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Upcoming classes at the Marion Ed-Tech Center:

■ **Elements of Underground Mining:** April 9 to May 3. Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m., to noon. Thursday at Madisonville Community College 8 a.m., to noon. Only 12 seats available.

■ **COMPASS test:** Call to set-up appointment.

To register for a class or for additional information, call Jeremy Wheeler at 965-9294.

Salem lodge hosts breakfast

Salem Lodge No. 81 will host an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 6 to 10 a.m., Saturday at the lodge hall at 221 U.S. 60 West in Salem. Everyone is welcome. The cost of the meal is \$6.

Blaze destroys Tolu-area barn

A fire last week destroyed a barn at the Maxine Croft residence near Tolu.

Inside the barn was thousands of dollars worth of farm equipment and tools, including two ATVs, two tractors and two trucks.

Tolu, Sheridan and Crittenden County volunteer fire departments responded to the scene, but were unable to save the structure.

Meetings

■ Due to an inability to seat a quorum on the regularly scheduled meeting date, the Pennyrile District Board of Health will hold a special called meeting at noon today (Thursday) at the District Office, 208 Outlet Avenue in Eddyville.

■ Crittenden Public Library Board of Directors will meet at 5 p.m., today (Thursday) at the library.

■ Crittenden County Republican Party will meet at 6 p.m., today (Thursday) at the courthouse. Everyone is welcome.

■ Crittenden-Livingston County Water District will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Monday at the office in Salem.

■ Livingston Fiscal Court will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday at the new judicial center.

■ Crittenden Hospital Board will meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday at the hospital administrative annex.

What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked: "Do you favor a bill filed in Frankfort to put term limits on state legislators?"

Almost nine in 10 believe term limits should be imposed on state legislators. The 296 voters said:

- **Yes, 266 (89%)**
- **No, 16 (5%)**
- **I don't care, 14 (4%)**

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County: Occupational tax best answer for revenue

By **DARYL K. TABOR**

PRESS EDITOR

It appears Crittenden County intends to join more than half of Kentucky's 120 counties that have an occupational tax.

At Tuesday's Crittenden Fiscal Court meeting, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom introduced a 17-page draft ordinance that, if enacted, would levy a one-percent tax on earnings within the county. For those working within the City of Marion, the proposed one-percent county tax would be in addition to the three-quarters-of-one-percent tax already paid on earnings to the city.

Newcom said he expects the tax to generate about \$446,000 annually for

the county. The move was spurred by a desire to keep the county's ambulance service afloat. For several months, Crittenden Health Systems has asked the county for subsidies to help keep its emergency medical services operating in the black.

In fact, at Tuesday's meeting, CHS CEO Jim Christensen reported a \$64,564 loss in EMS operations for last month.

"We're hanging on by our claws," he told magistrates.

Newcom said magistrates appear



Newcom

to be on board with instituting an occupational tax. The judge says it is the most feasible method for obtaining revenue needed to address funding for EMS, services for senior citizens and park maintenance and improvements. It would also fund the \$200,000-plus cost of providing health insurance to all county employees, if mandated by the health care act known as Obamacare.

Newcom was clear to indicate that the entire receipts would not go to fund EMS.

The judge-executive believes an occupational tax is the fairest path to take for additional revenue. It won't

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Governor christens U.S. 641



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Gov. Steve Beshear speaks with Joyce Winters Claiborne of Fredonia last Wednesday at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion after a formal dedication of the new, four-lane U.S. 641. Claiborne, a Crittenden County native and sister of state Sen. Ken Winters (R-Murray), is unhappy with the possible path of the second leg of the road from Fredonia to Interstate 69 which could claim her home. Actual work on the \$18.6 million grade and drain construction phase of the first 5.2-mile leg — Marion to Fredonia — began in mid-December in Crayne. Last week's "ground-breaking" was simply ceremonial.

Local, state officials gather to applaud project

STAFF REPORT

Gov. Steve Beshear joined state and local officials at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion last Wednesday to "break ground" on the initial 5.2-mile phase of a new U.S. 641 from Marion to, eventually, Interstate 69. Meantime, the real work of turning dirt continued in Crayne, about four miles south of the ceremony.

Beginning in mid-December, crews began working to clear trees and brush from the site of the twin Crayne Knobs east of the current U.S. 641. In

January, blasting at the knobs began in order to cut a path for the corridor directly between the unique geological features.

Last week's dedication in Marion was purely ceremonial, with Beshear joining state and local officials in "turning dirt" on the \$18.6 million grade and drain project with sparkling, gold-painted shovels; quite in contrast to the large trackhoes continuously scooping tons of dirt and rock into the beds of dump trucks for removal to fill sites.

And despite ongoing complaints of inconveniences tied to construction, the proposed route of Phase 2 from Fredonia to I-69 and removal of the beloved knobs at Crayne, last week's gathering was a celebration of more than 10 years of tireless, bipartisan work to get the dirt moving.

"This new highway, when complete, will provide Crittenden County with a direct link to I-69," said Gov. Beshear. "The new road will help at-

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Former Livingston Judge-Executive Smith, 87, dies

STAFF REPORT

One of Kentucky's best known, old-time politicians, Ralph Smith, died Saturday. He was 87.

Smith served several terms as sheriff and judge-executive in Livingston County where he was born and raised. In all, he spent 41 years in service to the people of the county where a bridge now stands in his honor. The Interstate 24 Cumberland River Bridge, which connects Lyon and Livingston counties, was renamed and dedicated as Ralph Smith Bridge in August 2002. Gov. Paul Patton and about 200 state dignitaries attended the dedication ceremony.

Smith's "penny-pinching" reputation followed him through all his years in office, according to his obituary released by Smith Funeral Home in Smithland. He once proclaimed that a Frankfort friend was talking about renaming that bridge for him, and

laughingly told others it might not be such a good idea, "He'll put a toll booth right in the middle of I-24." While he never went so far as to try to collect revenue, he did often jokingly ask people if they'd stopped to polish his sign before crossing the expanse.



Smith

Smith's first term as sheriff was in 1954, with a salary of \$400 a month and from that amount he had to hire his own deputy and use his personal vehicle. Before 1985, there was a rule that sheriffs could not succeed themselves, so at the end of his term Smith ran for judge-executive and won.

With only one four-year interruption (1974-78), Smith flip-flopped in the two offices until 1981. He was elected county judge-executive in 1982 and held that position until he retired from office in 1999.

He spent 16 years as sheriff and 25 years as the county chief executive. During his career, Smith served under 12 governors.

Smith was born March 19, 1924 in Tiline on the Cumberland River and moved to luka farther upstream at age four. He liked to joke that he began politicking soon afterwards.

During his youth, there wasn't a bridge near luka, so a favorite pastime for Smith was riding the ferry across the river. Eventually the ferry operator would tire of him and give him a nickel. With the nickel in hand, Smith would finally leave and go buy himself a soft drink.

Smith graduated from Livingston

County High School in the class of 1943, and entered into the field of farming and raising cattle — a life-long passion. Even after he entered the Calvert City Convalescent Center, he was aided by a loyal driver and helper to continue visiting his herd of black angus cattle.

Identifying himself on business cards as "Ralph Smith, dealer in livestock and farmland, racer of horses," he was an avid horseman who participated in the 1988 Trail of Tears Wagon Train to commemorate the sad period in American history when the Cherokees were forcibly removed from their homelands and relocated to Oklahoma.

For years Smith hosted an annual Labor Day picnic for the people of Livingston County which combined barbecue and horse racing. Smith

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Operating rooms hit brick wall with build

By **CHRIS EVANS**

PRESS EDITOR

Construction of a new operating room at Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) has hit another stumbling block. However, hospital officials say they will not waiver in their pursuit of completing the project even though it now charges the construction company has breached its contract and the contractor's bond company has collapsed.

In late November, CHS terminated its original contract with S&A Constructors of Nashville, Tenn. S&A was the lead contractor in the \$2.63 million project that was supposed to have been completed last month. When the hospital filed a claim in December against First

Sealord Surety of Villanova, Penn., which held the contractor's performance bond, the surety company rehired S&A to complete the job.

Now, almost two months later, the hospital has filed a lawsuit in Crittenden Circuit Court, claiming S&A has breached its contract and Circuit Judge Rene Williams ordered the sheriff to seize any S&A assets at the construction site. However, on Feb. 14, the sheriff found nothing of value belonging to the contractor on site.

S&A Constructors has until March 4 to answer the lawsuit alleging breach of contract.

According to hospital figures, CHS has spent about \$1.1 million on the project so far. What's unclear is exactly how much work has been completed and whether that work will meet quality standards of a subsequent contractor.

Wade Berry, chairman of the hospital board of directors, said those issues will be worked out between the architect and whoever the hospital hires to complete the construction.

The hospital has spent about \$476,000 of its own cash reserves and \$624,000 of borrowed money from Paducah Bank, which financed 80 percent of the project.

The failure last week of the bond company has complicated the hospital's potential remedies. The Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner announced two weeks ago its intent to liquidate assets of First Sealord Surety. The bond company had an "A" rating when construction started January 2011, said Bart Frazer, a hospital board member and legal counsel for CHS.

Frazer said a variety of legal angles will be used to mitigate hospital losses, including a claim against the surety company's liquidation and a claim will be filed with the Kentucky Insurance

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‘Preppers’ ready for disaster like no others

They call themselves Preppers, an emerging segment of our population that is making preparations to survive disasters, either man-made or natural. National Geographic has even devoted a new television program to them called, “Doomsday Preppers,” featuring people from all walks of life with a common philosophy: Prepare and survive; ignore and become a casualty.

Although many would consider their zealous determination a bit extreme, my husband and I were captivated by their passion and foresight. After all, our country has witnessed one disaster after another. Who would have believed a terrorist would have crashed a plane into the twin towers or a hurricane would have destroyed the historic city of New Orleans?

For those of us who survived the 2009 ice storm, their message hits home. We know how it feels to spend weeks without



Linda Defew
Crittenden Press guest columnist

Defew's Views

electricity, phone service, plus our basic nutritional needs. We grew up in families where “putting up for the winter,” was a wise move. The only difference is that Preppers “put up” on a much larger scale.

According to statistics, earthquakes like the one in New Madrid, Mo., in 1811, could happen at any time. Two hundred years ago, the estimated 7.0 quake was felt over a 50,000 square mile area. Sequential quakes followed the next year, changing the entire topography of the Heartland.

Here in Livingston and Crittenden counties, evidence of the upheaval is

present in rock cliffs and deep creavances. Reelfoot Lake in western Tennessee was formed in 1812 on the same faultline. Because the entire zone remains active today, it only makes sense that we should try to be prepared.

Preppers claim earthquakes aren't the only concern. Solar flares or coronal mass ejections, the most powerful type of solar storm, are a definite threat to the way we live our lives today. Last month, a flare from the sun unleashed a wave of charged particles, but we got lucky. Space weather experts said it was not aimed at Earth. The danger comes when a solar flare breaks off and is sent in our direction. They have the potential to wreak havoc on our planet, causing disruptions in GPS signals, space satellites, and power grids, as well as infrastructure on the ground.

Most members of this growing group are also preparing to protect their

goods and property from outside invaders with guns and ammunition. Insuring the safety and well-being of our families is an American tradition. In a time of chaos, we cannot expect limited law enforcement to protect everyone. My husband, Eddie, often remembers his role as a police chief and his part in disaster services. Even in the early 90's, persuading citizens to be prepared for emergencies was a key objective.

“When the food supply runs out, people will pour out of the big cities in search of food and fresh water and they'll do whatever it takes to get it,” he says. “Hunger and thirst change ordinary law-abiding citizens into people with only one thought in mind — survival.”

For example, I have a friend in a neighboring state who is a cafeteria worker. On Monday mornings she sees the same children hurry to get in line

for breakfast. She describes the ones who haven't had enough to eat over the weekend: “They're the ones with a hungry look in their eyes and an almost animalistic push and shove determination to get to the front of the line,” she says. Being a very caring, benevolent person, she serves them generous portions. “As soon as their need for food is met, they return to normal, gentle children,” she adds. Her observation on a small scale is a prime example of what happens when human beings face starvation. That's the whole premise behind being prepared.

Seismologists predict the plates beneath the New Madrid fault will shift again. Transportation on our nation's major highways and interstates could be stopped, rail and river traffic interrupted. Our dependence on computers, cell phones, television, and radio could leave us isolated from the rest of the country. In most homes,

food and water would disappear in only a few days.

Just after Katrina, the government felt the need to run commercials asking, “Are You Prepared?” They suggested we have a three-day supply of water, food, and batteries on hand. Many of us heeded their warning and put a few things in storage — just in case. We had done the same for Y2K. But, if you're like us, we tend to forget how important it is, using the excuse that no one can prepare for everything. Still, history has taught us we have to guard against complacency and the tendency to think it can never happen to us. The question is not if it can happen, but when.

(Linda Defew is a freelance writer who has authored several magazine articles. She and her husband have lived on a Livingston County farm since 1996. Her column appears in this newspaper periodically.)

House bills now in Senate cover variety of key topics

Last Thursday we reached the halfway mark of the 2012 Session and, while we have been greatly occupied with redistricting, I believe the House has much to show for our first 30 days in Frankfort. We have moved legislation through the committee process, worked on budget issues within our subcommittees, and met often with constituents and stakeholders on issues of importance to Kentuckians.

At this point, we have passed and sent to the Senate 80 bills. These bills impact redistricting, education, public safety, healthcare, veterans and military affairs and economic development. They include nine bills of mine, meaning that I was their “primary” sponsor. That sounds like, and I suppose it is, a lot for one member. That's more than ten percent of the to-date total and there are 100 of us. Of course, the majority of mine are a function of chairing the State Government Committee. Four of them are called reorganization bills and seek to put organizational changes of various executive branch



Rep. Mike Cherry
(D-Princeton)
House District 4

Frankfort Front

activities into statute. Specifically they would do so for the Attorney General's office, the Personnel and Justice Cabinets, and the Office of the State Auditor.

Three of the remaining five deal with redistricting, which I hope you are as tired of hearing about as I am writing about. On that subject I will just say nothing has changed since my last article as we await a ruling or guidance from the Kentucky Supreme Court. The longer that takes most think the more likely this year's election will take place in the “old” districts.

Of my final two bills, HB 90 would make electronic campaign filing mandatory for all statewide elections, and HB 300 make several changes to the state retirement board's method of operation. The changes would

include more transparency, stronger ethics and conflict of interest standards, term limits, more regulation of security sellers commonly referred to as “placement officers,” and changes to trustee (board members) election procedure.

