

PREACHER FEATURE

There's a new pastor in town. The Golconda native is ministering at Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian. ♦ See Page 8 for details



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Forest ranger dies of injuries from wildfire

Forest Ranger Don Lam, who was injured almost five months ago fighting a wildfire in Livingston County, has died from complications of those injuries. He was 58. Lam worked in Crittenden and other surrounding counties. See more on page 4.

Beatlemania!

Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation is hosting a show featuring songs from one of the greatest foursomes in history – the Beatles. On March 19, the Fohs Hall community center will host The Interactive Beatles Experience. Hyperion Productions of New York will present Yesterday and Today, a series of Beatles songs along with special lighting and set designs that are sure to harken the spirit of the 1960s. Reserved seating is \$25. General admission is \$15. Season tickets will be honored as general admission. Call 965-5983 for reservations.

Insurance tax will stay at 2 percent

Crittenden County magistrates agreed last week to leave the county's insurance premium tax rate at two percent. The tax, established in 2008, has never gone up. The City of Marion has a four-percent insurance premium tax.

Sheriff applying for new cruiser grant

Crittenden County Fiscal Court approved Sheriff Wayne Agent's application to the USDA for three new patrol vehicles. If the sheriff receives favorable response from the USDA, the county will have to pay 10 percent of the cost, or \$8,059.

Clerk sends \$63K to county account

Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford reports that her office is returning \$63,086 in excess fees to the county's general fund for calendar year 2010.

BY THE NUMBERS

Snapshot: Drug Court

Kentucky started a drug court program in 1996. The program was started in Crittenden County about four years ago. Here is a look at the age structure of the participants statewide since inception:

Average Age of Participants	
Age 18-25.....	21%
Age 26-35.....	46%
Age 36-45.....	23%
Age 46-55.....	9%
Age 55-up.....	1%

SOURCE: Administrative Office of the Courts

ON THE WEB
Press Online Poll

This week's poll on The Press Online asked readers to answer the following question: "How bad do you believe the illegal drug problem is in Crittenden County?" Here is what 474 respondents said:

Very bad 321 (67%)
Bad 123 (25%)
Not too bad 22 (4%)
Non-existent 8 (1%)

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Paramedic Stephen Shouse and EMS Director James Ivy work on an inventory audit of materials on board one of four Crittenden County ambulances.

Hospital seeks relief for EMS's bleeding budget

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Crittenden Health Systems officials say the Crittenden County Ambulance Service needs immediate attention to close a gaping financial wound.

Since the hospital was built in the 1970s, it has operated the county ambulance service virtually free to taxpayers. The county has helped from time to time, acquiring grants for ambulances or paying for equipment on board them. For the most part, however, it has been free of financial liability for operating EMS. The hospital says it has borne the burden long enough and wants the county to pony up what would likely be a few hundred thousand dollars.

Hospital board members met last week with magistrates Glenn Underdown and Jeff Ellis and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom to discuss the matter. It wasn't the first time the two sides had come to the table for such talks, but the dialogue is clearly becoming a bona fide negotiation that very likely will affect taxpayers.

In years past, the hospital has encouraged more financial support from county government for EMS. By law, the county is responsible for providing the ambulance service for its citizens. Until now, the hospital hadn't pressed the issue.

Jim Christensen, CEO at Crittenden Health Systems, has raised the subject in each of the last three fi-

scal court meetings. There was also a meeting between a few county and hospital leaders last month, but talks were tepid at best.

Crittenden Health Systems showed a \$500,000 loss in its last fiscal year ending Sept. 30. The ambulance service, it says, accounted for almost half the deficit. Information provided to magistrates last week indicates the ambulance service operated at a net loss of \$223,519 the last fiscal year. It is projected to lose even more this year, according to the financial information provided by CHS. The ambulance service's net operating income last year was

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Cabin Fever

Looking for more history

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Crittenden County ranks next to last in the number of places documented on the state's historic registry. But that's about to change.

Twenty-two local residents attended a public meeting Monday night at the local library to discuss what they could do to improve the community's chronic heritage.

"You have great resources here," said Rachel Kennedy, executive director

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Bill McIntyre (center), field surveyor for the Kentucky Heritage Council, takes a look at a scale replica of Jesse Hughes' barn. The original is on Hughes' family farm on Cotton Patch Road. Marion resident Donna Haire is pictured also.

City exploring Sturgis Road sidewalk options

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

It may not ever be built, but the City of Marion is exploring the idea of putting a sidewalk along Sturgis Road where increased pedestrian traffic has created safety concerns.

Police Chief Ray O'Neal said there have been "several near misses," describing the hazards associated with

more people walking and moving along Sturgis Road, some in wheelchairs. Residents of Creekside Apartments, the nearby Section 8 housing complex, and other nearby rental units are among the most frequent afoot along the road, which is actually U.S. 60, a federal highway running through the heart of town.

"One woman got stuck in a yard in

her wheelchair and we had to help get her out," O'Neal said.

City Administrator Mark Bryant said an engineering firm from Paducah conducted a cursory study of the area and estimated the cost of building a sidewalk at \$56,000 to \$74,000, depending on distance and

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Road Bond

Officials consider road safeguards from heavy loads

STAFF REPORT

Local government officials are considering adoption of rules that might require a security bond when loggers, truckers and other drivers hauling heavy loads use county roads.

The issue has been discussed in previous years by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, but action has never been taken. A new court, with two new magistrates and a new judge-executive, took office last month and it appears the group is ready to take another look at the matter.

At issue is whether trucking companies should be permitted and bonded when using county roads. Local officials say most companies are careful to avoid damages to roads and often agree to compensate the county when their heavy equipment causes problems.

Although many types of heavy trucks can cause damage to rural roads, loggers were the point of much discussion during last week's Crittenden County Fiscal Court meeting.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the court will take a look at whether it would be prudent to adopt some type of permitting process so the county can be aware of when and where loggers or other companies are operating in the county. Awareness of such work would give magistrates an opportunity to closely monitor the roads for damage. Newcom said some counties also require a road bond of at least \$10,000 in case damage occurs.

Newcom said it's not just loggers, but "repetitive heavy weights" operating on county roads that can lead to problems.

In the past, county officials have visited logging sites and discussed their road concerns with the companies doing the work. In most cases, an informal agreement, or handshake, has been sufficient. If damage was done, the companies paid the bill. However, in recent years, that doesn't seem to be working as well, said Magistrate Glenn Underdown.

"Our local loggers pretty much respect the roads," he said.

Underdown said Westvaco, the timber company that had thousands of acres here at one time, was also a good steward of the county's roadways. The company sold its timberlands a few years ago and some of the new owners are not as responsible, Underdown said.

Magistrate Dan Wood said a logging company from out of the area came to Crittenden County a couple of years ago and started using a road with new chip and seal. Damage was heavy, he said.

"If we'd have just known they were coming in there to work, we'd have held off on chipping the road until they were done," Wood said. "As it was, the road was still green and it tore it up pretty bad."

Magistrate Jeff Ellis said state roads already have a weight limit of 80,000 pounds.

Several magistrates agreed that a standardized system is important to maintain county roads. Requiring a permitting process, bond process or both might be in order, they said.

Magistrate Glenn Underdown expressed his concern for grain farmers who have a small window of opportunity to get their crops from the field to storage or market.

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Our lull before the irreversible storm

The Garden of Eden shows us what God thought of Adam whom He had formed in His own image, and his help mate Eve and all their prodigy.

They fell into sin and suffered the horrible consequence of their evil influence when their eldest son killed his brother in anger and God banished him to the land of Nod. Yet, God's goodness was still evident in giving them another son.

Throughout history, when a nation leaves God, enjoying His great blessings, He begins to send natural disasters. When that fails, He will begin to withdraw their blessings financially. We are experiencing both now.

This has been God's way in every circumstance. In Noah's day, "God saw that the wickedness of man was great, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... and that they took them wives of all which they chose..." and the Lord said I will destroy man." Gen 5:1-7.

He did, but He gave them a preacher and over 100 years to repent. But they ignored Noah and kept eating, drinking, carousing and doing business as usual.

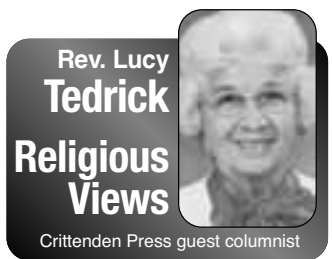
When God's judgment fell, it was instant and there was no opportunity for repentance. God's goodness and begging had been ignored too long.

Only eight souls were saved when the Great Flood came. Jesus said saved people will be that scarce when the end of the world comes.

The same was true in Sodom's case. When Abraham and Lot parted ways, Lot saw that Sodom was very prosperous and he "cast his lot toward Sodom," which along with Gomorrah was the homosexual capital of the plains.

Again God was merciful when Sodom and all its inhabitants had been carried away in a war. Abraham and his servants went after them and fought and won their release and they went home.

Did this help them turn to God? No! Later the Lord said



"the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah are very grievous," and He sent two angels to Sodom to warn them that He was going to destroy the place.

Instead of listening, the depraved Sodomites, in their lust-driven craze, tried to knock down Lot's door so they could gang-rape the two angels.

After Lot, his wife, and two daughters left Sodom, fire and brimstone fell immediately and the city and all inhabitants of Sodom, Gomorrah and all the cities of the plains were burned that day.

The only reason Sodom had been warned was because there lived there a man of God, for whom his

uncle had been praying.

Atheists, socialists, liberals (using the ACLU and thousands of other organizations as wicked as they), corrupt judges, corrupt politicians, and America-hating communist professors in most of our colleges and universities are working, sorrowfully with success, to convince people that not only is there is no God, but to violate every law given in the Bible. Those laws, when obeyed, bring affluence, peace, civility, trust and love and help to each other.

America is swiftly matching ancient Rome's cesspool of debauchery, that will guarantee God's judgment in ways no one would want.

As a radio host in the late 1990s said, "America is racing toward ruin. We are morally crippled. Any thinking citizen can see we're sinking into a mire of degradation beyond comprehension. We elect people to our highest offices knowing they're liars, adulterers, immoral and two faced. We demand just give us more and

more affluence so we can keep eating, drinking and making merry."

Now we elect people who do not love America, our U.S. Constitution or our Lord. Instead, they suck up every dollar, privilege and perk this country's taxpayers provide.

Blood of innocent, helpless babies is dripping from the hands of thousands of women not wanting the consequences of their actions. Doctors, who want the almighty dollar, and nurses, who will oblige just to keep their jobs, are just as guilty.

Sodomites, accepted by too many, coddled by our politicians, justified and lied to by backslidden preachers, roam our streets and school-houses to satisfy their insatiable, perverted addiction. They try to suave over their conscience claiming that more makes right, but really they are fulfilling the adage that misery likes company.

In 1998 a Godly minister wrote a book, "America's Last Call." He stated the good times are rolling as

God's trying to reach Americans one last time with blessings, and he feared America had already gone too far.

He said in just a few years there will be a great housing crash, then an economic disaster worldwide and America's suffering will have just begun. His name was David Wilkerson.

I've warned people for years that God's judgment would come, but until the good times stop and hard times set in, most people won't listen just like all the other nations before us.

Well America, we are here. What will you do? Repent or perish? Repent may not be too late, but God's judgment will not be. As Jesus said, "We will repent or we will perish."

The choice is left to each of us.

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

Legislation allows diligent students to earn college credit

Ask virtually anyone in Kentucky what the General Assembly's driving mission should be during this session, and "creating jobs" will be at the top of their list. We cannot just create jobs on our own, but we can create an environment where private business can create jobs, and want to. There are several ways we can do that, but building a strong infrastructure is key. We did that on three fronts last week: education, energy and transportation.

One of the major points of emphasis in education over the last two decades has been how to motivate students who are not interested in school or who have other problems keeping up. In the Senate, we have continually tried to boost career and technical education, in addition to programs that help students who are falling behind, especially in their early years.

One group that often is forgotten are the students already achieving great things. Many of them are ready to head on to college, but are constrained by the restrictions of our classrooms. Those students can fall prey to the "lost senior year," the yearlong version of senioritis where they lose their drive and do not put forth their maximum effort in class. It is a dangerous habit to fall into and a tough habit to break.

Senate Bill 69, similar to a bill we passed last year, is an attempt



to keep students from coasting. SB 69 creates a statewide program to encourage interested students to graduate high school early – and take challenging courses in college – rather than simply biding their time.

