

5TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT



Crittenden County hosts the 5th District Basketball Tournament starting Monday at Rocket Arena ♦ Page 9

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Ice damaged timber meeting

A workshop on the topic of harvesting ice damaged timber will be held Thursday, Feb. 25 at the Fredonia Lion's Club building. Landowners will learn how to assess their timber for long-term loss and whether a salvage harvest is warranted. Information on how to sell timber that has been damaged, casualty loss yearly reports, conducting a salvage harvest and tax issues will be presented at this meeting sponsored by the area Extension offices, the UK Department of Forestry and the Kentucky Division of Forestry. The day-long workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., with lunch and breaks provided. An agenda outlining topics and times will be provided at the start of the event. If necessary, attendees may come and go in order to attend sessions of interest. To register, call the Crittenden County Extension office at 965-5236. The event is free.



News gatherers wanted

A class at Marion Ed-Tech Center next week seeks to create community journalists. The first 10 to register will attend free. See page 5 for details.

Chamber at school

Crittenden County School District is hosting the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's quarterly luncheon Friday, and picking up the tab. Chamber members should have received an invitation to the Look and Learn Lunch and Tour, which will be held at noon tomorrow at Rocket Arena. The event will include a quick lunch provided by the school system then a tour of the three county schools. Chamber members who missed their invitation can call 965-3525.

Things to Know

- ✓ Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 9 a.m., today (Thursday).
- ✓ Marion City Council meets in special session at 6 p.m., Monday at city hall.
- ✓ Forest fire hazard season runs through April 30. It is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland between the daylight hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- ✓ Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday at the Central office.

ON THE WEB News Blog Poll

This week's poll on The Press' Breaking News Blog asked readers: "What should Marion do with its \$1 million windfall from the Smithland hydro-electric Dam?" Here is what 176 respondents said:

- Save/Invest It 93 (52%)
- Spend It on Streets 29 (16%)
- Spend It on Parks 19 (10%)
- Spend It on Facilities 8 (4%)
- None of the Above 27 (15%)

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A contingent of local leaders and elected officials met last week with legislators at the Capitol. Pictured from left visiting with Kentucky Rep. Mike Cherry in his Frankfort office are Dan Wood, Helen McConnell, Elbert Bennett, Mark Bryant, Cherry, Bart Frazer and Mike McConnell.

Officials say primary goal is to keep 641 at 4 lanes and funded

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

A delegation of Crittenden County leaders was in Frankfort last week for a visit to the state capitol during the legislative session. Those making the nearly four-hour trip had a variety of issues on their minds and discussed them with Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton), Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) and other area lawmakers. Among the most pressing matters for the Crittenden County contingent is the status of the U.S. 641 highway project. Gov. Steve Beshears' Six-Year

Highway Plan, released two weeks ago, includes money raised from the sale of transportation bonds to build the road.

Instead of improving the current U.S. 641 between Marion and an interstate or parkway, officials decided more than a decade ago to build a new road running parallel to the current U.S. 641.

Cherry and Ridley both agree that the new highway is closer to being built at this point than at any other time since it first appeared in the Six-Year

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Fourteen-year-old Tucker Frazer (right) on the floor of the Kentucky Senate with his father, Bart, and Sen. Ken Winters (R-Murray).

Frazer serves as Senate page

STAFF REPORT

Tucker Frazer, a Crittenden County High School freshman, served as a page for Kentucky Sen. Ken Winters (R-Murray) last week.

Frazer, 14, was introduced on the Senate floor and spent last Wednesday's session learning about state government. Sen. Winters is a Crittenden native.

"It was something I will never forget," said Frazer, who is president of his freshman class at CCHS. "It was interesting to see how the Kentucky Legislature works."

Frazer also spent time with his father Bart Frazer visiting other area senators and representatives. This was the younger Frazer's third such trip to Frankfort while the General Assembly has been in session.

Kimball property will not be WMA any time soon

STAFF REPORT

A wildlife management area on the large tract of land known as the former Kimball or Alcoa property will have to wait, according to Sen. Dorsey Ridley.

Ridley and others had hoped that the area would be open for hunting, hiking and other outdoor activities in the near future, but for now, it appears the plan is years away.

A timber management company headquartered in North Carolina bought the biggest chunk of the more than 12,000 acres when it sold at public auction in late 2008. Initially, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources officials said the timber company was going to lease 6,800 acres to the state for a wildlife management area.

Ridley says those plans appear to be dead. He said liability issues were probably the biggest cause for the plan falling apart.

However, the state senator expects legislation to pass this session that will begin the process of approving fish and wildlife department funds to be released for purchasing the land at some future date. Ridley said \$10 million from the fish and wildlife division's land acquisition fund will

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Resources are available for those raising grandchildren

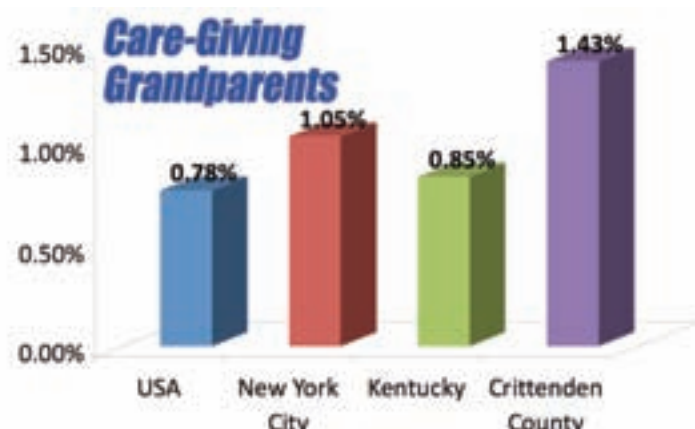
BY PAMELA STRINGER
PRESS REPORTER

As the number of grandparents raising their grandchildren nears 100 in Crittenden County, Pennyrile Health Department and Crittenden County School District are taking notice and offering programs to ease the strain of the unique situation.

Sally Boyd is one of those grandmothers providing primary care for her 16-year-old granddaughter. Kristen Nannie has lived with her grandparents for about two years.

Boyd has taken advantage of resources offered by the school district and found them beneficial, including the regular meetings established to give grandparents a venue for discussing and sharing ideas and concerns.

"We more or less discuss what programs are out there to help us," Boyd said of the meetings. "We talk about how to become involved with the children when you've



The percentage of grandparents caring for their grandchildren is represented in the chart above. Source: U.S. Census.

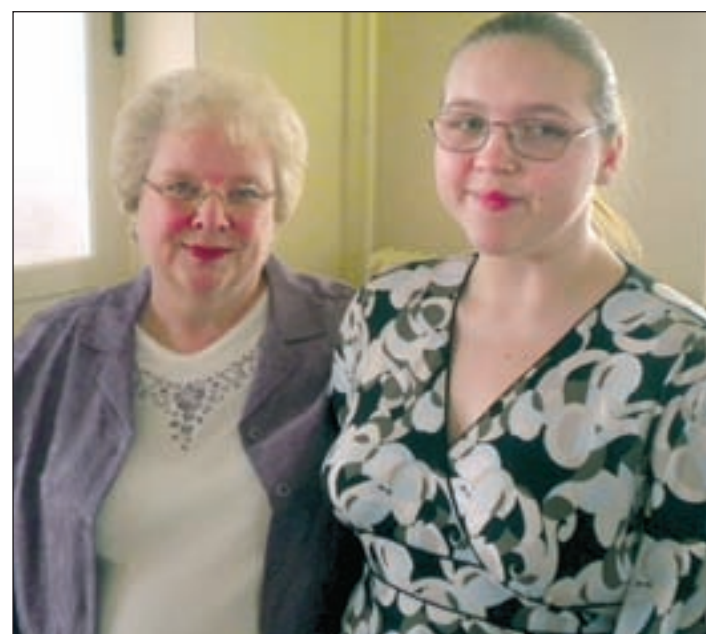
had no children around for a long time, and exactly what help is out there. Different families have different issues. It's very helpful."

School officials say children are placed in the custody of a non-biological parent for various reasons. Sometimes parents are unable to care for their own children due to dependency

Grandparent Gettogether

Crittenden School District has started a Grandparent Group, which began meeting bi-monthly this week. The first meeting was Wednesday. For future meeting dates, call Holly White at 965-2281.

on drugs or alcohol. Often times it is because the parent is deceased, according to



Sally Boyd (above left) has been caring for her granddaughter, Kristen Nannie, for almost two years.

Holly White, community educator.

"Biological parents are out of the picture due to many reasons. It can be that other family members, besides grandparents, have been given legal or temporary custody," White said.

The health department offers a program for qualifying grandparents who are primary caregivers for a grandchild. They may be eligible to

receive assistance from the Kentucky Family Caregiver Support Program.

The school system provides a meeting place for grandparents in this situation where they discuss programs, personal issues and school matters, among other topics.

"We meet and talk about what is going on with them."

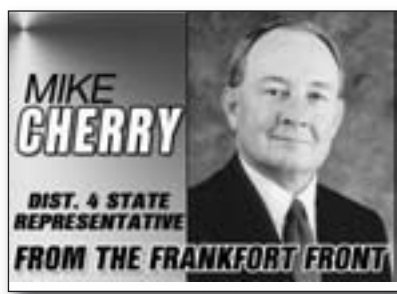
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Tougher DUI rules among HB 58 provisions

Still no House budget bill, but it is close and I think it likely that next week's report will include a lengthy discussion of our proposals. What is different this year is that we're working more with our Senate colleagues in the formative stages of the budget. I'm strongly supportive of this effort and it should have a positive effect on the normally difficult Senate-House negotiations we will have in the mid- to late-March time frame. I think the fact that the revenue outlook is so grim forces more bi-partisanship than is sometimes the case.

As we wait for preliminary budget decisions and approach the mid-way point of session, more significant legislation is reaching the floor of both chambers. Before discussing some of last week's more interesting issues, allow me a few words about legislation of which I'm the primary sponsor.

First, I'm delighted to report a veterans' bill I've sponsored three consecutive years passed the Senate unanimously last week. It's only the second bill to pass both



chambers and the governor will sign it in a public ceremony at the Frankfort VFW Post Thursday. The bill (HB 75) ensures that veterans are identified and given an interview opportunity when applying for state employment. Two other of my bills passed the full House unanimously - HB 145, dealing with retirement clean-up issues and HB 300, granting pharmacists' emergency authority (I've discussed both at length in earlier articles).

The subject of public decency as it relates to nudity has been the subject of failed legislation in recent years. Last week, Rep. Ruth Ann Palumbo of Lexington and I introduced legislation that would prohibit full nudity at public

and/or commercial establishments. One hundred sixteen of the state's 120 counties already have such laws locally. Both chambers have at one time or another passed similar legislation, but never in the same session. Maybe this year we can accomplish the task.

Domestic-violence legislation took a significant move forward last week when a House committee approved a bill package to beef up protections for dating partners in abusive relationships and expand the list of crimes that can be prosecuted under the state's domestic-violence laws.

The omnibus package, filed as House Bill 189, includes provisions allowing state courts to grant domestic violence restraining orders to dating partners, requires counseling assessment for anyone under a DVO, requires statistical reporting of domestic violence crimes, creates the crime of "domestic violence shelter trespass," and requires that law enforcement officers receive domestic violence training once every two years.

The House Appropriations and

Revenue Committee approved HB 58, which requires those convicted of a first-time DUI offense to have a breath-sensing "ignition interlock" device installed in their vehicle. The bill would also expand the list of factors that trigger higher DUI penalties and require a person's license plates be impounded on a first or subsequent DUI offense. Under current law, the courts can impound a DUI offender's plates on second or subsequent offenses while their license is suspended and may order an interlock device be installed in their vehicle once their license suspension ends.

Bills of general interest that passed the full House last week were:

•HB 70 would allow Kentucky voters to approve a constitutional amendment that would automatically restore the voting rights of thousands of Kentuckians with prior felony convictions, with the exception of violent felons convicted of intentional murder, sexual contact with a minor, rape or sodomy. The House has passed this constitutional referendum bill

before but it has, on more than one occasion, failed to get past the Senate.

•HB 321 would require public agencies to verify a potential employee's immigration status through federal employment verification programs and prohibit public agencies - including state and local agencies and school districts - and their contractors and subcontractors from hiring unauthorized, or illegal, alien workers.

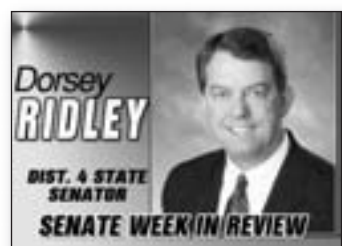
•HB 315 would legislate more transparency and openness across a wide-range of activities by organizations that represent statewide associations of city or county governments, such as the Kentucky League of Cities and the Kentucky Association of Counties.