Turning to other legislation of interest that saw movement last week, Kentucky retailers could soon know whether or not the catfish they sell must be listed by country of origin, under a bill that cleared the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee last week. HB 115 would require restaurants and other food retailers to label the catfish they sell by country of origin (U.S. or Vietnamese, for example) both at the place of business and in advertisements, and keep records of the origin of catfish sold. It would also allow state inspections of retailers' catfish sales and purchase records, as well as sampling of the catfish by the state. Fines could be levied for a second or subsequent violation under the bill, which now goes to the full House for a vote. I find this bill somewhat troubling

and have yet to decide my vote.

Resolution was reached by a House committee last week on whether or not to allow alternative safety markings for horse drawn buggies used primarily by Amish families on Kentucky roads. The House Transportation Committee approved HB 133, which would allow drivers of slow-moving, motorless vehicles like Amish buggies to substitute colorless reflective tape for the triangular orange safety emblem now required by state law. Several members of Kentucky's Amish community reportedly prefer the proposed use of white or silver reflective tape on the rear of their buggies to an orange emblem, which many Amish say has a gaudy shape and color that violates their religious beliefs. A bill similar to HB 133 has already passed the Senate.

The intentional viewing of child pornography would become a felony under a bill that cleared the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday. Current state law outlaws only the possession, not the viewing, of child pornography. How-

ever, the ubiquitous use of the Internet has made child pornography more readily available and the viewing of such disgusting images of children easier than ever before. HB 126 would make intentional, deliberate viewing of a minor in a sexual performance a Class D felony carrying up to five years in prison.

When it comes to high school dropouts, Kentucky is well above the national and surrounding states average. By not graduating high school, this group will collectively earn several billion dollars less than their other classmates, and they will cost the state tens of millions of dollars more because of greater need for government services. Most of us believe a strong way to address this issue is to raise the dropout age from 16—where it has been since at least the 1930s—to 18. The House has passed this several times and did so again last week, in the hope that this will be the legislative session in which it does become law. We know that raising the dropout age is not enough by itself; it will take a renewed effort to engage these students so they

want to be better prepared for the future. Still, that is far more preferable than letting them make a decision that will adversely affect them—and all of us—for decades to come.

As bills like these are being discussed and voted upon, we are also working on the state budget. Moderate growth is predicted—and there are significant savings from overhauls of Medicaid and the penal code—but it's not enough to off-set the end of federal stimulus funds and the use of other non-recurring revenue like debt restructuring. There are many challenges ahead as we look at the governor's proposed budget which includes an 8.4 percent cut proposed for most state agencies, agencies that have already dealt with 25-30 percent cuts over the last few years.

As always, I welcome your comments and advice on all issues.

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

Halfway through session, much left to do

The 2012 legislative session reached the halfway mark this week, so there is a lot of work left to be done. Thirty days into the 60-day session, progress is being made on some of the biggest issues before this General Assembly – drug abuse, the budget and redistricting.

Drug abuse (especially ‘pill mills’ and ‘meth labs’) is a scourge in our state. On both sides of the aisle, on both ends of the Capitol, we all agree on that. It is an issue the legislature is taking very seriously, and one we have pledged to address.

We are considering legislation to tackle drug abuse in a number of ways – enhancing our KASPER prescription-drug monitoring program, strengthening licensing requirements for pain management facilities, and limiting access to required ingredients for meth.

We have heard from drug-enforcement professionals from across the state and nation, as well as from researchers, counselors and citizens concerned both with the drug epidemic as well as their own rights and freedoms.

This is a complex issue that requires thoughtful, multi-faceted solutions. That is what we are hoping for – and working toward achieving – before the session's final gavel falls in April.

The governor's biennial budget plan is currently being considered by House members. Multiple budget subcommittees are reviewing the details of his proposal and hearing from state agencies about their



Sen. Dorsey Ridley
(D-Henderson)
Senate District 4

Senate Week

budgetary needs and concerns.

It will still be a few weeks before the budget comes to us in the Senate for our consideration. The process can seem long and tedious at times, but lawmakers do not take budgeting the Commonwealth's \$19-billion biennial General Fund lightly. We want to ensure we are spending your hard-earned money in the best way possible. And in years like this one, when most all State agencies are facing painful cuts, we want to make sure that the services Kentuckians truly need and deserve are given the highest priority, and your dollars are spent wisely.

Congressional redistricting was completed late last week after long negotiations between both chambers. House Bill 302, which contains the new lines for Kentucky's six congressional districts, cleared the Senate on a 29-7 vote.

However, the new State House and Senate district lines made law in January were overturned last week in Franklin Circuit Court. That decision was appealed to the Kentucky Supreme Court this week. Whether we will ultimately be running in our old districts or the ones the General As-

sembly approved in January is not yet known. For now, we are operating under a court order to run in the old ones, but that is part of the appeal.

Several bills received Senate approval this week as well.

Some of the forms required by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for couples seeking a divorce would become available online under the provisions of Senate Bill 57. Supporters of the bill say that it will save money and make the process less burdensome.

Senate Bill 90 lays out a process for jailors to return money from an inmate's personal canteen account after release. If funds have not been claimed after one year, they would then be available for the jail's account.

Senate Bill 114, which would allow medical practitioners to request an override of the ‘fail-first protocol’ some insurers require in treatment of certain illnesses, also cleared the Senate this week.

All of these bills now go to the House for consideration.

House Bill 121, which would require that any Prisoners of War/Missing in Action flags purchased or displayed by public agencies in Kentucky be made in the USA, was approved by the Senate. It now awaits the governor's signature.

Legislation may seem slow moving at times, but the vetting process is long and hard, as it should be. We want to make sure that

Staying in touch

Stay informed of legislative action on bills of interest this session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 1-866-840-2835. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 1-800-633-9650.

To share comments or concerns with any legislator about a particular bill under consideration, call the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 or write any legislator by sending a letter with their name to: Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601.

Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton) can be reached by e-mail at mike.cherry@lrc.ky.gov and Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) at dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

the laws created by our work in Frankfort are best for the people we serve – that they can go the distance, so to speak. We also want to make sure you have the chance for your voice to be heard. Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and concerns on this or any other legislation impacting you.

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

The Press LETTERS

Courtroom falls short of needs

To the editor

Your editorial about the deficiencies in the Crittenden Count Circuit Court room was right on the mark and much needed.

Through the years I've been in your court house many times and have tried several cases in the 50 year old court room.

As your Supreme Court justice, I am doing my best to move Crittenden County up the list for anew judicial building. I'm proud to report that we are making

progress.

Our current budgetary crisis has crippled this effort. But, the citizens of Crittenden County can rest assured that I am working toward this end on your behalf.

I think it is a realistic goal of having a new judicial building in Marion within the next 10 years.

Thank you for the attention you have given to this matter. Please keep up the good work as a newspaper close to the people and their needs.

Bill Cunningham
Justice, Kentucky State Supreme Court

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On Tuesday, a heavy dump truck travels along Lilly Dale Road hauling away debris from the blasting site of the Crayne Knobs for the construction of a new U.S. 641. The dozens of trucks that travel the road each day kick up a blinding dust on the gravel reinforced road. The opaque cloud obscures a home and the road behind the truck. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom has said the contractor will begin watering the roads used for debris removal up to four times a day to keep dust down.

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tract new investment and provide a better and much-needed route for existing industries for Crittenden County and the surrounding area."

The project area extends from just south of Marion to the northern edge of Fredonia near the Crittenden-Caldwell county line. This first phase is expected to be complete in 360 working days. At a rate of about 175 working days per year, it would be ready for paying in late 2014 or early 2015.

"I am proud to have played a role in getting the funding for this very important project," said Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson). "The extension of U.S. 641 will make the area more accessible for our local citizens, new commerce and tourists. This project is an investment in Crittenden County and the surrounding area."

Plans call for the new four-lane highway to cross the existing two-lane U.S. 641 between the Fredonia city limits and the Caldwell-Crittenden County line. The highway will route west of Fredonia to closely follow the existing highway within a few miles of Eddyville. When completed, the new highway will connect to interstates 69 and 24.

"This has been my No. 1 transportation project since being elected in 1998, so it's extremely gratifying that now, in my last year in the legislature, I am able to participate in this historic groundbreaking event," said Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton).

Cherry, who first took office in 1999, began working with Crittenden County's newly-elected Judge-Executive Victor "Pippi" Hardin in seeing that a new roadway get built. Cherry became emotional at last week's ceremony as he credited Hardin, who is battling cancer and could not attend the ceremony, with his hard work to get the plan off the ground.

The estimated cost of the entire, 16-mile U.S. 641 project is about \$109 million — \$39 million for the Marion-to-Fredonia section and \$70 million for the section from Fredonia to Eddyville.

The path of the Fredonia-to-I-69 phase continues to draw opposition, however. In fact, at last Wednesday's groundbreaking, Joyce Winters Claiborne of Fredonia bent the ear of the governor at

Weight detectors installed on bridge

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Kentucky transportation officials have installed weight detectors to discourage heavy traffic from using the U.S. 60 bridge that carries traffic across the Tennessee River at Ledbetter. Travel was restricted to a three-ton limit on Jan. 10, requiring heavier loads to make a 120-mile detour.

On Monday, state workers installed a set of "weight in motion" detectors on the bridge. Police have stepped up patrols at the bridge to enforce the lower weight limit.

the close of the ceremony to register her disdain for the proposed route. A Crittenden County native and brother to state Sen. Ken Winters (R-Murray), Claiborne said the route of the road west of Fredonia will likely claim several homes, she said, including hers.

"It's not an easy thing, it's always hanging over your head," she said of the possibility of losing her home.

Some of those living near the current construction site have also had their own set of complaints in the last few weeks. Large dump trucks coming to and from the construction sight have made travel along Crayne Cemetery, Lloyd and Lilly Dale roads cumbersome at times. The dust, too, that the large trucks kick up has also been a nuisance to those near the construction site.

Benny and Donna Johnson, who live on Lilly Dale Road, have grown tired of the thick dust kicked up by the large trucks passing by several times a day. Heavy gravel has been placed over the existing road bed to better support the weight of the trucks and becomes very dusty as it dries.

"The least they could do is put some water down for the dust," Benny said, adding that the number of trucks that go by during the day is pretty high. "In about an hour's time, I counted about 30 trucks going in and out."

He has contacted Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and his magistrate, Donnetta Travis, about the issue. On Tuesday, Newcom said the contractor has agreed to keep the dust down by spraying the gravel roadbed with water up to four times a day.

Though neither Keith Todd, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet spokesman nor

local officials have heard registered complaints about the trucks hogging the road, an incident last week on Lloyd Road left a school bus and dump truck in a standoff, each waiting for the other to either turn around or get off the roadway. Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Greg Rushing was called to the scene, but by the time he arrived, the problem had apparently gotten resolved.

"There was no one there," he said.

Following up on the incident, Rushing said the contractor assured him the truck drivers will be courteous to all traffic.

"I have talked with the foreman and he told me his drivers will extend every courtesy to buses and other drivers on road," Rushing said.

Benny Johnson said his travels up and down his road have been pretty hassle-free, other than the dust.

"I've had no problems with being run off road," he said. "I watch when I leave here, and they've made a couple of wide places where they could pull off (for oncoming traffic)."

For those who feel they have been run off the road and have suffered damages to their vehicles, KyTC's Todd said there is a route established to file claims.

"We have a process for individuals who suffer vehicle damage due to actions of a contractor to file for compensation," he said.

Claim forms are available on KyTC's website at <http://transportation.ky.gov/Legal-Services/Pages/Board-of-Claims.aspx>.

Detention center prisoner count

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

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punish property owners and will not burden those on fixed incomes, he suggested.

"It's what we feel comfortable with," Newcom said Tuesday.



Magistrates spoke very little of the measure during Tuesday's regular monthly meeting at the courthouse.

Sixty-two counties in Kentucky levy an occupational tax ranging from 0.008 percent in Spencer County to 1.5 percent in several counties.

Newcom is planing four community meetings similar to the one held at the courthouse earlier this year in order to address the county's financial situation and the proposed solution. Those meetings are scheduled for:

- Feb. 28 at Mattoon;
- March 1 at Tolu;
- March 6 at Shady Grove;
- and
- March 8 at Dycusburg.

WHO WE ARE



Donnie B. & Teresa A. Conyer

Who We Are is a new feature found inside The Crittenden Press. In it, each week we give you a chance to get to know your neighbors a little better.

Donnie B. Conyer and his wife Teresa are mainstays at the senior citizens center in Marion. The couple of 35 years can be found most any weekday working word puzzles at one of the round tables inside the facility. Not able to knock the rust off his pool stick, Donnie decided to hang it up and stay with word searches over a game of eight ball at the billiard tables on the other side of the room where the clack of balls bumping

into one another was constant last Thursday. "I used to play pool, but I got beat every time, so I quit," he said. But, the 71-year-old doesn't hesitate to let you know that he used to be quite good at the game, playing at the former pool hall near the court square in Marion. The couple lives at Creekside Apartments, quite a contrast from the days they used to hitchhike to town from their Crittenden Springs-

area home to watch a movie at the downtown theater or drive-in. "We did more hiking than we did hitching," Donnie joked. Teresa doesn't miss it either, enjoying her apartment life at Creekside. "We used to live in a trailer, but now we don't have to mow," the Evansville native said. "We really like it there." Donnie has spent his life in Crittenden County, going to classes at

places like Union, Salem, New Salem and Sisco Chapel schools. "We called it Sheepskin," he said of the latter school, offering no explanation. He has spent time away from home in Florida, where his brother, grandparents and aunt have lived. "I didn't like it too good," he said. "It was hot down there." However, he confesses he was drawn to the "ocean and all the pretty women."

Sherer celebrates unique birthday next Wednesday

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

In just a few days, Mary Sherer and her husband of 60 years will be celebrating her birthday. It's been four years since her last real celebration but not because a party wasn't planned or they didn't have cake. Sherer's actual birthday is Feb. 29, an occasion that only rolls around every four years during Leap Year.

"It's definitely different," Sherer said with a smile. "It feels great to have something like that to be unique. I just love it."

Though she won't disclose her true age, Sherer admits that she's younger than both of her sons, Dwight and Jim, going by the actual number of birthdays that she has had. A unique situation to have a birthday on a day that doesn't normally exist except for once every four years, Sherer has often found it amusing to rib others about her young age, in particular her sons.

"I always tease the boys, telling them that they're getting too old. They should be young like me," Sherer said. "We always get a good laugh at that."

Sherer's husband, Doyle, also celebrates a birthday in February, but unlike his wife, he gets to celebrate his every year. When it comes time to celebrate his wife's birthday, he says gift-giving is an easy task.

"You know, I get a gift every year for my birthday but she only gets one every four years," Doyle said with a smile playing across his face. "It definitely works out more in my benefit."

Through the course of Sherer's life, having a birth-



PHOTO BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWNT
Mary Sherer, alongside her husband Doyle, will celebrate the rarest of birthdays next week. She was a Feb. 29 baby and gets to truly celebrate her birthday only every four years.

day on such a rare day has never affected her day-to-day life. During non-leap years, she and her family celebrate her birthday on Feb. 28, often going out for dinner. There's only been one occasion that Sherer can recall where her birthday created a small hurdle. Around 10 years ago, after being admitted to the hospital in Paducah, a nurse came back to her room to tell her that she was unable to enter Sherer's actual birthdate.