Under our plan, students interested in early graduation could finish with 18 courses, rather than the 22 currently required. The number of electives would be reduced, but their core courses would actually increase from 15 to 16, to include two years of a foreign language along with biology, chemistry and other traditional pre-college courses. Two of those courses would also have to be Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses, which can then be used for college credit with good scores on the final exams.

To make sure that students do not enter the program just to get out of high school early rather than drop out, they would have to achieve a 3.2 GPA along with

benchmark scores on both the ACT and our own statewide end-of-year exams.

Every school district would offer English I and Algebra I to eighth grade students interested in early graduation, either at the middle school or by making other arrangements. This would allow students to begin planning their future far in advance instead of having to decide their junior year of high school.

Beyond just early graduation and a head start on college, there are enormous incentives for students and their families. Every year, the state sends local school districts money based on their number of students. For students graduating early through this program, they could take the money their school would get for their attendance – around \$2,500 – and apply it toward their first year of tuition and at any Kentucky two or four-year college. They would also have their KEES scholarship money increased by one-third so they are not punished for only taking three years of classes.

Obviously, this program is not for everyone, but for students with the drive and focus to excel academically and start their college careers with a head start, this could be a golden opportunity. It also benefits all Kentuckians, because motivated students mean a stronger workforce for all of us.

A constant question regarding

our energy economy in Kentucky is what we can do with the carbon dioxide gas that our power plants produce. Clean coal mandates that we capture and store that CO2, but what do we do with it then? We now have the opportunity to join a carbon pipeline from Illinois to Louisiana, running through western Kentucky, that would allow us to send that stored carbon to the Gulf of Mexico, where it can be used to help extract oil and natural gas from existing fields. We could see 1,000 construction jobs from the pipeline if everything is in place, and SB 50 puts us in a great position. SB 50 would create a process to site the pipeline and use eminent domain to purchase the land for it, just as we use it for electric lines and water pipes.

Finally, this week, we boosted the prospects of our statewide economy through our airports. Airports have been among the biggest job creators in our economy — for every person they hire, they create more jobs in the surrounding community than almost any other industry. Successful airports also help lure large industry by allowing executives to quickly and efficiently visit their operations.

With recent airline industry consolidations, however, there are fewer flights running through Kentucky airports. Smaller airlines that could move in and take those routes may be too small to eco-

nomically handle all the services their passengers need. With SB 48, airports would be able to set up separate entities to handle baggage handling, ticketing and other services for those smaller airlines at a competitive price. More flights for our airports would mean cheaper flights for all Kentuckians, more jobs, and a brighter future for our children.

In an effort to create a healthier Kentucky, we passed legislation this week dealing with a wellness benefit plan. SB 114 would allow an insurer issuing a group or individual health benefit plan to offer a voluntary wellness or health improvement program that allows for rewards or incentives to encourage participation or to reward members for participation. There are many ways to encourage individuals to enroll in a health wellness program, such as gift cards, premium discounts or rebates, contributions toward a member's health savings account and others. Under SB 114, any reward or incentive may not be an inducement to obtain or retain insurance.

State Sen. Dorsey Ridley has served in the senate since 2004 after an eight-year tenure in the House. He represents Henderson, Webster, Union, Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties. You may contact him at dorsey.ridley@rc.ky.gov or call the Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181.

HB 480 would save Kentucky \$147 million in jail costs

Last week the General Assembly passed the half-way mark of this year's "short" session. As of Friday, we had only 12 of our allotted 30 legislative days left for business.

It was also the busiest week of the session thus far with legislation coming out of committees and passing both chamber floors. It certainly was for me; I had eight bills pass either committee or House floor during the week. They deal with, stated very briefly, government transparency; police background checks; school board candidate campaign finances; retirement system administrative regulations; HVAC licensing requirements; Justice Cabinet reorganization; Hazmat incident response teams cost recovery; and state retirement boards investment, transparency, and ethics requirements. (I would welcome contact from any who desire more information on these subjects.).

The latter of the above, HB 480, involving retirement board issues, received some statewide media coverage. Its major purpose is to stop the retirement systems from investing pension funds with investment entities who utilize placement agents. Placement agents receive "finder's fee" from investment firms when they bring them investors. I, and my colleagues, do not feel this is the most effective use of funds for large investors, with in-house expertise, like pension systems. The bill



was unanimously approved by the State Government Committee and has gone to the House for, what I expect to be quick approval.

Undoubtedly the most highly publicized bill that cleared the House this week is the result of six months of work, research, and collaboration between legislators, judges, substance abuse counselors, hospitals, jailers, administration officials and others concerned with our judicial system.

Over the past decade, Kentucky's prison population has grown even though the state's crime rate has been well below the national average for 50 years. The 45 percent increase since 2000, compared to 13 percent for the U.S. state prison system as a whole, has driven the state's corrections spending to \$440 million a year. House Bill 463, based on recommendations by the Task Force on the Penal Code and Controlled Substances Act, would improve public safety, hold offenders accountable and contain corrections costs.

Specifically the bill would strengthen probation and parole by basing decisions on the risk posed by offend-

ers, linking offenders to appropriate community resources and improving parole and probation supervision. House Bill 463 would also modernize drug laws by reducing prison time for low-risk, non-violent drug offenders; support and restore victims by improving restitution and creating Web-based tools to provide key information on offenders; and improve government performance with better ways to measure and encourage reduction in recidivism and criminal behavior.

The measures outlined in House Bill 463 would result in a \$147 million savings and modernize Kentucky's penal code system in a smart, productive, and economically feasible manner. House Bill 463, sponsored

by Rep. John Tilley of Hopkinsville, passed with a vote of 97-2 and is expected to be favorably received in the Senate and signed by the governor.

Another bill which has generated much media attention and controversy, though it passed both the House and Senate by large margins, was SB 110. The bill would let optometrists perform additional procedures such as using a laser. It would not, however, allow them to do such things as Lasik. Supporters say this will increase care where it is currently limited, be less expensive, and that Oklahoma, which passed similar legislation in 1998, has not had serious repercussions as a result. Opponents, primarily ophthalmologists and the

medical doctor community, say optometrists do not have the training necessary for these additional procedures.

I have received more calls and e-mails from my constituents on this issue than any other during the session. Of approximately 100

contacts, the division has been roughly equal – which always makes it a little more difficult for your representative. However, I did vote for the bill and it passed the House last Friday by a vote of 82-13. It passed the Senate earlier in the week 33-3.

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News and notes on the people you know from Marion and surrounding communities

Community Spotlight



Three area Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) Fraternity alumni members have established a new scholarship initiative at Murray State University. Pictured (from left) are alumnus Robbie Rudolph, MSU President Dr. Randy Dunn, ATO President Gavin Wanstreet, alumnus Dwaine Taylor and alumnus and former Board of Regents chairman Alan Stout.

Stout, two others give \$30K to MSU ATO scholarship

Local attorney Alan C. Stout and two other western Kentucky Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) fraternity alumni members have established a new scholarship initiative at Murray State University. Led by Stout, former Murray State University Board of Regents chairman, each made a \$10,000 gift to the MSU Foundation to create scholarships for current and future ATO fraternity members.

West Kentucky businessmen Dwain Taylor and Robbie Rudolph joined Stout in providing the initial \$30,000 funding to establish the initiative. The alumni, all members of the Murray State ATO chapter, have set a goal of raising \$100,000 to endow the scholarship long-term.



Linda Defew of Salem is pictured with an early copy of the book that contains a short story she wrote.

Defew's story part of Chicken Soup book due in March

Linda Defew of Salem has announced the publication of her story, "No Greater Compromise," in the upcoming book Chicken Soup for the Soul: Grandmothers. Her story is one of 101 personal accounts in the book. It gives the reader a brief glimpse into her life before and after she started writing, a hobby she

jokingly calls her "therapy." Defew is a periodic contributor to The Crittenden Press. When crippling arthritis brought embroidery, crocheting and all forms of needlework to an end, Defew's longtime desire to write took her in a new direction. Even then, the former bookkeeper and secretary had to make some adjustments. Now, she types with a "fat" pencil and pecks out the words with relative ease. Although the process is slower than her previous 80 words per minute, she gets the job done.

"With God's help, I dug down deep and found perseverance I never knew I had," she said.

Her Chicken Soup story starts on page 171 of the book.

"I had always wanted to be a writer and the time had come. Now, with thoughts of my disease getting progressively worse, I had a good reason to make it happen," Defew said.

Defew and her husband, Eddie, enjoy living out in the country with their beloved fox terriers. She has made writing an everyday part of her life.

"I write about things that interest me — nature and wildlife, local history, Biblical subjects, childhood memories, my grandchildren and my dogs."

Her articles have been published in magazines such as The Writer, Christian Woman, Kaleidoscope, Grit, Full Cry, Kentucky Explorer and Happiness.

Defew is mindful of her friends and family.

"Without their inspiration and words of encouragement, my dream would have never come true," she said.

Her goal is to have a book published one day, but, until then, she'll keep writing and submitting content for magazines and short stories.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Grandmothers, is due out in bookstores March 22 and is available now for pre-order at Amazon.com.

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Croft on Dean List

Melissa Croft of Marion was named to the Dean's List at Murray State University for the fall term of 2010 with a 4.0 GPA.

Croft is a junior studying elementary education.

Grainger, Winters complete Apple certification class

Local technology experts Ben Grainger and Don Winters recently were recognized as an Apple Certified Systems Administrators (ACSA). This designation is earned by individuals who demonstrate a high level of knowledge and ability to support Apple computers by completing nearly five weeks of training and passing a series of exams.

Grainger and Winters, computer technicians for the Crittenden County School District, were among a select group of 37 Kentucky educators to complete this level of training and achieve this advanced designation. The training program is offered through Daseam, which donates computers to local schools.

In addition to everyday classroom work, computers are also used by researchers at UofL's James Graham Brown Cancer Center to help find potential life-saving drugs that fight deadly cancers.

"The Daseam initiative is transforming the way our teachers teach and our children learn," said House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins, (D-Sandy Hook). "The collaborative effort behind Daseam — local schools, universities, cancer research — all made possible by coal severance funds is unique to Kentucky's economic development efforts. I congratulate these technicians, who are the largest certified collective nationally, supporting the teachers and students statewide in an ground-breaking effort that is redefining education, research and workforce development in a 21st Century Commonwealth."

"It has been a great experience for me," said Grainger, district technology coordinator.

Winters, the district's systems engineer and STLP Coordinator said, "This helps us take advantage of the latest and greatest technology for our students."

The school district has installed about 280 computers as part of the Daseam program. The computers not only support basic writing and Internet activities in the classroom, but schools can use wikis, blogs, remote monitoring and even video conferencing to help teachers enhance classroom learning.

"People in the Crittenden County School District should be very proud of this personal accomplishment," said Daseam's Chief Executive Officer, Brian Gupton. "Not only does this help teachers and students, but it is a great example of how Kentucky is developing a high-tech workforce reflective of opportunities in a 21st century workplace."

Chamber First Dollar Awards



Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce recently presented Helen Wilson, owner of Gran Gran's Clothesline at Darben Plaza, with a First Dollar Award. Open since Oct. 15, 2010, Gran Gran's Clothesline offers a variety of children's clothing and accessories. Pictured are (from left) Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander, Director Vanda Jones, President Corey Payne, Wilson and Director Barbara Myers.



Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce presented Classy Pet Clips owners Robbie Walker and Jenny Duncan with a First Dollar Award recently. Walker and Duncan opened their pet-oriented business in October and offer baths, grooming and pet supplies for cats and dogs. Pictured are (front from left) Jenny Duncan, Chamber President Corey Payne, Robbie Walker, Chamber member Vanda Jones, (back) Chamber member Mark Bryant and Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander.

Salem student produces play at Murray State

Jenafer Dummitt, 22, of Salem and a senior at Murray State University, recently produced and directed, "The Vagina Monologues," on Murray's campus.



Originally written by Eve Ensler in 1996, the controversial play has been reproduced across the country, and its satirical yet hard-to-swallow truths have helped to shed light on violence against women.

Proceeds from the production were donated to Haiti.

Dummitt became involved with the play after being introduced to the V-Day Campaign, a global activist movement to stop violence against women and girls, by a former roommate two years ago.

"I performed a small piece that year and enjoyed it so much that when the opportunity came the next year to be the assistant director, I was more than willing to take on the role," Dummitt said. "This year, I took on both producing and directing the play. I'm proud to be a part of such a powerful performance."

