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## Region better prepared for ice

It's been three years since an ice storm paralyzed western Kentucky, and emergency service coordinators say they're better prepared in the event of another major disaster.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet spokesman Keith Todd said crews have removed many trees that sat near roads, reducing the risk of a fallen tree blocking the road. Area emergency managers also say residents are better prepared with more generators, home emergency kits and food reserves.

The brutal ice storm caused 36 deaths, though none locally; left 769,000 customers in the dark; and caused an estimated \$616 million in damages.

— The Associated Press

## Future of bridge still in question

Violations of the weight restriction on the U.S. 60 Tennessee River bridge at Paducah continue to mount, threatening closure of the bridge to all traffic.



Lasher

Kentucky State Police and the Livingston and McCracken County sheriff's departments have written dozens of citations to those violating the three-ton restriction. Livingston County Judge-Executive Chris Lasher has expressed worries about the possibility of closing the bridge.

That decision has yet to be made. Meantime, the bridge will be down to one lane between 8:30 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. today (Thursday) for an inspection. Delays should be minimal.

## Meet aimed at farmers, haulers

Next week, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement will present information on updated road laws and regulations for farmers, lawn care services, loggers and anyone who hauls or transports anything commercially. The session begins at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 16 at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.

For more information, contact the Crittenden County Extension Office at 965-5236.

## Meetings

■ Pennyrite District Health Department's Board of Health will meet at noon today (Thursday) at the office in Eddyville.

■ Marion Planning Commission will meet at 5 p.m., today (Thursday) at Marion City Hall for its February meeting. On the agenda is an update to the city's comprehensive plan.

■ Marion-Crittenden County Park Board will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday at city hall.

## What's your opinion?

### Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked: "Kentucky allows government only four means for funding an ambulance service. Which would you prefer?"

A slim majority agree a tax would work, but are split on what kind. The 301 voters said:

- Up property tax, 49 (16%)
- Up insurance tax, 19 (6%)
- New property tax, 31 (10%)
- Payroll tax, 53 (17%)
- Do nothing, 149 (49%)

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# Mild winter continues; brings pluses, minuses

## A tale of two winters

This winter vs. last from Thanksgiving through Feb. 7

	MAX TEMP	MIN TEMP	AVG TEMP	RAIN TOTAL
<b>Winter 2011-12</b>				
November .....	70.1	27.8	44.6	2.57
December .....	63.2	19.7	41.7	6.87
January .....	65.3	15.5	39.7	2.66
February .....	60.2	28.5	47.1	0.30

Daily highs below freezing: 1

Daily highs above 50 degrees: 37

## Winter 2010-11

November .....	68.2	23.9	41.8	2.47
December .....	64.7	3.5	31.1	1.93
January .....	57.7	7.7	30.4	1.56
February .....	54.5	12.2	30.1	1.10

Daily highs below freezing: 21

Daily highs above 50 degrees: 9



By DARYL K. TABOR  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Missing Person Reports may have been filed long ago, but there's still no sign of Jack Frost or Old Man Winter. In fact, neither has been seen around here in almost a year.

Few have missed the tandem, however.

While other portions of the country have had a taste of typical winter weather, it's been nothing like last year, when at this time half the nation was digging out from under a blanket of snow dumped by the so-called Groundhog Day Blizzard. This year, on the same

day Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, signaling six more weeks of winter, only a fifth of the Lower 48 states was covered in white.

So exactly what type of winter did the prognosticating groundhog expect?

Frogs are already singing their night songs, flowers are blooming, trees are budding... and it's only early February.

## Balmy delights

Thus far, winter 2011-12 in western Kentucky has been warmer and wetter than the previous year's and one of the mildest in recent memory. Most people, though, have been just as satisfied making their way from Thanksgiving to Valentine's Day with the snow boots at the back of the

closet and the mittens and scarves tucked away in a drawer somewhere. While the lovers' holiday is yet to arrive, long-range forecasts beyond Tuesday show no let up in the balmy February air.

"I would take a winter such as this one every year from now forward," said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

Newcom has reason to celebrate, though. The county has saved hundreds, if not thousands of dollars in labor and equipment costs normally set aside to clear snow and ice from more than 300 miles of county roads. This winter, not a penny has been spent on overtime due to such issues.

"In fact we have been able

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## MPD: Suspects in car break-ins mostly juveniles

STAFF REPORT

Although no formal charges have been filed, Marion police believe they've solved a series of local burglaries.

Over the past couple of weeks, about nine parked vehicles have been pilfered through, a golf cart was stolen from Marion Country Club and there has been vandalism at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Police think all of the incidents were related, and they have a handful of suspects, mostly juveniles.

Police Chief Ray O'Neal said the investigation is continuing, but after several nights of extra patrols and questioning of individuals, a tip led to a break in the case.

Since police have narrowed down their investigation to about four or five suspects, there have been no more incidents in the city.

## Ridley represents Crittenden again, at least for now

STAFF REPORT

He did. Suddenly he didn't. Now he does again... at least for the time being.

It looks as if state Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) will once again be speaking for Crittenden County in Frankfort, as well as the rest of the district he was



Ridley

elected to represent two years ago. This comes after a judge's order Tuesday reverting all state legislative districts to the same boundaries used for the last 10 years. On Jan. 20, redistricting legislation — having passed each chambers of the General Assembly along

party lines and signed by the governor — moved Ridley's rural, sprawling six-county district to a tiny segment of urban Lexington. Ridley was one of a handful of minority Democrats in the upper chamber whose representation was uprooted from the areas where they reside through the decennial battle over redistricting after every U.S. Census. But the same thing happened on the other end of the Capitol, with Republicans on the losing end of redrawn House districts. The minority GOP in that chamber took the issue to court, contesting the constitutionality of the plan and making Kentucky one of at least 25 states with pending court cases

