmer milkent et ux, on July 29, 1941, of recorded in Deed Book 65, Page 513.

Being the same property conveyed to James R. Roberts, and his wife Tammy R. Roberts who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from Earlene Rice, a single person, dated August 18, 2005, filed August 19, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 202, Page

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1. Be citizens of the United States.
2. Be High School Graduates or have GED.
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4. Be at least 18 years of age, or 17 years of age for High School Graduate.
5. Have typing and/or keyboard experience.
6. You must apply online through the USAJOBS website at <http://www.usajobs.gov/> GetJob/ViewDetails/305537700 Or fax application materials to 1-478-757-3144.
7. Complete the Supplemental KSA statements responding to evaluation criteria (Refer to vacancy announcement).
8. You must submit a copy of your most recent performance appraisal (within 18 months).

Candidates who are unable to provide their most recent performance appraisal must provide written justification for its absence. This job will be a permanent full-time position. Salary will depend on the experience of the person selected, but no less than \$27,990 per year. The employee will earn vacation and sick leave at the rate of 4 hours per 2 week pay period. Selected applicant will be eligible for fringe benefits including health insurance, life insurance, retirement and other benefits available to federal employees. EEO Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reason such as race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status or membership in non-membership in any employee organization. This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.



# Gov. Beshear visit dedicates U.S. 641

STAFF REPORT  
Gov. Steve Beshear was scheduled to make brief stop in Marion Wednesday to formally dedicate construction of the new U.S. 641 that will eventually tie Marion to Interstate 69.



At press time Wednesday morning, the governor was not slated to visit the primary site of construction in Crayne, but instead made his remarks christening the four-lane road after touching down in a state helicopter at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. The center is less than a mile from where the new U.S. 641 will tie into the existing corridor.

The new state roadway, the first to be constructed in Crittenden County in decades, has truly been a bipartisan effort.

The project was hatched under the leadership of Democratic Gov. Paul Patton in 1999 by then-Judge-Executive Victor "Pippi" Hardin, a Republican. Crittenden County's representation in Frankfort has been Democratic — Rep. Mike Cherry of Princeton and Sens. Paul Herron and Dorsey Ridley, both from Henderson — the entire 13

years since Hardin first pleaded the case for four-lane access to Marion for economic reasons. Subsequent judge-executives Fred Brown and Perry Newcom, meantime, are both Republicans like Hardin.

Late last year, when Cherry announced he would not seek re-election to his House seat, he called the construction of U.S. 641 one of his proudest achievements of his time in Frankfort. Hardin, too, has called it his most important work while judge-executive.

Meantime, Gov. Beshear, just weeks into his second term, has been in office during the critical phases of securing money to ensure construction of this first leg of U.S. 641 to Fredonia. The second leg, from Fredonia to I-69, is still awaiting property acquisitions and a determined route.

# LIVESTOCK REPORT

## LEDBETTER AUCTION RESULTS FROM USDA MARKET NEWS

**Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012 • KDOA-USDA Market News**  
**Livingston County Livestock**  
 Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed at time of sale)

**Receipts:** 405 Head

**Compared to last week:** Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00-3.00 higher. Feeder steers 3.00-6.00 higher. Feeder heifers under 500 lbs 3.00-5.00 higher, over 500 lbs 4.00-5.00 lower.

**Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	800-1200	1148	67.00-71.00	69.07
5	1200-1600	1303	67.00-74.00	70.63
2	1200-1600	1390	80.00-82.00	81.13 HD
4	1600-2000	1834	70.00-75.00	72.34

**Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
11	800-1200	1030	60.00-70.00	65.23
2	1200-1600	1342	62.00-64.00	63.04

**Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	800-1200	937	59.00-60.00	59.66

**Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1000-1500	1315	102.00	102.00

**Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1000-1500	1255	84.50	84.50
2	1500-3000	1805	92.00-94.00	93.14

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-300	275	203.00-217.00	209.87
21	300-400	382	191.00-201.00	196.78
18	400-500	457	181.00-190.00	186.63
29	500-600	537	162.00-177.00	170.88
10	600-700	611	147.00-160.00	151.30
13	700-800	726	138.00-146.50	145.00
6	800-900	843	134.50-135.00	134.58

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	400-500	459	152.00-171.00	159.72
9	500-600	536	128.00-159.00	149.31
7	600-700	667	138.00-141.00	138.81
2	700-800	742	123.00-135.00	129.18

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-300	250	180.00	180.00
18	300-400	354	170.00-190.00	178.95
40	400-500	445	160.00-188.00	175.08
25	500-600	566	140.00-150.00	148.12
8	600-700	666	125.00-134.00	129.23
2	700-800	762	120.00	120.00
1	800-900	820	115.00	115.00