"She said she fought with the computer for several minutes before giving up and putting Feb. 28 as my

date of birth," Sherer said. "The computer didn't give her the option of using Feb. 29. That's the only real time that I can remember my birth date causing any problems."

Despite the rare birthdays that Sherer gets to celebrate, she is proud of her uniqueness, wielding it like a badge of honor.

"I like things that are different and my birthday falling on Leap Day is definitely different," Sherer said. "It gives me more character, I think. Not everybody can say they have a birthday on Leap Day."

Program aims to help track those who may wander off

STAFF REPORT

A new community program is aimed at helping families keep track of loved ones who might be prone to wandering off without notice.

Project Lifesaver got started in Crittenden County with a federal grant in 2009 that helped buy equipment and provide training for those overseeing the program. Now, it's time to deploy two telemetry devices in the community. Applications are being accepted from individuals or families interested in being part of this new program.

Patients, men or women who suffer from a variety of complications from Alzheimer's disease, dementia, autism or other brain disease or trauma, can wear a small device on their wrist, ankle or shoe that acts as a transmitter. It's about the size of a wrist watch. If they wander off or get lost, trained technicians living in the community can be alerted. They will be mobilized immediately with receivers capable of tracking the missing person.

Wayne West, a constable and county coordinator for the program, says it's imperative for families to know that early notice is necessary when a person wanders away. The tracking equipment has about a one-mile range under optimal conditions, so it's very important to get responders on the trail very quickly.

"A healthy person, even if they have Alzheimer's or dementia, can travel about a mile in 15 minutes or more than four miles in an hour," said West. "Caregivers need to let us know as soon as their loved one goes miss-



STAFF REPORT
Wayne (foreground) and Greg West practice use of equipment with Project Lifesaver, a community program aimed at helping families keep track of loved ones who might be prone to wandering off without notice. Sheriff Wayne Agent endorses the program as a great frontline for missing persons.

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Trackers will actively engage in the search even before law enforcement is connected.

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent said although his department does not have a mandatory waiting period before a missing persons report can be filed, some agencies do.

"We start looking as soon as we are notified," Agent said.

However, the sheriff endorses Project Lifesaver, calling it a great frontline for missing persons.

Fifteen Crittenden County residents are trained and certified on the tracking system. Right now, there are only two transmitters available here, but West hopes contributions and small fees

for using the service will help buy more. Each additional unit costs about \$2,400.

Cost to participate in the program is \$300 registration fee plus \$20 per month. That includes monthly checkup and maintenance of the device. If the fee is unaffordable, West said Project Lifesaver will see if a family or individual meets hardship criteria. If so, the registration fee may be waived. West says neither private insurance nor Medicare or Medicaid will pay for the program.

To register, call Wayne Agent at 704-0167. The Project Lifesaver Board of Directors will review each application. Directors are Greg West, Greg Tabor, Chris Evans and Bobby West.

TIMELINE CHS operating room addition

- Spring 2010 CHS announces plans to renovate and build a new operating room.
- December 2010 CHS hosts groundbreaking event for construction project and enters into contract with S&A Constructors of Nashville.
- January 2011 S&A Constructors begins work on site.
- July 2011 CHS notified S&A Constructors in writing of its displeasure with performance.

- August 2011 CHS notifies S&A Constructors of its intent to terminate contract for cause, but hospital did not subsequently end the contract.
- November 2011 For the second time, CHS officially notified S&A Constructors on Nov. 1 of its intent to terminate contract for cause. On Nov. 29, the hospital terminated the contract.

- December 2011 CHS demanded that performance bond company First Sealord Surety fulfill its obligation as surety for the project. The company acknowledged its responsibility, and elected to re-hire S&A to complete the project.
- February 2012 CHS on the second day of the month advised First Sealord Surety of its intent to terminate contract with S&A and provided Sealord with the contractually-obligated seven-day opportunity to cure the default. On Feb. 8, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania approved a petition by Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner to liquidate Sealord's assets because it could no longer meet obligations to its insured customers. On Feb. 13, CHS terminated its contract with S&A and filed suit for breach of contract against the contracting company in Crittenden Circuit Court.

CHS

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bonds to some degree. It's lawsuit in Crittenden Circuit Court against S&A Constructors seeks actual damages, costs incurred in filing the action and any other relief deemed proper and just by the court.

Despite hurdles encountered during its attempt to renovate and build new op-

erating rooms, CHS has no plans of giving up. They say there is value in its plan to improve hospital services.

"We're going to re-bid this and hope to have a new contractor on site by April," Frazer said.



Williams

"There has been no serious discussion other than to move forward and complete the project," said Wade Berry, chairman of the hospital board of directors.

Berry said he anticipates the hospital and its architectural firm, The Estopinal Group of Evansville, Ind., will start very soon to rebid the project.

Calls seeking to discuss the matter with S&A officials were not returned.



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Yesteryear's school days featured a slower pace

School days were always an important time in the lives of children, their parents and families, whether it be the daily attendance of school or the activities that were held at the school building. From the archives of The Crittenden Press come these fond memories of school days and activities gone by. Remember these days of a simpler time and a slower pace of life.

June 6, 1947

Spring Rally Day Winners

The four high scoring 4-H winners of Spring Rally Day Contests will accompany County Agent O. M. Shelby and Miss Roberta Croft, Leader of the Tolu 4-H Club to Lexington on June 9 to enter various Farm and Home Contests and to enjoy the fine programs scheduled for work, fun and fellowship of all Kentucky 4-H members attending.

Miss Jackie Lee Mile of Tolu Club will represent Crittenden County in the Kentucky Style Revue Contest, Miss Mildred Underdown of Hebron Club will be our Canning Judge Contestant, and Virgil Cook, Jr. of Hebron and Jimmie Brown of Shady Grove will represent the county in the Water Management Contest. The trip of these 4-H contestants and leader was sponsored by the Crittenden County Farm Bureau.

May 23, 1947

Grand Ole Opry at Frances School

Appearing in person at Frances High School gym are WSM Grand Ole Opry entertainers, including grandpa Jones and his children, featuring Lonzo and Oscar, Lillie Bell, pretty singer of songs, Ramona Champion old time girl fiddler, Clyde and Marie Dilleha, the Tennessee Sweethearts, Loyd George and Rollin Sullivan.

Aug. 8, 1947

Mrs. Edna Hodge, instructor at Owen, gave her pupils, patrons and friends an ice cream supper on Saturday night. A large crowd attended. Miss Jean Tabor was awarded the cake for the prettiest girl, and \$17 was cleared and will be used for the benefit of the district and library books for the school. A prize of a watermelon was given to the man having the dirtiest feet. A man from Marion was awarded the watermelon.

Aug. 8, 1947

The ice cream supper at the Crayne School last Friday night was well attended, according to Hayden Harpending. The event was sponsored by the school and the sum of \$82.35 was raised. A beautiful basket of mixed flowers was donated by Mrs. W.R. Cruce, which was sold for the best looking girl and was won by Miss Juanita Chandler. Mrs. Houston Bigham won the cake donated by Mrs. Clay Norman for being the prettiest married lady. The watermelon given to the ugliest man was awarded to Wendy Wright. Instructors at the Crayne School are Mr. Harpending and Mrs. Nannie Mae Lear.

Feb. 11, 1949

Copperas Springs School winner in improvement move

The Copperas Springs School won first place and a prize of \$30 for making the most improvements on buildings and school grounds for the present school year. A total of \$52.27 per pupil enrolled was used for making the improvements. Mrs. Arrie Joyce is the teacher.

Lily Dale School with Mrs. Nellie Stallions as teacher won second place and a prize of \$25. This school expended \$27.15 per pupil for school improvement.

Tolu won third place and a prize of \$20. Tolu contributed a total of \$17.48 per pupil for improvements. Mrs. Cleo Croft is principal.

Fourth place and a prize of \$10 went to Forest Grove School. Mr. George Wofford is teacher. Improvements were \$10.68 per pupil.

Other schools reporting, their rating were as follows: Frances with sixth place; White Hall with seventh place; Piney Fork eighth place; Glendale ninth place and Boaz with tenth place.

Feb. 25, 1949

Crayne School holds closing exercises

Commencement exercises for the eighth grade were held at Crayne School Friday morning, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m. The invocation was con-



ducted by Rev. Felix Sanders, pastor of Marion Methodist Church. His message was on "Things Necessary to Obtain Happiness," which was inspirational to all present.

Principal speaker of the hour was County Attorney D.H. Postlethweighte. The subject of his address was "Value of Effort."

Diplomas were presented by the teacher, Hayden Harpending, to the following students: Carol Ruth Perryman, Valedictorian of the class; Salutatorian honors went to Clarence Norman Winters; others were Clement Mae Butler, James Lee Norman and Mildred Vanhooser.

In the primary and upper grades, there were 10 pupils who received honor certificates for perfect attendance. The teachers, Mr. Harpending and Miss Gladys Graves, report a successful school term. Many improvements were added to both school building and the grounds.

March 4, 1949

Lilly Dale

Our school closed last Friday with a small program. Those present besides the parents were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Loyd.

The children receiving diplomas from the eighth grade were Marvin Ordway, Reuben Parmley and Jimmy Stallions.

Those receiving certificates and awards for perfect attendance were Eugene Sutton, Leon Sutton, Donna Fay Rushing and Donald Ray Rushing.

Those receiving prizes for the most headmarks for the entire year were as follows: Katherine Parmley, second grade; Donna Fay Rushing, third grade; Gladys Parmley, fourth grade; Jackie Stallions, sixth grade; Eugene Sutton, seventh grade and Marvin Ordway, eighth grade.

Lone Star School

One of our county schools that wasn't mentioned much in the old Presses is the Lone Star School. The news and happenings at the rural school weren't shared much with The Press, so happenings and activities at the school are hard to find.

But it was very much an active school. It was located about half-way between Crayne Cemetery Road and State Route 1107, on Lone Star Road. The road used to be named Butler Road, but sometime in the 1980s, it was appropriately renamed Lone Star Road. Today, all that is left as a reminder of the school is an old iron hand pump school children used to pump their drinking water.

The school was in operation by the late 1880s and in the year 1903 there were 77 students on the school census for Lone Star School. This was Woodall and Hill family country and they had 28 of the 77 children attending school here. Many of the others were family related. Also on the census were children from the families of Boone, Jennings, Campbell, Rushing, Parmley, Harris and Crider.

In the years of 1947-1951, Clara Mae Woodall was the teacher. Once Clara Mae was a student at the school, she returned later to be a teacher there for four years. She recalls the one-room school was normal for the time. All eight grades were in one room with two entrance doors at the front, one for the boys and one for the girls. There was an



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Above are students attending the Lone Star School during the late 40s. Pictured are (front from left) Danny Boone, Viva Driver, Bonnie Boone, Paul Rushing; (second) Bobby Rushing, Fern Driver, Maxine Belt, Martha Strong; (third) Donna Fay Rushing, Girl Driver, Helen Crider, Geraldine Driver; (fourth) Wayne Crider, Charles Rushing, Sylvan Belt, Garth Driver; (back) Lonnie Crider, Mary Belle Rushing, Thelma Driver and Vivan Belt.

outdoor toilet for the girls and one for the boys.

They played games that were popular at the time, and they played ball in the field in front of the school. Woodall remembers getting a salary of \$76 a month.

After Miss Woodall quit as teacher, Mrs. Gladys Hillyard was the teacher. Hillyard was the teacher when the school

closed in 1958. After the school was closed, the building was bought by James Woodall and was torn down and he used the lumber for other things.

My thanks go to Clara Mae Woodall Belt (Mrs. Norman Belt) who shared her memories and pictures with me for the article.



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Miss Clara Mae Woodall was a teacher at Lone Star School during the 1947-1950 school years.

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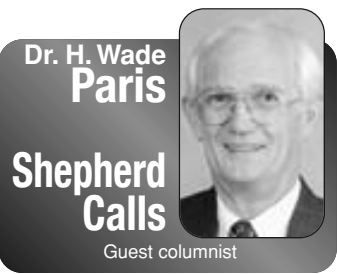
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Priority is a priority

For almost 10 years, my wife and I resided in northeast Missouri. Our town, Kirksville, had a population over 5,000 (MODOT'S minimum population for four lane highway access). However, the primary highway linking Kirksville to the remainder of Missouri was a poorly kept two-lane. When the highway department announced the expansion of that highway to four lanes, the town was ecstatic. Soon, however, there were conflicting reports. Some said the expansion would stop 30 miles south; but others insisted the state was committed to it all. A meeting was arranged to clarify the issue. The highway department disclosed the entire project was a priority on their agenda; however, there was no money allocated to complete the last 30 miles.

Now, some will certainly ask, "What good is a priority if there are no resources to accomplish it?" To that question, I would answer, "It is very good." Having served as pas-



tor of churches for many years, we often had priorities without resources. In fact, that was the case most of the time. I remember our church voting to do something and the church treasurer waving the financial report from the back of the auditorium. He was reminding me we had no money. Afterwards he came and asked, "How can we do this? We have no funds."

I answered, "I don't know, Bob; but how can we NOT do it? It is right." Now, all I remember is we got it done. I cannot recall where the resources came from. Life usually happens like this, "Here is a need; how can we afford it?"

Seldom does it happen this way, "I have the money; what do you need?"

God may be impressing some need on you. You say, "I would do it if I had the resources, but these are hard times." That is probably a "cop out." Accept God's priorities in your life and see what happens. When God sent Moses to deliver the Hebrews from Egypt, the Hebrews had a great need. The only resources Moses had were a shepherd's staff and God's promise to go with him. But, as we say today, "Moses got 'er done."

On the news recently, I heard a commentator lamenting the passage of legislation extending tax cuts and unemployment benefits. I thought, "Sure, the commentator has a good job; she can take that position. I wonder if she would feel the same way if she was unemployed." Sometimes we must first do what is right, and then find a way.

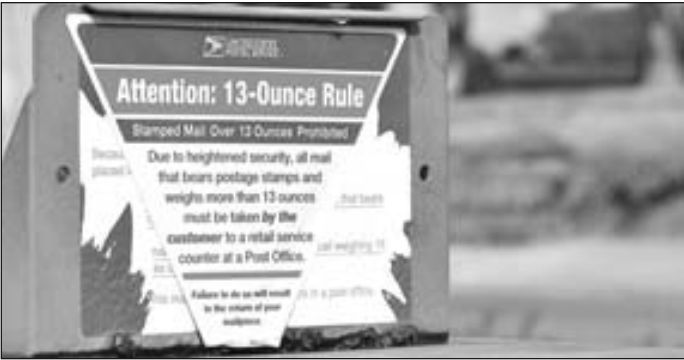
New sign points out mail regulations

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

Some around town have noticed new signs on the two blue U.S. Mail drop boxes outside the post office and at other locations. It's led to a bit of confusion, but actually has very little effect on the average postal customer and even makes life a bit easier when it comes to dropping off bill payments or birthday cards.