Rep. Cherry is a six-term Democratic representative from Princeton. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of McCracken County in Frankfort. He can be reached there by calling the legislative toll-free Message Line at 800-372-7181, or by e-mailing me mike.cherry@rc.ky.gov

Early graduation, veterans legislation major topics

Two hallmarks of our Senate in recent years have been our dedication to improving opportunities for both our children and our veterans. We continued on that path of opportunity this week with legislation to give both groups a better chance to improve their own lot in life.

Senate Bill 67 is the latest act of our chamber to motivate high school students to take rigorous coursework that will prepare them for college and beyond. Our current state curriculum allows ample opportunity for students to take electives that appeal to their interests, but it also allows them to get their tough courses out of the way early and coast during their senior year, when they should be preparing themselves for life after high school. SB 67 creates a statewide program to encourage interested students



to graduate from high school early, rather than simply biding their time.

Under our plan, students interested in early graduation could finish with 18 courses, rather than the 22 currently required. The number of electives would be reduced, but their core courses would actually increase from 15 to 16, to include two years of a foreign language along with biology, chemistry and other traditional pre-college courses. To help them prepare for the future, two of their courses would also have to be advanced placement or international baccalaureate

courses, which can themselves be used for college credit with good scores on the final exams. To further make sure that only students academically ready to take on the rigor of this program take part, a 3.2 GPA and benchmark scores on the ACT math and English sections would be required to graduate early.

To help students get a head start on this program, every school district would offer English I and Algebra I to eighth grade students interested in taking part in the early graduation program, whether by offering them at the middle school itself or by making other arrangements.

The incentives are tremendous for the students. Not only can they pursue college coursework that interests and challenges them, but they can get money to help them pay for college. Every year, the state

sends local school districts money based on their number of students. For students graduating early through this program, they could take that state money - around \$2,500 or so - and apply it toward their first year of tuition at any Kentucky two- or four-year college. In addition, the KEES scholarship money earned by students in their abbreviated high school career would be increased to reflect a four-year career so they are not punished for their accelerated coursework.

Veterans are another group that offer so much potential. One way our state can utilize their talents and work ethic is to hire them and, in past sessions, we have passed legislation toward that goal. Unfortunately, our repeated efforts to pass additional legislation to provide more hiring assistance have stalled in recent

years. Just three weeks ago, I wrote about SB 29, which would give veterans and their family members who qualify for 5-10 preference points on state employment applications a guaranteed interview for the positions they seek. This past week, rather than wait on the House to concur with our legislation, we passed the House's version, HB 75.

Like our own bill, HB 75 also expands and clarifies who is eligible for preference points and interview guarantees. For those cases where more than five people qualify for veterans preference (and we hope veterans and their families take every opportunity to apply), at least five would be guaranteed an interview.

Another boost to veterans is HB 14, which would give veterans who are completely disabled because of their service, three free nights at

any state park lodge. This is a win-win for our state. Our veterans can enjoy the scenic beauty of the commonwealth, and the local economy will benefit from the other money that veterans and their families spend on food, fuel and other purchases.

I am especially proud that these two veterans' bills will be the first non-emergency pieces of legislation to cross the governor's desk in 2010. They show the high priority we have placed on our veterans and their families.

Our work continues on many other subject areas, from the budget to improved government transparency.

Sen. Dorsey Ridley has served in the Senate since 2004. He represents Henderson, Webster, Union, Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties. You may contact him at dorsey.ridley@rc.ky.gov or call 1-800-372-7181.

School district committed to improving communication with community

The Crittenden County School District is committed to maximizing communication with all community stakeholders. In an effort to improve our communication abilities, we have implemented a new Quick Contact notification system.

The Quick Contact system allows us to communicate to all employees and households via a phone message. We now have the ability to notify a mass number of individuals about important



events, schedule changes, school cancellations and emergency situations. Our system is set up to call one phone number per household of our students. If you would like to make a change

to the phone number that we have on file, please contact Al Starnes at 965-3525, and we will update your primary phone number. Remember, the number that shows up on your caller ID will be 965-3525, the Crittenden County Board of Education office. You will hear a slight pause and then an automated message with information.

•We are excited about hosting the quarterly lunch for the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce this

week. We have planned for all chamber members to eat lunch with us and then tour all three of our schools. Our student council members will be conducting guided tours of each school for the members. This annual event will provide a unique opportunity for community members to actually see the great work taking place in our schools on behalf of improving the quality of education for all students. We want the community to see firsthand

that our schools are becoming models of excellence for the 21st Century. We look forward to all chamber members participating in this first ever opportunity.

•Last spring, we determined that one important community group that needed to be identified and supported was our grandparents or other family members other than biological parents raising their grandchildren. We began to meet with these individuals

every two months and provide school information, answer questions, include guest speakers, and share unique needs or concerns. This is truly an outstanding endeavor that I felt deserved public attention. Holly White is the district contact person for the Grandparent Group. Call her at 965-3525. Thanks so much to all grandparents who made the choice to care for our students and provide for their needs. We appreciate you!

To the Editor

Message from county judge

To the Editor:

Just wanted to share some facts and thoughts about our county roads. First of all, we are very aware that our roads need a great deal of repair and upgrade. Mother Nature has shared plenty of foul weather with us over the past couple of years, including record rainfall, tornados, hurricane remnants, record ice storm, extended freezes and now weekly snowstorms. These weather events take a toll on our roadways.

Our county receives about \$975,000 per year to maintain our 370 miles of roads. Wages at the road department use about \$260,000 plus another \$90,000 for retirement, social security, unemployment, property and equipment insurance and workers compensation. That brings our personnel expense to \$350,000.

Our petroleum products, utilities, uniforms and equipment repairs take another \$220,000. Rock, tiles, and patching oil take another \$340,000. Our total is now \$910,000, and we haven't replaced any equipment yet.

That leaves about \$65,000 per year for repairs and upgrades. One mile of blacktop costs around \$60,000 and one mile of chip and seal costs about \$15,000. As you can see, we could buy one mile of blacktop or four miles of chip and seal per year, and that just doesn't make a lot of progress on 370 miles of roads.

In my opinion, our road department does a great job with limited resources. Without our prisoner work release program at the detention center, we would really be challenged.

Almost all of our road upgrade money

comes from the state, and the state has its plate full trying to balance its own budget. We will continue to do our best, and please continue to share your road problems with us.

One final thought, since we are in an election year, every fund the county has is just as limited as the road fund, so beware of those who promise the moon and don't own a spaceship.

Fred Brown
Crittenden Judge-Executive

What's this complaining?

To the Editor:

On this calendar today it is the 18th day of February. We have amber lights in town this morning. They are not new, we have WiFi in this house and there is a paved road in front of our brick home. Who said, "A chicken and paved road in front of every home?"

Where else but in America can we complain about the government with a paved road in front of our home.

We need a generator at the radio station. Let's get one.

Thomas Diaz
Marion, Ky.

Library has great 'friends'

To the Editor:

As we reflect on past accomplishments and start to work toward another year of service, the Friends of the Crittenden County Public Library (FOCCPL) want to say how very thankful we are for all the support that our organization has been given by the com-

munity. The support of the library by the FOCCPL is only possible through your donations and contributions and the efforts of its members and volunteering of time. We have had very successful book sales, silent auctions, bake sales and sales of book bags, T-shirts and note cards. Just the simple act of becoming a member of the FOCCPL is vital to our success. Some of the most recent items the friends have been able to purchase for the library include the receipt machine, table accessories for book signings and other events, the park bench and portions of the landscaping, just to name a few. We have had success in such a big way. The friends could not have done this without you, the public.

The friends also want to thank the local media. The Crittenden Press and WMJL, for providing invaluable publicity. We would also like to give a big thank you to the inmates for moving thousands of books to and from the storage area for our book sales. Again, thanks to all of you who have helped the friends in any way. Please know that each and every one of you are appreciated.

The library is one of the best and most valuable assets we have in our community. We are pleased to be a supporter. Those wishing to know more about the Friends of the Library may come and join us at the regularly scheduled meetings every third Tuesday of each month in the library meeting room at 5 p.m. We invite you to be a part of this community oriented organization during our regular membership drive in May.

Judy Binkley, President
Marion, Ky.

Also signed by officers Susan Yarbrough, Carol Harrison and Fay Carol Crider.

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Call rejoins clinic serving animals

Dr. Stephanie Call is in a familiar environment and one she loves at The Animal Clinic in Marion.

Call recently returned to The Animal Clinic as a part-time veterinarian.

She worked there several summers and during time off from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, where she graduated in 2006.

Call, 28, is a Princeton native who now lives in Madisonville. She hopes to move closer to Marion eventually.

She attended Mid-Continent University and Murray State University, and in three years completed the required coursework to apply to veterinary school. Following graduation, she worked in Chattanooga, Tenn., one year and two years in Madisonville before joining the staff of The Animal Clinic.

Call specializes in small animals, and is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association as well as the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association.



Dr. Call

and is a long-time editor, journalist, writing coach and workshop teacher. Yehling is also author of seven books, including *Writes of Life: Using Personal Experiences in Everything You Write*, which won a 2007 Independent Publishers Book Award. He is the current Managing Editor of *The Hummingbird Review*, a new literary magazine which debuted at the conference.

Hill on President's list at Mid-Continent

Robert Eric Hill of Marion has been named to the President's List at Mid-Continent University at Mayfield.

HS academic team performs well at Governor's Cup

Crittenden County Academic Team recently competed in the District Governor's Cup, and while the Quick Recall squad did not advance to the regionals, Crittenden did have some individual success.

Jack Phan was first in math, Levi Palmer finished first in science, Jay Lu was second in math, Tyler Starrett was third in science, Logan Owen third in social studies and Chase Adams fifth in arts and humanities. Phan and Lu are foreign exchange students studying at CCHS.

Other students competing in the event were Jeremiah Markham, Roy Givens and Cathy Hughes.

Each advanced to the Regional Governor's Cup Saturday at Muhlenberg West High School. Last year, both Palmer and Starrett advanced to the State Governor's Cup.

The academic team finished 10-7 on the season.

"It was a very successful season, all told," said coach Kathleen Guess.

Yehling appears at Southern Cal event

Writer Robert "Bob" Yehling was home for the 24th annual Southern California Writers' Conference in San Diego last weekend. Yehling, who now resides in Marion, was in California to present three workshops and sit on a non-fiction panel.

Yehling grew up in North San Diego County in Carlsbad, Calif. He started his writing career in high school as an assistant sports editor for a southern California newspaper

College will no longer publicize academic leaders

Murray State University is no longer issuing lists of its Dean's List honorees to area newspapers. The public relations department said it no longer has the staff to process the large volume of news releases formerly submitted to newspapers in each of the counties Murray State serves.

Instead, students who make the Dean's List may obtain a form from the public relations department or from The Crittenden Press. The public relations office is located at 429 Sparks Hall on the MSU campus. It may also be requested by email from sherry.mcclain@murraystate.edu.

Peoples adds two new bank directors

Pamela Hodges Browning and Eugene Myatt have been named to the Peoples-Marion Bancorp, Inc. and The Peoples Bank of Marion boards of directors.

In a news release, the bank said that Browning and Myatt are joining the boards as the bank seeks to build upon its core banking foundation with growth opportunities in south central Kentucky.

Browning, a native of Glasgow, served most recently as the Barren County Clerk until she retired in 2008 after 36 years. She is an active member of the Glasgow-Barren

County Chamber of Commerce. Browning is also a recent recipient of the Glasgow Daily Times "Rising Star Award" and has been actively involved with the Republican Party on both state and local levels.

Myatt, a native of Mt. Hermon, Ky., is the managing partner of Burkmann Feeds of Glasgow and Edmonton. In addition, he is the president of Kentucky Heifer Growers, a network of dairy heifer raisers in Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky. He serves as vice president of Dairy Calf & Heifer Association. Myatt owns and operates a farm in Mt. Hermon where he raises dairy heifers.

"I am very pleased to have new directors with Pam's and Eugene's backgrounds to be involved with the bank in such a leadership role," said bank President and CEO Terry Bunnell. "They bring extensive business and administrative experience to the group. Pam's background in county government and Eugene's knowledge about the many issues involved in running both a farm and a business will be a positive benefit for the bank."

In addition to Bunnell, Hodges, and Myatt, other directors are Doug Landers of Glasgow, Donnie Phillips and

Jerrell James of Marion, Gil Cowles of Bowling Green, Bill Morgan of Benton, Brandon Morgan of Paducah, and Ted Williams and Brian Ragan of Dickson, Tenn.

The Peoples Bank has two offices in Marion and a loan production office in Glasgow.

Organizers review Community Christmas results from 2009

Community Christmas raised almost \$9,500 in 2009. That's \$1,000 more than the previous year. Funds helped distribute Christmas to 162 families, but 46 fewer families participated in 2009 than did in 2008, according to the Community Christmas evaluation.