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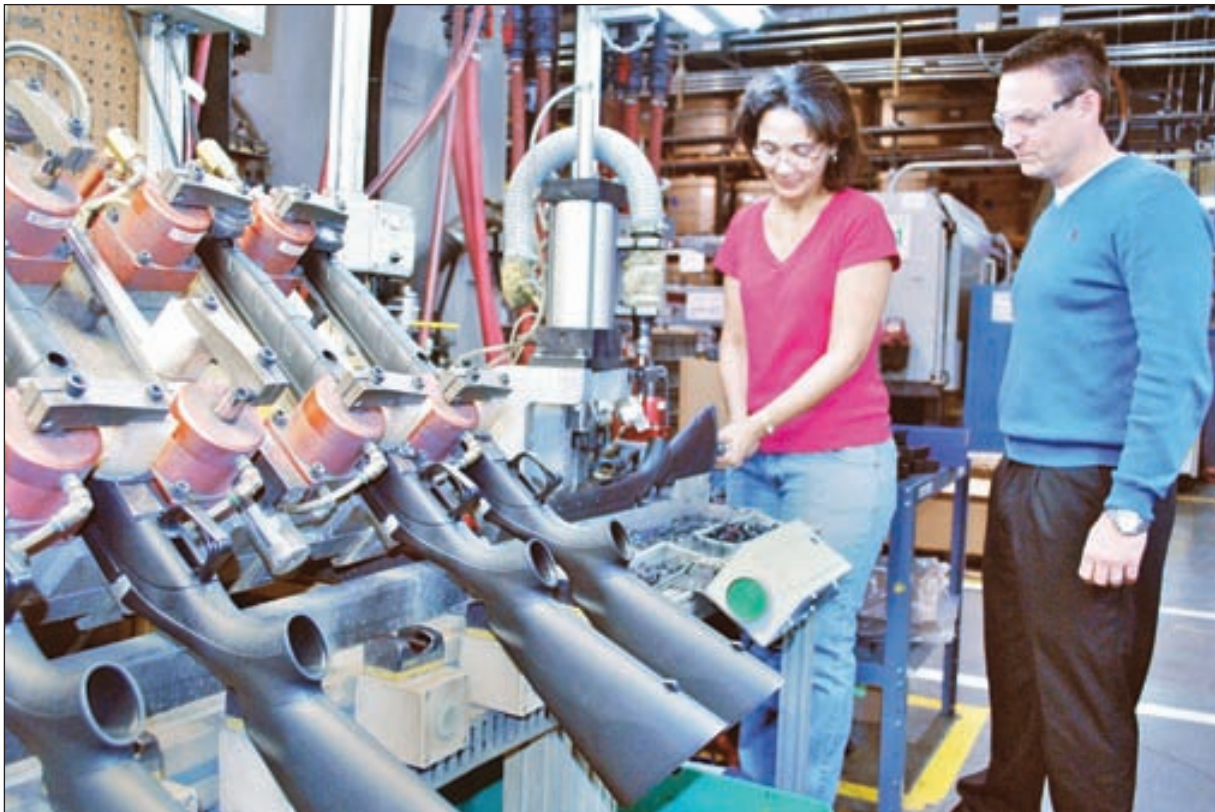


PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

Jennifer Hill, a longtime employee of Par 4 Plastics in Marion, works on a line where gun stocks are being made for Remington's Mayfield plant as Tim Capps, vice president of operations, stops by to observe. While most of Par 4's customers are in the auto-making industry, the local injection molding plant makes parts for gunmakers such as Remington and Marlin and snuff cans for smokeless tobacco.

## Plastics manufacturer weathers recession

By CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR

Par 4 Plastics is growing, but the growth has nothing to do with dirt work passersby are seeing next to the manufacturing facility on Industrial Drive in Marion.

No, the excavating next door is actually for a new county emergency operations center.

Par 4's expansion is less visible to the average resident. However, a 70-percent increase in orders is having dynamic effects on manufacturing at the plastic injection molding company. Par 4 is adding new customers and new products to its production schedule and hiring new employees.

Tim Capps, vice president of operations, says it's a boom his company has been waiting for since the economy began spiraling downward about four years ago.

Keeping costs low and having a strong workforce during the tough period is what has allowed Par 4 to emerge from troubled times as a stronger company, he said.

"There was a time when it was

## On Par4Plastics.com

Par 4 has become a leader in the injection molding industry by providing quality parts, reliable and timely service and competitive prices, serving customers in North America, including suppliers for the world's leading automotive companies.

tough to break even, but we knew this day was coming, and we've been preparing for it. We had hoped it would be sooner, though," Capps said.

Par 4 has added 20 employees to its payroll over the past couple of months, and Capps says it will need another 10 or so in the coming weeks as manufacturing ramps up to meet a growing demand for parts for the automotive industry.

Par 4 is a Tier 2 manufacturer, meaning it sells parts to other companies that are direct suppliers to Toyota, General Motors, Ford and other automakers. The economic crunch caused several Tier 2 com-

panies to fold, which has created opportunities for those that survived.

"Production-wise we're beyond where we were before the downturn," Capps said. "And we're quoting many new jobs right now."

In fact, the company is looking at ways to make room for more lines inside its 50,000-square-foot facility at Industrial Park South.

"We've experienced a 40-percent growth in the last 45 days," Capps said Friday. "We met this morning trying to figure out what we can do out on the floor to make room for what's coming."

Some of the increase in business is through existing customers, but some are brand new purchasers. A Tier 2 plant closed not long ago in Ohio, which created a number of new opportunities for Par 4.

Local economic development leaders applaud the good news and say it may be an indicator of the broader economy taking a turn for

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# Fohs Hall in need of repairs, finances

By DARYL K. TABOR  
MANAGING EDITOR

She's always been the belle of the ball, but as she prepares for her next big dance in just a matter of days, she's feeling a bit run down and in need of a nip here and tuck there.

Fohs Hall, Marion's most iconic landmark for more than 85 years, is showing signs of its age. Aside from a face lift, she's in need of repairs to an

ever-leaking roof and plaster crumbling from the walls. Paint and new stage curtains are in need, and heating and cooling units are on virtual life support. The building has also suffered from an infestation of insects, including bees and destructive termites.

But the still-stately building, constructed in 1926 and given to the people of Crittenden County by F. Julius Fohs for community use, remains

the cultural center of the county. In just nine days, she will host her ninth Fohs Hall Ball, a formal dinner and dance set to the Big Band Era sounds of the Evansville-based Temple Airs.

"It's the premier social event in Marion," said Alan Stout, longtime president of Fohs Hall, Inc.,



Stout

anniversary of the structure's opening. It proved to be such

the organization formed in 1981 for the perpetual preservation of Fohs Hall once it was no longer needed as a school.

The ball is also the biggest fund-raising effort for Fohs Hall, Inc. The first ball was held in 2001 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the structure's opening. It proved to be such

a success, that the tradition has continued almost annually. In fact, in 2010, the elegant affair netted \$8,500 for Fohs Hall, Inc. The previous ball two years earlier brought in \$6,134.

But this year, the building's oversight board is depending on the ball more than ever before. That's because funding from the Fohs Foun-

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EDITORIAL

Trial reiterates shortcomings of courthouse

Crittenden County's courtroom is a time bomb that could go off at any moment. It almost blew two weeks ago when a Central City man was convicted of statutory rape.