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-300	260	130.00	130.00
5	300-400	356	161.00-168.00	163.84
5	400-500	463	120.00-154.00	144.04
4	500-600	535	120.00-134.00	124.63
2	600-700	675	114.00-120.00	116.91

**Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	400-500	448	102.50-111.00	107.11

**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	300-400	379	180.00-190.00	181.43
5	400-500	441	170.00-180.00	177.60
19	500-600	547	153.00-165.00	159.88
6	600-700	634	140.00-149.50	147.95
3	700-800	728	129.00	129.00
1	800-900	805	114.00	114.00

**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	300-400	350	140.00-165.00	155.36
4	400-500	452	150.00-160.00	154.84
2	500-600	548	132.00-133.00	132.51
3	600-700	688	130.00	130.00
1	700-800	755	117.00	117.00

**Stock Cows: Medium and Large 1-2:** Cows 3 to 8 years old and 6 to 7 months bred 510.00-640.00 per head.

**Stock Cows and Calves:** Cow 8 years old with calf at side 1180.00.

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\*LD - Low dressing; HD - High dressing;  
 VA - Value added; F - Fancy; B - Bull; H - Heifers

**Market Specialist:** Chip Stewart  
**Source:** Kentucky Department of Agriculture-USDA Market News, Louisville, Ky.  
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**29 ACRES...** 3 BR, 2.5 BA brick home w/ 2674 sf. Of living space. **SOLD**  
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# Free tax preparation offered

STAFF REPORT  
Free preparation and filing of tax documents is provided through the Pennyrile Allied Community Services (PACS) Senior Citizen Center in Marion. The service is being offered through the PACS Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

From 9 a.m., to 2 p.m., every Tues-

day through April 10, anyone can receive free tax preparation, but priority is given to those 60 and older. Service is by appointment only, which can be made by calling 965-5229. Next Wednesday, is also available.

The following must be brought with you at your appointment time:

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- A copy of last year's state and federal returns;
- Verification of Social Security numbers for every member of your household; and
- Forms W2, 1099, 1098, proof of Social Security/retirement income and any other documents that show income to be reported.

# DARE program revived in Livingston

STAFF REPORT  
Livingston County Sheriff's Department, with the support of Livingston County's school system, recently announced that the Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or DARE, program has been re-instituted at both Livingston County elementary schools. The course is being offered to all sixth graders.  
The program is being instructed by Deputy Robert Johnson, who is an 11-year law enforcement veteran. Johnson was certified as a DARE instructor in 2008 and is also a certified school resource officer.  
The DARE program was taught in Livingston County schools years ago by retired Kentucky State Police Trooper Chuck Robertson, however, the program has not been in the school for many years.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Livingston County Deputy Sheriff Robert Johnson has begun instructing Livingston County sixth-graders Drug Abuse Resistance Education. The DARE program was recently revived in the county. Johnson is a certified DARE instructor.**

also teaches children how to process situations in order to make good decisions regarding personal behavior, peer pressure and bullying.

The DARE website is available to parents who want to learn more about the benefits of the program. Should a parent have any additional questions, they can contact

Deputy Johnson at the sheriff's department at 928-2122. Ironically, the program is being funded, at least this first year, by money that has been generated by the Livingston County Sheriff's Department from selling property that was seized and forfeited to the department from drug investigations.

"It is our hope that we can continue funding the program in this manner with no cost to tax payers," Sheriff Bobby Davidson. "We are very excited about this program and the working relationship we now have with the Livingston County school system."

"There are several other projects that we would like to attempt to implement in the future. However, we have to be careful — as a small department with only four road deputies and a limited budget — to not over extend our ability to take on and maintain extra programs. We want to be sure





GASOLINE

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that check for accuracy are often few and far between.

■ Fuel station credit cards might not be a bargain. Just like many department store credit

cards, interest rates on gas cards tend to be higher than the average credit card, with fewer perks to boot.

■ Static electricity can be dangerous at the pump. The Petroleum Equipment Institute learned that static electricity can ignite gasoline vapors at the pump. Once a person

starts fueling a car, he or she should not re-enter the vehicle and then get back out and continue fueling. Static electricity generated from the car's interior could travel from the person's hand to the pump and cause a small, but dangerous spark.

■ Gasoline was once a waste

product. In the early 1900s, the primary goal of oil companies was to produce kerosene to light lamps. Gasoline was a byproduct of kerosene production. Eventually, oil companies discovered that this "waste" could be used to affordably fuel automobiles. In 1919, gasoline prices were 30 cents a

gallon.

■ Boycotting one brand will not make all the other prices go down. During a boycott, prices at the non-boycotted stations will likely rise due to the temporarily limited supply and increased demand. The only way to effectively reduce gas prices is to significantly

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The need for gasoline and, consequently, filling stations, will continue until electric cars or additional technology surpasses gasoline engines. Until that day, consumers can be smart about gas purchases by knowing the facts.

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