After reviewing the year-end report, Nancy Hunt, UK Extension agent, views Community Christmas as a big success.

"There was more community support this time," Hunt said. "We just really attribute that to the economy and people wanting to help others."

Hunt wasn't completely sure why fewer families participated, but attributes it in part to families' lack of awareness of the sign-ups.

"Next year, in addition to the advertising through The Press and radio station, we're going through the school system more," Hunt said. "We're going to mail letters to the parents of

students who are on free or reduced lunches. We're also going to start contacting the guidance counselors in October instead of December."

Hunt also attributes the increased community support to the sponsor trees being at three locations, which made people more aware of them.

"It worked wonderfully to have two different pick up sights because it increased our number of volunteers. We plan to continue that," Hunt said.

Due to the success of the event, all of the planned improvements are small ones, according to Hunt.

"We need to have a better traffic flow at the National Guard Armory to make (distribution) go faster," Hunt said. "We really need to train the volunteers - for sign-up and distribution - at least a day before so everyone will be prepared."

Registration dates for Community Christmas 2010 aren't set in stone yet. However, they will be around the third or fourth week of October with one session during the day and one in the evening, Hunt explained.

For more information the coming Community Christmas, contact Hunt at 965-5236.

LETS US KNOW!

What's going on with people you know in Crittenden County? Do you have an item for Spotlight? Please, let us know. Email the office at thepress@the-press.com or call us at 965-3191.



The greatest breakthrough in women's healthcare since the epidural.

NEW WOMEN'S PAVILION

Mom Jessica Barnard glows as new baby Kenlee sleeps in her arms.

At last, the new Methodist Hospital Women's Pavilion is open. It's had a longer gestation than we anticipated. But we think you're going to agree it's been worth the wait.

We've built a new obstetrics unit that will cradle mother and baby with comfort and safety. Each patient room is sunlit, with a view of the Ohio River. Each is designed with separate areas for caregivers and for families.

For those babies who arrive sick or prematurely, our new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit has an array of astonishing life-saving resources. In addition to leading-edge equipment, this special place has windows that allow indirect sunlight so that babies learn night from day right from the

start. There are even two suites where parents can stay overnight with their new baby, allowing them to practice special care skills they'll need when the family goes home.

Some medical problems are specific to women. The new Women's Pavilion is a haven for these patients to receive care in compassion and privacy, with the healing atmosphere of sunny rooms and beautiful views.

It took a heroic commitment from the people we serve to make this dream come true. A state-of-the-art facility dedicated to the healthcare of women. We now invite you to take advantage of this very technological, yet very human wonder that you have helped us create.



Council considers Atmos franchise

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Council members will meet in special session Monday night to approve a new franchise agreement with Atmos Energy, the local natural gas provider.

The company's 20-year franchise contract is expiring this year and Atmos wants to renew it for another 20. However, council members do not appear too inclined to enter into such a lengthy agreement.

Councilman Darrin Tabor initiated discussion that led to a consensus that the franchise agreement be for the term of 10 years.

Atmos representative Tim Owen characterizes the franchise agreement as a partnership with the community to use its right-of-ways and

easements to provide citizens with natural gas. In Marion, about 1,200 customers are served by Atmos.

Atmos is the only provider of natural gas through underground lines in the city. For its ability to sell gas here, Atmos pays the City of Marion a one-percent franchise fee. The city earned about \$9,500 last year from those fees, which are assessed to customers and deposited into the city's general fund via quarterly payments.

Council members were adamant that they did not want to increase the franchise fee assessed to local Atmos customers.

First reading was given to the new agreement Monday, with a final vote planned for Monday night.

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Obituaries

Chittenden

Louise Chittenden, 90 of Salem died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Chittenden was a homemaker and member of Lola Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Shirley Crowell of Marion; a son, Paul Crawford of Salem; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Abdull and Lena McElmurry Elliott; a sister; and three brothers.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 19 at the Lola Cemetery. Myers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Harp

George Lewis Harp, 57, of Tiline, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010 at his residence.

He was of the Methodist faith.

Surviving are two sisters, Betty Harp of Tiline and Violet McGregor of Princeton; an aunt, Elnora Green of Paducah; three nieces; and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Minnie L. Harp; and an infant brother, Houston Harp.

Graveside services were Sunday, Feb. 14 at Groves Chapel Cemetery.

Lester

William Leslie "Willie" Lester, 87, of Sturgis, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Calvert City.

Surviving are his wife, Wilma E. Lester of Sturgis; a son, Wayne Lester of Sturgis; five grandchildren, Belinda Lester of Marion, Jeffrey Lester of Sturgis, Beth Belt of Marion, Dawn Beckner of Clay and Christy Beckner of Sturgis; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Lester was preceded in death by his parents, Fulton and Ada Curry Lester; two sisters; and two brothers.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Feb. 16 at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Burial was at Hampton Cemetery.

Avery

James Avery, 30, of Paducah, formerly of Marion, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010 in Nashville.

Surviving are his wife, Karla Avery of Paducah; mother, Brenda and husband David Ort of Marion; grandparents, James and Doris Perry of Marion; and half brother, Brian Andrews of Princeton.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m., Thursday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Asbridge Cemetery.

Friends may call from 10:30 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

MEETINGS

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White said of the informal meetings, "Grandparents are wonderful resources for our school system because they have already been down this road once and can offer some extremely valuable input. They let me know if they are in need of any resources and I try to find these resources for them."

White started the program when one grandparent requested it. The meetings are used to bring grandparents together so they can learn from one another and from resources provided by the health department and school system.

"I love meeting with these grandparents. They are wonderful and provide a great amount of information and input for the district and I do my best to reciprocate this," White said. "Many times, they have simple questions and just do not know who to ask. We started meeting last spring and we try to meet bi-monthly."

According to the UK Extension office, 99 grandparents in Crittenden County are raising their grandchildren as primary caregivers. That accounts for more than one percent of the total county population.

Nationally, just over 2.4

million grandparents are in a similar situation, according to 2000 U.S. Census data. In Kentucky, 36,142 grandparents are providing primary care to at least one grandchild. New York City comes in with 83,946 grandparents in that situation. Throughout the country, studies indicate that about one percent of the general population is a grandparent raising a grandchild.

Crittenden County ranks evenly among surrounding counties, according to White.

As for Boyd and her husband, John, who are raising their grandchild in Marion, the relationship is a blessing.

Before becoming a primary caregiver, the Boyds had a fair amount of contact with Kristen while she was growing up in Nashville. Honestly, Boyd doesn't miss the quintessential grandmother role at all.

"Now, it's a lot more joyful in a way because you see her every day," Boyd said. "I have grandchildren in Wisconsin

that I only see once a year. There is a difference in watching her grow up and change every day and to be a part of that when a lot of grandparents aren't."

The challenge of rearing a teenage girl is quite a bit different than raising her own two boys years ago, Boyd said.

"To raise a teenager at retirement age is different when you're not used to being up and about at midnight," Boyd said. "There's a lot more stuff they can get into - different music, different drugs, different societies. They have their own little world. Also, the peer pressure is different now than when I was raising my children."

Moving her granddaughter from Nashville to a rural community like Marion started off slightly difficult, but Kristen adjusted, Boyd said.

The grandmother says nightly family dinners keep things going smoothly.

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The family of James Robert Dorrah would like to thank everyone for their prayers and their kind words of support and encouragement through cards, phone calls and visits. Thank you to those who cared for Emily and Samantha, and those who brought food, sent flowers and gifts during his stay in the hospital and for your thoughts during the time of his death.

The family would like to thank those of you who made memorial contributions to Crayne Presbyterian Church and Fohs Hall in his honor. We also offer a special thank you to the members of Crayne Presbyterian Church, Crayne friends and neighbors, and the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home, Rev. Tommy Hodge, Mrs. Charly Morgan, Rev. James Stahr, Rev. Rich Cooper and Madeline Henderson.

May God bless.

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MSU prof leads class at Marion Ed-Tech

Dr. Steve Lacewell, associate professor of finance at Murray State University, will present his FREE (Financial Responsibility Empowers Everyone) program at 6:30 p.m., Monday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

Cost is \$9. Call the Ed-Tech Center at 965-9294 to register.

Lacewell, director of the MSU Center for Banking and Finance and a former banker and bank regulator, conducts classes and workshops in FREE to help young students better manage their financial activities and to take a proactive role in their financial future. The program is also open to adult learners through clubs and civic organizations.

The FREE program de-

Program focuses on responsible credit card use for young and old, investing and how to handle big purchases.

scribes the basics of borrowing, how to handle purchases and how to begin the investing process.

"The average credit card debt a couple of years ago was in excess of \$9,000. Many people paid just the stated minimum at rates around 21 percent and made little headway into paying off the principal. If they continue paying only the minimum payment, it will take them well over 30 years to pay off this debt ... assuming they never charge another purchase to this card," he said.

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PROPERTY

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be used to buy the property. No general fund money will be part of the purchase.

Still, it's unclear when the state will actually have the opportunity to buy the land. Ridley said that while he anticipates legislative approval for the purchase, the timber management company hasn't given Kentucky a timetable on when a deal could be made.

Ridley said the company originally had planned to harvest timber off the property quickly then sell the land to the fish and wildlife department. Demand for timber has plummeted in recent months, affecting market prices, and delaying harvest plans.

Part of the land is in Union County and part is in Crittenden County. Union County Judge-Executive Jody Jenkins said last week that he has discussed with state lawmakers a plan for creating a riverport on part of the land, if and when the state buys it. The tract fish and wildlife wants to purchase includes a good bit of Ohio River frontage.

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LIVESTOCK REPORTS

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MARION LIVESTOCK SALE

Monday, Feb. 15, 2010. KDOA-USDA Market News. West Kentucky Livestock Market, Marion Auction (cattle weighed time of sale).

Receipts: 183 head.

Compared to last week: Feeder Steers were steady to 2.00 higher; Feeder Heifers, steady; Slaughter Cows, steady to 1.00 higher; and Slaughter Bulls were steady.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2: 200-300 lbs 122.00; 300-400 lbs 117.00-120.00; 400-500 lbs 114.00-117.00; 500-600 lbs 100.00-104.50; 600-700 lbs 93.00-100.00; 700-800 lbs 85.00-94.00.

Groups of 20 head or more: 21 head 631 lbs 100.00 mixed. Medium and Large 2: 400-500 lbs 99.00; 500-600 lbs 96.00-98.50.

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs 106.00; 500-600 lbs 87.00-90.00; 600-700 lbs 76.00.

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs 107.50; 400-500 lbs 92.50-104.50; 500-600 lbs 88.00-97.00; 600-700 lbs 84.00-86.00; 700-800 lbs 73.00; 800-900 lbs 76.00.

Medium and Large 2: 400-500 lbs 81.00-86.00; 500-600 lbs 75.00.

Small 1: 400-500 lbs 71.00; 500-600 lbs 71.00-75.00.

Slaughter Cows:

Percent Lean	Weight	Avg-Dress	Hi-Dress	Lo-Dress
Breaker	75-80	1260-1555	49.00-52.00	
Boner	80-85	1095	45.00	

Slaughter Bulls:

Y.G.	Weights	Carcass	Boning	Percent	Price
1	1540-2330	76-77			62.00-66.50
2	1400-1895	74-75			56.00-60.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2:

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	200-300	262	124.00-135.00	126.14
9	300-400	327	114.00-120.00	117.54
32	400-500	426	106.00-116.00	111.45
22	500-600	543	101.50-110.50	104.14
31	600-700	636	96.00-100.50	98.57
20	700-800	733	91.50-99.00	93.95
4	800-900	846	85.00-86.00	85.49
4	900-1000	927	84.00-86.00	84.99

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2:

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-300	271	108.00-118.00	111.71
5	300-400	357	100.00-110.00	106.08
2	400-500	445	84.00-99.00	91.50
9	500-600	546	93.50-96.00	94.53
6	600-700	614	84.00-91.00	88.33
2	700-800	730	88.00	88.00
1	800-900	800	79.00	79.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2:

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-300	296	102.00-106.00	105.02
19	300-400	357	98.00-107.00	102.86
22	400-500	438	98.00-101.00	100.32
44	500-600	544	90.00-99.00	93.96
27	600-700	639	88.00-95.00	91.93
9	700-800	732	78.00-86.50	83.87
1	800-900	840	73.00	73.00
1	900-1000	900	71.00	71.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2:

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	200-300	278	90.00-100.00	91.72
14	300-400	363	79.00-96.00	88.22
19	400-500	464	78.00-90.00	86.12
14	500-600	566	81.00-88.00	84.51
10	600-700	648	78.00-86.00	83.01
2	700-800	765	70.00-71.00	70.50

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2:

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	300-400	359	110.00-115.00	112.68
5	400-500	433	104.00-108.00	106.41
16	500-600	533	94.00-102.00	97.39
5	600-700	632	86.50-90.00	87.83
5	700-800	724	82.00-85.00	83.19
3	800-900	832	71.00-78.00	75.57

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2:

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300-400	370	104.00	104.00
4	400-500	458	92.00-99.00	97.39
3	500-600	560	76.00-82.00	78.13
1	600-700	630	81.00	81.00
2	700-800	725	60.00-79.00	69.24
1	800-900	880	65.00	65.00

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HIGHWAY

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Highway Plan in 2000. Despite the frail state of Kentucky's budget - which will have lawmakers' full attention in the coming days - the U.S. 641 highway project appears on somewhat of a sound base.