Police watched as the defendant clearly was counting the number of officers in the courtroom, as if he was calculating the odds of escape. After the verdict was read, the defendant verbally lashed out at the court, the jury, the victim and the victim's family. It was a display of great contempt and utter disrespect.

Jurors told The Press following the trial that they did indeed feel threatened by the defendant.

Criminal court proceedings are emotionally stressful for everyone involved. It should be made as comfortable as possible for the jury. Unfortunately, jurors in our courtroom cannot be at ease because of the arcane and somewhat dysfunctional layout of the courtroom.

Many counties across the commonwealth have new, modern courthouses. Crittenden is operating in a facility built in 1961. The utilitarian style was popular during that era, but it's greatly outmoded in the 21st century. The courthouse is the fifth one to serve the county and was built at a cost of \$176,000.

Building a courthouse now would certainly cost 10 times the amount paid a half century earlier. In a time when federal, state and local governments are strapped for cash, it's not likely we'll be seeing a new structure at the center of town any time soon.

Hopefully, someone with the Commonwealth of Kentucky will recognize an immediate need for advancing security measures at the Crittenden County Courthouse before something tragic happens.

There is one way in and one way out of our courtroom which handles district, circuit and family matters. Family and friends of defendants and victims share the same tight stairwell and commingle in the hallways. It's a recipe for disaster and has often led to tense moments.

Also, there are no routine means for detecting the presence of weapons that might be brought into the courtroom.

Currently, defendants who are sometimes hostile and indeed dangerous are within fewer than 10 feet from the jury for an entire trial. Defendants can't be cuffed and shackled under normal circumstances, because such practice might prejudice the jury. Defendants and inmates in court for routine proceedings are ushered to and from the courtroom within swinging distance from prosecutors, probation and parole officers and other employees of the court.

A few thousands dollars could change the configuration of the courtroom to make it safer for jurors, prosecutors and others who have dedicated their time to the pursuit of justice. We owe them a measure of safety and a true sense of security. After all, the jury should feel entirely free to render an appropriate verdict based upon testimony and evidence, and without fear of doing so.

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Redistricting dominates Frankfort

This is one of those times when it is more difficult than usual to write an article at the end of a week knowing it will not be read until the middle of the following week. At this writing, the House Republican leadership and one Senate Democrat's court challenge to the passed and signed redistricting bill is the dominate issue. Although the biennial budget we must pass this session, with its many facets permeating all of state government, is always on our minds.

Because of this court challenge, the Jan. 31 candidate filing deadline was extended for a week, and by now those keeping up with this issue may know the outcome of the court challenge. If the court rules, as some expect, the plan unconstitutional because too many counties were split, the General Assembly will likely appeal the ruling. As happened in the wake of redistricting in the early 1990s, it could be a year or more before a final answer from Kentucky's Supreme Court is handed down.

Meantime, it is probable those candidates who have filed to run in the new districts will be recognized and those elections allowed to proceed. If in the final court decision requires new districts to be drawn, they might not take effect until the next election cycle in 2014. In any case, if redrawing boundaries becomes necessary, every effort will be made to keep as close to current lines as possible.

Though there is nothing to announce at this time, some movement has occurred in the congressional redistricting arena and parliamentary steps were taken late last week to have in place procedures for quick action.

One legislative issue that seems to have been slowed

by the redistricting controversy is the question of expanded gaming (if you are in favor) or expanded gambling (if you are opposed) being put on the ballot for a vote as a constitutional issue. We in the House are waiting for the Senate to act, and if they do not, I am confident the House will not address the issue.

Among other matters of interest and debate last week was the use of cleaning products in our schools. The goal here is to find ways to limit the exposure children may have with the sometimes harsh chemicals used to keep a school clean. This bill would have the state's department of education help promote other cleaning supplies that are just as effective, but less toxic.

Children were also the focus of an official report that came to light last week by a legislative task force created in 2011 to study childhood obesity. It found that Kentucky is tied with Mississippi for the highest percentage of high school students classified as obese, with the rate nearly one in five. We are tied for eighth with two other states when it comes to obesity among low-income children between ages of two and four.

This trend, not surprisingly, has a long-term effect on the lives of these children as they mature and the state's pocketbook as well. According to the report, Kentucky spends more than \$1.2 billion annually on obesity-related medical conditions.

Frankfort: Staying in touch

The Kentucky Legislature Home Page, [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov), provides information on each of the Commonwealth's senators and representatives, including phone numbers, addressees and committee assignments. The site also provides a bill tracking service and committee meeting schedules.

By going to theeNews page, [ww.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/listerv.htm](http://ww.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/listerv.htm), you can subscribe to frequent e-mail updates on what's happening at the Capitol. In addition, the General Assembly has its own blog, Capitol Notes, [www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/capitol\\_notes.htm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/capitol_notes.htm), that will allow you to receive legislative updates at your leisure.

You can also stay in touch with General Assembly action in the following ways:

- A taped message containing information on legislative committee meetings is updated daily at 1-800-633-9650.
- To check the status of a bill, you may call the toll-free Bill Status Line at 1-866-840-2835.
- To leave a message for any legislator, call the General Assembly's toll-free Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. People with hearing difficulties may leave messages for lawmakers by calling the TTY Message Line at 1-800-896-0305.
- You may write any legislator by sending a letter with the lawmaker's name to: Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601.
- You can e-mail Sen. Dorsey Ridley directly at [dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov).
- You can e-mail Rep. Mike Cherry directly at [mike.cherry@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:mike.cherry@lrc.ky.gov).

On the positive side, some notable strides are being made in our schools. The state regularly gets high marks for its food services, and we are seeing such things as the Kentucky Farm to School program — found in more than 1,200 schools across the state — put locally-grown products onto our children's plates.

While we wait to see what legislation will move forward as a result of this report, the House did vote unanimously Jan. 31 for a bill designed to keep our state government workforce healthy. Under this plan, the personnel cabinet would establish a pilot program that would lay out incentives for qualified employees who take concrete steps to improve their health. A study would be done in coordination to see how effective

this is over the long term.

Finally, for this writing, the full House approved energy legislation that will help Kentucky retain its role as a national leader in state incentives for alternative and renewable energy. By expanding state incentives to Kentucky facilities that manufacture components used to build energy technologies, proponents say House Bill 246 would help the commonwealth continue to grow jobs and its overall economy. The bill passed the House by a vote of 94-0 and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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

‘Uncle Bill’ epitomized what a man should be

I've never really had a hero, one above all others to idealize or emulate. Sure, there have been sports idols, political icons, entertainers and personal acquaintances who have earned my admiration and respect, but I've just never found the need to single out one person as hero. I suspect there are others out there who feel the same.