Performed on Feb. 10-12, Dummitt said the play drew more than 160 attendees each night and had 13 women who performed their parts wonderfully.

"Several expressed interest in performing again next year and I've even had some offer to assist in production," Dummitt said. "I've always been impressed by how The Vagina Monologues can make an audience laugh one minute and watch in silent awe the next."

Dummitt is a 2007 graduate of Livingston Central High School and will graduate from MSU in May with a bachelor's degree in English literature and Spanish.

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VFW District Meeting

The Marion Virgil Jones Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 12022 hosted the quarterly district meeting on Super Bowl Sunday earlier this month. District 2 Commander Virgil Simpson conducted the meeting. Speakers included State Junior Vice Commander Mike R. Whitfield of Providence and Martha Cassity, Post 6182 and District Adjutant, from Louisville. There are 18,000 VFW members statewide in District 2, which includes Uniontown, Providence, Marion, Grand Rivers and Henderson. Commander Whitfield noted that a proposed "I Support Veterans" license plate that anyone may purchase had cleared a House committee and was up for a full vote. The new license plate could be available by this fall. If the registration plate becomes available, \$5 of the purchase price would go to the Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs and would support veterans' nursing homes and transportation of veterans to and from medical appointments. The next district meeting will be held at 1 p.m., May 1 at Providence Post 5484. Pictured is Commander Simpson speaking to the audience at Marion.

Lam dies from injuries sustained fighting fire

A local forest ranger injured while fighting a wildfire in September has died.

Don Lam, 58, of Princeton died Thursday morning at his home as a result of injuries sustained in the incident, which occurred Sept. 7 in Livingston County.

Lam had been a forest ranger technician since the spring of 1999 and was a veteran wildland firefighter. At the time of his injury, Lam was serving as forester for Crittenden and several other surrounding counties.

During his tenure, he had assisted with numerous fire suppression efforts across the community, state and the nation.

"This tragedy is a tremendous loss to our organization," said Leah MacSwords, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

"When you think about what forest wardens do every day and the frequency in which they put themselves in harm's way for the protection of citizens and forest resources, it makes you realize the commitment and loyalty that make up their character," MacSwords added.

Lam was injured while fighting a 12-acre wildfire on Scotts Chapel Road about three miles northeast of Smithland.



PRINCETON TIMES-LEADER PHOTO
Don Lam conducting an forestry clinic last year in Princeton.

The wildfire had spread from a burning debris pile on a construction site owned by River Oaks Timberland Management.

The site was being cleared for development by FCE Construction and Excavation.

"The burn pile, compounded with hot, dry and windy conditions, resulted in an escaped wildfire burning approximately 12 acres of adjacent woods," a Sept. 8 release from the Division of Forestry stated.

A burn ban had been in effect in the county for about a month.

Lam was clearing a fire

break for containment at the base of a bluff when a burning snag on top of the bluff broke loose and rolled off, striking him from behind.

The impact rendered Lam unconscious and seriously injured.

Forestry officials said this week that charges were pending against the person responsible for starting the fire.

Funeral services for Lam were Monday at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Burial was at Blue Spring Baptist Church Cemetery.

The Princeton Times-Leader contributed to this article.

Lawmakers make KY coal 'sanctuary'

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Kentucky lawmakers thumbed their noses at federal regulators on Thursday by advancing a largely symbolic measure declaring the state a "sanctuary" exempt from Environmental Protection Agency oversight of its influential coal sector.

It was a bipartisan pileup as Republicans and Democrats joined the chorus denouncing the environmental agency.

"As the overreaching EPA impact settles in on us, it's costing us jobs, it's putting us in a very perilous situation," warned Sen. Brandon Smith of Hazard, a coalfield Republican sponsoring the anti-EPA resolution.

The resolution easily cleared the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee. It now heads to the full Senate.

The popular but apparently unenforceable proposal

declares Kentucky a "sanctuary state" out of reach of the EPA's "overreaching regulatory power." Smith has acknowledged that the bill isn't likely to compel the EPA to change its ways.

It states that water quality standards set for coal mining and processing permits in Kentucky would be immune from federal regulation. It places jurisdiction for environmental regulation with the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet.

Dawn Harris-Young, a spokeswoman for the EPA Region 4 office in Atlanta, which oversees eight Southeastern states including Kentucky, said it's EPA policy not to comment on pending legislation.

Kentucky is one of the nation's top coal producers, and the sector is a key contributor to jobs and revenue in parts of the state's eastern and western tiers. Coal in-

terests also wield considerable political influence in the state.

The anti-EPA resolution comes as bitterness toward federal oversight of coal has escalated.

The Obama administration's own experts estimate their proposal for protecting streams from coal mining would eliminate thousands of jobs and slash production across much of the country, according to a government document recently obtained by The Associated Press.

"We feel that the federal government does lack some of the authority to regulate everything that we do," said committee Chairman Jim Gooch Jr., D-Providence, the bill's sponsor.

Gooch initially decided to bypass a vote on his bill, but was persuaded to move it forward after sympathetic colleagues pressed for a vote.

Obituaries

Hunt

Charles L. Hunt Sr., 77, of Marion died Monday, Feb. 14, 2011 at Crittenden Hospital.

He was retired from Chrysler Corporation, was a member of the United Auto Workers, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and a licensed electrician and plumber for 30 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from Dec. 1, 1953 to Nov. 30, 1955, during which time he was a member of 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, N.C. He was a para-trooper with 17 successful jumps before becoming a radio operator and liaison specialist.

He was the recipient of a National Defense Service Medal.

Surviving are his daughters, Teresa and husband Patrick Franklin of Newburgh, Ind., Sharon and husband Marty Asbridge of West Paducah and Marla Hunt-Manning and husband Darryl of Marion; a son, Tab Hunt and spouse Joe Wisdo of Swansea, Ill.; brothers, Orman Hunt, Harold Hunt and Malcolm Hunt, all of Marion; grandchildren, Wren Riley, Justin Asbridge, Shaun Riley, Alexandra Hammon, Michaela and Makaela Franklin; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Delmer Jackson Hunt and Erna Golda Martin Hunt; and a brother, Denver Duane Hunt.

Funeral services were Thursday, Feb. 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery. Military rites were given at the cemetery on Thursday.



Fondaw

Edna May "Ninnie" Fondaw, 65, of Marion died Monday, Feb. 21, 2011 at Livingston Hospital.

Surviving are her daughters, Julie and husband John Earls and Karen and husband Roland Benavides, both of Marion; grandchildren, Melissa, Jessica and Cody Earls, and Kayla Benavides and Bethany Benavides Hewitt, all of Marion; great-grandchildren, Madalyn, Landyn, Bristol, Gabriel and Ethan; sisters, Paulett Conner of Marion, Thelma Trail of Chicago, Ill., and Mary Nell Gilland of Gary, Ind.; brothers, Donald and Dwayne McClure of Marion; and Charles McClure of Chicago, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 25 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery. Visitation is from 5-9 p.m., today (Thursday) at the funeral home.



Todd

Ruth M. Todd, 92, of Marion died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011 at Crittenden Hospital.

Surviving are one son, Keith Todd and wife Beth of Marion; a daughter, Linda May and husband Kenneth of Lola; two grandsons, David Kemper and Ross Todd; two granddaughters, Renee Sizemore and Bridgette Thompson; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Todd was the oldest living charter member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Josie Kelley; father, John William Asbridge; three brothers; a sister; and her husband, William M. Todd.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 24 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Clay. Visitation is from 6-9 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Farmers can earn cash for putting in dove fields

Kentucky farmers can deposit some much-needed extra cash in their bank accounts while helping carry on the hunting tradition by enrolling in the Cooperative Dove Field program. Enrollment is currently underway and will continue until mid-March through the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Landowners receive a payment to manage a field on their property for doves, and then allow public hunting on it. “Under the new Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program, increased payments are available for this coming year,” said Rocky Pritchert, migratory bird biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The Cooperative Dove Field Program began in 1998 and can generate up to \$10,000 for a landowner who leases a field on their land for public dove hunting. “We will accept fields ranging from six to 30 acres with additional payments for buffers around fields. Fields generally run from 15 to 30 acres in size,” Pritchert said. “But, we encourage anyone interested to apply.” Payment amounts depend on the number of acres enrolled in the Cooperative Dove Field Program, crop type and the farm owners’ fulfillment of their plot management agreement with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. To get the process started, landowners must contact a local or regional Kentucky Fish and Wildlife private lands biologist or Natural Resources Conservation Service liaison. For a listing, log on to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s homepage at fw.ky.gov and click on the “Hunting, Trapping and Wildlife” tab and then on “Contact Us.” Landowners may also call 1-800-858-1549.

KDFWR launches online deer hunter survey

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources launched an online survey last week to gain deer hunters’ input on proposed changes to the 2011-2012 deer season. The Web-based survey will remain open through Monday. The Web link to the online survey is posted on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Internet site, fw.ky.gov. Look for “Online Survey on Proposed Deer Season Changes” on the home page. The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission — the board that sets fish and wildlife regulations — has proposed adding six antlered-only deer hunting days to the end of modern firearm season for counties in deer Zones 3 and 4. This proposal would allow more buck hunting opportunity in select counties, but would add no additional days of antlerless harvest. The number of days that hunters could pursue antlered deer would increase from 10 to 16 in Zone 3 and 4 counties. The proposed change would not adversely affect doe numbers and fawn production.

LBL turkey hunting application deadline Monday

The application period for the spring turkey-hunting season at Land Between the Lakes is drawing to a close. Deadline for hunters to apply online for a quota permit is Monday. Hunters will be selected for the available quota permits by computer drawing. Three quota hunts during the first portion of the season require a prior application. Kentucky quota hunts include a two-day youth hunt for hunters (under age 16) April 9-10, a two-day hunt April 12-13 and a two-day hunt April 16-17. 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 18-May 1 in Kentucky and two 7-day hunts April 18-24 and April 25-May 1 in Tennessee. The Quota Hunt application fee will remain at \$5 for an online application. Hunters can apply online at www.lbl.org February 1-28. Applicants can check the website at www.lbl.org after March 22, to see if they were drawn.

LBL attractions open for spring starting March 2

Land Between the Lakes begins its 2011 operations on Wednesday, March 2, by opening several popular visitor attractions. The Golden Pond Planetarium and North & South Welcome Stations open their doors March 1, along with Hillman Ferry and Piney Campgrounds. After recent improvements, the campground reservation system is now available for use. Beginning March 2, The Homeplace and Woodlands Nature Station will be open Wednesday through Sunday during March, and then open seven days a week beginning April 1. The Elk & Bison Prairie remains open from dawn until dusk every day, year-round. Golden Pond Visitor Center, Wranglers Campground and Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area remain open year-round as well.

Agriculture Field Day set for July 21 in Princeton

University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Field Day will be held from 8 a.m., to 3 p.m., Thursday, July 21 at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton.

Deadline for NAP farm programs March 1 & 15

Deadlines to file an application for natural disaster protection under the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) are March 1 and March 15. The crops for the March 1 deadline are Alfalfa, Clover, Grass and Mixed Grass intended for grazing, hay or seed. Crops for the March 15 deadline are Beans, Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Canola (spring), Cantaloupe, Carrots, Cauliflower, Corn, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Gourds, Herbs, Lettuce, Oats-SPR, Onions, Peas, Peppers, Potatoes, Pumpkins, Radish, Sorghum, Soybeans, Squash, Strawberries, Sunflowers, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Turnips and Watermelons. NAP helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops, and crops for livestock feed. These benefits are only available for crops for which crop insurance is not available. Producers filing for coverage under the NAP are required to pay a \$250 service fee per crop per county not to exceed \$750 per producer per county or \$1,875 per producer in all counties. All crops on all farms in all counties must be insured to be eligible for the SURE Program. Contact your local FSA Service Center for additional information.

USDA implementing new SURE program rules

USDA has implemented the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill. Producers are encouraged to visit the FSA in Salem office to participate in the program if they suffered a crop production loss during the 2009 crop year. SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and NON-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments. To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. In addition, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance ACT or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage. In addition to meeting the risk management purchase requirement, a producer must have a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Regardless of Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster.

FFA Week celebrated with local events

Crittenden County FFA is celebrating National FFA Week February 19-26.