Cherry told The Press last week that he believed the 5.2-mile first phase of the highway from Marion to Fredonia could be finished by 2013 or 2014. Sen. Ridley echoed that belief during a discussion on the matter at his Frankfort office in the Capitol Annex late last week.

Ridley said Mike Hancock, acting Secretary of Transportation, is a Princeton native and understands the need for the project.

Cherry explained that the road is getting marked among the state's priorities mainly because Crittenden is the only county west of Elizabethtown without a highway certified for 102-inch transportation loads, a national standard.

It was on Hancock's advice that almost \$30 million in bond funds be transferred to the more than \$52 million first phase of the U.S. 641 project, Ridley said.

Now that money is earmarked for U.S. 641 in the governor's highway plan, local leaders are turning their attention to making sure the line item funding stays in the plan when the House and Senate start making changes. Crittenden leaders also want to make sure that state planners understand that a four-lane

road is what they're after.

"We don't need another two-lane highway. We already have one of those," said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown.

With the state facing shortfalls in many areas of the budget, Brown is concerned that planners might start cutting corners and opt to build what's commonly known as a super two-lane - a wide two-lane highway with extra wide shoulders that would allow slower traffic to pull over and let others pass.

"We just wouldn't be happy with that," Judge Brown said, in discussing an improved two-lane road running adjacent to the current U.S. 641 from Marion to Fredonia. "That just wouldn't suffice."

In Marion Monday night during the regular city council meeting, Crittenden County Economic Development Director Stan Hoover voiced his opposition to any notion of a two-lane 641.

"We already have a two-lane road. We don't need another one. We want a four-lane U.S. 641," he told the council.

Ridley and Cherry both reassured the Crittenden County contingent that met separately in their offices last week that plans are for a four-lane road. Attending those meetings were Magistrates Dan Wood and Helen McConnell; McConnell's son Mike McConnell, who is running for county judge; City Administrator Mark Bryant; and local attorney Bart Frazer.



Sen. Dorsey Ridley visits in his Frankfort office with Crittenden County officials, including Magistrate Helen McConnell in the background.

There is another issue that could create a snag later on when the second phase of the planned highway is built from Fredonia to the Western Kentucky Parkway.

"Right now there has been a corridor identified, but no route is specified for phase two," said Cherry.

Still, there is early speculation about where the second leg of the road will go, and there's opposition.

Caldwell County Magistrate Elbert Bennett, who serves the Fredonia area, said his constituents are not against the road between Marion and Fredonia nor the completion of it through Caldwell County. However, he said there is opposition to

the projected route. His own family farm would be split in two if the highway takes what many consider the most probable route, swinging east around Fredonia.

Bennett said Caldwell County would rather see improvements to Ky. 91 - widening and straightening of it - from Fredonia to Princeton, or improvements to existing U.S. 641 from Fredonia to Eddyville. That would avoid splitting several farms in the Fredonia area, he said.

Cherry said that widening either of those highways would be more costly than building a new road because of utility relocation and the number of homes that would be affected.

Community Classes at Ed-Tech Center

Listed below the upcoming classes at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. Register for any of them by calling 965-9294, or emailing dhardin@crittendencountyedc.com.

FORKLIFT CERTIFICATION
Attend this class to fulfill the requirements for safe operation of a forklift; attendees must be sponsored by an existing business. At the conclusion of the class, you will receive certification which is good for three years. Registration deadline is March 26. Class size is limited. Taught by David Stooksbury, Black Equipment, Hopkinsville. Thursday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m., to 1 p.m. Cost \$59.

ELECTRICIAN AND MASTER ELECTRICIAN CONTINUING ED
This six hour course will satisfy the continuing education requirements for the Master and Electrician license holders. Topics included are a NEC review and New Product Highlights and Helpful Hints for the electrician. Class size is limited. Lunch provided by Farmers Bank. Instructor: Donald Lomache. Saturday, March 27, 8:30 a.m., to 3:30 p.m. Cost \$75.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE 101 INCLUDING THE FAFSA
Interested parents of seniors or eager juniors this workshop with help you better understand financial aid. This workshop covers things like what is financial aid, where to find it, how do you apply, how can it be used and finally the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is a Power Point presentation with a great deal of interaction and time for questions pertaining to specific situations. Computer applications will also be covered. Instructor: Doug

Write for your paper

HOW TO BECOME A COMMUNITY JOURNALIST

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Cook, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority/Student Loan People. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 4-7:30 p.m., free.

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Watch for kids' attempts to fool moms and dads about illnesses

With H1N1 flu and other germs that cause serious illness and health scares, many parents and school authorities are not questioning a child's request to stay home from school. While keeping the notion of flu and other viruses very serious, how do parents know if their son or daughter is truly sick versus playing hooky to get a free day from school?

According to Web MD, approximately 10 percent of kids try to trick their parents into believing they are sick so they can stay home from school. Sometimes it is clear a child is sick and needs rest or to be taken to a doctor. But what about the mornings when the sniffing, coughing, moaning and achiness appear to be a little suspicious?

The American Academy of Pediatrics reports that common flu symptoms, including H1N1 flu, include:

- fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit)
- extreme fatigue
- dry cough
- body aches

Telltale signs of faking may include:



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- horrible coughing one minute and then talking on the phone the next
- appearing wide awake and glued to the television (most sick kids fall asleep or doze while watching television)
- complaining about non-specific symptoms ("I don't know where, I just don't feel good")
- Complaints about symptoms that move around quickly ("My head hurts. Now my stomach hurts.")

If your child is faking a sickness to get out of school, it is important to find out

why. There may be serious underlying factors.

For example, is your child faking being sick because he did not finish his homework or because he is trying to avoid an exam for which he is unprepared or anxious? Or perhaps your child is staying home from school because she partied too much the previous night. Other kids may fake being sick to avoid being bullied and humiliated at school.

If you do catch the act of a faked illness, child psychologists recommend that you investigate why before you reprimand.

As a parent, it is important to promote and practice open communication and trust. Such a relationship will better help you understand and resolve situations such as this.

Information for this story came from Amy F. Hosier, Extension Specialist for Human Development, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and the American Academy of Pediatrics, John Tesh: Intelligence for your life; WebMD.



Reese Baker took The Press with him on a mission trip to the Andes Mountains in Columbia.

Beware of hypothermia, symptoms can be subtle

When exposed to cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced. Prolonged exposure to cold will eventually use up your body's stored energy. The result is hypothermia, or abnormally low body temperature. Body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia particularly dangerous because a person may not know it is happening and won't be able to do anything about it.

Hypothermia is most likely at very cold temperatures, but it can occur even at cool temperatures (above 40°F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat, or submersion in cold water.

Victims of hypothermia are often elderly people with inadequate food, clothing, or heating; babies sleeping in cold bedrooms; people who remain outdoors for long periods—the homeless, hikers, hunters, etc.; and people who drink alcohol or use illicit drugs.

The warning signs of hypothermia are:

- Adults:**
- shivering, exhaustion
 - confusion, fumbling hands
 - memory loss, slurred speech
 - drowsiness
- Infants:**
- bright red, cold skin
 - very low energy

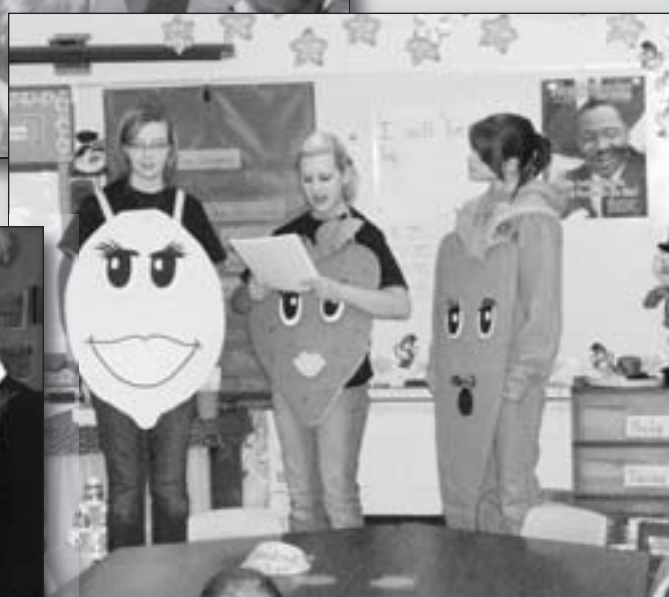
If you notice any of these signs, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95°, the

situation is an emergency—get medical attention immediately.

If medical care is not available, begin warming the person, as follows:

- Get the victim into a warm room or shelter.
- If the victim has on any wet clothing, remove it.
- Warm the center of the body first—chest, neck, head, and groin—using an electric blanket, if available. Or use skin-to-skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing, towels or sheets.
- Warm beverages can help increase the body temperature, but do not give alcoholic beverages. Do not try to give beverages to an unconscious person.
- After body temperature has increased, keep the person dry and wrapped in a warm blanket, including the head and neck.
- Get medical attention as soon as possible.

A person with severe hypothermia may be unconscious and may not seem to have a pulse or to be breathing. In this case, handle the victim gently, and get emergency assistance immediately. Even if the victim appears dead, CPR should be provided. CPR should continue while the victim is being warmed, until the victim responds, or medical aid becomes available. In some cases, hypothermia victims who appear to be dead can be successfully resuscitated.



Pictured left are regional first place winners from the Crittenden County High School FCCLA including: LaDonna Herron and Brittany Phillips, first in Chapter Service Project Manual; Corey Berry, Emily Bruns and Nikki Conger, first in National Programs in Action; and Kristin Nannie, first place in Career Investigation. These students will compete on the state level in March at the State FCCLA Leadership Meeting in Louisville. Top, Corey Berry and Nikki Conger lead a kindergarten class in an exercise. Directly above, Corey Berry, Emily Bruns and Nikki Conger recite information to a kindergarten class about how to live a healthy lifestyle.



Rockin' Rocket Bodies teaches kindergarteners about good health

Rockin' Rocket Bodies is a series of workshops for the kindergarten classes at Crittenden County Elementary School, focusing on good health habits planned and presented by the Crittenden County High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter.

These workshops included fun games, coloring activities and instructional videos. Corey Berry, Emily Bruns, and Nikki Conger recently visited the CCES kindergarten

classes, encouraging good nutrition and healthy habits with these workshops.

In Kentucky, 37 percent of children are overweight, according to a 2007 National Survey for Children's Health.

"After reading this statistic, it became very evident that this alarming number of overweight children was very much affecting our community. This project is our attempt to help our community stop this problem," indicated the three CCHS sopho-

mores.

This project is part of the national FCCLA program Student Body. Student Body is a peer education program that helps young people learn to eat right, be fit and make healthy choices. Its goals are to help young people make informed, responsible decisions about their health, provide youth opportunities to teach others and develop healthy lifestyles, as well as communication and leadership skills.

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The family of Bobby Brewer would like to express their gratitude for the expressions of kindness shown during the time of our loss. Thank you to Ray O'Neal, the ones who made the emergency call and the hospital and ER staffs. Thank you also to the Gilbert Funeral Home staff for leading us through a trying time and for their kindness.

To everyone who showed their respect and love through their visits, calls, cards and for the food, thank you. A special thank you to Bro. Gary Murray, Bro. Heath and Yvette Martin, Debbie James, Nicole Head and members of Cave Springs Church for providing dinner for our friends and family. Most of all, we thank you for the prayers. Bobby will be missed by all.

The family of Bobby Brewer

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The Unity General Baptist Church Youth Group from Crayne held a bowl-a-thon fundraiser on Jan. 23. The money raised goes toward the construction of the General Baptist Camp for the West KY Association being built in Marion on Crittenden Springs Rd. If you would like any additional information or would like to donate please contact Bobby Belt at 965-9688. Pictured are (Front from left) Sharon Collins, Hunter Welch, Amanda Estes, Taylor Korner, Joseph Estes and Jake Gibson; (second row) Kenzie McKinley, Carly Welch, Alyssa Leet, Margaret Sitar, Kaylee Gibson, Dustin Collins, Daniel Riley and Dakota Korner; (third row) Brittany Lester, Gregory Riggs, Leanna Riley, Erika Leet, Amanda Riggs, Jake Taylor, Justin Baldwin; (back) Rebecca Hughes, Trevor Hix, Martin Henager and Cody Welch.