But for those seeking a hero, Bill Farmer might be a good place to start. Uncle or not, he was certainly one to merit my respect and admiration. As his grandson, Heath Farmer, reminded us all Monday while delivering a beautiful eulogy of which his Papaw would have boasted endlessly to others, Bill Farmer embodied the following scripture as if it were passed along by the Apostle Paul as a guidepost before Bill began his life's journey 98 years ago:

*Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.*  
— 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

Uncle Bill lived the life of the preceding verse, save a courtly argument or two over politics and a steady reliance on his wife with whom he walked hand-in-hand before he passed on to reap his heavenly rewards Feb. 2 — coincidentally, just three days beyond his 77th anniversary with the woman I call Aunt

Birdie (Teer).

Monday's funeral service was the best celebration of one's life you could ever hope for in this world. There was nary a dry eye nor a single person who did not at least crack a smile at the stories we remember of Bill Farmer.

The tears, they were for our own selfish reasons, certainly not for Bill Farmer. He lived the full life to which all men should aspire and eagerly awaited meeting his maker when the time grew near. The laughter, too, was for us, a sign of the hoards of personal memories the man left behind as testament to a life well-lived.

Uncle Bill was, without doubt, the most tireless worker you could imagine. After years of back-breaking duty in the mines, he was not content to stop at retirement. His projects, particularly his neatly-tended garden, were his pride. And at 96, following the massive ice storm of 2009 that left he and his wife held captive in an uncomfortable shelter, Uncle Bill bought and installed his own generator at their modest home. That was his spirit of independence, never again looking to rely on

others to provide comfort for he and his wife when nature wickedly strikes.

As for the quiet life Paul wrote of, Uncle Bill obliged with a couple of caveats — religion and politics.

He was firm in his convictions formed throughout life, and particularly vocal about his politics. He steadfastly walked on the right — or conservative — side of the fence. He never straddled it, and certainly never came close to stepping over to the other side. In fact, I fondly suggested that if he ever cast a ballot for a Democrat, he took that tidbit to the grave.

As the elder statesman of the Teer family get-togethers centered around his mother-in-law — my maternal grandmother, Gussie Teer — before her passing or afterward at family Labor Day and Christmas gatherings, Uncle Bill was treated as such. He didn't draw attention to himself nor do much meandering about to command the stage. But a few would tug at the tiger's tail just to hear it roar.

Probably 20 years or more ago, Bill drove up with Birdie to meet the family in his new car. It was nothing fancy, and he certainly wasn't intending to show it off. But my uncle Forest Teer, almost 20 years Bill's junior, lit a fire when he fun-lovingly suggested to his longtime brother-in-law, "Bill, I guess that'll be the last new car you ever get, huh?"

Years and a couple of trade-ins later, Bill remained

FAMILY PHOTO  
**If a picture is worth a thousand words, then this one speaks volumes. It was a familiar sight around family functions, Bill Farmer — in one of his ever-present caps — holding court.**

sharp, firing back in his casual manner after Forest drove up in his own new ride: "So, I guess that's the last new vehicle you'll ever own."

That was classic Uncle Bill, always finding a way to set things right. But for all Bill Farmer was, he was nothing without Birdie — the perfect complement to his nature and work ethic. They certainly didn't see eye-to-eye on all, but they made it work together through all the trials and tribulations from 1935 until Bill was called home.

I guess if couples can be considered a hero, maybe it's time I consider having one.

*(Tabor is the managing editor of The Press. His column appears regularly in this newspaper. He can be reached at 965-3191 or at [thecrittendenpress@att.net](mailto:thecrittendenpress@att.net).)*

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involving redistricting.

On Tuesday, Franklin Circuit Court Judge Phillip Shepherd entered a temporary injunction keeping the secretary of state's office from implementing the state legislative districts enacted with the stroke of Gov. Steve Beshear's pen in January. Judge Shepherd ordered that 2012 elections for state senator and representative be conducted according to the boundaries that were in effect immediately prior to enactment of House Bill (HB) 1, the redistricting measure.

Sen. Ridley said Tuesday evening it's still unclear ex-

actly what might happen as the judiciary and legislative branches sort through the issue. However, he believes the judge's ruling this week will put him back into the traditional Senate District 4 — Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Union, Webster and Henderson counties — that he calls home.

HB 1 pulled his district in three directions, giving Crittenden, Caldwell and Union counties to Sen. Joey Pendleton (D-Hopkinsville), Livingston County to Sen. Ken Winters (R-Murray) and Webster and Henderson counties to Sen. Jerry Rhoads (D-Madisonville). Ridley was left representing a portion of Lexington 200 miles east of his Henderson home.

In the shuffle, House District 4 was left largely intact, with Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties remaining. Former McCracken County precincts were traded in favor of a portion of Trigg County that included Cadiz. It, too will go back to its old shape, including eastern McCracken County.

Ridley said 15 Senate Democrats have proposed a redistricting plan for their chamber that appears to meet constitutional standards. If it were to eventually be implemented, Ridley's district would stay largely the same as it's been for years, other than shifting eastward, trading Livingston for McLean County.

Ridley believes there is a chance the House may delay

further action on redistricting until next year. In that case, the Senate would be unable to move on an amended plan and Ridley would continue serving the counties from which was elected to a four-year term in 2010.

With the court's decision Tuesday, the filing deadline for state legislators is now Friday, which gives legislative leaders time to decide whether to appeal to the Kentucky Supreme Court. At press time Wednesday, no such decision had been made.

Buckmaster

Hatchett

the U.S. House of Representatives passed Tuesday, leaving it unclear at the time if a new deadline would be set.

Regardless, Democrats in Crittenden County will have at least one contested position on the May 22 ballot.

Charles Hatchett of Benton filed last week to run for the First Congressional District seat representing western

Kentucky. He will face James Buckmaster of Henderson in the Democratic primary. The winner will contend with GOP incumbent Ed Whitfield of Hopkinsville who will be seeking his 10th term in Congress.

Buckmaster, a doctor, is medical director of Tri-State Skin Care in Henderson. Hatchett has been a banker, construction worker and auctioneer and now works on a temporary basis for the City of Calvert City. Hatchett ran against Whitfield in the 2010 congressional election.

Republicans on the ballot in Crittenden County will be for circuit clerk — Melissa Guill and Vanda Hunt Adamson — and for President — Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum.



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the better.

"This is great news, especially because of the trickle down effect in our local economy," said Terry Bunnell, chairman of the Crittenden County Economic Development Corp.

Economists estimate that every wage dollar in the manufacturing sector has a multiplier affect of about eight in the community where that particular dollar is earned.