The new triangular signs posted atop the blue boxes bring attention in bright red to the so-called "13-Ounce Rule," indicating that stamped mail over that weight is prohibited from being dropped in those boxes and must be taken inside the post office and passed to a mail clerk during business hours. The reason, as the signage goes on to explain, is due to heightened security, primarily over the threat of explosive or hazardous materials inside heavy packages. Mail left in drop boxes over that weight will not be delivered.

Adding to any recent confusion is the removal of the familiar "local" and "out-of-town" labels on the two blue boxes outside the Marion Post Office, indicating the final destination of your mail. However, that change actually makes life easier on the customer. Mail — under



13 oz., of course — can be dropped in either. The same differentiation on the drops inside the post office will also be removed, allowing qualifying mail to be dropped in either slot. These changes are because the mail, whether with the local 42064 ZIP code or other must be sorted anyway to ensure proper bundling for delivery.

As for the question of whether your mail is over 13 oz., consider that the current AT&T Real Yellow Pages for Crittenden County residents weighs just under 10 oz. So virtually any letter, card or business mail in a standard manila envelope can still be deposited after hours inside the building or outside in the blue drop boxes.

Meantime, mired in red ink,

the U.S. Postal Service is warning it will lose as much as \$18.2 billion a year by 2015 unless Congress grants it new leeway to eliminate Saturday delivery, slow first-class mail by one day and raise the price of a postage stamp by as much as five cents.

In a letter to Congress, Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe described an updated five-year cost-cutting plan put together in coordination with Wall Street adviser Evercore Partners Inc. It reiterates many of the mail agency's proposals to switch to a five-day delivery schedule, raise stamp prices and close up to 252 mail-processing centers and 3,700 local post offices.

Church notes

- New Union General Baptist Church will have a dodgeball tournament at 10 a.m., Saturday. Admission is \$5 for each player (limit six per team). There will be two classes, one for third-sixth grades and another for middle school through adults. All proceeds go to the church's Relay for Life team.
- St. William Catholic Church will have its Lenten Fish Fries from 5-7 p.m., Sunday, March 9 and March 23 in the parish hall. Cost is \$8 for all you can eat fish, hushpuppies, potatoes, slaw, dessert and drink.
- Mexico Baptist Church will host its eighth annual wild game supper at 5 p.m., Saturday. For more information, call the church at 965-4059.
- The Marion Baptist Family Life Center's weight room and walking track will be open 5-8 p.m., Mondays, 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., Thursdays and 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturdays.
- Marion Baptist Church will have AWANA for children ages two through fifth grade at 5:45 p.m., Sunday night along with several special classes that begin at 6:30 p.m. Classes are Foundations led by Bro. Mike Jones, which will meet in the worship center; youth Bible study which will meet in the basement, The Quest for Authentic Manhood, led by Stuart Collins and will meet on the third floor in Steve Crider's Sunday school classroom and Becoming a Woman of Extraordinary Faith led by Pam Collins, meeting in the Family Life Center's conference room. For more information regarding the Sunday evening classes, please call the church at 965-5232.
- The middle and high school girls of Marion Baptist Church will be hosting a Mother's Day Out event for children up to fifth grade. There is no cost but donations are welcomed to help offset the cost of the Revolve conference. To register your child for the event, call Caitlin Dunbar at 704-6375 or email cajkygirl@hotmail.com no later than Feb. 26.
- Deer Creek Baptist Church will show the movie, "Courageous," at 6 p.m., March 4. Filled with action-packed police drama, "Courageous" is the latest film from the makers of "Facing the Giants" and "Fireproof." For more information, please call the church at 965-2220.
- Sturgis General Baptist Church will have its homecoming at 1:30 p.m., March 4. Featured singers will be The Wilson Family from Hatfield, Ind.
- Unity General Baptist Church will host the gospel group, New Heritage, at 6 p.m., March 18. The church will also have revival at 7:30 p.m., nightly March 19-23. Bro. Nicky Winders will be the evangelist.

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The Press OBITUARIES

Kupisch

Dr. Arthur Gene "Art" Kupisch, 70, of Marion died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012 at his home.

He served in the U.S. Navy Aviation Reconnaissance. Following his service in the Navy, he received his bachelor of science in education from Eastern Illinois University, a master's degree from Indiana University at Terre Haute, Ind., and a doctorate in education from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. He was employed as a teacher in Mattoon, Ill.; a director of special education in Valparaiso, Ind., and superintendent of schools in Cannelton, Ind., Elwood, Ind., and Hopkinsville. Prior to his retirement, Dr. Kupisch was assistant superintendent of Crittenden County Schools in Marion.

Dr. Kupisch is survived by his wife, Linda Brizendine Kupisch of Marion; one son, Koy Kupisch of Springfield, Ill.; two stepsons, John Conrad of Columbia, S.C., and Lee Conrad of Hopkinsville; one stepdaughter, Marjorie Conrad of Denver, Colo.; and one grandson, Kyle Kupisch of Springfield, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Mary Bernardini Kupisch.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Mattoon, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Marion United Methodist Church, 112 S. College St., Marion, KY 42064 or to University of Texas M.D. Anderson Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of arrangements.

Guier

Betty Sue Guier, 74, of Cadiz, formerly of Dycusburg, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012 at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz.

She was an active member of Oak Grove Baptist Church as well as a member of the church's Relay for Life team. She was a homemaker.

Guier is survived by one son, Pink Harrell Guier III of Cadiz; two daughters, Faye and husband Bill Stevens and Kaye and husband Ross Stewart, both of Cadiz; three brothers, Ronnie and Kerry Green, both of Dycusburg, and Don Green of Mayfield; two sisters, Ginny Brown of Eddyville and Nancy Rideout of St. Louis; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pink Harrell "Tiny" Guier, Jr.; her parents, Thomas and Mae Henry Green; four brothers, Duke, Jay, Luther and Oscar Green; and one sister, Joann Chaney.

Funeral services were Friday at King's Funeral Home in Cadiz with Rev. Paxton Redd and Rev. Hal Shipley officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

We want to thank everyone who helped put out the fire on the Croft Farm. We appreciate how hard the Tolu, Sheridan and county fire departments worked. Also, friends and neighbors who were there, we can't tell you how much we are thankful that you came to help. We also want to thank everyone who has offered the use of their equipment and their time.

Maxine, Garry, Janna, John, Nikki & Melissa

Advertisement for Crittenden County Local Planning Committee Forum and Meeting

The Crittenden County Schools' Local Planning Committee will conduct a PUBLIC FORUM on March 6 at 5:30 PM CST at Rocket Arena, 601 West Elm Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064.

This meeting is an informal gathering to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Crittenden County Schools. This meeting will be immediately followed by a meeting of the Crittenden County Local Planning Committee.

Williams

Lila Denise Williams, 56, of Salem died Tuesday, Feb 21 in Mt. Carmel, Ill.

She is survived by her father, Lloyd Williams of Salem; two sons, Lawrence Davis of Missouri and Greg Davis of Mt. Carmel; three daughters, Shawna Day of Indianapolis, Tiffany Pena of Merrillville, Ind., and Katherine Davis of Rockville, Ind.; three brothers, Rick Williams of Tennessee, Wesley Williams of Georgia and Allen Williams of Florida; two sisters, Peggy and Margaret Williams, both of Kentucky; 20 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Thelma Williams, and one sister.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m., Friday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Repton Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 9 a.m., until service time Friday at the funeral home.

Herrin

Polly Herrin, 80, of Marion died Friday, Feb. 17 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

She was a beautician for 60 years and a member of Repton Baptist Church.

Herrin is survived by her husband of more than 62 years, Beverly Herrin of Marion; two sons, Beverly Don and wife Diana Phillips Herrin and Eddie Joe and wife Sandra Bozeman Herrin, both of Marion; one sister, Eva Mae Vick of Sturgis; four grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carlos and Mary Wade Campbell.

Funeral services were Monday at Myers Funeral Home. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.



Herrin

Hoffman

Ronald Gene Hoffman, 67, of Deland, Fla., and a native of Henderson, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012.

He was in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked as a concrete truck driver for Rinker and Tarmac during his 26 year career.

He married Charlene Stout of Owensboro in 1965.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlene Stout, and parents, Lloyd F. and Mary E. Hoffman.

Hoffman is survived by three sons, Jeffrey and wife Spring Hoffman of Orange City, Fla., Trevor Hoffman of Deltona, Fla., and Rodney and wife Susan Hoffman of Deltona; four brothers, Donald and wife Marge Hoffman of Philpot, and Ken and wife Bonnie Hoffman, Dennis and wife Connie Hoffman and Rick and wife Gayla Hoffman, all of Owensboro; one sister, Linda K. and husband Richard Brown of Marion; three grandchildren, Victoria, Abbey and Maria; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service as held Saturday at Third Baptist Church in Owensboro.

James H. Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Owensboro is in charge of local arrangements. Online messages of condolence may be made at www.davisfuneral-home.com.

Croft

Effie Marie Clark Croft, 88, of Salem died Friday, Feb. 17, 2012 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a member of Salem Church of Christ.

Croft is survived by her daughter, Shirley Quertermous of Salem; one sister, Melva Harris of Marion; one brother, Kenneth Clark; three grandsons, Tim Perryman, Tony Quertermous and Jerrod Quertermous; two granddaughters, Cindy Loveless and Kristie Myrick; five great-grandchildren, Heather Hurley, Ashley Wring, Derek Perryman, Justin Loveless and Tate Quertermous; four great-great-grandchildren, Elyssa Hurley, Lauren Wring, Logan Wring and Hayden Hurley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Croft; parents, Kenneth Hubert Clark and Vencie Arcula Curnel Clark; one daughter, Betty Perryman; one brother; and two sisters.

Funeral services were Sunday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors with Bro. Del Brantley officiating. Burial was in Lola Cemetery.

Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

Sutton

Phillip Gordon "Babe" Sutton, 71, of Eddyville, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

He was a retired farmer and logger. He was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church in Lyon County.

Sutton is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ann Daughtrey Sutton; two sons, Kurt and wife Joni Sutton of Reidland, Chris and wife Denise Sutton of Lyon County; one daughter, Deeann and husband Shane Board of Lyon County; five grandchildren, Rhett Sutton of Reidland and Kit Sutton, Dare Sutton, Shayann Board and Gabe Board, all of Lyon County; two brothers, Leon Sutton of Eddyville and Rex Sutton of Ashland; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Mark Sutton; one brother, Stacy Sutton; and his parents, Kelly Sutton and Mable O'Daniel Sutton.

Services were Tuesday at Lakeland Funeral Home Chapel in Eddyville with Rev. Don Short, Dr. Jerrell White and Bro. Shane Board officiating. Burial was in New Bethel Cemetery in Lyon County.

Memorials may be made to: St. Jude Children 's Research Hospital, Tribute Program, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148.

Condolences may be sent to lakelandchapel.com.



Sutton

Thank you for all the visits, calls and food brought after my surgery and continuing, but most of all, for the prayers before and afterwards. Thank you to my pastor, Bro. Dennis Winn for being at Vanderbilt before and staying with my family for the five hours of surgery.

Again, thank you,
Peggy Ritch

Thank You

The family of Eugene (Sonnie) Ferrell would like to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during the loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Thank you for the many prayers, phone calls, food, cards, flowers, gifts, charitable donations, and visits to the funeral home. Thank you to the members and ladies of Salem Methodist Church for the wonderful meal. Thank you to Bro. Deason for his words of comfort. Thank you to the staff of Myers Funeral Home for their many acts of kindness,. Thank you to his Masonic brothers for the special service.

A special thank you to each of the pallbearers: Steve Peters, Wayne Harris, David Harris, Roger Croft, Timmy Coy, Kyle Dameron, Lane and Trent Champion. He loved all of you.

Linda
Jimmy & Debbie
Steve, Eugena, Lane & Trent
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The family of Ann Howard Stoehr wishes to express our deepest heartfelt thank you for all the support during her illness and in our time of sorrow.

Our sincere thanks to all who visited with us, sent gifts and cards, made phone calls and brought food. To the ladies at the Dycusburg Baptist Church and the Eddyville United Methodist Church, thank you so much for the wonderful meal.

Thank you to Ronnie and Jo Patton and the staff at Lakeland Funeral Home for your show of compassion and to Bro. Jack Lawra for the beautiful service.

A very special thank you to the workers at hospice for your kind and encouraging words and to Amy DeFew and Clara Place for staying by our side during those last days. We have been greatly blessed by each and every one of you and may God bless you as He has us.

Thanks again to all our friends,
Gene Stoehr
Kristi & Rob Spedding and family
Brad & Liz Hunt
John & Becky Howard

Edna Mae Fondaw (Ninnie)

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We can't believe its been a year already since God called you home. Not a day goes by we don't think of you or visit our memories we have of you, If everyone had a mom like you, the world would be a better place. You were a wife mother, a sister, daughter, a nurse, a teacher, cook, a protector, a comforter, a problem solver, a listener, a friend and a homemaker, but above all you were our mom and grandma to all of us. We all miss and love you mom. It's not the same without you. We thank God everyday that He gave us a mom like you.

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Duck hunt leads to message in a bottle

By **JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN**
PRESS REPORTER

While out duck hunting on a private farm Feb. 5 during youth season, Josh Tabor, 14, happened to look down as he was walking alongside a creek and noticed something shiny laying on top of the muddy bank.

At first, he thought it may had been a bottle of powder but as he got closer to it, he discovered it was a glass milk bottle.

Despite being found in a muddy location, the bottle looked as if it had been freshly dropped. Only the rusted lid gave an indication of the bottle's age.

Inside, folded into quarters was a remnant of paper bearing a message. Tabor was confused as to what it was until his dad, Steve, told him it was a message in the bottle.

"He didn't believe me at first," Steve said. "But then we took the bottle home and tried to read what the letter said."

Written in pencil in curly penmanship, the letter is severely faded in some parts but a majority of it was easy to identify, including a date



Josh Tabor holds the letter that he found while duck hunting Feb. 5. It reads, "To whom it may concern, You found this letter. You are a very lucky person. This was sent on April 27, 1996. If you found this, Hi my name is Tanya. Please call (606) 935-2963 or write Tanya Perkins Rt. 3 Box 155 Brooksville, KY 41004. Thanks, Tanya Perkins."

which read April 27, 1996. The name of the author, either Tonya or Tanya Perkins, can also be read.