Spiritual birth can change sinful nature

"You should not be surprised at my saying, you must be born again" John 3:7.

I share a February birthday with two of our greatest presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. No one, now living, witnessed their births, but they are a part of recorded history. The date of my birth is also permanently recorded.

Jesus was speaking to Nicodemus, a devout Jew, who was moral and a highly respected leader, but he lacked the knowledge to be a part of God's heavenly kingdom.

Each of us are born with a sinful nature and the only way that nature can be changed is by a spiritual birth. The Apostle Paul wrote, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away, behold all



Lula Mae Gostley Devotions
Crittenden Press guest columnist

things become new."

I don't remember the day I was born into the family whose DNA I share, but I remember vividly the day I was born again into God's family. That day my name was recorded in God's Book Of Life with indelible ink.

In my four-score and six years I have experienced many things. There have been triumphs and tragedies, successes and failures and joys and sorrows. But through them all, God's grace has been sufficient. I'm heaven-bound. What about you?

Church notes

Lola Pentecostal Church will host its 11th Annual Ladies Retreat at 7 p.m., on March 5 and at 10:30 a.m., on March 6. The theme for this year's retreat is "Alone With God - Oh, to Be in His Presence". The speaker is Patty Cooper from Shelbyville, Ind. There is a \$15 registration fee per person, which covers both days and meals following both services. The church is located at 1100 Lola Rd, Salem. For more information, you can contact Michelle Fouts at 988-2190 or Paja Crider at 331-3755.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

From The Press Archives

News from 1985:

•Crittenden County experienced six to eight inches of snow. Michael McDowell was pictured using a garden tractor with an attached blade to clear the sidewalk in front of his College Street home.

•American agriculture movement leader Wayne Cryts was pictured chatting with a farmer before speaking about farm parity at Smithland's Old Rivertown Restaurant.

•The Kentucky Ramblers, a music group headed by George Fryer, played at the Senior Citizens Center to raise money for the county's Heart Fund Drive.

•February was cristered as Arthritis Foundation Month. At the proclamation signing were Mildred Jones, president of the residents' council; Ronnie Marshall, Arthritis foundation chairman; Mayor Bernard Wood; Judge Executive H.M. Roni Asbridge; and Lucy Porter, secretary of the residents' council.

News from 1960:

•Den 2, Pack 233 of Cub Scouts in Marion celebrated the 50th anniversary of Scouting in America. Pictured were Ronny Hodge, Kim Travis, Johnny Hill, David Numm, Steve Henry, Bobby Byford, Harold Cooper, Douglas Fox, Ricky Aldridge, Randy Davidson, Wesley Grady, Gary Biggs, Marty Porter, Johnny Johnson and Bobby Buckalew.

•Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Easley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Pictured are some of the 1910 wedding party, Mr. and Mrs. Easley, Mrs. Addie Daughtrey, Willie Phillips, Mrs. Etta Alvis and Hayes Easley.

•During a Valentine's Day party thrown by Candy Johnson, Billy Allen was crowned King of Smiles.

Spelling bees are vital to schools' history

It's always interesting to read about the old school days and the activities that everyone always looked forward to. One of these events was the spelling bee that schools had each year.

I remember the spelling bees that we had every Friday at the Crayne School in the 1950s. These contests were an every-Friday event, something we looked forward to since it was different from the normal everyday studies.

Teams would be picked by two students, if they thought you were a good speller you would be the first one picked, which was a proud feeling, and then so on down the line. But like life, what you expect to happen sometimes wouldn't happen. One Friday you might do great, not miss a word, and be on top of the world. The next week, you would be the first picked for the team, and low, luck was against you and you would miss the very first word. Down you would go, downcast from shame and hard looks from your team. But there was always next week for another chance.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let's read about some true winners of the old spelling bees.

Feb. 26, 1926

A more than ordinary interest in spelling had been manifested among the students of the graded school the past few months.

During the past several weeks, a number of contests were held in these grades, and the best speller from each room was selected. Cora Mae Lanham was winner of the contest in the third grade, Roberta Gass in the fourth grade, Charles Runyan in the fifth, Fred Brown in the sixth, Dorothy Yates in the seventh and Mary Edna Bigham in eighth.

The winners in the various grade contests, together with those who won second, third



Brenda Underdown
Forgotten Passages
Area historia and genealogy

and fourth places, were participants in a final contest.

It was a long time before the contest developed into one between two students, Hilda Rankin and Thomas Rushing were the last contestants to remain standing, but finally Thomas missed a word, leaving Hilda the champion speller of the graded school for this year.

She is a student of the eighth grade, and will go to Louisville in April to represent Marion in the statewide contest.

Hilda Rankin, an eighth grade student in the Marion schools, was sent to compete with the other counties of the state in the spelling bee sponsored by the Courier Journal. The spelling bee was held in Louisville, during the session of the Kentucky Educational Association and Hilda won fourth place, winning a prize of \$50.

Feb. 18, 1927 Pupil At Baker School Is Best Speller

In the county, spelling contests are held Saturday morning in the auditorium of the graded school.

Miss Naomi Duncan, of the Baker School, was declared winner after spelling correctly the word "mimicry," which had been missed by her last opponent.

The winner is 12 years old and is in the seventh grade. She had been coached in spelling by her teacher, Miss



Wilma Conger attenden Brown Elementary School in 1928. She won the county spelling contest in February 1928.



Wilma Conger

Emma Terry, who formerly taught in the Marion schools.

Miss Duncan is the daughter of J. H. Duncan, who lives near Repton on R.R.1 from the post office. The champion speller of the county is also the niece of Rev. B. H. Duncan, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Marion several years ago.

Miss Mary Duiguid, of the Blackford high school, pronounced the words, which were taken from the Jones spelling textbook. The judges were Rev. James F. Price, pastor of the Main Street Presbyterian Church, Miss Leaffa Wilborn, of Marion, and D. C. Spickard, Fredonia School principal.

The other spelling contestants beside the winner, were Ivo Hughes, pupil of Mrs. Fred Gilbert of the Forest Grove school; Ruth Hard, pupil of Mrs. Bessie Oliver at Caldwell Springs; Zelma Brantley, pupil of Herbert McDowell at Prospect; Elva Nelle Postlethweight, pupil of Mrs. Lester Terry, of Heath, and Martha Larkin Christian, pupil of Miss Marie Taylor, of Marion.

Most of the pupils who were ruled out of the contest were ruled out, not because

of lack of spelling ability, but because they misunderstood the words read by the pronouncer.

Miss Hard spelled the word have instead of half as pronounced. Miss Postlethweight also misunderstood the word and spelled women instead of woman. Miss Brantley spelled quite instead of quiet as intended. Miss Christian was ruled out because she spelled taught instead of fought. Ivo Hughes misspelled the word mimicry and Miss Duncan won by spelling it correctly.

Miss Duncan will represent Crittenden County in the state-wide spelling contest to be held in Louisville in April.

Miss Naomi Duncan, Crittenden County spelling champion, won second place at the spelling contest held in Louisville. Second place prize was \$100.

After several hours of spelling, only two contestants were left, the girls from Graves and Crittenden County. After all the words in the spelling textbook had been used, harder lists were pronounced. Miss Duncan finally missed the word "adaptable," causing the state championship to go to Graves County.

Miss Duncan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duncan, of the Baker section. She was accompanied to Louisville by her teacher and

spelling coach, Miss Emma Terry.

Feb. 24, 1928

Student at Brown School Wins Spelling Bee

Miss Wilma Conger, a student of Miss Edna Vivian Vaughan at the Brown school, was winner of the first prize in the Crittenden County spelling contest held at the graded school auditorium in Marion last Saturday morning.

Miss Conger received a \$10 prize and a free trip to Louisville to participate in the Courier Journal state spelling bee, which will be held in April.

Crittenden County's champion speller for 1928 is 12 years old and will enter the freshman class of Marion High School next fall.

Miss Margaret Wing, a student of Miss Emma Terry at Freedom, was winner of second place and received a \$5 cash prize.

Fred Brown of the Marion school, received the third prize, \$4 in cash; Rankin Terry of Forest Grove, fourth prize of \$3; Hodge Oliver of Caldwell Springs, fifth prize of \$2; Miss Eva May Simpkins of Owen, sixth prize of \$1.

Other spelling contestants were Clement Ainsworth of New Salem, William Beshears of Chapel Hill and Zelma Brantley of Prospect.

The words taken from Jones' spelling book, were pronounced by Rhems of Sturgis. The judges were Dr. James F. Price and W. K. Powell of Marion and Miss Long of Sturgis.

At the spelling bee that was held in Louisville last week, Miss Wilma Conger, Crittenden County's representative, was eliminated when she misspelled omniscient. A Paducah girl was the winner of the \$200 first prize and was awarded champion. Roy L. Johnson of Providence was winner of second place.

Ed-Tech Center to hold FAFSA information sessions

BY PAMELA STRINGER
STAFF REPORTER

As the price of public and private schools continues to rise, more and more students are looking toward scholarships to help make ends meet.

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The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) counseled over 155,000 Kentuckians during the 2009-09 school year.

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Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards doles out college money for artistically-talented students are other options, as well.

FAFSA

Students should always fill out a FAFSA form, whether they think anything will come from it or not, according to Stefanie Hardin, Crittenden County High School guidance coun-

selor.

There are two upcoming FAFSA information and help sessions. Carolyn Clayton, Madisonville Community College financial aid director, will be at the Ed-Tech Center from 9:30 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Feb. 23 to help applicants fill out the FAFSA form. Participants don't have to be attending MCC to receive help from Clayton. And, from 9:30 a.m., until noon and 1 until 2:30 p.m., on March 9, CCHS is sponsoring a help session at CCHS. To schedule an appointment call CCHS at 965-2248. Parents need to bring their W-2 form and 2009 tax return to provide income information.

Even if a student doesn't qualify for need-based aid, he or she can still qualify for a loan.

"I advise students not to take out a private student loan, unless it's from someone they know and can trust," Hardin said. "The loans advertisements you receive in the mail have interest rates that are outrageous."

Through FAFSA, an applicant can become eligible for federal loans that have lower interest rates than private loan groups. For more information, visit fafsa.ed.gov.

Local scholarships

There are about 30 local businesses and organizations that award scholarship money each year, some giving out multiple awards.

Last year's graduating class of 80 students received 79 scholarships from local businesses, organizations and some Kentucky public schools.

"Some students received multiple awards, but still that's an impressive percentage," Hardin said.

Hardin sends out a packet of all of the local awards given out, the students turn back in the filled out forms and she sends them to the appropriate places. Also, as she hears of non-local scholarships, Hardin e-mails parents and announces it at school.

KHEAA

KHEAA has been very helpful for students in Crittenden County and all of Kentucky, Hardin said.

The association produces several publications loaded with information about schools, what they offer, costs and aid. Hardin mentioned the publication Getting In as one of the best sources.

"They send out booklets to every senior in Kentucky. Get-

ting In lists every college in the state of Kentucky and all the information you need about them - costs, programs, tours, etc.," Hardin said.

KEES

Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) allows students with at least a B average to start a college fund for themselves. For each year a student keeps his or her grade point average at a 2.5 or above, he can earn at least \$120 per year, or \$500 for a 4.0, for college. As a bonus for scoring at

least a 15 on the ACT, he can earn \$36 more, \$500 more if he scores a 28.

There's a KEES coordinator at the central office that sends in the GPAs at the end of each year. Students are able to then go onto the Web site and see the money they've earned for college.

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Another option to make ends meet is to take the artistic route - a route that is seldom seen at CCHS, according to Hardin.

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Softball

Softball team selling ribs

The 2010 Lady Rockets softball team is selling slabs of ribs as a fundraiser.

Their dads will be doing the cooking. They will be ready at noon on Saturday, March 6 at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds.

Slabs are \$15 each or three for \$40. Please email Reese Baker at rbaker@kynet.biz to reserve a spot on the pit. The team thanks supporters in advance for their contributions.

Booster club

The Crittenden County High School Softball Booster meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., on Feb. 18 (tonight) in the CCHS library. Contact Reese Baker for more information.

Dugout Club

Little league baseball sign-ups are now taking place. For a form, visit the-press.com or visit the office on E. Belleville Street.

Forms must be received by March 28, with \$25 per child (for t-ball and co-ed rookie, it's \$20 per child).

Basketball

Little League Girls Basketball registration will be held again on Feb. 20 in the CCMS gym. Little Dribblers (K-2) sign-ups are at 11:30 a.m., and Little League (3-6) are at 12:30 p.m.