"This excites everyone in the community because adding jobs and new contracts can also be a leading indicator to an improving economy," Bunnell added. "Another thing it says is that (Par 4) is built on a solid foundation. The company has a good name and a strong workforce which creates demand for its products."

Par 4 was incorporated in 1990, and grew steadily into a \$10 million company until automakers clutched production during the recession late last decade. The March 2011 tsunami in Japan greatly affected Toyota's production, which also created a temporary setback for Par 4 in its wake.

Thanks to the latest spike in demand, Par 4 hopes to increase its overall sales to around \$17 million by year's end.

At its peak, Par 4 employed about 155 workers. By mid-2012, it will be back to around 130. Capps says robotics, automation and other efficiencies have allowed the company to boost production with a smaller workforce. It is currently running three shifts, five days a week. About 50 people work the day shift and about 30 apiece on second and third shifts. The company is currently stamping out about 2,000 different parts.

"Our team is working overtime to meet the current demands of our customers," Capps said. "Our growth is due to new business and transfer business from new and existing customers. Many plastic companies have gone out of business which is unfortunate; however, companies that survived the tough economic conditions should grow in 2012 and beyond."

Capps credits the company's employees for helping it survive economic hardships over the past few years.

Par 4 will add a few hourly jobs and some salaried positions as it continues to grow early this year.



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent stands alongside one of his department's three new patrol vehicles obtained through a federal grant. The grant allowed the county to purchase two 2012 Dodge Durangos like Agent's above and a 2012 Dodge Ram pickup to replace an aging fleet of cruisers. All the new vehicles are black with similar markings.

Grant allows sheriff three new cruisers

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department has never been more efficient or stylish, at least as far as its fleet of patrol vehicles goes.

Sheriff Wayne Agent and his deputies are now cruising their beats in three new patrol units courtesy of a federal grant. Two 2012 Dodge Durangos and a 2012 Dodge Ram pickup replace an aging fleet, each with an odometer reading near or exceeding 100,000 miles.

"We had a lot of miles on the other vehicles," Agent said.

Not only are the sleek, black vehicles aesthetically pleasing, they are also taxpayer-friendly. The Durangos get about 24

mpg as compared to Agent's former cruiser, a Ford Explorer that managed only 14 mpg on a good day.

"They are 110 percent better," Agent said of his new Durangos. "They are totally different."

Agent said the Durangos are not only more fuel efficient, but they are a more comfortable ride with all-wheel-drive. The new pickup is a four-wheel drive and comes in handy for hauling evidence or recovered property, the sheriff said.

The new fleet is courtesy of a \$90,000 federal Delta Regional Authority matching grant. The county pitched in only \$9,000 to acquire the three new vehicles, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said.

"It's nice we could get some federal money to come back to the county for this," Agent said.

The grant application was started under previous Judge-Executive Fred Brown.

Agent will drive one of the Durangos, while Deputy Don Perry has been issued the other. Deputy Greg Rushing will be assigned the Dodge pickup.

The department's old Dodge Ram pickup will be assigned to new county Emergency Management Agency Director David Travis for official business. Part-time deputy Ray Agent will use his brother Wayne's old Explorer.

Marion Police December activity

Marion Police Department reports monthly activity courtesy of Police Chief Ray O'Neal. Below, January 2012 activity is compared to the previous month.

CATEGORY	DECEMBER '11	JANUARY '12
Miles Patrolled/ Driven .....	2,253	2,596
Criminal Investigations.....	17	28
Domestics .....	7	8
Felony Arrests .....	1	4
Misdemeanor Arrests.....	5	7
Non-Criminal Arrests.....	2	4
DUI Arrests .....	1	0
Criminal Summons .....	0	0
Citations.....	35	20
Traffic Warnings .....	22	15
Parking Tickets.....	0	0
Traffic Accidents .....	7	4
Safety Checks/Alarms .....	56	65
Calls for Service/Complaints .....	258	275

Father, son located, jailed on felony theft charges

STAFF REPORT

Father and son David Bauer, 48, and Joe Bauer, 24, were arrested by Livingston County authorities early in the evening Jan. 30 at a home near Lola.

Both subjects were sought by police since Jan. 2, when the Bauers were suspected of stealing a large spool of copper wire valued at \$2,500 from Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel near Salem.

The Bauer's are also suspected of stealing approximately 1,100 feet of copper wire from Cook Farms near Salem as well as causing a great deal of damage to Cook Farms property while attempting to remove the wire from a large irrigation system.

The Bauers were located due to an anonymous tip to

Prisoner count

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

CLASSIFICATION	MALE	FEMALE
Federal	0	0
State	94	10
County	12	3
Other	3	0
Gender total	109	13
Total population:	122	

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

the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. The Bauers were taken into custody without incident by the sheriff's department and Kentucky State Police and lodged in the McCracken County Jail.



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# From the heart

## Love at first sight

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN  
PRESS REPORTER

Elizabeth Odom Floyd was the girl next door. She was an honor student who was proud of her 3.53 GPA and generally an overall “good girl.” She was, after all, the daughter of a preacher. So when she first met Stephen, the odds were working in their favor.

Only 17 when she first met him, Floyd said he was known as the bad boy.

“He was the type who smoked in the boys bathroom and was just known as the bad boy because of who he hung out with,” Floyd said. “He set the typing room ceiling on fire and was always getting into trouble. He was the exact polar opposite of me.”

Floyd’s house at that time was the central hang out for kids their age, as well as for then 19-year-old Stephen. When he showed up one night at her house, Floyd knew that there was just something about him.

“He was a friend of my sister’s and he just showed up at my house,” Floyd said. “We started talking and that’s when I knew he was mine. He was there, he was mine and that’s the way it was going to be. It’s hard to explain the feelings you have when you just know when someone is the person that you’re going to be with for the rest of your life. I had never met the boy before in my life. I was the nerdy girl that hung out with the good crowd but somehow, I just knew he was the one.”

Despite their differences and their opposite personalities, the two found something in one another that brought balance to their dispositions.

“We definitely balance each other out. We’re still the same way that we were all those years ago,” Floyd said. “Just now, we have a bond that is stronger because of who we are and how we help one another.”

After that first night of meeting Stephen the two started dating and Stephen’s hardshell exterior began to crack just a little.

“Every time we went out on a date, he would always make sure to get me a rose,” Floyd said. “But, he made sure that it was a rose in a color that I hadn’t received already. He could al-



PHOTOS PROVIDED  
**Stephen and Elizabeth Floyd met when Elizabeth was just 17 years old. Two years after graduating high school, she married him, and 17 years later, their marriage is still going strong. To the right is one of the hand-written notes that she finds from Stephen, written out of the blue, brightening her day.**

ways find a color that he hadn’t already bought me.”