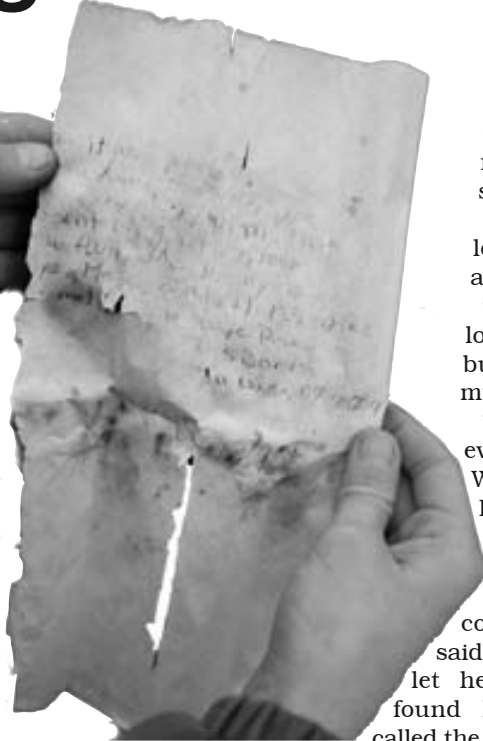
"The girl's address is Brooksville, Ky.," Tabor said. "I looked it up on the computer and it's almost 300 miles away."

"It's a wonder the letter made it as well as it did," Steve added, pointing to a small hole chipped into the bottle's lid. "It traveled quite a distance."

Finding the message in a bottle came as a surprise to both Tabor and his dad, mak-

ing the discovery not long after reading a similar story written in The Press a few weeks prior about a couple who met and married as a result of a message in a bottle.

"When he picked up the bottle and we figured out what it was, we thought it



sibly explaining how the bottle could have washed up during times of flooding like last spring.

Since finding the letter, both Tabor and his father have worked at trying to locate the author but haven't had much luck.

"We've looked up every Perkins in the White Pages in the Brooksville area. Either an older woman answers or the number is disconnected," Steve said. "We would like to let her know that we found her letter. We've called the school and post office in Brooksville and have left a message that if anyone knows her, for her to get in touch with us."

While the search will continue for the author, Tabor says that the bottle is something that he will hold onto for a while.

"How many people can say they found a message in a bottle?" Tabor asked.

Program inspires weight loss, giving

STAFF REPORT

The Steps of Faith fitness program, sponsored by Health Quest Wellness Center, concluded its six-week event last week with some positive results.

Designed to offer participants the motivation and the tools needed to make a difference in their lives while losing weight, the program was offered for free in exchange for donations to several participating organizations. Tracye Newcom, the organizer of Steps of Faith, said that all of the charities received boxes and boxes of donations, including two full size pick-up truck loads of goods for the Paper Box ministry at Life in Christ Church.

"The donations completely filled up our lobby, looking more like a store than a healthcare waiting room," Newcom said. "The generosity of the participants is good proof of the kind, nurturing people that live in our community."

Though the idea for the fitness event was spawned by Newcom, she said that it wouldn't have come together had it not been for the instructors that led classes each night. Heather Culvey of New You Fitness led workouts while Dr. Rex Manayan of Crittenden Health Systems led yoga classes. Mary Jo Mills and Laura Wood Zumba class and Natalie Parish served as a leader, attending all classes to assist participants, organizing donations and any other task.

The top participants who lost the most weight during the program were Sarah Hollis, down

19 pounds; Melissa Tabor of Tabor's Towing, down 16 pounds; Lisa Beard, 13.5 pounds; Angela Cozart, 13 pounds; Brenda Stamper, 11.5 pounds and Teresa Myers, 11 pounds. Newcom said participants also decreased their body fat and waist-to-hip ratios.

"I cannot count the times that people have told me that they're sleeping better, feeling better during the day because of increased energy, their stress levels have decreased and they have started eating better," Newcom said. "I think the program was the most successful in fostering a supportive environment where everyone felt comfortable to go at their own pace and improve themselves based on where they were starting as an individual rather



Stretching for a cause

Since finishing the Steps of Faith program last week, Crittenden Health Systems doctor, Dr. Rex Manayan once again led a group yoga event, raising funds for Relay for Life. "We completed Steps of Faith last week and we added tonight on just for Relay for Life. We're hoping to organize a sort of coop in Marion so that it can be self-sustaining. I'm hoping we can get something started in the next two to four weeks."

Crittenden County school district recognized

Henry Ford once said, "You do not build a reputation on what you are going to do."

This is so true in our personal lives but it is also true for the reputation of a high quality school district. It is certainly important for the Crittenden County School District to maintain the highest quality of standards for student learning and staff development. It would seem to me that not only are Crittenden County students and staff representing our school district well on a local level; they are also "making a splash" on our behalf in state and national activities. We should certainly celebrate the opportunity for Crittenden County students to exhibit excellence on a state level and for our employees to have a voice in the state and national conversation around good practice. It is so good to share good news. So here goes:

- **State Student Competitions (Spring Semester 2012)**
- Chess Teams (All schools)
- CCMS/CCHS Speech Team
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)



- **Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) (All schools)**
- **Kentucky Core Academic Standards Teacher Network**
- **English Language Arts:** Tammy Brantley (CCES), Kara Hatfield (CCMS) and Melissa Quattermous (CCHS).
- **Math:** Tiffany Deboe (CCES), Freda Roberts (CCMS) and Blair Winders (CCHS).
- **Science:** Vicky Collins (CCMS) and Jody Porter (CCHS).
- **School District Employees**
- Mrs. Melissa Quattermous, CCHS English Teacher, selected to serve on the National Council of Teachers of English as a judge in the Achievement Awards Program (NCTE com-

- petition for 11th grade students)
- Mrs. Tammy Brantley, CCES Teacher, serves on the Kentucky Writing Advisory Council
- Mrs. Kim Vince, CCHS Social Studies Teacher, National Board Certified Teacher (First and only one in the district)
- Mrs. Rhonda Callaway, CCHS Principal, serves on the Kentucky Advisory Council for Teacher Interns through the Educational Professional Standards Board
- Mr. Greg Binkley, Facilities Director, serves as the vice-president of the Kentucky School Plant Managers Association Board of Directors (KSPMA)
- Mrs. Tammy Travis, Superintendent's Administrative Assistant, serves on the Kentucky Organization of Superintendent Administrative Assistants Board of Directors (KOSAA)
- Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, Superintendent, serves on the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) Next Generation Leading for Learning Advisory Team
- Mr. Al Starnes,

- DPP/Transportation Director/Title IX Coordinator, serves as the vice-chairperson for the Kentucky High School Athletics Second Region Policy Board
- Mrs. Holly White, FRYSC/Community Ed/PIO, serves as the legislative chairperson for the Kentucky Community Education Association
- Mrs. Carolyn Sholar, CCMS Curriculum Coach, serves as an audit team member on the Kentucky Leadership Assessment Team for schools and districts who have been designated as low performing
- Mrs. Kathryn Turner, Alternative Learning Center Director, serves on the University of Kentucky Rural Dental Health Coalition
- Mr. Chris Cook, Board Chairperson, has recently attained his Level V Certificate of Leadership school board member training recognized by the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA). Both school board members Mrs. Phyllis Orr and Mr. Bill Asbridge have also previously attained this training status from KSBA.

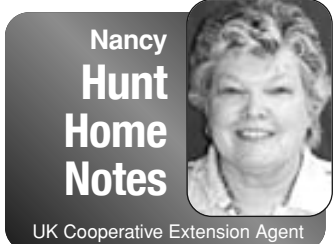
Caregiving

What is a long distance caregiver?

If you live an hour or more away from a person who needs care, you are a long-distance caregiver. If you are a long-distance caregiver, you are not alone. As many as 7 million people in the United States provide care from a distance.

Care giving from a distance takes many forms-from helping with finances or money management to arranging for in-home care; from providing respite care for a primary caregiver to creating a plan in a case of emergency. Many long-distance caregivers act as information coordinators-helping aging relatives or even other family members understand the health care system, health care needs, long term care options and insurance benefits and claims.

Long-distance caregivers can also play a part in arranging for professional care, hiring home health aides,



paying bills online and keeping family and friends updated. Other long-distance caregivers provide emotional support.

Near or far, care giving is often long-lasting and ever expanding. For example, what may start out as an occasional social phone call can turn into weekly or daily calls or relocating an older parent to your town.

When you don't live where the care is needed, it can especially hard to feel that what you are doing is enough and that what you are doing is important. It often is.

ThePressCALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 23

- Crittenden County Elementary School's site base council will meet at 4 p.m., Feb. 23 in the CCES library.

Monday, Feb. 27

- Crittenden County Diabetes Coalition will meet at noon, Monday, at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. For further information contact the County Extension Office at 965-5236.
- West Kentucky Regional Blood Center will have a blood drive 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday, sponsored by Crittenden Health Systems. The bloodmobile will be located in the medical office building parking lot. All blood donors will receive a t-shirt.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

- A Project Graduation meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday in the teachers' workroom at Crittenden County High School.

Ongoing

- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12022 in Marion is offering free coffee for veterans on Tuesdays from 7 to 11 a.m., at its 412 N. College St. headquarters.
- Monetary donations to assist Brad and Rochelle Walton of Marion continue to be accepted at Louise's Flowers, where Rochelle is employed. Brad Walton, 31, was diagnosed last month with colon cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy in Harrisburg, Ill. For more information, contact Teena York at 965-2749.
- AARP Tax Aide Program is provided each Wednesday at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Tax counselors will be on hand from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., to assist local individuals in filing their tax returns. This free service is for seniors or anyone considered low to moderate income level. Services will be provided each Wednesday through April 11. Please make an appointment by calling 704-

2160. Walk-ins accepted, but appointments preferred.

Upcoming

- A genealogy workshop presented by Gen. John Caldwell and Lt. Robert Howson Hooe, will be held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., March 3 at the George Coon Public Library in Princeton. Cost is \$5 at the door, \$8 prepaid by Friday for lunch to be included. For more information, call Betty Ralph at 365-5888 or Della Cates at 639-5684. The workshop is open to everyone.
- The Crittenden County Animal Shelter will be passing out 100 spay/neuter vouchers from 8 a.m. - noon, March 3 to the residents of Crittenden and Livingston counties. Vouchers are \$25 and are good for dogs or cats of either gender and are good for 90 days. There are six participating veterinarians to choose from. For more information, call the shelter at 969-1054.
- There will be a St. Patrick's Day Dance to benefit Marion-Crittenden County Park. The event will be held starting at 7:30 p.m., with a live band, Reflection, from 8 p.m., to midnight March 17 at Marion Country Club. Cost is \$30 couple or \$15 single. Tickets may be purchased at the door. There will be finger food and soft drinks available. For more information, call Allen Lynn 965-5154 or Tony O'Neal 965-5452.
- A shamrock shuffle Zumbathon will be held from 10-11:30 a.m., March 17 in the Crittenden County multipurpose room. Cost for the event is \$10 or a new pair of tennis shoes. The first 50 people will receive a free t-shirt. All proceeds raised will go to the Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet program. To find out more on how to be a partner or to donate to the program, call Jerritt Hovey-Brown at 704-3425 or Holly White at 965-3525.



Hamilton appointed to Tourism Commission

Mike Hamilton was appointed Monday by Marion City Council to fill Barry Nasser's expired term on the Marion Tourism Commission. Hamilton's term will expire in 2014.

Babbs named to Dean's List

Taylor Nicole Babbs of Sturgis has been named to the Dean's List for the 2011 fall semester at Georgetown College. Babbs is the daughter of Brian and Laurie Babbs of Sturgis.

Ed Jones is Chamber's Business of the Month

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce has named Edward Jones the February Business of the Month.

The office is operated by Mickey Alexander, financial advisor and Patricia Vied, branch office administrator.

Alexander began his job as a financial advisor for Edward Jones almost 11 years ago. Starting in September of 2001, Alexander started training and just a few days later, was working from his home. He later qualified

for an office in November after he started receiving several new accounts. The office was later opened in February of 2002 on East Bellville Street.

Alexander had been in banking for 14 years when he decided that he wanted a personable relationship with customers.

"I wanted to work with customers one-on-one and help them figure out their goals and then help them find ways to achieve them," Alexander said. "I looked into Edward Jones and I liked what the company offered."

Alexander says his office primarily serves Crittenden, Livingston and Union counties but does have accounts sprinkled throughout other counties, as well as several out of state.

"When I started out, I had zero accounts and I built it up to what it is now," Alexander said. "We're continually growing and we're very pleased with that."

"Edward Jones is a very good company to work for," Vied added. "It's very customer-oriented and that's what I like the most, its customer service."

Edward Jones offers a variety of investments for clients, including stocks, bonds and certificate of deposits, as well as setting up accounts to achieve certain goals.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Mickey Alexander, financial advisor for Edward Jones, accepts the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Month award. Pictured are (front from left) chamber members Janey Hill and Vanda Adamson, Alexander and Edward Jones Branch Office Administrator Patricia Vied; (back) members Jeff Ellis, Scott Belt, Bob Briley, Mark Bryant, Barbara Myers and Minnie Lou Brown.

"I had a client who wanted to buy her daughter a car as soon as she turned 16," Alexander said. "I told her that she could start making a car payment to herself in an account that would draw interest and when she was

ready to buy the car, she could just write a check and not have to worry about trying to get a loan. She started putting money into an account here and when her daughter got her license, she was able to buy her a car and not

have to worry about making payments.

"The cheapest car a person can own is one that is paid off but if you keep making payments to yourself in an interest-bearing account even after you pay the car

off, you can end up saving a large sum of money to use for whatever you needed."

To learn about investment opportunities, call the Edward Jones office at 965-0944.



Newcom speaks at January 4-H meeting

Each year, 4-Hers from across Kentucky have an opportunity to travel to Frankfort to witness the legislative process and meet State House Rep. Mike Cherry and State Senator Dorsey Ridley. To help prepare them for this Capitol Experience, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom was the guest speaker at the January Rocket 4-H Club meeting. He talked about local government and how it interacts with the state and federal government. Pictured above are (from left) 4-H Agent Bonnie Baker, Marcus Tinsley, Teen Leader Dallas Haire, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, Sarah Valle, Anna Bryant, Syl Hunt, Elizabeth Tosh, Mason Haire, Nate Haire and Raj Patel.



Celebration recognizes biggest losers

Full Body Fitness Studio in Marion completed its seven-week community Fit Camp with a celebration of accomplishments Friday. There were 95 participants registered for the program, and out of 59 who chose to do pre- and post-Fit Camp weigh-ins and measurements, 725.75 inches were lost – an average of 12.3 per person. A total of 249.2 pounds was shed with an average of 7.16 per person. The overall biggest loser revealed during the Fit Camp celebration was Paula Samuel, pictured second from left. She lost 35 inches and 25 pounds. Also pictured with Samuel and Fit Camp coordinator Serena Dickerson (right) are Krystal Samuel, 39 inches, and Mary Cooksey, 31 inches.