Soccer

Soccer registration will be from 9 a.m., to noon on Feb. 27 at DQ. The fee is \$40, or \$30 if the player played in fall 2009. Registration also available through The Press. Children must be five years old prior to July 31.

CCYSA is taking team photographer bids. Please submit a bid to crittendensoccer@yahoo.com. Bids must be in by April 1.

ROCKET STATISTICS

Crittenden 54, St. Mary 46

Crittenden 9 22 37 54
St. Mary 14 23 29 46
Crittenden - Nielsen 16, Clark 13, Gray 13, Porter 5, Oliver 2, Owen 3, Collins 2, Pierce. FG. 14. 3-pointers 2 (Nielsen, Gray). FT. 20-28. Fouls 16.
St. Mary - Vaughan, R. 11, Bickerstaff 11, Thompson 8, Blackwell 5, Gilland 7, Vaughan, B. 2, Englett 2, Garrett, Ogden, Smith, Bray, Lutz. FG. 11. 3-pointers 4 (Thompson 2, R. Vaughan 2). FT. 12-20.

Crittenden 60, Dawson Springs 46

Dawson 6 16 26 46
Crittenden 14 33 48 60
Dawson - McKnight 15, Bullock 8, McCuiston 7, Miller 4, Smiley 2, Fambrough 8, Loblado 2. FG. 11. 3-pointers 5 (McKnight 3, Bullock, McCuiston). FT. 9-13. Fouls 12.
Crittenden - Oliver 21, Nielsen 14, Clark 9, Gray 7, Pierce 3, Porter 2, Gardner 2, Knox 2, Pierce, Belt, Clark, Dev. FG. 11. 3-pointers 4 (Thompson 2, R. Vaughan 2). FT. 11-13. Fouls 13.

Crittenden 62, Caldwell 50

Caldwell 18 22 32 50
Crittenden 9 23 42 62
Caldwell - Gray 13, Wisdom 9, Hooks 8, Kilgore 8, Hodges 5, Smiley 2, Sivills 2, Dixon 2, P'Pool 1. FG. 16. 3-pointers 3 (Gray 3). FT. 9-15. Fouls 12.
Crittenden - Oliver 17, Nielsen 13, Porter 11, Clark, Dy., 10, Gray 7, Owen 2, Knox 2, Pierce, Belt, Clark, Dev. FG. 19. 3-pointers 5 (Oliver 2, Gray 2, Porter). FT. 9-14. Fouls 12.

LADY ROCKET STATISTICS

Madisonville 52, Crittenden 48

Madisonville 8 17 37 52
Crittenden 6 22 27 48
Madisonville - Foster 18, Tedder 11, Drake 10, McReynolds 7, Elliott 4, Hughes 2, Whittington, Duvall, Jobe, McNary, Stockton. FG. 22. 3-pointers none. FT. 8-23. Fouls 11.
Crittenden - Hodge 26, Tabor 12, Graham 5, Courtney 2, Johnson 2, Brown 1, Brantley, Leidecker. FG. 14. 3-pointers 4 (Tabor 3, Hodge). FT. 8-13. Fouls 17.

St. Mary 48, Crittenden 47

Crittenden 9 17 27 35 47
St. Mary 11 29 35 48
Crittenden - Hodge 18, Brantley 12, Tabor 6, Brown 5, Graham 4, Courtney 2, Head. FG. 15. 3-pointers 4 (Hodge 2, Tabor, Brown). FT. 5-11. Fouls 14.
St. Mary - McManus 16, Tincher 8, Vaughan 8, Hendley 6, Guess 7, Dome 3, Powell, Durbin, Thweatt. FG. 16. 3-pointers 2 (Vaughan, Tincher). FT. 10-17. Fouls 12.

Central Hopkins 72, Crittenden 62

Crittenden 12 27 36 62
Central Hopkins 11 23 44 72
Crittenden - Hodge 33, Tabor 18, Courtney 7, Johnson 4, Brantley, Graham, Head, Brown. FG. 13. 3-pointers 6 (Tabor 3, Hodge 3). FT. 18-19. Fouls 22.
Central Hopkins - Murphy 30, Flecher 19, Wells 14, McNary 4, Orten 3, Daugherty 1, Matchem 1, Watts, Haley, Wilkes, Neptune. FG. 22. 3-pointers none. FT. 28-37. Fouls 17.

Next varsity games:

Feb. 19 - Boys vs. Ft. Campbell, 6 p.m.
Feb. 19 - Girls vs. Ft. Campbell, 7:30 p.m.

Gray, Clark will play football at Lindsey Wilson

Boys will be a part of football resurrection

STAFF REPORT

Two of Crittenden County's most decorated football players have signed collegiate letters of intent to play football at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky.

J.D. Gray and Dylan Clark, both of whom will graduate this spring, have agreed to become part of football history at the four-year liberal arts college in central Kentucky. Lindsey Wilson is resurrecting its football program, which has been dormant since 1935.

Gray and Clark led Crittenden County to the Class A state semifinals in 2008 and the state quarterfinals in 2009. Their football achievements are among the most respected in school history as testified by their numerous entries in the Rocket Football Record Book.

The two former Rockets signed with Lindsey Wilson during a ceremony at Crittenden County High School last week.

Gray is projected as a receiver at Lindsey Wilson while Clark is expected to play linebacker.



J.D. Gray and Dylan Clark sign with Lindsey Wilson to play football. Pictured are (from left) Clark's parents, Alicia and Vince Clark; Clark; Gray; Gray's mother, Rhonda Gray; Gray's grandmother, Dorris Belcher; and (back) Al Starnes, head football coach.

Christ Oliver, a five-year assistant coach at Ohio Dominican University, is the Blue Raiders' first coach of the new football era.

Gray and Clark said the opportunity to play on the first team as football is brought back to Lindsey Wilson made their choice an exciting one.

Lindsey Wilson will compete in the NAIA as a member of the Mid-South Conference.

Gray was a three-year starter at quarterback for the Rockets and Clark was a three-year starter at defensive end. Both played other positions, but those are where they became best know.

"I am very proud of those two," said Rocket football coach Al Starnes. "They both

have worked very hard to achieve something they really wanted and this is to play at the next level."

Starnes said it is the first time in many years that Crittenden County has had two athletes sign to play collegiate football in the same year.

Gray and Clark are both multiple year selections to the All-Western Kentucky Conference Team.

Records held by Gray and Clark

- J.D. GRAY**
- Career record holder in points scored (306).
 - Career touchdowns leader (48).
 - Career rushing yards by a quarterback (3,222).
 - Career rushing touchdowns leader (40).
 - 3rd career rushing yards (3,222).
 - Tied career punt returns for touchdown (3).
 - Tied career kickoff returns for touchdowns in a season (2).
- DYLAN CLARK**
- 2nd in career tackles by a defensive lineman (235 tackles).
 - 10th in career tackles.
 - 2nd in career tackles for loss (35).
 - School record holder for tackles for loss in a season (20 in 2009).
 - Tied for 2nd in career sacks (10).
 - Tied for 3rd in career fumble recoveries (6).

Rockets on five-game winning streak

Boys show a late-season surge with 62-50 win

BY CHRIS HARDESTY
PRESS SPORTS WRITER

The Rockets' positive late-season surge continued Tuesday night in Rocket Arena, winning their fifth consecutive game, defeating Caldwell County 62-50.

After falling behind 20-9 less than 1:00 into the second quarter, Crittenden (10-14) started to put the clamps on the Tigers, causing the visitors would go on more than a 6:00 offensive drought.

Rocket senior forward Alex Porter gave his team a 30-27 lead with 5:42 left in the third period, while his team ran off 12 more unanswered points, taking a comfortable 42-27 advantage.

Casey Oliver led his team with 17 points, also dishing out four assists.

Defensively, they switched things up between a 3-2 zone and man-to-man, keeping the Tigers off balance most of the way.

The victors took a 14-point lead with 5:50 remaining in the contest and were never seriously threatened from that point on.

Hayes was happy with his team's crisp passing, which produced 19 assists, a season-high for the Rockets.

Senior forward Patrick Nielsen continued his fine play Tuesday, recording a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Fellow senior forward Dylan Clark had a great outing with 10 points and three rebounds, as the Rockets had their way in the low post much of the game.

The Rocket coach was pleased with the play of Porter, who recorded 11 points, as the winners placed four players in double-figures.

Girls' loss makes winning season difficult to grasp

Things have turned sour for the Lady Rockets, losing their third straight game Tuesday night at Central Hopkins 72-62.

With sights of a winning season a very attainable goal just over a week ago, the Lady Rockets (10-12) will now have to win their regular season finale and capture next week's Fifth District Tournament to get back over .500.

Despite going a terrific 18-of-19 at the free throw line, the Storm got their many more times finishing 28-of-37



PHOTO BY PAMELA STRINGER

During half-time of the Rockets' win over Dawson, participants of the Lady Rocket Cheer Clinic showed off their new moves.

at the charity stripe.

Point guard Jessi Hodge recorded a varsity career-high with 33 points, pulled down seven rebounds and dished out four assists.

But another third quarter struggle, the Lady Storm outscored Crittenden 21-9, ruined any hopes of a road win.

In addition to the 17 offensive rebounds surrendered, Lady Rocket skipper Shannon Hodge pointed to a poor defensive showing as a big factor in the setback.

"We played a bit sluggishly on the defensive end of the floor," she said.

Two Lady Storm players had at least 10 rebounds while Hodge and Summer Courtney led their team with seven apiece.

A poor assist-to-turnover ratio of seven to 17 was also a telling factor in the defeat.

One bright spot in the loss was that versatile Lady Rocket junior Whitney Johnson returned from the injury she suffered in last week's loss against Madisonville.

The Lady Rocket skipper commended her efforts in working so hard and returning less than a week later.

Lady Rockets fall to St. Mary 48-47

Due to a lackluster third quarter, the Lady Rockets lost a heartbreaking 48-47 decision at St. Mary last Friday, falling to under .500 heading into the final week of the regular season.

Crittenden jumped out to an early 9-2 lead in the opening stanza behind the hot hand of junior point guard Jessi Hodge.

But the Lady Vikings did not roll over, going on a 14-8 run to cut the margin to 17-16 with about 5:00 left before intermission.

Leading 21-18 late in the first half, the visitors outscored the Lady Vikings 7-1 the rest of the way to take a 27-19 lead into the locker room.

During the opening stages

of the second half, the Lady Rockets seemed to be in good shape, maintaining a 31-24 lead with 5:54 left in the third stanza.

But after the Lady Vikings tied the contest at 35-all right before the third quarter buzzer, they seemed to gain a bit of momentum.

They took their first lead of the game :11 ticks into the fourth quarter on a three-pointer, making it 38-35.

With Courtney sidelined for fouling out and Whitney Johnson out with an injury, the hosts continued to have their way on the offensive glass.

The final stages of the game had lots of ebb and flow with the Lady Rockets taking a 47-46 lead with 57.3 seconds to go.

But the hosts scored on an offensive putback with 13.9 seconds left to claim a one-point lead.

After taking a timeout after that shot to set the offensive strategy, Hodge called another one with 3.2 ticks left to try and draw up the winning shot.

After inbounding the ball, Jessi Hodge dished it to Graham, who missed a shot as time expired from about four feet.

With just one game left in the regular season slate, she wants her team to focus on capturing their third straight winning campaign as well as their first Fifth District Championship since the 1983-84 season, when Coach Hodge was a junior.

Rockets playing best ball of season

Heading into next week's Fifth District Tournament, the Rockets continue to play their best basketball of the season after disposing of host St. Mary last Friday 54-46.

After the Vikings hit a three-pointer to take a 5-0 lead less than 1:00 into the contest, Crittenden clamped down defensively the remainder of the game.

5th District Tourney starts Monday at Rocket Arena

BOYS

Monday, Feb. 22

•Crittenden vs. Lyon, 6 p.m.
•Trigg vs. Livingston, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 25

•Championship - winners of Monday's games play at 7 p.m.

GIRLS

Tuesday, Feb. 23

•Crittenden vs. Livingston, 6 p.m.
•Trigg vs. Lyon, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26

•Championship winners of Tuesday's games play at 7 p.m.

Their 3-2 zone limited the hosts to only three more trifectas the rest of the way, allowing them to keep the game tight.

The Rockets also had to overcome a finger injury to starting off guard Casey Oliver that occurred during the first quarter. Oliver missed the rest of the game, but should be back before the start of next week's post-season action.

The injury gave eighth-grade guard Aaron Owen the chance to play the most varsity minutes he has seen this season. He handled himself very well, playing hard on both ends of the court.

Trailing 17-11 with about 3:00 left in the first half, Rocket senior forward Dylan Clark (13 points, 6 rebounds) connected on a three-pointer to cut the deficit to 17-14.

As the first half buzzer sounded, St. Mary was whistled for a foul and Alex Porter went to the line and made 1-of-2, trimming the lead even further to 23-22.