Floyd’s early prediction came true and in 1995, just two years after she graduated high school, the couple exchanged wedding vows. Three years later, they welcomed their son, Blake, into the world.

“We needed one another,” Floyd said. “We have this balance with us being such opposites. He’s truly an amazing person.”

Married now for 17 years,

said with a laugh. “Not everyone is going to do something the same way as you and that can lead to small arguments here and there.”

And even when a major argument blows up, Floyd said it’s helped them become closer not only as a couple but as stronger parents for their son.

“We’ve been through a lot but at the end of the day, we are still there for one another,” Floyd said. “Marriage isn’t easy, by any means. You have to work at it and in the end, it becomes more worthwhile because you both have put so much effort into it. It’s a two-way street that requires both partners to put forth something into the relationship. If it’s really meant to be, then the relationship is worth working for.”

Aside from buying flowers for Floyd, Stephen also has a knack for leaving sweet hand-written notes for her when she gets to work. She discovered one note taped to her desk after he had been waiting for her.

“I think guys misunderstand what we girls really want sometimes,” Floyd said. “It’s not about the flowers, the candy or even the jewelry. It’s the thought of doing something different. It

doesn’t even have to cost anything or be for a certain day like Valentine’s Day. It’s the ‘just because’ reasons that girls really appreciate. Finding those notes really helps to brighten my day.”

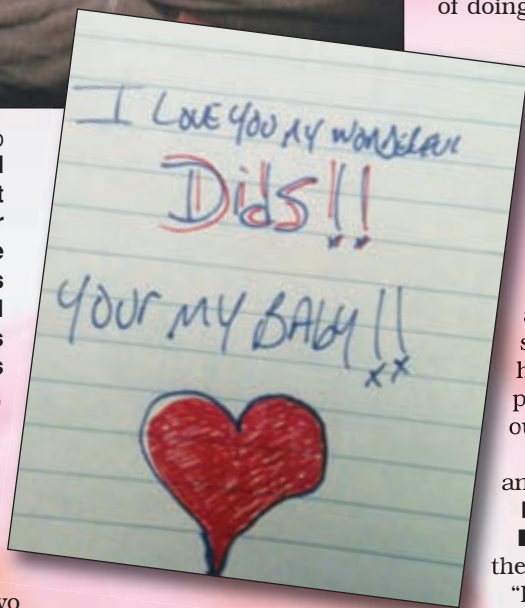
Taking her experience and the strong relationship she has with her husband, Floyd has a few pointers for other couples out there.

■ Pay attention to one another.

■ Help one another.

■ Do something out of the blue for one another.

“Probably what’s helped us the most in our relationship was that we paid attention to one another,” Floyd said. “That’s important because when you show that you’re paying attention, it makes the other person feel like they matter. I love Stephen with all my heart and I couldn’t imagine my life without him.”



Floyd admits that through the years, it hasn’t always been easy. As all marriages do, they’ve had to learn that even though they do bring a balance to one another, they’re still individual people who have their own way of doing things.

“You never know someone until you live with them,” Floyd

## A diamond ring filled with history

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN  
PRESS REPORTER

I wish that I could say that when my husband of two years proposed to me, it was the most romantic, love-filled proposal. Actually, it was instead a clumsy one, as his hands shook with pure nervousness.

Just one day before Valentine’s Day, the husband, just a boyfriend at that time, pulled into the parking lot of my apartment. We had a movie date that night with another couple so I was expecting him but was absolutely thrown off guard when he barged through the door (quite literally), dropped to a knee and with hands shaking, opened an envelope and pulled a ring out.

“Will you be my wife?” Even his voice was shaking. Of course, I said yes. We had only been together for six years but the thought that followed was one that could have been written in a comedic sketch. In all of his nervousness and with a ring, he couldn’t wait one more day to propose to me on Valentine’s Day. No, instead he proposed to me on Friday the 13th - which happened to be the movie that we were going to see.

I gave him a hard time about it, lovingly, and he admits that it was the sheer nerves of asking me to marry him that had him ready to do it that day.

“I couldn’t wait. I just wanted to put that ring on your finger,” he had said that night at dinner.

But even though I give him a hard time about proposing to me on a day known for its negative stigma, I know deep down that it was meant to happen that way. Especially with a ring that is more than 60 years old. The husband had proposed to me with the same ring his grandfather had given to his wife all those years ago.

Every so often, I find myself twisting my little ring around and around. When I look down at it, I can just feel the years of love that it harbors. The husband’s grandfather, Jeff Threlkeld, was 26 years old when he married his wife, Martha, known to friends as Peavy. Both from Tolu, Peavy was only 15 when she married Jeff, exchanging simple wedding bands. Not long after, Jeff was stationed in New York City, awaiting orders to be shipped to North Africa during World War II. While in New York, Jeff found a diamond ring that he knew he wanted his wife to have. It wasn’t much – a simple diamond set in a square casing on a band – but it was more than just the plain band she already wore. So, he bought it for \$19.95.

Yes, a \$20 ring. These days, diamond rings can go for thousands and thousands of dollars but in that time period, everything was different. After his purchase, Jeff had it shipped back home to his wife. The day before his deployment, Jeff pulled 24-hour guard duty which ultimately caused him to get pneumonia, landing him in the infirmary. The medicine that was given to him to treat the illness weakened his eyesight and not long after that he was medically discharged from the Army. He arrived home in Kentucky before his ring did.

Jeff and Peavy were married for 36 years before he passed away in 1977. Peavy told her daughter that she wanted whichever grandson was to get married first to have the ring if he wanted it.

When I talked to my mother-in-law to make sure I had the story right, I teared up a little bit. It means so much to me to have such a sentimental family heirloom on my finger and even more to be a part of such an amazing family with a strong bond. Before getting married, I used to think I wanted that huge diamond ring that required a second mortgage to pay for it, but once this ring was placed on my finger, I realized that the size doesn’t matter. It’s what it means to you that matters. To be able to carry on that legacy of such a strong love means more to me than any diamond ever could. Proudly, I wear my \$20 ring and hope that one day, the husband and I can too, pass it on to our child for that special moment. I just hope they don’t take a note from my husband and propose on an awkward day like Friday the 13th.

## To my Valentine...



Love my girls Kay and Tazz.  
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Happy Valentine’s Day Daddy!  
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Kasyn and Kendyl, we’re sending hugs and kisses your way to wish you a Happy Valentine’s Day. We love you! Pappa, Granny, Mom, Dad, Meme and Pa







# Food ministry thanks partners

Submitted by Robbie Kirk

The Hand Up Food Ministry at Life In Christ Church has just completed its first full year in operation and had a dinner Saturday to thank each partner who has supported the ministry with cattle donations as well as monetary donations.