“Infinite Potential” is the theme this year and it embodies all the best about FFA members, from the most recognizable symbol of the organization, the blue corduroy jacket, a symbol of pride and tradition, to the bright future of agriculture and the traditions of leadership and hard work. More than half a million members around the nation will participate in National FFA Week activities at the local and state levels.

The focus of National FFA Week is to tell America about the great opportunities available for all youth. 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 and preparing members for a lifetime of civic leadership and career success.

As a part of National FFA Week, Crittenden members are planning the following special events: Ag Hat Day, Muddy Truck Day, Blue and Gold Day, Camo Day, Teacher Appreciation Meal and FFA T-Shirt Day.

“We are also having FFA emblem scavenger hunts, an oldest FFA Jacket Contest, and an oldest FFA T-shirt Contest,” said FFA Advisor Larry Duvall.

Crittenden County FFA



Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom signs a proclamation declaring this FFA Week in Crittenden County. Pictured with Newcom are FFA officers (from left) Matt Berry, Stacia Snow, Corey Bruns, Matt Papineau, Kari Buntin and Daniel Patton.

members are the leaders of tomorrow, Duvall added.

“They are well-mannered, perceptive and willing to help others through community service such as Heritage Days Pedal Tractor Pulls and Community Christmas Adopt-A-Family projects. They are success-oriented students who are driven to achieve their goals,” the advisor said.

FFA gives many young people an important push to consider their futures – what kind of people, citizens and

professionals they intend to be, he added. FFA builds leaders, and leaders impact the future.

National FFA Week is sponsored by Tractor Supply Company and Carhartt as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the National FFA and supports programs by working with sponsors to raise funds for scholarships that are awarded to outstanding members.

Local FFA Facts

Crittenden County FFA Chapter has 61 members. There is also a local FFA Alumni Chapter with about 10 active members. For more information on becoming a member contact Larry Duvall at Larry.duvall@crittenden.kyschools.us.

LIVESTOCK REPORTS

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LIVINGSTON LIVESTOCK

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011. USDA-KY Dept of Ag Market News. Livingston County Livestock, Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed at time of sale).

Receipts: 1,225 Head
Compared to last week: Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00-3.00 lower. Feeder steers under 600 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, over 600 lbs 3.00 lower. Feeder heifers under 500 lbs 2.00-3.00 higher, over 500 1.00-3.00 lower.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
9	800-1200	1088	63.00-68.00	65.88	
3	800-1200	1113	70.00-74.00	72.07 HD	
24	1200-1600	1371	60.00-67.00	64.18	
11	1200-1600	1364	69.00-77.00	72.31 HD	
2	1200-1600	1322	60.00-61.00	60.54 LD	
3	1600-2000	1683	63.00-66.00	64.16	
2	1600-2000	1688	70.00	70.00 HD	
1	1600-2000	1655	60.00	60.00 LD	
Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	700-800	795	58.00	58.00	
22	800-1200	1045	51.00-60.00	55.90	
4	800-1200	1049	42.00-49.00	46.29 LD	
6	1200-1600	1378	51.00-57.50	54.36	
1	1200-1600	1280	70.00	70.00 HD	
1	1600-2000	1615	55.00	55.00	

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	1500-3000	1737	83.00-87.00	84.70	
1	1500-3000	2220	80.00	80.00 LD	
Slaughter Bulls Y.G 2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	1000-1500	1480	78.00	78.00	
8	1500-3000	1708	76.00-83.00	79.09	
Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 3					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	1000-1500	1318	70.00-74.50	71.97	
1	1500-3000	1670	71.00	71.00	
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	100-200	172	150.00	150.00	
10	200-300	242	160.00-165.00	162.30	
21	300-400	348	156.00-174.00	163.33	
72	400-500	438	147.50-159.50	152.83	
44	500-600	527	130.00-142.00	136.63	
15	500-600	525	147.00-149.00	147.53 VA	
28	600-700	633	117.00-125.00	121.07	
3	600-700	646	120.00	120.00 VA	
3	700-800	735	112.00-114.00	112.70	
3	800-900	885	100.00-102.00	100.65	
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	200-300	266	140.00-151.00	148.32	
15	300-400	354	123.00-154.00	146.60	
12	400-500	474	138.00-145.00	142.97	
14	500-600	565	110.00-129.00	123.67	
3	600-700	681	112.00-115.00	114.03	
2	700-800	752	105.00	105.00	
Feeder Steers Small and Medium 1					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	800-900	810	93.00	93.00	

Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	500-600	540	83.50	83.50	
1	700-800	745	60.00	60.00	
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
9	200-300	253	140.00-155.00	147.06	
58	300-400	360	135.00-154.50	145.42	
102	400-500	446	131.00-150.00	139.38	
58	500-600	534	114.00-124.00	117.39	
16	500-600	510	133.00	133.00 VA	
19	600-700	626	103.00-113.00	109.02	
3	600-700	665	108.00	108.00 VA	
9	700-800	749	100.00-108.00	101.72	
4	800-900	871	96.00	96.00	
1	900-1000	940	90.00	90.00	
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	200-300	271	100.00-135.00	120.48	
23	300-400	356	110.00-134.00	126.62	
42	400-500	459	105.00-130.00	119.59	
22	500-600	550	103.00-111.00	108.09	
8	600-700	667	96.00-100.00	99.10	
1	700-800	745	98.00	98.00	
1	800-900	890	87.00	87.00	
Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	400-500	458	85.00-90.00	87.46	
2	500-600	552	100.00	100.00	
1	700-800	700	89.00	89.00	
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	300-400	343	142.00-155.00	147.49	
21	400-500	444	140.00-151.00	146.32	
46	500-600	542	121.00-135.00	126.74	
29	600-700	641	108.00-119.00	114.09	
12	700-800	760	100.00-104.00	101.97	
1	800-900	855	98.00	98.00	
1	900-1000	930	90.00	90.00	

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
13	300-400	377	120.00-140.00	131.45	
15	400-500	462	119.00-138.00	130.74	
21	500-600	555	100.00-119.00	111.46	
5	600-700	665	94.00-107.00	101.31	
28	700-800	730	81.00-101.00	97.80	
4	800-900	841	83.00-86.50	85.57	

Stock Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: Cows 2 to 9 years old and 6 to 8 months bred 650.00-920.00 per head.
Stock Cows and Calves: Cows 2 to 8 years old with calves at side 930.00-1325.00 per pair.
Baby Calves: Beef Breed: 140.00-180.00 per head.
Source: Kentucky Dept of Ag-USDA Market News Service, Louisville, KY

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Snow Goose Conv.	Feb. 7 - March 31
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PUBLIC HEARING
Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, an open public meeting is being held on March 10, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the City Hall located at 207 South Main Street in downtown Marion, Kentucky sponsored by the Pennyrlle Area Development District. The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss recreational opportunities at the Marion-Crittenden County Park. Anyone with a significant supporting or opposing view is invited to voice that opinion

Exercising still plausible during cold weather

Exercising in the Cold: Safety Checklist

Even though it is chilly outside, it does not mean that you have to stay indoors to get your exercise. On days when the weather is not too cold or icy, you can still go out and walk, jog, and enjoy some physical activity!

Here are a few tips in these colder months to follow before, during, and after your physical activity.

Before you start

If you have not been exercising on a regular basis or have a health history that effects how you do physical activity, check with your healthcare provider before



starting any regular physical activity program.

Many people do not want to go outside for physical activity in the winter months because of the extreme weather adjustment. Instead they would prefer to sit on the couch and stay cozy. However, it is possible to stay warm while exer-

cising outside. The trick is to wear layers. Dressing in layers will help maintain body heat. The layer closest to you should help keep your skin dry, so do not wear cotton; instead, opt for a poly-blend top. The middle layer should be the warmth layer. A good sweatshirt or fleece top is a good choice. Wear a wind-proof and waterproof outer shell to keep the layers inside dry.

When you step out of the house or car, you do not want to be warm. You actually want to be a little chilly because you will warm up fast, once you get moving. If you are wearing

too many layers and you are already warm, when you start, you will get overheated and have to take off layers.

Just because it is colder outside does not mean you do not need to drink fluids. To stay hydrated you should still be drinking something before you start your exercise.

During your exercise

When you are outside you will want to cover your nose and mouth. This will warm the air before you breathe it in.

You will want to still warm up by doing a lighter or slower version of your activity. Warming up will

help prepare your body and make you more comfortable in the cold weather.

You will also need to make sure and cool down. In weather like this, it may be tempting to stop as soon as you have worked hard, and go inside, however by cooling down you are letting your body recover from your activity.

If it is too cold or icy, head inside to a walking track.

After you exercise

If you have layered properly, you should not have too many issues with being cold once you have stopped your activity. However a good way to warm up is by

taking a warm shower. This will not only remove the sweat but will also relax your muscles and take away any chills.

You may want to reward yourself with some hot chocolate or apple cider. Remember, you still want to drink plenty of fluids after your activity!

By following these few suggestions, exercising outside in the winter won't be so bad. It may even be refreshing.

This information was provided by Nicole Peritore, Extension Get Moving Kentucky Coordinator, University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture.

PACS Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center offering free tax services

JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

As tax season approaches, many senior citizens are finding help with this year's tax returns at the Pennyrile Allied Community Services Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Thanks to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in Hopkinsville, trained volunteers are visiting the center to file taxes for free, giving many assurance and peace of mind.

Daphenia Downs, finance officer for the judge's office, will be filing taxes every Thursday until April 9. Downs was qualified to file tax returns after attending several training classes in Hopkinsville after Ron Padget and Perry Newcom asked her if she would be interested in doing it.

"I thought it was a great idea when they asked me about it," Downs said. "Crittenden doesn't have any RSVP volunteers so we thought it would be a great way to get it started here while offering a free service."

While walk-ins are accepted, Downs and center director Mona Manley said that appointments are preferred in order to ensure that everyone's needs are met.

Downs will be at the senior center every Thursday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., until April 9.

"Seniors really should take advantage of this program because for one, it's free," Downs said. "It really benefits them and if they already go to the senior center, it's that much more convenient."

For more information or to make an appointment, call the Crittenden County Senior Citizen Center at 965-5229.



Crittenden County resident Jessica Lowery took advantage of the RSVP senior tax help program Thursday as certified volunteer Daphenia Downs organizes her paperwork before beginning.

Woman's Club news

The annual meeting for the Woman's Club of Marion will be at 1:30 p.m., March 2.

Program chair will be Susan Alexander.

Speaker for the meeting will be Pat Harrington, First District Governor. She will also preside over the installation of new officers. Present officers with

one year left in their term are:

President - Nancy Hunt
Vice President - Susan Christensen
Treasurer - Barbara Myers
Recording secretary - Roberta Shewmaker
Parliamentarian - Judy Winn
Immediate Past President - Nancy Paris

Riverfront Opry House news

Submitted by June McDowell

Boy! Was I surprised at all the comments made over the article that we had in The Press.

I knew you "Sugar Boogers" liked us and you have really shown it by all your comments.

We are operating on a shoe-string budget, trying to get the Opry House up and going by Spring but you have given us a boost now.

We had a couple from over that way that told us they wished we would have something weekly. They have been over to the "Bean Family" show and really enjoyed it. Maybe before long, we can do it.

Not long after that, we had a gentleman come over and enter the talent show. He was taken on a tour of the Opry House and he was impressed. He told

us that he saw no reason why we couldn't get it to go. He even gave us a donation to help us out. Now we know you Sugar Boogers like us.

Oh, by the way, you know in the last article that was in The Press, I named some of the "Beans" and said they were headed by Ma Bean? Many of you know her. She is the "Gee" of GeeJays Cafe, the one that loves to talk and laugh.

Now that she has become a star, it's hard for "Jay" to keep her at work - that stage in the Opry House just seems to draw her in - but Jay says let the old gal enjoy herself. After all, her years are limited.

If The Press stays with us, you will hear more of this nonsense because I love to write it.

WKCTC hosts pre-admission conference for Practical Nursing Program in April

A pre-admission conference for the practical nursing program at West Kentucky Community and Technical College will be held February-April.

To be considered for admission into the Fall 2011 practical nursing program, attendance at one of the following pre-admission conferences is required:

- February 22
- March 15
- April 12

Each pre-admission conference will be held from 4-

5 p.m. in the Allied Health Building, room E-205.

Additional requirements must be met to be considered for the program. Details can be found at http://westkentucky.kctcs.edu/academics/nsg/practical_nursing.