Two big reasons for Crittenden winning four in a row and six of their last seven games has been the great play of senior forward Patrick Nielsen and point guard J. D. Gray.

Over the last four games, Nielsen has averaged 17.5 points per game and his classmate has done a great job of getting the team in the right offense and knocking down free throws. During the previous pair of games, Gray has gone 11-of-15 from the charity stripe.

Nielsen's layup with 5:39 left in the third quarter gave his team a 28-25 advantage and the Vikings' called a :30 second timeout to try and stop Crittenden's momentum.

But it didn't work as they went on a long scoring drought, ending the third period trailing 37-29.

After committing just three turnovers during the first half, the Vikings coughed it up 15 times during the second half, as Crittenden played terrific defense.

While the hosts made a late three-pointer to cut it to six

with less than 1:00 left, they couldn't get all the way over the hump to score a comeback win.

Coach Hayes is proud of his squad's efforts and believes they are finally starting to gel at the right time.

"We're playing well and it is certainly fun when we're winning," he said.

Girls nearly upset Madisonville 52-48

For a while last Thursday night, it appeared as if the Lady Rockets would hand visiting Madisonville (15-5) its first loss in the Second Region this season. The 52-48 loss ended their four-game winning streak.

In a low-scoring first quarter, the Lady Maroons led 8-6 after the opening 8:00 of play. After a strong second quarter, the hosts took a 22-17 advantage into the dressing room.

But it was another third quarter lull that spelled the Lady Rockets' doom as they were outscored 20-5.

With Summer Courtney once again battling foul trouble, reserve forward Tiffany Graham did a nice job of taking up the slack.

Lady Rocket point guard Jessi Hodge had a big night in the loss pouring in 26 points and dishing out five assists.

Oliver, boys defeat Dawson 60-46

Casey Oliver had a big night leading his team with 21 points last Thursday, as the Rockets defeated visiting Dawson Springs 60-46.

The Rockets jumped on the Panthers (1-20) right from the outset, taking a double-digit lead in the opening quarter.

It marked the 11th time this season that Crittenden has held an opponent to less than 50 points.

Another positive in the victory was their performance at the free throw line.

They went 11-of-13 at the line for an impressive mark of 84.6 percent.

Area News Briefs



Marion fire and police responded to a blaze at Family Dollar at Darben Plaza Monday. Authorities believe the fire was set.

Arson suspected in fire at Family Dollar

Arson is the suspected cause of a fire at a Marion business Monday.

At least a dozen members of the Marion Fire Department responded to Family Dollar Store in Darben Plaza when the fire was reported around noon.

Two employees and two customers were in the store when the fire was discovered on the northeast wall amid shelves of toilet paper and paper towels.

"There is no doubt that the fire was set," said Fire Chief Red Howton. "It wasn't electrical."

Howton said by looking at the shelves, it appeared as though the fire started behind the front stack of paper products. An electrical outlet was near the roughly eight-foot section of flames extinguished by firemen. However, Howton said the outlet did not appear to be the source of ignition. Nothing was plugged into the socket, he said.

Howton said Tuesday that he plans to discuss the fire with the store manager and state fire marshal to determine whether further investigation is warranted.

Crittenden joins other counties to improve water loop

Webster County's fiscal court has approved a resolution and application for funds for multi-county water interconnection projects. The grant application will be up to \$1 million from the Department of Local Government for multi-county community development efforts through LGEF funding. Crittenden, Union and Henderson counties will be part of the project.

Crittenden County Magistrate Dan Wood, who serves District 6, which joins Webster County, said this is part of a multi-county coal severance tax fund project. Plans are to tie water

lines together from multiple counties. In cases of emergency or failure of one system, Wood said a county's water system could be supplemented by another after the project is complete.

Webster County will be the lead county on the project.

Council will review fire station plans March 15

In less than a month, the Marion City Council will review architectural and engineering applicants for construction of a new Marion fire station.

The deadline for interested companies to submit their credentials, references and be considered for the project is Feb. 26.

City Administrator Mark Bryant said architectural and engineering firms have been asked to include schematics, or design concepts, for the fire station. Those designs will give the council some idea of how the building will fit into downtown. It is projected to be built at the northeast corner of Main and Bellville streets.

Erecting a building consistent with the existing architecture has been of great importance to city leaders, Bryant said.

A couple of companies have already been to Marion to review the location of the fire station. Some have toured the old fire department on Bellville Street to get an idea of the equipment currently in use.

The council will review the design plans and meet with designers on March 15.

State now providing crash reports online

As a convenience to motorists, Kentucky Uniform Police Traffic Collision Reports for vehicle crashes throughout the state are available for purchase online. The cost is \$10 per report and requests can be made through the Kentucky State Police Web site at www.kentuckystatepolice.org or by visiting www.kyonlinereports.com.

ports.com.

The reports are available on the sites within seven to 10 working days from the date of the collision.

To download the report, motorists need to enter their last name, the date of the collision, the local code or the investigating officer's badge number and the name of the investigating agency, which is available on a scroll down menu.

Payment can be made by VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discovery Card or PayPal.

According to state law, crash reports are only available to a party of the accident, the parent or guardian of a minor who is party to the accident, insurers of any party who is subject to the report or an attorney of the parties involved.

Escapee is found near Fredonia

An inmate who escaped from the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex near Fredonia Saturday night was captured Sunday not far from the prison and charged with second-degree escape.



Hornback

Caldwell County deputies found escapee Robert Hornback cold and ready to turn himself in after he showed up at a residence on Old Fredonia Road. He was apparently out all night as temperatures dipped into the 20s, said a spokesperson for the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department.

Hornback was being held for first-degree robbery (possession of firearm by a convicted felon). He was discovered missing at 8:15 p.m., Saturday.

Hornback was taken back to the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex.

Detention Center details population

Crittenden County Detention Center has released its census and work release activity for Feb. 15-19. The jail

Here are work release figures:

- Six men at 40 hours to Crittenden County Road Department

- One man at 44 hours to the Crittenden County Animal Shelter.

- Four men at 40 hours to Crittenden County Convalescence Center.

- Two women at 44 hours to the Crittenden County Court-house.

- Ten men at 56 hours inside jail as janitors and kitchen workers.

- Three men at 40 hours on the CCDC Trash Crew along county roads.

- Six men at 40 hours on the moving crew.

According to the jail's news release, there were no federal prisoners held last week. In the

jail were 103 state prisoners, which included 99 men and four women. There were seven male county prisoners and two female county prisoners. There were six other inmates not classified in the above categories, five men and one woman.

Missed school days made up in spring

Crittenden County has missed eight snow days as of Monday.

Al Starnes, director of students, said the school calendar had five days built into it for snow, leaving three to be made up later in the year.

School officials say two of those days can be made up during professional development days when children were previously scheduled to be out of class, and at the end of the calendar.

According to the current school calendar, the last day of classes is May 21. However, that will likely change.

As of now, only one day may have to be made up at the end of the school year, if March 1 and April 12 (teacher planning days) are used for snow make-up.

City looking for new source of raw water

City of Marion officials are in the process of seeking professional assistance to determine the potability of water from an abandoned mine shaft between Depot Street and Old Piney Road.

The city's raw water now comes from Old City Lake and Lake George before it's treated and distributed. Those sources tend to get very low in the summer, creating problems in the treatment process. Getting water from the former Lucille Mine may solve some seasonal raw water issues.

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CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 64 ACRES - \$1,750/ACRE - 50 acres tillable, balance in timber and brush.

CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 110 ACRES - \$2,019/ACRE - Property surveyed. 20 acres tillable, 2 ponds, balance in timber and brush.

CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 116 ACRES - \$1,750/ACRE - 65 acres timber, 51 acres open, spring, pond, and established food plots.

CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 220 ACRES - \$588,500 - 50 acres tillable, balance in timber, brush, pond, creeks, and 2 buildings.

CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 211 ACRES - \$21,900 - All timber. Located 2 hours from Nashville, TN.

CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 458 ACRES - \$2,019/ACRE - 3 ponds, hardwood timber, overgrown fields and pasture.

CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 568 ACRES - \$2,019/ACRE - 3 ponds, hardwood timber, overgrown fields and pasture.

CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 885 ACRES - \$1,899/ACRE - Nearly all timber, food plots, interior roads, and creek.

LIVINGSTON CO, KY - 51 ACRES - \$1,760/ACRE - Consisting mainly of hardwood timber made up of white oaks, red oaks, hickory, as well as some scattered cedars and pines.

CALDWELL CO, KY - 30 ACRES - \$2,295/ACRE - 12 acres CRP, balance in timber, brush, and pond.

CALDWELL CO, KY - 40 ACRES - \$246,000 - All timber. Property has been surveyed. Located less than 2 hours from Nashville, TN.

CALDWELL CO, KY - 100 ACRES - \$1,679/ACRE - Primarily thinned pines with soft and hard wood pockets, several creeks, and pond

CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 264 ACRES - \$1,750/ACRE - 100 acres CRP / SAFE Program, established food plots, pond, balance in timber & brush.

CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 312 ACRES - \$2,296/ACRE - 100 acres hay, 75 acres pasture, balance in timber, brush, 3 ponds, and buildings.



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Community Calendar

Thursday, February 18

✓ Crittenden County Cares will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday at the courthouse.

Friday, February 19

✓ A chili supper to benefit Relay for Life will be held at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center at 5:30 p.m., Friday. Chili, sandwich, drink and dessert is \$5. Entertainment will begin at 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 20

✓ Western Kentucky Quilters Guild will meet at 1 p.m., Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Morganfield. For information, call Martha Hargrove, 952-6360.

Monday, February 22

✓ Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 5:30 p.m., Monday in the teacher workroom.

✓ Jim Pearce Camp 2527, Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet at 7 p.m., Monday at

George Coon Public Library in Princeton.

Tuesday, February 23

✓ A movie day with free popcorn will begin at 12:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Another movie day will be planned if interest is shown in this initial event.

Wednesday, February 24

✓ Assistance will be provided for tax preparation for seniors at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wednesday.

Upcoming

✓ Lady Rockets softball team is selling slabs of ribs as a fundraiser, with cooking complete and ready for pick-up around noon March 6 at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds. Slabs are \$15 each or 3 for \$40. Email Reese Baker at rbaker@kynet.biz to reserve your spot on the pit.

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An open letter to the residents of Crittenden County

from Perry Newcom,

On May 18th many of you will go to the polls to choose a candidate to represent you as the Republican nominee in the November election for Judge-Executive of Crittenden County.

A fifth generation native of Crittenden County, I attended high school here before continuing my education at Murray State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Business and Business Administration.

After serving with the United States Air Force as a supervisor of satellite operations during Desert Storm-Iraq, I came home to Crittenden County to begin my business career in 1995.

Since my return to Crittenden County I have held leadership positions in community projects and in community organizations as well as in business while being the owner of Crittenden Farm Supply. I have, and continue to work on the local level along with state boards and legislators in Frankfort on behalf of our county and our residents.

The next four years will be a very challenging time for our county government as we face the current economic conditions and other situations here at home and statewide. I strongly believe that if elected Judge-Executive we can work together to find solutions that will allow us to prosper.

Looking back, I can remember hearing family members relate to a time when our main roads were made of dirt. We can all appreciate the changes made since that time and like many of you, I am proud of our county and those who have worked to bring it to the place we are today.

Together we will continue to remain a community others look to as a model for success. I will work closely with leaders who have been tasked with making our county stronger.

In the primary election on May 18th, I ask that you select the candidate you believe has the best background to serve as Crittenden County Judge-Executive.

With your help we can have the right leadership at the right time.
I respectfully ask you for that opportunity.

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animals

ADOPTING A PET from Crittenden County's Animal Shelter gives an animal a second shot at life. Animals can now be seen online at crittendenshelter.blogspot.com. The shelter holds animals from Crittenden, Lyon and Livingston counties, so be sure to check with the shelter online or at 965-3376 for your lost or missing pet. (nc)

wanted

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employment

Pennyrile District Health Department accepting applications for one full-time Senior Support Services Associate I to be based at the Crittenden County Health Center. Starting pay is \$8.40/hour. Applications and full listing of qualifications may be

obtained at the Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, or Trigg County Health Centers or a http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/LHD.htm. Completed applications and transcripts accepted until COB March 1, 2010. For additional information, call Human Resources Manager at 270-388-9747. EOE. (11-33-c) 1180

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Indoor tag sale Friday, Feb. 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., nice furniture, seasonal items. 123 N. Main St., Marion. (11-33-c) sc

legal

Notice is hereby given that on February 10, 2010, John Alan Tyner of P.O. Box 175 Salem, KY 42078 and Deborah Paulson of 96 Coy Watson Rd., Marion, Ky 42064, were appointed co-executors with will annexed of Dennis Tyner, deceased, whose address was Crittenden County Kentucky. Rebecca J. Johnson, 217 West Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-executors with will annexed on or before the 10th day of August 2010 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent will please call and settle debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court
Madeline Henderson, Clerk
(11-33-c)

I, Madeline Henderson, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, KY do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Pamela Adams Kirk of 7251 SR 506, Marion, KY 42064 and Edna Adams Cooper of 1230 Dunbar Cave Rd., Clarksville, TN 37043, co-administrators of Danny Adams, deceased. The foregoing Settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on March 17, 2010. All persons having exceptions to said Settlements are to file same at once.