Livingston Central High receives assessment results

NEWS RELEASE

A state leadership assessment conducted last fall resulting from Livingston Central High School being identified as a Persistently Low-Achieving School is now complete. The report has identified areas for improvement at Livingston Central High School but determined that LCHS principal Scott Gray has the capacity to implement changes to improve student performance and will therefore remain in place as the top administrator at the school.

Also, the report determined that the LCHS School-Based Decision-Making Council has the capacity to manage the turnaround of the school and will remain in place to continue its roles and responsibilities as defined by Kentucky state law.

The leadership of the district also has been determined to have the capacity to manage the intervention of the high school. District leadership has vowed to offer all the instructional support they can to ensure the success of all students.

The results of the leadership assessment were delivered to the district on Feb. 16 by Dewey Hensley, Associate Commissioner of Education, who met with Superintendent of Livingston County Schools Darryl Chittenden and Gray. Hensley gave the superintendent and the principal an overview of the reports and addressed deficiencies and next steps that have been

identified.

The audit was conducted by a team from the Kentucky Department of Education during the week of Jan. 23 and evaluated different areas such as curriculum, management and the environment of LCHS. This leadership assessment audit is one of many measures Livingston Central High School has taken to improve student achievement since the Department of Education rated it as a Persistently Low-Achieving School last fall.

Chittenden's view for the school is a focused one.

"Student success is our top priority," said the superintendent. "Prior to being named to this list, several measures were already being

implemented to better address student needs by Gray and his leadership team who are in their first year in their administrative posts. We welcome the recommendations from the state, and steps will be taken quickly to address the deficiencies noted in the reports."

After meeting with Hensley, both Gray and Chittenden agreed the sense of urgency for school improvement is top on everyone's priority list. Chittenden added, "We have been determined to have the capacity to lead the turnaround. Now we all have the responsibility to use our capacity to make a positive difference in the success of our students and school."

Congratulations

Jessica Earls
**On Earning
Your Associate's
Degree in Nursing
from WKCTC!**

Love,
Mom, Dad & family

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has provided financial assistance to us following Brad's cancer diagnosis and surgery. We have a long road ahead of us with trips to Harrisburg, Ill., for chemotherapy, but we are very thankful for the prayers, monetary contributions and other acts of kindness from the community. We are blessed to be surrounded by such caring individuals.

*Brad & Rochelle Walton
Andy Walton*

Happy 3rd Birthday JETTY!

We Love You So Much.

Love,
Daddy, Momma,
KK, Bebe, Ashoo,
Jack & Jonah

Hello, mommy where are you? Please answer your phone, and Aunt Shelby too. Mommy, I can't find you. Hello, has anybody seen the little old ladies. Mom, you and Aunt Shelby can't run, please, please help me find you. Mommy, I've got to see you and find you both. I love you so much mommy, the sweetest mother a daughter could ever have.

Here is a picture of them both. I need to find them. Please help me.

From, Darlene

Geraldine Shouse
CRITTENDEN COUNTY
REPRESENTATIVE

**Donations are
now being
accepted
965-3980**

BASKETBALL

'Cats 1, Murray State 14

Associated Press Top 25

Murray State moved up two places after defeating St. Mary's of California in last weekend's ESPN Bracket Buster Game.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Prvs
1.	Kentucky (63)	26-1	1,623	1
2.	Syracuse (2)	27-1	1,559	2
3.	Missouri	25-2	1,498	3
4.	Kansas	22-5	1,377	4
5.	Duke	23-4	1,359	5
6.	Michigan St.	22-5	1,317	7
7.	North Carolina	23-4	1,261	8
8.	Ohio St.	22-5	1,139	6
9.	Georgetown	20-5	1,085	10
10.	Marquette	22-5	1,013	12
11.	Michigan	20-7	869	17
12.	Florida	21-6	860	14
13.	Baylor	22-5	859	9
14.	Murray St.	26-1	765	16
15.	Florida St.	19-7	620	20
16.	Wisconsin	20-7	615	15
17.	Louisville	21-6	495	19
18.	New Mexico	22-4	469	—
19.	Wichita St.	24-4	467	24
20.	Notre Dame	19-8	457	23
21.	UNLV	22-6	325	11
22.	Temple	21-5	281	—
23.	Indiana	20-7	246	18
24.	San Diego St.	20-6	176	13
25.	Virginia	20-6	153	22

FOOTBALL

Willis plays with stars

Crittenden County High School senior Bryce Willis has been selected to play in the East-West Football All-Star Game scheduled for June 8 at Murray State University.



Willis

OUTDOORS

Upcoming seasons

Crow	Jan. 4-Feb. 29
Youth Turkey	April 7-8
Spring Turkey	April 14 - May 6
Spring Squirrel	May 19 - June 15
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round

TRACK & FIELD

Boosters meeting

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

SOFTBALL

8-u team needs girls

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

12-u team needs girls

A 12-under girls' travel softball team is organizing in Crittenden County. Tryouts are at 10 a.m., March 3 at the Marion-Crittenden County Park. In case of bad weather, tryouts will be at CCMS gym. Proof of age is required. For more information, call Tony Perryman 339-6632, Misty Champion 704-3311 or Pam Collins 965-3216.

DODGEBALL

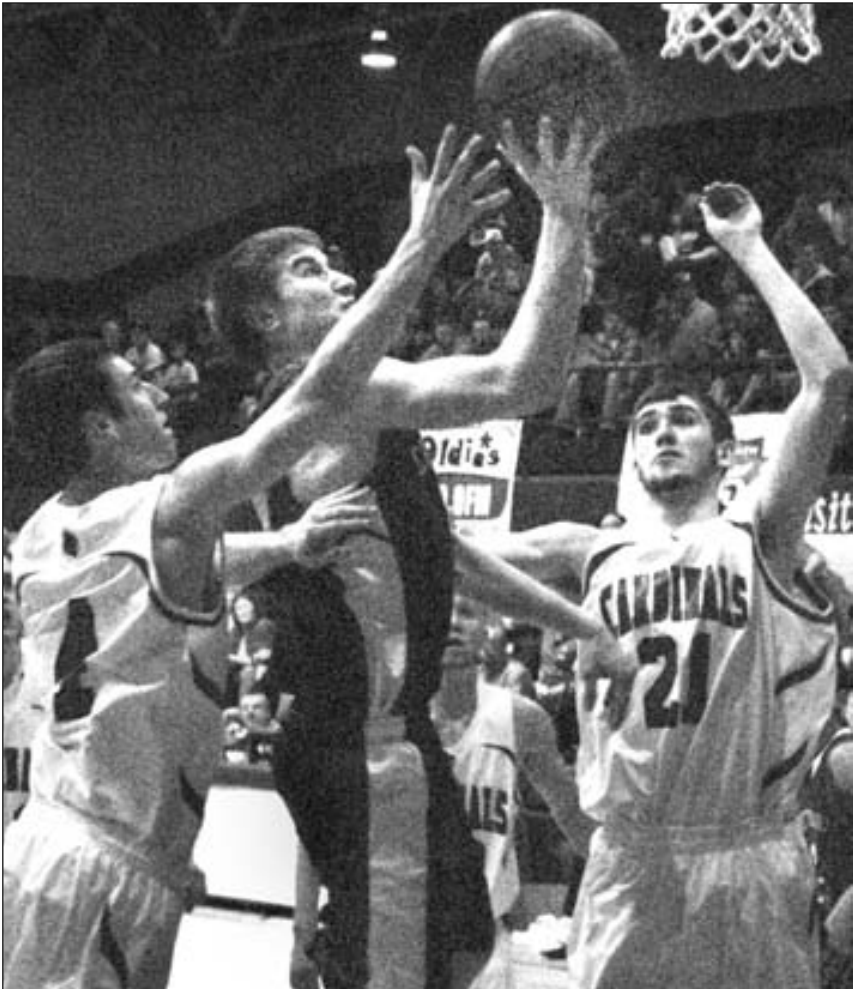
New Union tournament

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

BASEBALL

Dugout Club revived

The Crittenden County Dugout Club, which had been teetering on the edge of folding the last few weeks, has new signs of life. The club met Sunday afternoon and elected officers from a large group of individuals who had shown up to express their interest in youth baseball and softball. The Dugout Club will be meeting again this week and planning for the upcoming registration. A registration form will appear in next week's Press.



PHOTOS BY CHRIS EVANS

Rocket forward Bobby Knox scores one of his four baskets off offensive rebounds during Monday's Fifth District game at Eddyville. Applying the pressure are Livingston's Austin Woodward (4) and Kenneth Cowser (21).

Cool-hand Luke outguns Rockets

Livingston's Croft does it again in final minutes of tournament

STAFF REPORT

As Yogi Berra might say, "It was *deja vu* all over again." Livingston Central's Lucas Croft – a Rocket nemesis this season – lifted his team to triumph once again with some late heroics that turned back Crittenden County 56-49 in the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament Monday at Eddyville.

The game was actually closer than the final score might indicate. Neither team managed more than a four-point lead until the last minute and the contest was tied four times in the last half. Crittenden led by two with six minutes to play following a putback by Devin Clark, the state's 15th best rebounder.

Although first-year coach Denis Hodge got a yeoman's effort from his young Rockets, the senior-dominated Cardinals once again pulled out a tight one. In four meetings this year, the Cardinals have won by 14, nine, two and now seven. Other than the first one, each game was very close. However, Livingston's left-handed shooting, 6-foot-4 swingman has always taken control down the stretch.

This week, he scored 10 of the Cardinals' last 14 points. Croft was 8-for-8 from the foul line and 8-for-13 from the floor for 25 points.

"There was no surprise," said coach Hodge, who knew Croft had scored 11 of his team's last 15 when they met in the All A Classic

5th District Tournament

AT LYON COUNTY

Monday's First Round Results

Livingston Central 56, Crittenden 49

Lyon County 84, Trigg County 81

Thursday's Championship Game

Livingston Central vs. Lyon, 7 p.m.

last month.

"We knew going in that he was the one guy we had to stop. In my opinion, he's the best player in the region. He may not be the best three-point shooter or the best post player, but he imposes his will on the game. When it comes down to it, I personally think he's the best in the Second Region."

Croft made little noise in the first half, scoring just six points. In fact, he and Kenneth Cowser were both on the bench with a couple of fouls late in the second quarter when Crittenden made a 9-5 run to take a 26-24 halftime lead. Rocket Bobby Knox scored six points during that stretch, including two putbacks. Knox – who had a team-high 18 points – scored four times on offensive rebounds during the contest while Clark did twice. Coach Hodge said rebounding has kept his team in many games this season.

"We're a great rebounding team. We had 25 offensive rebounds tonight, but when you're shooting



Crittenden's Thomas Scott gets a pretty good whack from Livingston's Lucas Croft (34) on this shot that didn't go down for the Rockets.

35 percent from the field you better be a good rebounding team," Hodge said.

In the end, however, nothing could mitigate the role played by Livingston's top gun. Despite having Crittenden's tallest and one of its fasters players – Thomas Scott – guarding Croft down the stretch, the Cardinals found a way to get him the ball. Croft was catching a pass near the left elbow and driving down the lane where he would score or get to the foul line. Either way, he was lethal.

"We couldn't force him to his weak side," said Rocket guard Aaron Owen, who scored 10 points. "He kept going to his strong side."

"We didn't execute like we needed to," Owen added. "We didn't get the bounces in the second half and (Livingston) being a veteran team did."

Coach Hodge says this team – which finishes at 11-20 – has improved markedly and he's pleased with the way it has responded to one of the toughest Rocket schedules in many years with the likes of non-district foes Hopkinsville, Graves County, Marshall County and Webster County among the opponents. Also, the Fifth District's Trigg County (21-9) and Livingston Central (20-10) had the second and

third best records in the region.

Five of Crittenden's top seven players have 4.0 GPAs, which Hodge also finds rewarding.

"These are good people, great young men who will be successful in life. And they've made great strides on the basketball court."

Fifth District Tournament				
Livingston Central 56, Crittenden 49				
Crittenden County	13	13	12	11
Livingston Central	13	11	16	16
Crittenden - Clark 10, Hill 4, Knox 18, Scott 12, Gilbert 1, Owen 4, Dickerson. Field Goals 21-60. 3-pointers 1-13 (Scott 1-5). Free Throws 6-10. Rebounds 44 (Knox 13, Clark 10). Fouls 18.				
Livingston - Woodward 12, Armstrong 2, Wright, Cowser 10, Love 3, Zimmerman 4, Croft 25. Field Goals 19-48. 3-pointers 2-11 (Woodward, Croft). Free Throws 16-18. Rebounds 29 (Cowser 10). Fouls 13.				

Regular Season				
UHA 68, Crittenden 42				
Crittenden Co.	6	9	20	7
University Heights	14	20	13	21
Crittenden - Clark 7, Hill, Knox 9, Scott 10, Gilbert 3, Owen 13, Dickerson. Field Goals 17-40. 3-pointers 1-10 (Gilbert). Free Throws 7-13. Rebounds 32 (Clark 10). Fouls 11.				
University Heights - Brown 11, White 9, Byrum 5, Vance 2, Johnson 8, Allen 4, Hopper 13, McNease 8, P'Pool, Mumford 8. Field Goals 28-53. 3-pointers 5-10 (Brown, White, Byrum, Hopper 2). Free Throws 7-13. Rebounds 23 (Brown 4). Fouls 15.				

Lady Rockets done early

STAFF REPORT

As memorable as last season was for coach Shannon Hodge and her Lady Rockets, this one won't be any easier to forget.

Crittenden – riding a record high last year with a trip to the girls' state tournament – fell hard after losing the nucleus of a team that went 21-9 a year ago. This time, her squad managed just four wins in 28 games, the fewest victories in memory. Arch-rival Livingston Central ended Crittenden's pain Tuesday night, stopping the girls' season with a lopsided 61-32 loss in the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament at Eddyville.

Despite the sting of a rough campaign, Hodge wasn't ready to toss the entire undertaking into the trash can.

"Everybody wants to judge you on wins and losses and it's hard not to do that," she explained. "Certainly, the wins and losses we had this year weren't what we wanted, but the questions are did we grow as basketball players, did we grow as individuals and as people? In 10 years, will these girls be able to draw something from this time in their lives?"

Embracing those rhetorical queries may be a bit easier than swallowing the shell-lacking that Livingston put on her team. Led by senior Aneta Sloma's 25 points – including 18 in the first half – Livingston put the game away early and turned to its bench late in the third period with a 26-point lead.

"We didn't do what we needed to do early to make things tough on (Sloma)," Hodge said.



Lady Rocket senior Mary Mattingly fights for defensive position under the basket during her last game in a Crittenden County uniform.

5th District Tournament

Tuesday's First Round Results

Livingston Central 61, Crittenden 32

Lyon County 55, Trigg County 40

Friday's Championship Game, 7 p.m.