For more information about the program or about attending a pre-admission conference contact Claudia Stoffel at 534-3481 or claudia.stoffel@kctcs.edu.




Girl Scouts in training

Hannah Jent and Aerie Suggs had some first-hand training as future Girl Scouts while visiting a Girl Scout cookie booth at the National Guard Armory last week. Various Girl Scout cookie booths will be set up throughout Marion until March 20. Some of the locations include Conrads, Food Giant, Pamida and Tambco. Suggs is the daughter of Howard and Willa Suggs and Jent is the daughter of Matt and Amy Jent, all of Marion.



Community Leaders of America receive a grant

The Crittenden County Chapter of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America received a grant for a tobacco prevention program. Local students will be working with Crittenden County Elementary School students to teach the harmful effects of tobacco. Nine members of FCCLA attended the Help Overcome Tobacco conference on Dec. 1. The program discussed ways for the club to implement tobacco prevention methods to apply in local schools. Pictured are (from left) Advisor Elaine Lowery, Bailey Hart, Brittany Phillips, LaDonna Herron, Mandy York, Corey Berry, Emily Bruns, Taylor Fritts, Rebecca Adams and Abby Whitney.




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This group of Boy Scouts took The Press to Frankfort on Feb. 15 for Boy Scouts Day.



Crittenden County little league basketball action

Third- and fourth-grade Rockets take second place

The little league Rockets hosted a Rocket Rumble tournament Saturday where both the third- and fourth-grade Rockets, as well as the fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets claimed a second place finish in the four-team tournament.

Crittenden's third- and fourth-graders won 23-21 in their first game of the tournament against North Livingston fourth-grade after going into overtime. Scoring were Sawyer Towery with a season high of 13 points, Hunter Boone 6 and Gavin Dickerson 4.

In the second game, the Rockets defeated North Livingston third-grade, 27-12. Scoring were Erik O'Leary with a season high of 11 points, Payton Riley 6, Boone 4, Towery 3 and Sean O'Leary, 3.

In the third game of the tournament, the Rockets defeated Marshall County, 24-22. Scoring were Towery 9, Boone 6, Dickerson 5 and Riley 5.

Facing North Livingston fourth-grade once again in the championship game, the Rockets were unable to contain Cameron Head, who finished with 22 points for Livingston, which included three 3-pointers. Scoring were Dickerson 5, Towery 4, Dunham 2, Boone 2, O'Leary 2, Riley 1 and Braxton Winders, 1.

"I'm extremely proud of these boys and all that they've accomplished this season," Coach Rob Towery said. "It's been a pleasure to watch them and see them improve over the season. I'm also extremely appreciative of all the help we've had from volunteers and parents."

Older Rockets claim second place in Rocket Rumble tournament

The fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets finished second in their six-team division.

In the first game of the tournament, Crittenden defeated Lyon County fifth-grade, 30-15. Scoring were Maeson Myers 13, Paxton Riley 5, Logan Belt 4, Will Tolley 4, Bobby Glen Stephens 2 and Cody Belt 2.

In the second game of the tournament, the Rockets defeated North Livingston, 32-27. Scoring were Tolly 14 with 2 rebounds, Myers 8 with 5 rebounds, Logan Belt 4 with 1 rebound, Stephens 3 with 4 rebounds, Riley 2 with 10 rebounds and Adam Beavers, 1 with 1 rebound. Cody Belt also had 1 rebound.

In the championship game, the Rockets matched up with Lyon County sixth-grade and after a well-fought battle, Lyon claimed the win, defeating Crittenden 31-15. Scoring were Myers 8 with 8 rebounds, Stephens 4 with 3 rebounds and Tolley, 3 with 1 rebound. Riley had 4 rebounds, Logan Belt 4 rebounds, Jared Lundy 1 rebound and Beavers 1 rebound.

"When we started this year's season, we only had one player that could hit a lay-up," Coach Todd Riley said. "We went from being beat every game by 25 or more points to coming in second place in this tournament. I am so incredibly proud of these boys and all that they've accomplished this year. Even the high school coaching staff was impressed with how they've progressed. They did an excellent job and have greatly improved."

The fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets finished 8-8 for the season.



Pictured above are the fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets. They are (front from left) Bobby Glen Stephens, Cody Belt, Will Tolley, Kyle Castiller; (back) Logan Belt, Paxton Riley, Maeson Myers, Jared Lundy, Adam Beavers, Cruce Collyer and Coach Todd Riley.



Pictured are the third- and fourth-grade Rockets. They are (from left) Sean O'Leary, Braxton Winders, Hunter Boone, Matthew Dunham, Gavin Dickerson, Payton Riley, Eric O'Leary and Sawyer Towery. Coaches are Blair Winders and Rob Towery.

Fifth- and sixth-grade Lady Rockets lose three games in Paducah

Crittenden County's fifth- and sixth-grade Lady Rockets (9-5) lost three games to stiff competition Saturday while participating in a tournament at the Paducah Regional Sports Plex.

Crittenden lost 29-8 to Graves A. Scoring were Meredith Evans, 4; Cassidy Moss, 2; and Terrianna Johnson, 2.

In the second morning game, the Lady Rockets were defeated 40-14 by Graves' AAU team. Scoring for Crittenden were Johnson, 6; Moss, 4; Madison Champion, 3; Mauri Collins, 1.

In the final game, the Lady Rockets were defeated 39-14 by a Benton team. Scoring for Crittenden were Johnson, 7; Courtney Beverly 6 and Evans, 1.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 24
•Caldwell County ATC, in conjunction with Madisonville Community College and West Kentucky Community and Technical College, is hosting a "Close the Deal" meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday. The meeting is for both the parents of students who attend Caldwell County ATC and ATC. For more information, call Caldwell County ATC at 365-5563 and ask for Shawna Thomas.
•The Pennyrile Area Cultural Arts Display will be Thursday, at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton. Extension Homemakers may enter exhibits from 9-10 a.m. An educational program, Shopping for Treasures - Tips to Shopping the Secondary Market, will be open to the public starting at 10 a.m., and exhibits will be open for viewing from noon to 1 p.m. Call 965-5236 for more information.

Friday, Feb. 25
•A diabetes support group will organize at 10 a.m. Friday, at the Crittenden County UK Extension Office. The group is for people with Type 2 diabetes or those who care about someone who does and will include recipes and cooking tips. If planning to attend, please call the Extension office at 965-5236.
Saturday, Feb. 26
•The Crittenden County Elementary School PTO will host its second-annual Father-Daughter Dance from 6-8 p.m., Saturday. The event is for preschool through fifth grade. Professional portraits will be available at the event.
Monday, Feb. 28
•Jim Pearce Camp 2527 Sons of

Confederate Veterans will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, at George Coon Public Library in Princeton.

Ongoing
•The Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter, Inc, is selling flower bulbs and bare root plants as a fundraiser for the shelter. Orders will be taken until March 31 and payments are due at the time order. All orders will arrive middle to late April. To see a brochure, email Melissa Guill at melissa72@vci.net. She can also be reached in the evening at 965-2495.
•The Cub Scouts have popcorn for sale. If you'd like to purchase some, contact Sandy Urbanowski at Farmers Bank at 965-3106 or by email at surbanowski@farmersbankmarion.com. They have three tubs of carmel for \$10, five tubs of butter toffee light for \$20, one box of butter light microwave for \$18 and two boxes of cheese trio for \$30.

Upcoming
•Living Hope Ministries will be offering a free series of classes for parents, parents-to-be and grandparents on Tuesdays in March. The first class will be "Keeping your Family Healthy" at 6:30 p.m., March 1, at the Mary Jane Jones Center in Princeton. Call Tajwana at 625-5926 for more information.
•Quick Fixes from Mixes to help

get meals on the table quicker will be presented at the Ed-Tech Center at 3:30 p.m., March 3, by the UK Cooperative Extension Service. Call the Crittenden County Extension office at 965-5236 to pre-register. This class is open to the public.
•The Crittenden County Animal Shelter in Marion will be handing out spay and neuter vouchers from 8 a.m.-noon, March 5, to the first 100 residents of Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties. Limit one per household and are good for cat or dog. Cost is \$25 payable day of voucher handout. Vouchers expire in three months with no refunds given.
•The second class of Living Hope Ministries is "Your Family's Money" which will be held at 6:30 p.m., March 8, at the Mary Jane Jones Center in Princeton. Call Tajwana at 625-5926 for more information.

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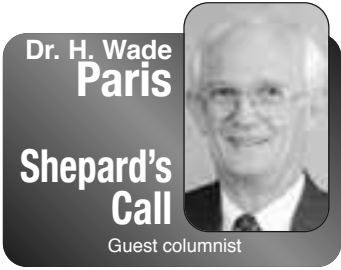
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By faith I believe God did it

Scientists just issued their first ever cosmic census of planets in our galaxy. The numbers are mind boggling. Using NASA's planet searching Kepler telescope, they estimate there are at least 500 billion planets in the Milky Way. No less than 500 million of those would be in the "not too hot/not too cold" zone where life as we know it could exist.

So what do you think? The vastness of the universe has always strengthened my faith.



These numbers prove what we have long known — the universe is larger than you and I can count or even imagine. Yet,

God holds it all in the palm of His hand. (Job 12:10)

Not only is the universe vast, it is also beautiful. Somewhere I read an explanation of the universe that said long ago "two things," perhaps even two creatures, "got together and multiplied and the universe began." Okay, I can live with that; but wait, where did the "two things" come from? If it happened that way, I believe God created the "two things."

Then again I read that bil-

lions of years ago some atmospheric gases collided creating a big bang, and the universe began. Once again that seems to be a good scientific explanation; but still I must ask, "Who made the atmospheric gases?"

Hebrew 11:3 tells us, "By faith we understand that the universe was formed by God's command . . ." I believe that. I don't know how God did it; I am open to any reasonable explanation, but by faith I believe God did it.

Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian gains new pastor

JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

When meeting Terra Sisco for the first time, her charismatic personality and infectious love for the Lord is enough to make anyone feel like they've known her forever.

The 31-year-old's passion for serving God and spreading his word is evident as Sisco praises Him for the path she's taken, all because of His guiding hand. It's because of this path that has led her to Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, a small church located off Ky. 120.

Originally from Golconda, Ill., Sisco went to Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn., right after high school. There, she obtained a bachelor of arts degree. Sisco continued her education as she started her Masters of Divinity and had not yet fully finished it when she was named pastor at United Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Norris City, Ill., on Jan. 2, 2005.

"I was blessed to be a part of that church," Sisco said. "God guided me to them for a reason."

Sisco served as pastor at United Cumberland until Jan. 2, 2011. After six years of love and dedication, Sisco made the difficult choice to leave the church because she felt that God was calling her to leave.

"It was hard to surrender," Sisco explains. "Hard for me to let go but I knew that I had to because God had other plans for me. I'm on this journey just like everyone else, and I let God fully guide me."

Sisco left the church without a back-up plan as to what she was going to do next. Completely devoted, she took a month to regroup and then

continued her path in the direction she felt the Lord was leading her.

"And that's when I came across Sugar Grove," Sisco said. "It is definitely a good fit — we needed each other."

Sisco started as Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian's pastor on Feb. 6, 2011 and since then, she has used her energetic and enthusiastic outlook to approach her sermons, bringing light into each passage, spreading the truth to those who are hungry for it.

But instead of working on a sermon all week in prepara-



Terra Sisco

tion for Sunday, Sisco says that she lets the Holy Spirit take over and guide her.

"These sermons are completely His," Sisco said. "He guides me in the direction that he wants me to go. It could be by showing the same scripture to me throughout the week or something that I feel He's leading me to. Often times, it's down to the wire but He always provides."

With Sisco, what you see is what you get and she contributes that to being "real."

"I believe in being real with everybody," Sisco explained. "I don't hide behind a facade and say that I'm perfect because of what I do. I know I'm not perfect, no one is. God has brought me out victorious during this journey and I want to help other people to be set free in Him."

As a new pastor, Sisco

brings several new goals to Sugar Grove but her number one goal is to always teach the truth and to reach all ages — young and old — by doing so.

Sisco also plans on doing local mission work in Marion to help serve people who may not be able to make it to church due to a disability or lack of transportation.

"We're here to serve and once you serve someone's needs physically, you can serve them spiritually and spread the word of God," Sisco explained. "Jesus came to serve, not to be served; and our goal is to do the same."