Madeline Henderson, Clerk
Crittenden District Court
(11-33-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 09-CI-00059
COUNTRYWIDE HOME SERVICING L.P. PLAINTIFF V.
JOHNNIE R. CONGER,
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
JOHNNIE R. CONGER
a/k/a JOHNNIE L. CONGER
DENNIS J. CONGER
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
DENNIS J. CONGER
CITY OF MARION
COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN,
KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an Order of Default Judgment, Summary Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on January 14, 2010, I will on Friday, March 5, 2010 at the hour of 9:00a.m., prevailing time, 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

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parties hereto, to-wit:) Property Description: 1909 US Highway 641, Marion, Kentucky 42064

Parcel Number: 071-10-01009.00 EXHIBIT "A" Legal Description:

The following described property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky to-wit:

Tract I:
Beginning at a stake on the West side of Ky. 91 and US 641, being 30 feet from center of same and about 1-3/4 miles South of Marion's City Center and being 230-1/2 feet south of a 20 foot roadway reserved by Mrs. Potter and corner to lot conveyed to Jimmy Blakley by Willard Mott in June, 1971; thence with said lot S 59 3/4 W 310 feet to a stake, corner in same and in Easley's line (formerly Potter); thence with his line S 26 E 50-1/2 feet to a stake, corner to same; thence with another of his lines N 59 3/4 E 310 feet to a stake on the West side of Ky. 91; thence with said Highway N 26 W 50-1/2 feet to the beginning, containing 0.35 acres by survey, as surveyed by Billy J. May, LS 878 on October 20, 1973.

Tract II:
Beginning at an iron pin on the West side of U.S. 641 and Ky. 91 about 1-3/4 miles South of Marion City center and corner to Robert Winders; thence with said Highway S 26 E 90 feet to a stake, a new corner; thence with a new division line S 59 3/4 W 310 feet to a stake, another new corner and in Easley's line; thence with his line N 26 W 90 feet to an iron pin, corner to said Winders; thence with his line N 59 3/4 E 310 feet to the beginning, containing 0.61 acres, according to a survey by Billy J. May, Registered Surveyor, dated June 19, 1971.

This property is sold subject to the following terms and conditions which were contained in Deed to former grantors; it is agreed by and between the parties hereto that is the grantees, their heirs, devisees, or assigns desire to enclose the above property with any type of fence, it shall be at their expense. It is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that the grantees will not ditch or divert the water of the above described property or the property of the grantor in such way as to create a nuisance, and will not drain any sewage on the lands of the grantor. Reservation: The Grantor herein, Johnnie L. Conger, hereby reserves unto herself a life estate in and to the above described real property for and during her natural life. Being the same property conveyed to Johnnie L. Conger, single, by virtue of a deed from Dennis J. Conger, unmarried, dated September 4, 2007, filed September 5, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 209, Page 219, County Clerk's Office, Crittenden County, Kentucky. And further conveyed to Dennis J. Conger, single, by virtue of a deed from Johnnie L. Conger, single, dated November 13, 2007, filed November 13, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 209, Page 663, County Clerk's Office, Crittenden County, Kentucky. Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements. The description provided herein was provided by the parties and is contained in the Judgment and Order of Sale.

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

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3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on January 14, 2010 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendants, Johnnie R. Conger, Dennis J. Conger, unknown spouse of Johnnie R. Conger, a/k/a Johnnie L. Conger and unknown spouse of Dennis J. Conger for the sum of \$88,546.10 plus interest at the rate of 6.75 % per annum from October 1, 2008 until paid, costs and fees of this action, attorney's fees, and sums advanced in payment of ad valorem taxes, insurances premiums, winterization, or in preservation of real estate.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2010
Alan C. Stout
Master Commissioner,
Crittenden Circuit Court
P.O. Box 81
Marion, KY 42064
(270) 965-4600
Facsimile: (270) 965-4848
(31-35-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 09-CI-00154
FARMERS BANK & TRUST COMPANY PLAINTIFF V.
H & D, INC., NICHOLAS ALVIN DAVIS
JAMOS FUND I,
CITY OF MARION
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN,
KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an Order of Default Judgment, Summary Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on February 1, 2010, I will on Friday, March 5, 2010 at the hour of 9:30 a.m., prevailing time, 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:)

Property Description:
170 Adam St. Marion, Kentucky 42064
Parcel Number:
070-00-00-013.04
EXHIBIT "A"

Being a certain piece of property lying an being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin on the north side of Adam St., being 250 ft. east of the center of the railroad and 25 ft. north of the center of the street, being the southeast corner of this lot; thence with the north line of the street N. 68 deg. 09 min. W. 150.00 ft. to an iron pin, being 100 ft. east of the center of the railroad; thence with new division lines leaving Adam Street and parallel to the railroad and 50 ft. east of the east right-of-way N. 28 deg. 19 min. E. 150.00 ft. to an iron pin and S. 68 deg. 09 min. E. 150.00 ft. to an iron pin and S. 28 deg. 19 min. W. 150.00 ft. to the beginning containing 0.513 acre by survey.

SOURCE OF TITLE: This being the same property conveyed to H & D, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation, by Franklin Hazzard et ux, by Deed dated March 24, 1995 and recorded in Deed Book 171, at Page 266, Crittenden County Court Clerk's .

Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

The description provided herein was provided by the parties and is contained in the Judgment and Order of Sale.

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tion 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 2010 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 February 1, 2010 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendant, H & D Inc. for the sum of \$59,199.51 plus interest at the statutory rate per annum until paid, costs and fees of this action, attorney's fees, and sums advanced in payment of ad valorem taxes, insurances premiums, winterization, or in preservation of real estate.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2010
Alan C. Stout
Master Commissioner,
Crittenden Circuit Court
(31-35-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 08-CI-00100
CITY OF MARION PLAINTIFF
A city of the Fourth Class V.
RENE WHITSON
KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION
COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN,
KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on

February 1, 2010, I will on Friday, March 5, 2010 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, 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:)

Property address: 205 Oak St., Marion, KY 42064

Map No. 058-20-43-005.00

A certain lot or parcel of ground with the improvements thereon in the town of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, and being a part of Lot No. 15, in W.F. Wilson Addition to said town and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at T.J. Yandell's southeast corner; thence running west 100 feet to a stake or stone; thence south 74-1/2 feet to a stake or stone; thence east 100 feet to a stake in line of street thence with west line of street north 74-1/2 feet to the place of beginning.

LESS HOWEVER 1 lot 12 feet by 100 feet, which was sold off of the north side of the above described lot, as recorded in Deed Book 80, Page 27, which was sold to S.H. Paris and his wife, Mary Paris, on November 6, 1950, and reference is made to said deed for the exact de-

scription of the lot so sold. ALSO LESS HOWEVER that portion of the above property sold by D.E. Woodall to Willard Easley by Deed which has not been placed of record.

ALSO A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all improvements thereon in the town of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, and being a part of Lot No. 15, in W.F. Wilson Addition to said town and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake on the west side of Oak Street, corner to T.J. Yandell (now Claud Fletcher) and being his southeast corner; thence with his line in a western direction 100 feet to a stake or stone in line of Harold Yates; thence south with his line 12 feet to a stake, an agreed corner to first parties; (previous) thence east or nearly so with an agreed line this day established between first and second parties (previous) and parallel with first line 100 feet a stake on the west side of Oak Street; thence in a northern direction with West line of said Street 12 feet to the point of beginning.

SOURCE OF TITLE: This being the same property conveyed to Irene B. Whitson, a single person, and her son, David Whitson, a single person, by Doris Dickey, a widow, by Deed dated April 13, 1994 and recorded in Deed Book 168, at Page 321; see also Quitclaim Deed dated June 2, 1994 and recorded in Deed Book 168, at Page 622; all references to the Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office. Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

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 (30 thirty) 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 2010 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 February 1, 2010 on behalf of the Plaintiff, City of Marion against the Defendants, Irene Whitson, et al, for the sum of \$4,286.00 plus penalties in the amount of \$250.00 and attorney's fees in the amount of \$1500.00. The judgment is for the amount of \$6,036.00, plus costs and fees of this action, and sums in payment of ad valorem taxes.

Dated this 15th day of February 2010
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Eleven of the 12-man Department of Highways crew stand in front of one of the salt-dispensing trucks used to treat the roads before a snow or ice storm. The crew cares for all state roads in Crittenden County.

10 Questions

A Q and A session with community leaders
with Pamela Stringer

Heath Martin, Highway Superintendent of Crittenden County, gave an interview on Feb. 11 about the ins and outs of the road department. Twelve crew members work for the state road department on state highways in Crittenden County and some surrounding areas. His answers have been edited for brevity. To hear the full interview, visit the-press.com.

What are your main duties when it snows?

Our main duties of course are to clear the roads of the snow and ice. And just try to make it as safe as possible for the traveling public. To do that, we have equipment with snowplows and salt to help clear the roads.

What roads do you care for?

We take care of the state-maintained roads, which is just about anything with a yellow line in the center of it. There are a few county roads that have a yellow line, but we take care of the main state-maintained roads.

The county maintains their own roads. They've got their own road system. The city takes care of the city streets, with the exception of the state roads through the city, we take care of those. We've all got our own road systems and our own equipment.

Do you ever help each other out?

We do, especially in an event like the ice storm. We just all pitch in and help each other out where we can.

What do you do in the non-winter months?

Through the summer, our main job is to keep the right of ways mowed. We do a lot of cleaning out of ditches. Last year, we did a lot of work down at Dam 50.

We cleared a right of way out where some trees had grown up along the side of the road. We tried to make it a little more appealing to the public. That was a joint effort with the county. Our main thing through the summer is the mowing and to keep the ditches cleaned out.

How does this winter compare to others as far as workload?

It hasn't been too bad. We've had some

snows. They've been what I considered minor events. We had six inches the other night, but it cleaned off well.

We weren't having to work days on end. In two or three days we had it cleaned up. I consider it pretty mild to what last year was, which was the worst winter by far.

How many overtime and man-hours do you think it took to get everything cleaned up?

I could go back and look. It would be remarkable. In these past few days, we worked 400 man hours just for a minor event.

Did you have any extra help getting the ice storm cleaned up?

We did get a couple of local contractors here in the county to help us get the roads opened up in the beginning.

Then the National Guard helped us, as well as the county and the City of Marion. It was a big, joint effort.

How do you decide what to repair and when?

It depends on the condition of what it is needing repair. A few years ago, we had a whole tree fall out on U.S. 60 and that's where we concentrated our efforts all day - to fix that.

We try to get what's going to cause the most safety issues to the traveling public taken care of first.

Does the fluctuating temperatures affect the roads?

It does. The freezing and thawing will cause the road to get soft underneath. It will compress, expand and contract as people drive over the black top. It really does a number on the black top.

What's the worst thing you have to deal with?

The worst thing for us right now is when we have a snow and ice event. The next worst thing is we have some places where we've got a lot of issues with potholes. They cause a lot of problems for us.

In the past, we've had a lot of trouble with tree and brush removal. We've really concentrated in the last couple of years with getting those cleaned up.

Our biggest issue right now is probably potholes with all of the freezing and thawing and the water standing on the road.



Heath Martin

Early Head Start begins



PHOTOS BY PAMELA STRINGER

Eight cribs will be filled soon, at Crittenden County's Early Head Start, as the program got underway Tuesday. The county got the good news of funding back in October. Now, the toys, beds and books are in place for the babies of teenaged parents get the opportunity to start school early. Above, Stacy Hardin, Head Start family advocate and lead teacher and program assistant, chats with Teresa Marshall, CCMS principal, while enrolled twins Aliyah and Meriah Morgan play with toys during last week's open house. Right, Hardin explains Reggio Emilia, the teaching method implemented by the program, to Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, while Holly White distracts Meriah. Reggio Emilia is a program based on the principles of respect, responsibility and community through exploration and discovery in an environment based on the interests of the children through a self-guided curriculum.



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Kids grow tired of snowy winter



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Matt Cox, left, works with Jordan McMackin to build a snow fort last Wednesday. The boys said they're ready for spring and don't want to miss any more days of school. Crittenden County has seen approximately 11 inches of snow so far this winter. Usually Crittenden County averages in the high single digits of winter weather precipitation per year.



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