The Livingston guard slashed through the lane time and again for easy baskets. But still, Crittenden had a chance to keep it close, but missed nine of 17 first-half foul shots, made just four fielders in the first two periods and had hardly any rebounds at the break. By then, the outcome had been decided.

Fifth District Opening Round				
Livingston Central 61, Crittenden 32				
Crittenden County	8	6	8	10
Livingston Central	19	14	16	12
Crittenden - Brown 7, Binkley 2, Oliver 10, Head 4, Collins, Mattingly 5, Davis 2, McDowell, Moss 2. Field Goals 12. 3-pointers 0. Free Throws 8-22.				
Livingston - Walker 6, Leidecker 9, A.Sloma 25, M.Sloma, Ringstaff 2, Kirkham 5, Brooks 2, Lampley 4, Fontenot 2, K.Brooks, Head 6, Gilbert. Field Goals 21. 3-pointers 1 (Kirkham). Free Throws 16-25.				

Regular Season: Webster Co. 61, Crittenden 38				
Crittenden County	8	7	13	10
Webster County	12	20	14	15
Crittenden - Brown 13, Binkley 3, Oliver 5, Head 4, Collins 4, Mattingly 4, Davis 3, McDowell 2. Field Goals 14. 3-pointers 3 (Brown 2, Binkley 1). Free Throws 7-10. Fouls 13.				
Webster - Papineau 8, Ross, Stone, Edens 15, Pritchett, Townsend, Davis 2, Keeney 2, Herrera 16, McNary 7, Dame 6, Duncan. Field Goals 28. 3-pointers 3 (Edens 3). Free Throws 2-6. Fouls 14.				

Crittenden County Youth Basketball Teams Wrap Up Seasons



Crittenden County’s traveling boys’ fifth- and sixth-grade basketball team has played 15 games this season throughout the region. The boys have been playing since before Christmas. Pictured are (front from left) Payton Riley, Logan Belt, Cody Belt, Pate Robinson, Sawyer Towery, (back) Devon Nesbitt, Gavin Dickerson, Adam Beavers, Hunter Boone, Sean O’Leary and Cruce Collyer. Not pictured: Cole Lamprecht. The team was coached by Rob Towery.



Crittenden County’s sixth-grade traveling basketball team finished second last weekend at the Lady Tiger Shootout in Princeton. The girls beat Marshall County twice and Caldwell County once, but lost two games, including the championship bout, to Paducah. Madison Champion scored 33 points in five games while Mauri Collins had 27 in the tournament. Pictured are the players (from left) Kenlee Perryman, Mauri Collins, Shelby Summers, Madison O’Dell, Emmalea Barnes, Madison Champion, Brandy Book and Chaylee Wolf. Coaches Mike O’Dell and Misty Champion.



CCMS Basketball Awards

Crittenden County Middle School held its annual girls’ basketball banquet Sunday. Among those honored were (front from left) Francesca Pierce, Seventh Grade Defensive Award; Terrianna Johnson, Seventh Grade Leading Scorer Award; Cassidy Moss, Seventh Grade Most Valuable Player; Courtney Beverly, Seventh Grade Most Improved Award; Kasey Herrin, Eighth Grade Offensive Award; (back) Kiana Nesbitt, Seventh Grade Most Rebounds Award, Meredith Evans, Seventh Grade Challenge Award; Kristen Perryman, Eighth Grade Defense Award; Bailey Howard, Eighth Grade Most Improved Award and Megan Hunt, Eighth Grade Most Valuable Player and Challenge awards. Not pictured, eighth grader Elizabeth Tosh, Eighth Grade 110 Percent Award.

LBL quota hunt apps due Feb. 29

The application period for the spring turkey-hunting season at Land Between the Lakes (LBL) is drawing to a close. The deadline for hunters to apply online for a quota permit is Thursday, Feb. 29. Hunters will be selected for the available quota permits by computer drawing.

Three quota hunts in both Kentucky and Tennessee during the first portion of the season require a prior application. In Kentucky, quota hunts include a two-day youth hunt for hunters (under age 16 on the Kentucky portion of LBL) March 31-April 1, a two-day hunt April 5-6, and a two-day hunt April 14-15. No hunting is permitted between these dates.

The non-quota hunting season, which does not require a prior application, is one 14-day hunt, April 16 - May 29 in Kentucky, and two seven-day hunts, April 16-22 and April 23-29 in Tennessee.

The Quota Hunt application fee remains at \$5 for an online application. Hunters can apply online at www.lbl.org. Applicants can check the website at www.lbl.org after March 16, to see if they were drawn.

The 2012 Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) is now available on the website. Printed copies are also available at the



No turkey calling or grain

Beginning March 1, and until the opening of the April 7 youth-only and April 14 general spring turkey seasons, it is illegal anywhere in Kentucky to mimic the sound of a turkey in an area open to hunting. But locating turkeys with an owl, crow, coyote or woodpecker call is permitted when scouting. Also, as of March 1 it is illegal to put out grain for wild animals, except in the backyard.

Golden Pond Visitor Center. Licensed motorized vehicles are only permitted on roads identified on the MVUM. Hunters will want to be sure to refer to the MVUM when scouting and hunting on LBL.

REWARD

A \$1,000.00 REWARD

will be paid to the person who provides information leading to the whereabouts of the following property taken from the home of Dan and Michelle Henderson at 45 Hilltop Drive, Dycusburg, Kentucky.

The items include an “arrowhead” (flint rock) collection and a platinum and diamond wedding ring similar to the one pictured.



I can provide positive identification of the arrowheads and wedding ring when recovered. Upon recovery of these items, you will remain anonymous and will receive the reward in cash.

Dan Henderson 612-309-4358

Local chapter celebrates National FFA Week

NEWS RELEASE

The Crittenden County FFA Chapter will celebrate National FFA Week through Saturday. "I Believe" is the theme this year as members pledge to show what they be-



Duvall local and state levels.

The focus of National FFA Week is to tell the community and the country about the great opportunities available through FFA. From its beginnings in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America, the National FFA Organization today reaches out to all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA is committed to developing character and leadership skills, as well as preparing members for a lifetime of civic leadership and career success.

As a part of National FFA Week, Crittenden members, under FFA advisor Larry Du-



vall are planning the following special events:

- Pj's and Carhartt Day
- Ag Hat and T-Shirt Day
- Camo and Muddy Truck
- Blue & Gold Day
- Oldest FFA Jacket or FFA t-shirt contest
- Chapter T-Shirt Day
- Teacher Appreciation Day/FFA t-shirt day
- An FFA scavenger hunt

each day of the school week: find an emblem/answer FFA trivia and win a prize

Crittenden members are the leaders of tomorrow and dedicated to community service activities like the Pumpkin Festival and Community Christmas. Whether it's working with elementary children or serving as a chapter officer, FFA members make a positive

difference to those around them. They are success-oriented students who are driven to achieve their goals. FFA builds leaders, and leaders impact the future.

FFA members have opportunities to attend national leadership conferences, start their own businesses, and apply for awards and scholarships. Through classroom in-

struction and hands-on learning, agricultural education and FFA are making a positive difference in the lives of students.

FFA members are our future engineers, scientists, teachers and producers. One of every five Americans is employed in the food, fiber and natural resources industries, and FFA members are prepar-

ing for one of those 300 careers in agriculture.

National FFA Week is sponsored by Tractor Supply Company and Carhartt as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. For more information about National FFA Week, visit www.ffa.org/ffaweek or contact the Crittenden County Chapter.

Soybean association honors Cherry

NEWS RELEASE

The Kentucky Soybean Association recognized state Rep. Mike Cherry for 13 years of service in the Kentucky General Assembly at a legislative appreciation reception in Frankfort on Sunday.

Kentucky Soybean Association President Davie Stephens of Wingo and Legislative Committee Chairman Mike Burchett of Murray joined House Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom McKee to make the presentation.

"Farmers appreciate Rep. Cherry's thankless work on behalf of Kentucky agriculture," Burchett explained to the group. "His leadership on issues that matter to farmers will be missed in Frankfort and in western Kentucky."

Rep. Cherry's Fourth State House District covers Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston and part of Trigg County. He recently announced he would not seek an additional term.

The 2012 Agriculture Legislative Appreciation Reception was held at Kentucky State University's Research and Demonstration Farm was a partnership of the Kentucky Association of Conservation



Rep. Mike Cherry was recognized Jan. 29 by the Kentucky Soybean Association (KSA) for 13 years of service in the Kentucky General Assembly. Pictured (from left) are KSA Executive Director Debbie Ellis, farmer-leader Gerry Hayden, KSA President Davie Stephens, Rep. Tom McKee, farmer-leader Jack Trumbo, Legislative Chairman Mike Burchett, Rep. Cherry, farmer-leader Keith Tapp, Rep. Fred Nesler and farmer-leader Dennis Clark at the 2012 Agriculture Legislative Appreciation Reception in Frankfort.

Districts, Kentucky Corn Growers Association, Kentucky Soybean Association, Kentucky Cattleman's Association, Kentucky Pork Producers Association, Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, Kentucky Poultry Federation, Kentucky State University

College of Agriculture, Food Science and Sustainable Systems, Purchase of Agricultural Easements Board, Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission and U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Con-

servation Service.

The Kentucky Soybean Association is a farmer-led membership organization representing over 1,000 Kentucky soybean producers. Learn more about KSA's work at kysoy.org.

EQIP ranking periods ends Feb. 29

NEWS RELEASE

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kentucky is encouraging landowners, farmers and producers to visit their local NRCS office now to receive more information and apply for conservation technical assistance and possible financial assistance opportunities. The application process for 2008 Farm Bill conservation programs is continuous, but funding selections are made at specific times throughout the year. The first Kentucky NRCS application ranking cutoff date for consideration for 2012 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding was Nov. 15, 2011. A second sign up period has been announced and will run through Feb. 29.

Applications for the following programs will be accepted during this period:

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a conservation program that provides financial and

technical assistance to farmers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, NRCS develops contracts with agricultural producers to voluntarily implement conservation practices. Persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production and owners of non-industrial private forestland are eligible for this program. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pastureland, private non-industrial forestland, and other farm or ranch lands.

The Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI) began in 2009 with a goal of reducing, mitigating and controlling nutrient levels in surface waters, thus improving the water quality in small watersheds within the Mississippi River Basin. In conjunction with multiple partners, including state agencies, conservation districts, environmental groups, and farming interests, NRCS Kentucky has

three MRBI focus watersheds with boundaries entirely in Kentucky: Licking River, Lower Green River and the Bayou de Chien-Mayfield Creek. Eligible land within specific subwatersheds of the focus areas can take advantage of focused EQIP financial and technical assistance to develop contracts, which address resource concerns within the focus areas. Please contact your local field office to determine land eligibility.

"We're urging producers to get their applications in as soon as possible to be considered for this year's funding," said Karen Woodrich, Kentucky NRCS State Conservationist.

All recipients of assistance are required to develop a conservation plan and must have a state Agricultural Water Quality Authority plan. Conservation planning is an integral part of the conservation process. Landowners should work with a conservation planner to develop the plan based on the landowner's op-

erational goals to improve the productivity, sustainability and profitability of their operation. The conservation plan will serve as a roadmap to a variety of technical assistance and financial assistance through EQIP, as well as other options available to the landowner. "We're getting back to our agency's roots with conservation planning," says Woodrich. "Conservation planning is the vital first step in understanding natural resources on your land, and also understanding how technical and financial conservation assistance can be incorporated into your operation to help you help the land."

If you are interested in participating in EQIP or other Farm Bill conservation programs, you should contact your local NRCS office as soon as possible. For more information, contact Larry Starr, District Conservationist, larry.starr@ky.usda.gov or call 965-3921, ext. 3 or 988-2180, ext 3.

'10 flood damages \$21.7 million below Barkley pool

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

A report released last week shows almost \$21.7 million in damages was incurred by Cumberland River flooding in May 2010 below Barkley Dam in Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties. Though last year around the same time the Cumberland overspilled its banks in western Kentucky to near record levels, 2010 was the flooding that left a great portion of downtown Nashville under water.

The May 2010 Post Flood Technical Report — Cumberland and Duck River Basins was made public last Wednesday by the U.S. Army Corps Nashville District.

The analysis is divided into

six chapters, including Flood Damage, which is brief financial data on losses in the three lowest Cumberland River counties before its confluence with the Ohio River at Smithland. It does not provide loss amounts by county.

"Rainfall on May 1 and 2 resulted in record flood stages in the Barkley Reservoir basin," the document reads under the section that includes Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon County losses. "Radar rainfall in the Barkley Reservoir basin ranged from two to four inches; gage rainfalls recorded 4.38 inches during the event."

However, the worst of the 2010 Cumberland River flooding was upstream in middle

Tennessee. At Smithland, on May 6, 2010, where the Cumberland joins the Ohio River, the crest of the Ohio River was 42.90 feet, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). A year to the date, the river was at 54.89 feet, a record high backing up the Lower Cumberland far worse than in 2010. NWS data for Smithland does not go back to the Great Flood of 1937.

No Corps of Engineers analysis for 2011 has been compiled yet.

But the 2010 report data shows \$18.1 million in compiled residential damages in watershed that includes Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties. Another \$3.3 million in the commercial property

losses category was recorded and \$313,000 in industrial holdings. Of the different types of damages, structural losses amounted to \$11.6 million, contents \$7.6 million and automobiles \$2.6 million

"This report will serve as one component of a regional effort to improve flood preparedness and response...and advance our mission for protection of life and property in the Cumberland River and Tennessee River basins," said Barry Moran, project manager for the report.