Sunday School at Sugar Grove begins at 10 a.m., with worship following at 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship is at 6 p.m. and Wednesday night Bible study begins at 7 p.m.

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Area News Briefs

Lake George closed; city looking again at old mine for water

Lake George is closed to the public in order to protect its shores and the integrity of the water, City Administrator Mark Bryant said Friday.

Lake George is where the City of Marion generally gets the water is uses to treat to make drinking water for local residents. It stopped pulling water from the lake three weeks ago because it has dropped to a record low level due to lack of adequate rainfall over the past several months. The city had been pulling 500,000 gallons of water a day from the lake.

Bryant said police have learned that a four-wheel drive truck became stuck while "mudding" along the shoreline recently. Bryant said the city does not allow motorized boats to use the lake because that's where drinking water comes from.

"We certainly don't want motorized vehicles in it either," Bryant said. "Gas or other substances could spill into the lake."

The access road to the lake is now gated and locked. Bryant said city officials are asking residents to refrain from fishing from the shore, too, until adequate rainfall replenishes the lake.

The city is currently drawing raw water from old City Lake behind the water treatment plant on Chapel Hill Road. The city could run alarmingly low of raw water if spring rains don't refill Lake George.

Meantime, officials are looking at other options for raw water, including the old mine works behind the city maintenance garage. A geological survey earlier this winter found that an adequate volume of raw water potentially exists in the former fluorspar mine. An engineering firm from Paducah is also helping the city look for water there.

Bryant said crews have found a shaft to the old Lucile Mine off East Gum Street. Now, they're trying to get a pump in it and check the water.

19-year-old student charged after dogs search on campus

Kentucky State Police's special operations unit conducted an unannounced drug search on the Crittenden County High School and Middle School campus last week. One student was arrested and charged with having marijuana in his car. Police also searched the student's home.

According to court records, multiple troopers and drug-sniffing dogs were used to search the school parking lot. Two separate dogs alerted their handlers to the smell of marijuana coming from a white Mitsubishi Eclipse. School officials summoned the student, James Andrew

Jail numbers

Here is a census of the Crittenden County Detention Center on Feb. 21, which denotes type of prisoners being held there:

Type	Male	Female
Federal	0	0
State	71	8
County	4	3
Other	15	2
Gender Total	90	13
Total Population	103	

•Last week, 36 jail work release inmates put in 1,588 hours of community service, saving taxpayers approximately \$11,513 in wages at the current minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour.

Freeman, 19, who owned the car, from class shortly before noon.

The car's owner told investigators that there was a pipe in the driver's side door, which police found. Further investigation revealed a small plastic bag of alleged marijuana and two more pipes.

The suspect was taken to Crittenden County Detention Center and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on bond.

School officials cannot publicly discuss particular cases involving students.

According to the school system's Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline, having drugs on school property is a Class 4 violation. A student suspected of a Class 4 violation shall appear before the board of education for a disciplinary hearing. Consequences for a Class 4 violation include suspension up to 10 days. The Board of Education held a closed session hearing Monday.

\$500K grant comes at opportune time for local school district

A month after finding out about the state cutting \$107,416 out of the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) fund, the Crittenden County Board of Education received some uplifting news last week – it has been awarded a \$500,000 grant through the Kentucky Department of Education.

The half-million-dollar grant is for 21st Century Community Learning Centers, which provides students with enrichment opportunities outside of school. Crittenden County Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough was elated after learning that Crittenden would be receiving the grant funds, for which competition was stiff. More than 150 schools applied and only 28 were awarded.

"I really think that this is going to help the Crittenden County School District move in the direction that we are wanting it to," Yarbrough said. "By using this grant, we'll be

able to provide several new opportunities for students that we haven't had the chance to do before."

As indicated by its name, 21st Century Community Learning Center's intent is to be able to design and implement effective out-of-school programs that will improve student achievement. The grant application that Yarbrough, Community Educator Holly White and Supervisor of Instruction Tonya Driver helped to write, is geared toward providing a learning center for the Crittenden County High School. The project is named the Crosswalk Learning Center.

One of the main goals of the center is to provide before- and after-school tutoring and possibly clubs that aren't offered during school hours.

"We're really wanting to be able to provide interest for the students and give them a reason to come to school," Yarbrough said. "We're going to be able to offer academic, recreational and health and wellness activities. It's a big opportunity for us and I can't say enough that we're all just so excited about this step."

The grant will pay out over five years with the high school receiving \$150,000 a year for the first three years, \$125,000 for the fourth year and \$75,000 for the fifth year. It's possible that the Crosswalk Learning Center will be operating later this semester.

U.S. 60 speed limit is reduced near bridge, Livingston Fairgrounds

Motorists who travel U.S. 60 through Livingston County should be aware of an extended speed reduction zone near the Cumberland River Bridge at Smithland.

There is currently a 35 mph speed limit in the immediate area of the bridge, but now it is permanently extended eastward to the entrance of the Livingston County Fairgrounds.

"This is aimed at slowing traffic on the bridge and near the busy entrance to the fairgrounds," said Keith Todd, spokesman for the Kentucky Department of Highways.

Westbound motorists are reminded to slow down near Brumitte Road westbound near the 13 mile marker heading into Smithland. Eastbound motorists on U.S. 60 should be aware that the 35 mph speed limit through Smithland now extends across the Cumberland River Bridge and all the way to the fairgrounds.

As a reminder, the 45 mph speed limit west of Smithland extends past Livingston County High School, Todd said.

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WALK

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which side of the road it goes on.

City councilmen had varied response to the idea. Some questioned the logic behind building additional sidewalks when existing ones are in ill repair.

Councilman Dwight Sherer said he'd be in favor of it if the city could acquire grant funds. Otherwise, he said, "I would feel bad to ignore the sidewalks we have in town that need work."

Mayor Alexander said Sherer makes a good point, but pointed out that people are in the road on foot on Sturgis Road. That can't be ignored, he said.

"It's a life-safety issue and I think we need to look further into it," Councilman Donnie Arflack said.

Bryant said merchants on the north end of town feel like they're neglected. In recent years, more retail businesses have opened on Sturgis Road. Now that Dollar General is there, the traffic has increased dramatically, city officials said.

Sherer suggested forming a committee to discuss the Sturgis Road proposal, other areas that need sidewalk repair and the broader issue of who owns the sidewalks throughout town. The ownership question has been de-

bated at various times, and injury lawsuits have tended to indicate the city has liability for the condition of sidewalks.

When the sidewalks were first built many years ago, adjacent landowners were assessed a portion of the construction cost over a period of time until the sidewalks were paid off, the mayor said.

Bryant said he will look more closely at the prospects of a sidewalk on Sturgis Road and report his findings next month to the council.

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Check # _____

Initials: _____

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NOTE: Parents must agree to work in the concession stand to receive this reduced price. Please complete the following:

☐ I agree to work 2 two-hour sessions (per child in the program) in the concession stand during the season.

☐ I will not work in the concession stand (if you chose not to work, your fee will be \$20 extra per child, maximum \$40)

NOTICE:

1. The cutoff for age grouping for Baseball is a player turning a year older before **May 1st**

2. The cutoff for age grouping for Softball is a player turning a year older before **January 1st**

3. All Leagues with the exception of T-Ball & Co-ed rookie will have away games.

4. With the exception of T-ball and Co-ed rookie league, boys must play baseball and girls must play softball.

T-Ball League

☐ (age 4 Boys & Girls) *must be 4 before May 1st*

Co-ed Rookie

☐ (ages 5-6 Boys & Girls) *must be 5 before May 1st*

Boys Baseball (Check One)

☐ Rookie (7-8) ☐ Minor (9-10) ☐ Major 11-12

Girls Softball (Check One)

☐ Rookie (7-8) ☐ Minor (9-10) ☐ Major 11-13

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Age: _____

DOB: _____

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Phone: _____

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Year Played: _____

Shirt Size: (*NOTE: Shirt size should be one size larger then normally worn*)

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\$381,514. Its expenses were \$605,033, according to hospital figures.

Although hospital officials have not provided county leaders with an exact figure they expect to receive in the form of a financial supplement to operate the ambulance, it's likely the amount will be in excess of this year's projected deficit.

"We're not crying wolf," the hospital CEO told county officials at last week's meeting. "We're past the wolf stage. This is real. The public needs to know that Crittenden Health Systems can no longer afford to do this on its own."

Newcom said he and magistrates will be reviewing the information received last week from the hospital and investigating the county's options in the coming days. He has also requested more detailed expense figures from EMS.

It's likely, Newcom said, that options could be discussed at a special meeting of the fiscal court next month. However, no date has been set.

The judge-executive is currently working on the county's 2011-12 budget, which will be presented to magistrates in March. He

said projected revenues for the coming fiscal year, which starts July 1, will in no way cover such a large outlay.

Cutting the already tight budget to compensate for an additional ambulance ex-

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BASKETBALL

Girls' 5th District opening round
Crittenden 51, Trigg County 42
Livingston 48, Lyon 52

Girls' championship
Thursday
Crittenden vs. Lyon, 7 p.m.

Boys' 5th District opening round
Lyon 60, Crittenden 47
Livingston 61, Trigg 44

Boys' championship
Friday
Lyon vs. Livingston, 7 p.m.

Second Region Girls
Next week at Livingston Central
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Second Region Boys
Next week at Hopkinsville
Pairings TBA

SOFTBALL

Softball umpires needed
Anyone interested in umpiring second region fast pitch softball should contact Del Brantley at 836-0649.

Little league umpires needed
Umpires are needed for little league baseball and softball. If interested, please contact Mike Hamilton at 704-0283.

TRACK

Booster club meeting
Track Booster club meeting will be held at 5 p.m., March 1, at the track if weather permits. If it doesn't, practice that day will be at Rocket Arena and the meeting will be held there.

GOLF

Golf booster meeting
Current golf members or kids interested in playing on the golf team next season, should attend the Crittenden County Golf Booster meeting at the CCHS Library at 5:30 p.m., Today (thursday).

SOCCER

Youth soccer season begins
Crittenden Youth Soccer registration will be from 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, at Dairy Queen in Marion. Forms can be picked up at Conrad's or Food Giant and can be mailed to PO Box 584, Marion KY. Deadline is March 14 and season starts March 28.

MISCELLANEOUS

Family fitness night
Crittenden County Elementary School will host Family Fitness night at 6 p.m., March 3. The event will include door prizes, yoga, zumba, hula hoops, heart health and much more.

Athletes
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Casey Oliver
Senior

Oliver was the only player to score double-digits in the district tournament opening round Tuesday night. He scored 21 points.



Whitney Johnson
Senior

Johnson recorded a double-double with 14 points and 16 rebounds against Trigg County Monday night.

Twins named King and Queen



Crittenden County High School held its basketball homecoming Friday night when the Rockets hosted Fort Campbell. Fraternal twins Terry and Talaney Werne were selected as the 2011 Basketball King and Queen. Pictured are (from left) freshman attendants Aaron Owen and Maggie Collins; junior attendants Devin Wallace and Zoie Black; senior attendants Jesse Highfil and Rachel Jennings; 2010 Queen Elizabeth Kirby; King Terry Werne; Queen Talaney Werne; senior attendants Robert Cudnick and Summer Courtney; sophomore attendants Matt Berry and Elizabeth Brown. Flower girl was Carly Porter and crownbearer was Nathan Brantley..

Lady Rockets will vie for district title

BY CHRIS HARDESTY
PRESS SPORTS WRITER

Although not getting any style points for Monday night's 51-42 win against Trigg County in the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament at Smithland, it still got the Lady Rockets into the district title game for the third consecutive season. They will face Lyon County tonight (Thursday) for the Fifth District title, a rematch of last year's championship game when the Lady Lyons upended Crittenden 48-46.

After the Lady Wildcats had been swept by Crittenden in the regular season by a combined 29 points, they were out to get revenge when the tourney kicked off Monday night.

After Lady Rocket senior point guard Jessi Hodge scored on a layup to start the contest, the Lady Wildcats scored on an offensive putback off of a missed trey for a 5-3 lead and would never trail again until the third quarter.

Crittenden (17-8) brought their cold shooting into the postseason, shooting an icy 2-of-15 in the first quarter.

After trailing 14-9 entering the second quarter, the Lady Rockets held Trigg for the first 2:40 of that period enabling them to cut the lead to 14-13 with about five minutes remaining in the half.