In the first year, the ministry was able to process 19 cows and two hogs thanks to the generosity of farmers in the local area. Over 6,000 pounds of ground hamburger has been made available to at risk senior citizens who have to make decisions daily about whether to buy groceries or medicine.

The Hand Up Food Ministry has partnered with 50 individual farmers from Crittenden, Livingston and Union counties. These farmers have agreed to donate cull cows or bulls to the food ministry whenever they have one. The animal is sent to the butcher, where it is processed into one-pound packages of hamburger.

The ministry has numerous people who do not raise cattle or hogs who help with monetary donations that help pay for processing and purchasing food that is placed in the food boxes. The ministry ended the year with only a vary small deficit was paid by Life In Christ Church.



PHOTO BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN  
**Nina and Van Hunt (pictured above) are served by Tanya Hill during the the Hand Up Ministry's partnership banquet.**

The ministry has provided the entire amount of hamburger used for the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center, Livingston County Senior Citizens Center, Union County/Sturgis Rest Home, Livingston County's Cumberland Homes, as well as Life In Christ Church handing out an

average of 120 food boxes per month to at risk seniors in the community.

The Hand Up Ministry has also partnered with businesses such as Food Giant and Conrad's Grocery stores, CVS Pharmacy in Marion and Tyson Foods in Robards. All of these businesses have donated

to the ministry during the first year.

A garden has been established at Life In Christ, named "Victory Garden" at the church. The proceeds from the garden were taken to both the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center and the Livingston County Senior Citizens Center. This year the ministry has partnered with the City of Marion and will be leasing a city-owned lot where four gardens will be raising produce.

Four churches will come together and each church will raise a single vegetable in their respective garden. The four churches will tend the gardens and harvest the gardens together and will give the proceeds of the gardens to the senior citizens facilities as well as having one or two days per week that the community as a whole can come and take from the garden for free. This will bring unity to churches and show that together we can accomplish more than we can individually.

The Hand Up Ministry is always looking for partners to help the ministry grow. If interested in donating livestock or giving a monetary donation, please call Robbie Kirk at 704-0788.

# Did you know that Cupid had a twin?

What you are about to read is fiction. The "happenings" never happened. However, there is truth here. See if you can find it.

Surely, you know of the angel Cupid, but you may not have heard of Cupid's twin, Cuddle. Cupid's task is to arrange relationships; Cuddle's work is to maintain them.

As you might expect, Cuddle's assignment is more difficult and less festive. Thus, Cuddle seizes every amorous opportunity. Valentine's Day is among Cuddle's favorite events. I have explained before angels can be cunning, and Cuddle is no exception. Let me bare some of his blessed behavior.

Sadie considered herself a golf widow. Her husband took every available opportunity to play golf. He regularly left her fuming at home while he found some excuse to visit the links. Cuddle arranged for her husband to have Valentine's Day free. At first, Sadie was livid.

Dr. H. Wade Paris

Shepherd Calls

Guest columnist

"He'll play golf all day," she fumed. Then, Cuddle put a thought in her head. "What if I presented him with a paid green fee for the day complete with a golf cart? It would be my Valentine gift to him."

While making the arrangements, another thought came (oh, that cunning Cuddle). "I could drive the cart. I can't play; but I could just drive the cart, and we would be together." And so, it happened. Sadie drove while he played 36 holes. When he gratefully offered dinner that evening, she was too pooped to party.

Cuddle can work with either gender. Rock, an insensitive husband, worked hard.

When he went home, all he wanted to do was rest. Most nights after dinner, he crashed in front of the television and "rested." His wife recalled they used to go places and do things. Back then, he was creative with date planning.

A colleague offered Rock dinner tickets at half-price. Always lured by a bargain, he accepted the offer but cringed when he learned half-price was \$100. "What kind of restaurant is this?" he snorted. "\$100 a plate!" His wife was ecstatic. She was all

decked out when he got home. She had even laid out his clothes. Imagine his surprise when he discovered it was a dinner theater, which explained the expensive tickets. Then, a further surprise – he enjoyed the performance.

In the car on the way home, Rock's wife committed an illegal act. She unbuckled her seat belt and "cuddled" up to him. Hugging him tightly, she whispered, "Thank you. That was a great Valentine present."

"Valentine?"

## Church notes

■ Marion Baptist Church will have a bake sale from 3:30-5 p.m., Feb. 17 and a car wash from 12:30-3 p.m., Feb. 18. Proceeds will support the girls attending the Revolve conference in March.

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

■ Marion Baptist Church will have AWANA for children ages three through fifth grade at 5:45 p.m., Sunday night. Also offered Sunday nights are a financial peace class at 6 p.m., and many other Bible study classes that begin at 6:30 p.m., including Tae-Bo, a faith-based exercise class.

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The Press **OBITUARIES**

**Boone, 101**

James Thomas Boone was born in Crittenden County on Jan. 6, 1911. He departed this life Feb. 2, 2012, at the age of 101.

He was the second child of William Orville Boone and Lola Mattie Blackburn Boone. He had four brothers, Burgess, William, Dan and George, as well as three sisters, Gola, Edith and Rebecca.



Boone

He married Mary Tennie Belt on May 3, 1930. They had four children, Marion Edward, Herbert James, Nina Mae and Karen Sue Boone. They were also blessed with 17 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren, and four step-great-great-grandchildren. James and Mary were married 74 and a half years before she departed this life on Nov. 15, 2004.

As a boy, Boone professed faith in Christ as his personal Savior. He joined Piney Creek Baptist Church and in adulthood was ordained by the church to be a Baptist minister. As well as pastoring churches in Crittenden and Lyon counties, he worked as an electrician and plumber in Crittenden and surrounding counties.

He is survived by one son, Bud and wife Dot Boone; one daughter, Karen and husband Eddie Wheeler; one daughter-in-law, Sue Boone; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and four step-great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several nephews, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Lola Boone; his wife Mary; one son, Marion Boone; one daughter, Nina Woodall; four brothers, Burgess, Bill, Dan and George Boone; three sisters, Gola Bowser, Edith Cannon and Becky Wilson; two grandsons, Richard and Stanley Woodall; and one great-grandchild, Haylee Boone.

His surviving family is saddened and is mourning his going home. He will be greatly missed, but we know he has gone to be with his Savior and is having a wonderful reunion with all the family that preceded him in death. It is a blessing to know that he is through with the burdens of this life and is at peace and rest.