The 180-page report focuses primarily on Tennessee. It is available at www.lrn.usace.army.mil by clicking the "2010 Flood Information" link.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

LEDBETTER AUCTION RESULTS FROM USDA MARKET NEWS

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012

KDOA-USDA Market News

Livingston County Livestock Auction

Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed upon arrival)

Receipts: 696 Head

Compared to last week: Slaughter cows and bulls 4.00-5.00 higher. Feeder steers 5.00-8.00 higher. Feeder heifers mostly steady.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	800-1200	1120	72.00-80.00	75.49
17	1200-1600	1359	72.00-80.00	76.16
2	1200-1600	1248	82.00-84.00	82.97 HD
3	1200-1600	1362	68.00-71.00	69.69 LD

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
15	800-1200	1021	64.00-70.00	66.86
1	800-1200	950	72.00	72.00 HD
5	800-1200	1112	61.00-63.00	62.00 LD
5	1200-1600	1299	64.00-68.00	65.59
1	1200-1600	1270	73.00	73.00 HD
3	1200-1600	1360	62.00-63.00	62.34 LD

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	800-1200	971	54.00-62.00	58.44

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1000-1500	1455	100.50-104.50	102.55
8	1500-3000	1927	97.00-106.00	101.74

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	1000-1500	1351	86.50-96.50	90.15
5	1500-3000	1840	87.00-93.00	90.86
2	1500-3000	1722	78.00-80.00	79.00 LD

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	200-300	239	230.00-234.00	231.17
40	300-400	369	200.00-215.00	207.68
22	400-500	460	187.00-203.00	191.58
25	500-600	525	178.00-193.00	182.60
5	600-700	613	158.00-164.00	162.00
3	700-800	737	135.00-140.00	137.30
3	800-900	835	131.00	131.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	200-300	239	210.00-215.00	213.57
36	300-400	354	184.00-197.00	191.69
48	400-500	454	174.00-190.00	179.48
44	500-600	534	154.00-166.00	160.54
19	600-700	639	136.00-148.00	141.79
4	700-800	715	129.00-135.00	133.49
4	700-800	724	110.00-120.00	117.36 F
1	800-900	800	114.00	114.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	200-300	280	160.00-195.00	182.95
11	300-400	367	168.00-183.00	178.97
16	400-500	448	150.00-173.00	166.33
21	500-600	570	140.00-153.00	148.60
3	600-700	680	126.00-134.00	130.31
4	700-800	758	100.00-115.00	107.58

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
24	300-400	374	191.00-200.00	194.59
16	400-500	443	179.00-193.00	187.03
17	500-600	552	166.00-184.00	171.74
14	600-700	628	144.00-158.00	153.18
3	700-800	743	124.00-133.00	126.85
9	800-900	821	109.00-122.50	119.48

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	300-400	379	160.00-184.00	179.87
3	400-500	468	158.00-160.00	159.31
11	500-600	537	153.00-164.00	159.86
9	600-700	673	134.00-141.00	136.25
2	700-800	785	114.00-115.00	114.50

Stock Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: Cows 6 to 12 years old and 6 to 7 months bred 780.00-1190.00 per head. Heifers 7 to 8 months bred 925.00-1350.00 per head.

Stock Cows and Calves:

Baby calves: Beef Breeds:

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

Market Specialist: Chip Stewart

Source: Kentucky Department of Agriculture-USDA Market News, Louisville, Ky.



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Liberty Tire Recycling is looking for good people willing to work hard and help our company grow! Must be safety-conscious team players, able to lift 50+ lbs. Apply in person at 2071 US 60 West, Marion KY or fax resume to 270-965-3618. Call 270-965-3613 for more info. EOE. (2t-35-c)

Receptionist needed for local medical office. Experience in customer service a must. General office skills, computer skills and positive attitude a must. Please send resume to Job Opening, PO Box 191B, Marion, KY 42064. (3t-34-p)

River's Bend is currently seeking a LPN to work 2p.m. to 10p.m. and a part-time dietary cook. Please contact Kim Shoulders at 388-2868 ext 212 or apply within at 300 Beech St Kuttawa, KY. (1t-34-c)

notices

Notice of Public Hearing
Zoning Map Amendment

A request for a Zoning Map Amendment for the property located at 400 East Depot Street, Marion, KY has been filed with the Marion Planning Commission. A public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on March 8th, 2012 before the Marion Planning Commission at the Council Chambers in City Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, KY. For further information contact the Marion Planning and Zoning Coordinator at (270)965-2266. (2t-35-c)

NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND
RELOCATION OF GRAVESITES

On February 21, 2012, the Crittenden Fiscal Court adopted a resolution allowing Bobby Grogan, at his own expense, to remove and relocate five gravesites marked "Buntun" from his farm located near the Cumberland River, Dycusburg, Kentucky to the Dycusburg Cemetery. Anyone having any interest in this matter should address their comments or concerns within 60 days from February 23, 2012 to Bart Frazer, Attorney for Bobby Grogan, P.O. Box 361, 200 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064. (270) 965-2261. (11t-44-c)frp


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CASE NO. 11-CI-00114
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as successor by merger
To BAC Home Loans
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Servicing, LP PLAINTIFF V.
Marthamary Scherer
DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on January 12, 2012, I will on Friday, March 9, 2012 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:)

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Beginning at an iron pin on the East side of North Walker Street, corner to J.D. Hunt lot, being his Northwest corner and the Southwest corner of the lot herein conveyed; thence in an Eastern direction with line of said Hunt 150 feet to an iron pin, another corner to said Hunt in first parties line, thence with an agreed line this day established to second parties in a Northern direction parallel with said street 78 feet to an iron pin; corner to Douglas Bebout and being his Southeast corner; thence in a Western direction with line of said Bebout 150 feet to an iron pin on the East side of the aforementioned street; thence in a Southern direction with East line of Walker Street 77 feet to the point of beginning. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which has been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Being the same property conveyed to Marthamary E. Scherer, a single person who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Elizabeth H. Abell, a widow, by and through her Attorney in Fact, Charles K. Hunt, dated November 5, 2003, filed November 10, 2003, recorded in Deed book 197, Page 662, County Clerk's Office, Crittenden County, Kentucky. The description provided herein was provided by the parties and is contained in the Judgment and Order of Sale.

Address: 308 North Walker Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064.

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

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

3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on January 12, 2012 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendant, Marthamary Scherer, et al for the principal sum of \$53,823.45, interest on the principal sum at the rate of 6.5% per annum from May 1, 2009 until paid; the costs and fees of this action; reimbursement for attorney's fees in this action, sums advanced in payment of ad valorem taxes, insurance premiums, winterization or in preservation of the real estate; and late fees,



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4. The Plaintiff, Master Commissioner and the Court shall not be deemed to have warranted title of the real estate to the purchaser.

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

6. Upon receipt of a written request from the Plaintiff prior to the sale, the Master Commissioner shall withdraw the sale without an Order from this Court.

7. Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid by facsimile prior to the sale.

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

9. In the event the Plaintiff becomes the purchaser of the real estate at the Master Commissioner's sale, and if the Plaintiff's bid is less than its lien adjudged herein, Plaintiff may comply with the terms of sale by taking credit upon its Judgment without making the cash deposit or executing the sale bond.

10. Upon default of the deposit or posting of bond by the purchaser, the Master Commissioner shall immediately resell the property upon the same terms and conditions set out herein.

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

Dated this the 27th
day of January, 2012.
Brandi D. Rogers
MASTER COMMISSIONER,
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
(3t-36-c).

Legal Notice
OMMONWEALTH OF
KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-CI-00171
PAUL DEAN CURNEL
PLAINTIFF
vs. RICKY CURNEL,
PHYLLIS DEORE,
HAZEL MCDOWELL,
RICKY CURNEL,
JOANNE MCKINNEY,
MARGIE LANHAM,
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Kentucky Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on March 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the case of In the Matter of: An Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Big Rivers Electric Corporation from May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011, Case No. 2011-00487, for the purpose of examining the application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation's Fuel Adjustment Clause from May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011. The hearing will be held at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the JANUARY 13, 2012, I will on Friday, MARCH 09, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

DESCRIPTION: BEGINNING at a stone corner to 37 acre tract N 4 E 16 poles to a cottonwood at corner of orchard N 78 W 146 ½ poles to a stone in west line of 90 acre tract: thence S 2 W 134 poles to a stone in Nation's line white oak elm pointers with same S 83 ½ E 90 poles to a stone, N 15 103 poles to a stone, S 87 E 47 ½ poles to the beginning.

At 15ft, roadway is conveyed to this land as shown by Deed from Ruie C Sullinger dates July 14, 1927 of record in Deed Book 54, at Page 142.

LESS AND EXCEPT the following described parcel having been conveyed to Phyllis A. Jackson and her daughter, Lala R. Curnel, by Sarah E. Curnel by Deed dated July 22, 1992, and recorded in Deed Book 163, at Page 306 and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe, corner to J.V. Curnel on the North side of the Curnel Road, being 10 ft. from the center of the road, about 0.4 mile West of its junction with Ky. 723, and being about 0.6 mile South of the junction of Ky. 723 with Ky. 297 at Irma, the approximate Kentucky Coordinates (south zone) of the point of beginning is North 389,450 ft., East 1,273,750 ft.; thence with the North side of the Curnel Road S. 84 deg. 50 min. W. 349.05 ft. to an iron pipe, a new corner; thence with a new line, this day made, N. 07 deg. 18 min. E. 361.10 ft. to an iron pipe, a new corner and being in J. V. Curnel's line; thence with this lines S. 74 deg. 45 min. E. 349.07 ft. to an iron pipe at a fence corner, and S. 08 deg, 29 min. W. 237.58 ft. to the beginning containing 2.358 acres by survey, as surveyed by Billy J. May, LS 878 on November 20, 1991. SEE ATTACHED PLAT FOR GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

SOURCE OF TITLE

This being the remainder of the property conveyed to William H. Curnel by Harmon C. Curnel by Deed dated April 14, 1950, and recorded in Deed Book 82, at Page 584; William H. Curnel died intestate and title vested in Sarah E. Curnel, his widow, and William H. Curnel, Jr. John Russell Curnel, Paul Dean Curnel, Phyllis Jack-

son, Rugina McClure, and Hazel Vassure. See Affidavit of Descent of William H. Curnel of record in Deed Book 161, at Page 101; The issue of William H. Curnel, William H. Curnel Jr., a single person, et al, conveyed their one-half undivided interest to Sarah E. Curnel by Deed dated August 19, 1991 and recorded in Deed Book 161, at Page 103;

Sarah E. Curnel died intestate October 28, 2002 and title vested in William H. Curnell, Jr. John Russell Curnell, Paul Dean Curnel, Phyllis Jackson, Hazel Vassure, Margie Lanham, Vernon McClure, Paula Berry, and Bruce McClure. See Affidavit of Descent of Sarah E. Curnel of record in Deed Book ___, at Page ___. William Curnel, Jr., died intestate on October 22, 2008 and his undivided interest vested in Ricky Curnel and JoAnn McKinney. See Affidavit of Descent of William Curnel, Jr. of record in Deed Book 213, at Page 800. John Russell Curnel died intestate June 13, 2010 and his undivided interest vested in Ricky Curnel, JoAnn McKinney, Paul Dean Curnel, Phyllis Jackson, Hazel Vassure, Margie Lanham, Vernon McClure, Paul Berry, and Bruce McClure. See Affidavit of Descent of John Russell Curnel of record in Deed Book ___, at Page ____.

The Master Commissioner of this Court is hereby authorized and directed to sell the above described property as herein provided, and all the right, title and interest of the parties hereto, and he will sell same at public auction on a credit of thirty (30) days, or the purchaser may pay cash, to the highest and best bidder at the Courthouse door, with said sale to be held on Friday, MARCH 09, 2012, at 10:00 AM., said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity.

The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 24th day of January, 2012.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT


Special Master Commissioner
(3t-36-c)



**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on January 26, 2012, scheduling a hearing to be held on March 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examining witnesses in Case No. 2011-00484, which is An Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Kentucky Utilities Company from May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011.

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Cabin runs into logjam during move last week



The driver of a Lakeland House Movers truck hauling a log cabin from Deanwood to Carrsville was arrested last week for not having the proper permits required for transporting an oversized load along U.S. 60. The man, John D. Coffenberry, 60, was later released and the cabin belonging to Carlos Travis finally got moved to its destination.

STAFF REPORT

A Benton, Ky., man was jailed here temporarily last week for transporting an unauthorized, oversized load on local highways.

John D. Coffenberry, 60, was hauling with his 1978 Kenworth tractor-trailer a log cabin built in the 1800s. The cabin was being transported by Lakeland House Movers — owned by Coffenberry and Kenneth Baker — from Webster County to Carrsville for Carlos Travis.

When it passed through Crittenden County last Thursday, officers stopped the rig on U.S. 60 West and forced the driver to pull the load into a parking area near the west side of town where it was idled for a couple of days.

Coffenberry was arrested by Kentucky State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and charged with reckless driving and for violating federal safety regulations.

CVE Officer Chris Green said the company applied for the moving permits but was initially denied them through Frankfort.

Court documents say that the driver did not have a permit or permission from the Department of Transportation to haul an oversized load. The police report says the load was significantly over 217 inches. The driver was not permitted to have anything larger than 102 inches on the highway. The report also said the rig's dual tires were rubbing on two axles.

The driver was jailed shortly after 3:30 p.m., but released on his own recognition later that day.



Above, Ethel Tucker takes great pride in removing the ponytail from her nephew Keith Stout as his sister-in-law Doris Stout and Jim DeFreitas look on during the ninth Fohs Hall Ball. Stout's locks of hair were one of many items auctioned off last Saturday to help raise money for the historic landmark. Below, Tom Crider and his wife Micki dance to the sounds of The Temple Airs.

Ponytail, auction help raise funds for Fohs Hall

STAFF REPORT

There's a cute story that folks sometimes tell about a pig and chicken who were asked to contribute to a fund-raising effort for war veterans. The chicken suggested the two could offer an eggs and bacon breakfast. The pig quickly balked at the idea, pointing out that for the chicken it would merely be a donation, but for the pig, it would be a total sacrifice.

You might apply that same logic to Saturday night's ninth Fohs Hall Ball where contributions added up to more than \$12,000 for the historic, civic building. Sacrifices equalled just one and it came off the nape of Keith Stout's neck.

The formal ball is held biannually to raise operating income for Fohs Hall, which survives on contributions that have dwindled over the past few years. The building's greatest benefactor, the Fohs Foundation, has curtailed its financial support of the civic center, which was built and donated to the community early last century by the familial patriarch.

Now, the former school building is managed by a volunteer board that struggles to keep the lights on, much less save for capital improvements. Judge Alan Stout, president of Fohs Hall Inc., board of directors, and his brother Keith are among Fohs Hall's greatest philanthropists and this year's benefaction cut pretty deep for one of them.

Keith Stout, at the urging of his cousin William "Bill" Frazer, agreed to sacrifice a ponytail he'd been growing since his mother, Imogene, passed away nearly three years ago. He admits growing the tail was a rebel's cause. After turning 60 in 2009, Stout said he decided to let his graying hair trail down the back of his neck — something he'd always wanted to do, but had not because his parents forbade



it, even during the hair-explosion of the 1960s.

When the ballroom packed with 90-plus guests heard about the offering, they snatched the opportunity and piled up \$3,650 toward amputation of the ponytail. In a show of altruistic support for Fohs Hall, Stout never blinked as his 94-year-old aunt and Fohs Hall benefactor, Ethel Tucker, used a pair of surgical scissors to separate her nephew from his lock of hair.

The selfless contribution amounted to a full one-third of proceeds raised during the gala and provided an un-

CCEDC to host Industry Week April 16-19

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC) along with the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce, are making plans for an Industry Appreciation Week for Crittenden County.

The event is the first of its kind in Crittenden County and will be held April 16-19. All during the week, local industry will be honored for their contributions to the community. The weeklong activities will culminate with a luncheon April 19 at which time the "Industry of the Year" will be announced.

"The purpose of the event is to recognize the many contributions our local industries make to the community and to express a special appreciation," said Terry L. Bunnell, chairman of CCEDC.



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