Lady Rocket senior Whitney Johnson, who had combined for just 11 points in

the two games against Trigg in the regular season, had a great outing this time around. She recorded a double-double with 14 points and 16 rebounds and did a fantastic job of putting her club on her back and willing them to victory.

Although connecting on just 23-of-39 free tosses, the trio of Hodge, Tabor and Bailey Brown combined to go a hot 18-of-23, helping to stave off the upset.

Brown made a pair with a little more than four minutes remaining, giving her team a 42-35 lead and helping them ensure a spot in next week's Second Region Tournament also to be played at Livingston Central.

Conversely, Trigg only got to the charity stripe 10 times making four, their exact percentage in last month's defeat.

On a night when things were coming very difficult, Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge was glad her team found a way to survive and advance.

"That's all that matters. We all know we're not playing our best basketball right now," she said.

The win tied this year's team with the 1996-97 squad for the most victories in Hodge's 19-year tenure.

Webster County defeats Lady Rockets, 53-45

Losing the rebounding battle 56-39 and shooting a

horrible 10-of-54 from the field spoiled Senior Night for the Lady Rockets Thursday night as Webster won 53-45. It was the Lady Rockets' fifth loss in the last eight contests.

Despite owning a 9-13 record, three of the Lady Trojan wins have come against Henderson, Christian and Crittenden counties.

With the Lady Rocket senior quartet of Jessi Hodge, Summer Courtney, Whitney Johnson and Laken Tabor hoping their final game in Rocket Arena would be a victorious and special one, the visitors had other ideas.

Both teams made five three-pointers. Webster was a perfect 5-of-5, compared to the cold-shooting Lady Rockets' 5-of-23.

The visitors needed that long-range efficient shooting to get the win since they only shot 12-of-62 from the floor.

Facing 10-point deficits after both the second and third periods, the Lady Rockets could not mount a comeback win.

Hodge led the way with 17 points followed closely by Johnson's 13.

The Lady Trojans defense held the remainder of the Crittenden squad to just 15 combined points.

Fifth District Tournament				
Crittenden 51, Trigg 42				
Crittenden	9	18	29	51
Trigg	14	18	34	42
Trigg - Matlock 18, Grubbs 10, Maxey 5, Kearney 5, Stallons 4, Mize, Parker. FG.				



Senior Whitney Johnson works to score over a Trigg County defender in Monday night's battle against Trigg County.

13. 3-pointers 4 (Matlock 2, Maxey, Kearney). FT. 4-10. Fouls 25.				
Crittenden - Tabor 15, Johnson 14, Hodge 12, Brown 6, Courtney 2, Mattingly 2, Leidecker. FG. 11. 3-pointers 2 (Tabor, Johnson). FT. 23-39. Fouls 14.				
Webster 53, Crittenden 45				
Webster	11	26	37	53
Crittenden	6	16	27	45
Webster - Edens '16, Herrera 9, McNary 7, Dame 6, Hill 4, Townsen 7, Ross 2, Papineau 1, Grant 1. FG. 12. 3-pointers 5 (Edens 4, Townsen). FT. 14-23.				
Crittenden - Hodge 17, Johnson 13, Brown 9, Tabor 6, Courtney, Leidecker, Mattingly. FG. 10. 3-pointers 5 (Tabor 2, Johnson, Hodge, Brown). FT. 10-20.				

Crittenden's season ends against Lyon in district tournament

BY CHRIS HARDESTY
PRESS SPORTS WRITER

The Rockets' attempts at relying on the perimeter jump shot proved unsuccessful Tuesday night in Smithland as Lyon County eliminated them from the Fifth District Tournament 60-47.

It extended Crittenden's drought in postseason play to four years. It has not won a game in the Fifth District Tournament since 2007.

Defensively, the Rockets tried a little bit of everything throughout the night to slow the Lyons but nothing seemed to work. The Lyons jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the beginning of the first quarter, forcing the Rockets to play from behind the entire game.

A trey from senior guard Brian Berry was the only scoring Crittenden (6-18) would do the entire first quarter as the Lyons enjoyed a 14-3 advantage.

A three-pointer from Rocket forward Thomas Scott and a short jumper by Casey Oliver brought them to within 14-8, but the Rockets could not get enough defensive stops on the other

end to spring an upset.

The Lyons started 5-of-6 from behind the arc and also penetrated through the Rocket defense very easily at times. Soon, they had things back in their control.

Crittenden continually misfired from long range while the Lyons took the ball to the basket.

Lyon was 21-of-30 from the charity stripe compared to the Rockets only getting eight attempts, because most of their shots were well outside the defense.

Trailing 40-31 entering the fourth period, the Rockets had possession of the ball to start the final stanza. They were headed for a layup which would have trimmed the deficit to seven. But, a turnover, one of only 10 for the Rockets on the night, enabled the Lyons to convert on the other end and extend the lead to 42-31.

Trailing 48-40, Oliver connected on a 14-footer with less than four minutes to go to keep his team in the game. Although CCHS got the score to 50-44 about a minute later, the Lyons were solid at the free throw line and pulled away for the 13-

point win. Lyon has defeated the Rockets four times this year.

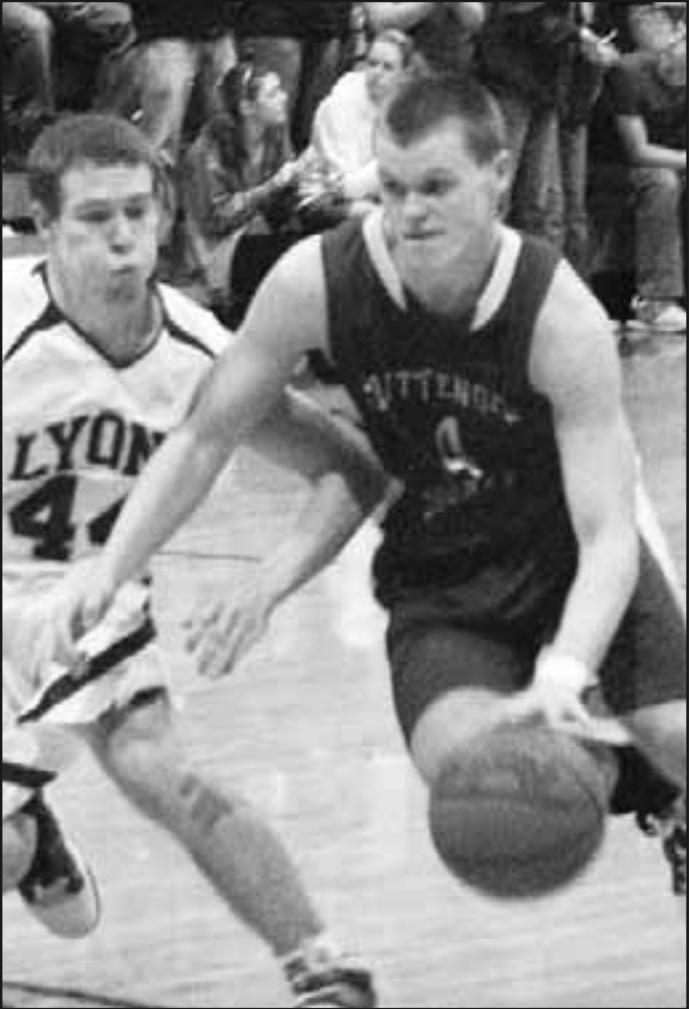
As was the case most of the season, the Rockets could not find a second and third scorer after Oliver had 21 in the final game of his high school career. In fact, two starters were held scoreless in the contest.

Rockets defeat Falcons on CCHS senior night

After leading 17-11 after the first quarter over visiting Ft. Campbell last Friday on both Senior Night and homecoming, the Rockets continued to roll the rest of the way, winning 70-49.

The Rockets avenged the only win the Falcons had on the season two weeks prior while sending seniors Oliver, Berry, Jesse Highfil and Terry Werne out on a winning note in their last game at Rocket Arena.

Fifth District Tournament				
Lyon 60, Crittenden 47				
Crittenden	3	14	31	47
Lyon	14	30	40	60
Crittenden - Oliver 21, Berry 9, Scott 9, Owen 6, Clark 2, Gilbert, Highfil, Knox. FG. 11. 3-pointers 7 (Berry 3, Oliver 2, Owen, Scott). FT. 4-8. Fouls 20.				
Lyon - Sutton 20, Ringstaff 14, Brazell 10, Perdue 7, Williams 8, Martin 1. FG. 12. 3-pointers 5 (Ringstaff 3, Brazell, Perdue). FT. 21-30. Fouls 8.				



Senior Casey Oliver drives to the hoop against a Lyon County defender Tuesday night.

School system taking job applications online

JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

Crittenden County School District will take employment applications through the Internet starting next week.

Vince Clark, supervisor of instruction, met with the Crittenden County Board of Education last week to explain the technology called SchoolRecruiter.com, a new way for applicants to apply for jobs within the Crittenden County School System.

Anyone interested in applying for a job with the school system will be able to see what employment opportunities are available by checking online. They will then be able to apply for everything from teaching and administrative positions to bus driver, custodian and cafeteria jobs.

"The old way of filling out an application was with the traditional pen and paper," Clark explained. "There's not anything wrong with that, but when it was put into a filing cabinet and you had a position for special education teacher at the elementary school, it took a lot of digging around and sifting

through applicants. School-Recruiter.com will help eliminate the process of trying to decide whether to file that applicant under special education or primary education. The new system will file it under both, cross referencing information on the application to make it easier to locate electronically.

Clark said once an application is filed online, a principal or hiring manager can go to the Web-based program, search a specific field

and immediately find what they're looking for.

"It's a way for us to be able to track all applications paperlessly," Clark said.

A link to the application Web page will be available on the school district's Web site. Interested applicants will be able to complete the form and submit it for viewing. All fields on the application form must be filled in before being considered. Once an application has been filed, the principal or hiring manager will

look through the applications, select the ones they're interested in, then contact the applicant for an interview.

While the electronic process eliminates the need to pick up an application in person at the central office, interviews will continue to be done the old-fashioned way – face-to-face – according to Crittenden County Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough.

"This is a great way for us

to keep track of all applicants and to post employment opportunities, but all references will be checked and interviews will be done in person," Yarbrough said.

All applications provided through the Web site will be stored electronically for one year. After that, they will be purged.

While this is a new step for Crittenden County schools to becoming fully digital, Clark understands that not everyone has access

to a computer.

"Applicants can come into the office, fill out a paper application and with permission, that information would then be uploaded to the site," Clark said. "Crittenden County is trying to be as digital as it can be, and this is a great step forward."

SchoolRecruiter.com is used by 30 schools in Kentucky. Clark said Union and McCracken counties use it. The site is planned to go live on Monday.

Killer held in Fredonia seeks parole on 1986 case

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A woman at the center of a 1980's slaying case that involved lesbian lovers and a hit man asked Wednesday for parole from prison after 25 years, apologizing for the death of her husband and calling her actions impulsive.

Elizabeth Turpin, 44, told a two-member panel from the Kentucky Parole Board that she didn't think through what could happen when she told a pair of friends that she didn't care what happened to 22-year-old Michael Turpin on Feb. 3, 1986.

"It was a moment of irrational, youthful horror in my bad statement," said Turpin, who is serving a sentence of life in prison with a parole opportunity after a quarter-century.

Turpin is being held at Western Kentucky Correctional Complex in Fredonia.

The two panel members, Monica Edmonds and George Carson, could not reach a decision about Turpin's parole request after a 20-minute hearing. The case was to go before the full Kentucky Parole Board this week.

Turpin, a co-worker, Karen Brown, and Keith Bouchard, who knew each other from the car dealership where they all worked, were convicted in the killing of Michael Turpin. Police say the women hoped to get \$60,000 from life insurance.

Turpin's slaying was a sensation in central Kentucky, with the details of the case being played out daily during Brown's and Turpin's trials.

Edmonds and Carson couldn't reach a decision on Brown's request for parole earlier this month. The full Kentucky Parole Board then opted to keep the 46-year-old in prison for at least five more years.

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He said other industries have the full calendar to work around.

Magistrates said most of the damage is done during this time of year, when roadbeds have been frozen and begin to thaw, making them soft. Heavy vehicles moving over soft roads leave deep ruts and cause edges to crumble, they said.

Magistrate Curt Buntin said Illinois has what's known as the "frostline" law which prevents heavy vehicles from operating on roads during certain times of the year.

County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said the court would need to pass an ordinance if it intends to regulate usage or require a security bond for companies that use roads. The court asked her to research the matter more closely and report back during the March meeting.



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Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community

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For a Drug-Free Kentucky

Law & Order: The fight on methamphetamine

Curtis McGehee is coming to Emmanuel Baptist Church March 24 at 6 p.m. to do a presentation on meth. McGee is the sheriff of Muhlenberg County, Ky. and a pastor. He has been an active speaker on the fight against drugs. This event is sponsored by the Crittenden County Coalition and the public is encouraged to attend to hear and express the current issues affecting our community involving drugs.

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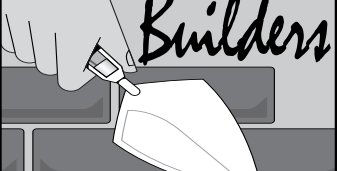
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Notice is hereby given that on February 16, 2011 Barbara Livingston of 30611 Main Range Drive, Buena Vista, CO was appointed administratrix with will annexed of Clifford D. Krone, deceased, whose address was 301 W. Bellville Street, Marion, KY 42064. Hon. Robert B. Frazer P.O. Box 361 Marion, KY 42064, Agent for service of Process. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Agent for Process with will annexed on or before the 16th day of August, 2011 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above named decedent will please call and settle said debts immediately.

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Madeline Henderson, Clerk
Crittenden District Court (11-34-c)

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Notice is hereby given that on February 16, 2011 Catherine Reese of 250 Yandell Mine Road, Marion, KY 42064 was appointed Administratrix of Larry Wade Smith, deceased, whose address was 250 Yandell Mine Road, Marion, KY 42038. Hon. James E. Story, P.O.Box 216 Eddyville, KY 42038 Attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Administratrix before the 16th day of August, 2011 and all claims no so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

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Notice is hereby given that on February 16, 2011 Gregory Allen Hollamon of 317 Claylick Road, Marion, KY 42064 was appointed Executor with will annexed of Aubrey A. Hollamon, deceased, whose address was 2506 SR 506 Marion, KY 42064. Hon. Robert B. Frazer Attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Executor with will annexed on or before the 16th day of August, 2011 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

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NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on January 24, 2011, I will on Friday, March 4, 2011at the hour of 9:30 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit:) Address: 6431 US 60 W. Marion, KY 42064 BEGINNING at an iron pin on the west side of and 30 feet from the center of U.S. 60, being the southeast corner of this lot and the northeast corner of Tract 3, being S. 11 deg. 07 min. W. 269.65 ft. from the beginning corner of Tract 1; thence with a division line and the north line of Tract 3 N. 83 deg. 07 min. W 387.25 ft. to an iron pin in the center of the Old Marion-Salem Road, in Crawford's line; thence with his lines and the meanders of the center of the old road N. 42 deg. 58 min. E 57.79 ft., and N. 46 deg. 18 min. E. 130.56 ft. to an iron pin, corner to T-I; thence with a new division and the south line of Tract 1 S 82 deg. 26 min. E. 281.03 ft. to an iron pin on the west side of and 30 feet from the center of U.S. 60: thence with the west side of the highway S 11 deg. 07 min. W. 144.60 ft. to the beginning containing 1.13 acres by survey, as surveyed by Billy J. May. L.S. 878 on October 28, 1997. SEE ATTACHED PLAT 2FOR GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION, LOCATION AND ARTICULATION OF TRACTS.

Being the same property conveyed to Jered M. Myers and his wife, Joy A. Myers, by Deed dated June 4, 1998, and recorded in Deed Book 180, Page 499, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Crittenden County, Kentucky.

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

1. The Master Commissioner will

sell same at public auction to the highest and best bidder at the Courthouse door for cash or a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. The successful bidder shall be required to give a bond with good surety for the unpaid purchase price with said bond bearing interest at 12 % per annum from the date of the sale. 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 2011 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 24,

2011 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendants for the sum of \$56,473.90 with interest thereon at the rate of 13.53% per annum from March 7, 2010, until date of judgment and then at the rate of 13.53% per annum thereafter until paid; plus late charges of \$196.20; plus non-sufficient funds charges of \$25.00; plus the further sum of \$25.00, representing sums advanced by the plaintiff; plus reasonable attorney's fee of \$1,100.00; taxes and for court costs expended herein.

Dated this the 7 day of
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Christians fulfill mission through large life centers

BY DEREK MCCREE
PRESS REPORTER

Family centers, multi-purpose rooms, gymnasiums, fellowship halls, whatever moniker you attach to them, churches have figured out that activity centers are one way to fulfill their mission.

Evangelistic Christians have found that these sometimes cavernous buildings provide an outreach to the community that in many respects is unequaled by the church's more traditional programs. Leaders say it gives churches a mechanism for reaching lives they might never have reached otherwise.

Many area churches are outgrowing their current confines. Some turning toward multi-purpose buildings to satisfy their needs. Growth in membership is not the only reason churches are now building extensions in the form of community centers. As Rev. Kyle Noffsinger pointed out for the members of First Baptist Church in Fredonia, it was an opportunity his church could not pass up.

"I would say churches look at life centers for more options to expand God's kingdom," Noffsinger said. "I grew up learning in a small Sunday school classroom. Today, if you offer a gym and facilities, it keeps people excited and it's very motivating for people who don't come to a regular church."

Fredonia First Baptist Church purchased the old Fredonia School, including the gymnasium. The congregation appropriately renamed the school Life Center, to reflect the varied events and activities that take place there.

The Life Center now hosts Vacation Bible School and Wednesday night programs where youth meet before going to classrooms for Bible teaching. It is also the scene of two major plays that the church produces, one in December depicting the birth of Jesus and one in the spring on Easter Sunday which

Over the past five years, more than a half dozen area churches have expanded with multi-purpose type facilities, many of them including gymnasiums. There are even more churches thinking about similar expansion projects, says one contractor.

covers the last 14 hours of Jesus' life.

There is also a clothes closet operating out of the Life Center. It is open every Thursday, allowing people in need to find what they want free of charge. First Baptist donated the Life Center's facilities to Kenergy Electric employees working on the power lines in the ice storm of 2009. Since the center also has a cafeteria and kitchen, the Kenergy crews were able to eat and sleep at the building.

Rev. Noffsinger doesn't think it is necessary for churches to have such a facility, but points out that it has certainly provided endless opportunities for his members and non-members alike.

"I think it is a very worthy step for churches to take, but there are a lot of churches without these facilities that are doing a wonderful job," he said.

Members of Mexico Baptist Church in rural Crittenden County took on the challenge of a growing congregation by building a 4,800-square-foot Christian Activity Center almost five years ago. Choir and song leader Mike Crabtree said there were several reasons the church decided to build the center, which includes a full-size basketball court, eight classrooms, storage areas and a kitchen.

"Our church had grown in membership so much we didn't have any room," Crabtree explains. "We had to expand for activities, din-



Marion Baptist Church's Family Life Center is used for a variety of community outreach programs, including Upward basketball games as pictured above.

ners and more classrooms."

The church simply needed more worship space for its growing congregation, which now averages 230 people for morning worship and 175 at Sunday school.

Mexico Baptist Pastor Tim Burdon said people are activity minded these days. The need for more space and room to expand its role in the community made the activity center a natural fit. He believes churches are expected to meet the needs of their congregations, whatever those needs may be.

"Children are involved in so many sports and after-school activities and parents expect to be able to do these things," Burdon said. "Parents want to be able to do these activities and churches are expected to provide for them."

The added space allows the church to host several large events during the year. Its Wild Game Supper (coming up this weekend) and Mexican Fiesta draw incredible numbers. More than 500 attended the game supper last year.

"The facility was maxed out," Burdon said.

In Marion, construction is almost complete on a new 4,125-square-foot fellowship hall for Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Before deciding on building the new hall, members used their church basement for meals and gatherings.

Elder Mickey Alexander described the new building as a place for more activities and meals. The big plus is that it's on ground level,

making access much easier for older and younger members.

"In our case it was more outgrowing the older building and needing more room for fellowship," Alexander said. "It doesn't have a gym, but it is more accommodating to the present people and serves the immediate needs of the church."

Marion Baptist Church opens its Family Life Center to the public for many activities. Now more than five years old, the Family Life Center has a full-size basketball court, walking track, fitness room and full-size kitchen.

The gym is open to the public five days a week from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m. It also hosts Upward basketball and cheerleading three days a week.

Church secretary Laura Koon said records indicate that 80 people or more use the Family Life Center each day. Many of those are non-members.

At Marion Baptist, 40 community youth gather for Mission Impossible every Wednesday at the Family Life Center. The event includes Bible study, music, games and physical activity in the gym for children from kindergarten to high school seniors.

"It has opened the door for people," Koon said. "It helps people to come in and see what is going on at Marion Baptist."

It has been a powerful recruiting tool. Any time the church can bring a person to Christ, it's fulfilling its mission, she said.

Church leaders say that getting the non-churched person through the door the first time is the biggest hurdle. Once inside, they generally find their faith.

In Lola, the Pentecostal Church dedicated its Outreach Center in September. The center includes a gymnasium, four Sunday school rooms, a conference room and library. There are evangelist quarters where visiting ministers can stay while preaching at the church.

Its motivation to expand was similar to the other churches and making it a multi-purpose facility just made good sense.

"We built it for anticipated growth, and we needed more Sunday school rooms," church member Paja Crider said. "We wanted a place for our youth group to have fun, and use it for outreach for several different things."

Local contractor James Penn has built three of the multi-purpose centers in the past few years. He has three more churches considering similar structures. Penn said the cost of building this type of center varies greatly depending on the material and physical characteristics. On average, a metal building runs about \$50 a square foot and a more traditional framed structure is about \$70 a square foot. That includes the building alone. Furnishings can increase costs dramatically, depending on what the church wants to include, he said.



Republican gubernatorial candidate Sen. David Williams of Burkesville and his running mate Richie Farmer were in Marion Saturday. Here, Williams visits with Judge-Executive Perry Newcom while Farmer chats with Marion resident Steve Haire.

Father is now facing charges

The father of one of the men allegedly involved in the armed robbery at Marion-Crittenden County Park two weeks ago is now facing charges of his own.

Deputy Greg Rushing served an arrest warrant on Charles E. Williams, 46, of Eddyville last Thursday when he showed up at the Crittenden County Detention Center to visit his son, Anthony Williams.

The father was charged with intimidating a participant in the legal process, a Class D felony. He allegedly threatened a cooperating witness at the Crittenden County Courthouse last Wednesday when his son and three other suspects were in District Court for arraignment. The cooperating witness - who had worked with police in making their case in the park incident - was also in the courtroom.

Witnesses told authorities about the alleged courtroom threats and a warrant was issued for the father. He was arrested the following day at 1:30 p.m., at the county jail.

According to court records, the father accused the cooperating witness of "ratting on his son." A witness told police the father made a statement to the informant, declaring, "I am going to get you," and tried to get the other man to step outside the courtroom.



Cannon Williams Bull Catallo

Suspects plead not guilty

Four of the five individuals charged in last week's alleged armed robbery at Marion-Crittenden County Park were arraigned Feb. 16 in Crittenden District Court. The fifth suspect is a 17-year-old male juvenile who will have a separate arraignment in juvenile court. He was released to his parents on Wednesday, Feb. 9, the day of his detainment following the incident at the park.

The following charges were read by District Judge Daniel Heady on Wednesday:

- Aaron Cannon, 18, of Eddyville is charged with first-degree robbery by complicity, first-degree assault by complicity, trafficking in marijuana by complicity; and first-degree fleeing or evading police. Out on \$10,000 cash bond.

- David R. Catallo, 33, of Grand Rapids, Mich., charged with trafficking in marijuana by complicity; first-degree robbery and first-degree assault. Held on \$25,000 cash bond.

- Anthony G. Williams, 19, of Eddyville is charged with trafficking in marijuana by complicity; and first-degree robbery by complicity. Held on \$10,000 cash bond.

- Chase A. Bull, 18, of Eddyville is charged with trafficking in marijuana by complicity; first-degree robbery and first-degree assault. Held on \$25,000 cash bond.

Each was represented by his attorneys. Williams was appointed a public defender, but the other three were in court with their private attorneys. Billy McGee of Smithland is representing Catallo, Will Kautz of Paducah is representing Cannon and Jeremy Ian Smith of Paducah is representing Bull.

There was no bond reduction for any of the suspects during last week proceedings.

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