Funeral services were Sunday in the chapel of Gilbert Funeral Home with Rev. Russ Davidson, Rev. Dennis Winn and Rev. Tim Burdon officiating. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to The Gideons International or your favorite charity.

*(Editor's note: Extended obituaries require a nominal fee. Ask your funeral director about placing fee-based obituaries.)*

**Martin**

James Kenneth Martin, 68, of Eddyville died Monday, Feb. 6, 2012.

He is survived by four sons, James Martin of Eddyville, David Martin of Marion, Ken Martin of Paducah and Joe Martin of Fredonia; one brother, Gary Martin of Paducah; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vernice Martin; his parents, Simien and Maxine Croft Martin; and one brother, Dexter Martin.

There will be no services. Condolences may also be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

**Traffic fatalities outpacing 2011**

Kentucky State Police each week report year-to-date traffic fatalities across the commonwealth. Twelve people died in 12 separate crashes from Jan. 30, through Sunday. Below, the number of deaths through Sunday are represented alongside the difference from the same period in 2011.

2012 DEATHS	CHANGE FROM 2011	ALCOHOL RELATED
Deaths .....63	.....+12	.....9
MODE	DEATHS	NO SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Automobile .....	57	.....31
Motorcycle .....	1	.....0
Pedestrian .....	4	.....n/a
ATV .....	1	.....1
Bicycle .....	0	.....n/a
Scooter .....	0	.....n/a
Horse-drawn .....	0	.....n/a

**Guthrie**

Lahrie J. Guthrie, 71, of Henderson died Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, at VNA Charlier Hospice Center in Evansville.



He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Henderson and U.S. Army veteran. He was a graduate of Perdue University School of Pharmacy and a registered pharmacist at Rite-Aide Pharmacy in Morganfield.

Guthrie is survived by his wife of 25 years, Anita Guthrie of Henderson; two daughters, Kaye Bippus of Mt. Vernon, Ind., and DeAnne and husband John of Cincinnati; one brother, John and wife Pam Guthrie of Evansville; one sister, Carol and husband Keith Fitch of Henderson; four grandchildren, Nina and Renee Bippus of Mt. Vernon and Noah and Eli Lind of Cincinnati.; three nieces; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stuart and Beulah Guthrie.

A private service will be held at a later date. Benton-Glunt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to VNA Visiting Nurse Association Charlier Hospice Center, Henderson Humane Society or Vanderburg Humane Society.

Online condolences may be left at [www.bentonglunt.com](http://www.bentonglunt.com).

**Vaughan**

Virginia Isabelle Vaughan, 97, of Marion died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012, at Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a retired employee of Crittenden Health Systems and a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Vaughan is survived by two sons, Phillip and wife Margaret Ann Vaughan of Henderson and Michael and wife Bettye Vaughan Marion; one daughter, Nancy and husband Lee Churchill of Fenton, Mich.; one sister, Frances Maginn of Upland, Calif.; one, daughter-in-law, Joni Vaughan; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Mabel Davidson Phillips; her husband, George Vaughan; one son, Keith Vaughan; and two brothers, Bobby and Brownie Phillips.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Friday at Myers Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Jones officiating. Burial will follow at the Mapleview Cemetery.

Visitation is at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m., today (Thursday) and beginning at 10 a.m., until the time of the funeral service on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to either The Marion Baptist Family Life Center, 131 E. Depot Street, Marion, KY 42064 or Kentucky Diabetes Network, P.O. Box 4245, Frankfort, KY 40604.

**Archived obituaries**

Find recent and archived obituaries at The Press Online, [www.the-press.com](http://www.the-press.com). Obituaries date back to 1999.

**Farmer**

William O. "Bill" Farmer, 98, of Henderson, formerly of Marion, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, at St. Anthony Care Center in Henderson.

He was a member of Marion First Presbyterian Church, Frances Masonic Lodge No. 580 and was a Shriner. Farmer worked as a miner in the fluorspar industry before retiring from the coal mines.

Farmer is survived by his wife of 77 years, Birdie Farmer of Henderson, formerly of Marion; three sons, Maurice D. Farmer of Sturgis and Steve and Mike Farmer, both of Henderson; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Florence Farmer; three sisters; and one brother.

Services were Monday at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Mapleview Cemetery. Masonic rites were delivered Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: St. Anthony Hospice, 2410 S. Green St., Henderson, KY 42420.

**Claridge**

Ruby Underdown Claridge, 94, of Evansville died Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital.

Born in Marion, she was a member of Northeast Park Baptist Church and Covert Avenue Baptist Church, both in Evansville.

Claridge is survived by two daughters, Barbara Claridge and Doris and husband Tim Nalin, all of Evansville; three grandchildren, William Nalin, Mary Beth Nalin and Katie Blair; two great-grandchildren, Briley Nalin and Madelyn Blair; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Eugene Claridge; her husband of 57 years, Walter Claridge; and her parents, Henry and Viola Belt Underdown.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., today (Thursday) at Boone Funeral Home East Chapel in Evansville with Pastor Ken Raymes officiating. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m., today at Dunn Springs Cemetery in Marion.

Visitation is from 9 a.m., until the time of service today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vanderburgh County Humane Society, P.O. Box 6711, Evansville, IN 47719.

Online condolences may be made at [boonefuneral-home.net](http://boonefuneral-home.net).

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**Spring burn ban starts Wednesday**

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's spring forest fire hazard season begins Wednesday and runs through April 30. During forest fire seasons, it is illegal to burn anything between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland. As per state law, the Kentucky Division of Forestry is responsible for enforcing forest fire hazard seasons. Violations can be punishable by fines, jail time or both.

Additionally, inside the City of Marion it is not legal to burn trash of any kind, and burning of foliage should be reported to city officials before beginning.

**Senators pass buggy provision**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amish men from across Kentucky arrived at the Capitol Tuesday to watch the Senate approve a bill that would allow them to use reflective tape on their horse-drawn buggies rather than bright orange triangular signs that some object to on religious grounds. The local order of Amish do not object to the safety triangles.

The measure passed 38-0 and now goes to the House for consideration.

Crittenden County native Sen. Ken Winters (R-Murray) sponsored the bill that allows the drab Amish buggies to be outlined with gray or silver reflective tape that makes them shine brilliantly in the dark when they reflect car lights. Winters said tests have proven that the reflective tape makes the buggies visible up to 1,000 feet away.

**What's bugging you?**

**By Jill Croft**  
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse  
**Crittenden Health Systems**

**What's bugging us in the county this week...**

Fortunately, nothing really new is bugging us this week. We have continued to see a lot of weather-related allergy symptoms, sinusitis, bronchitis and gastroenteritis. Hopefully, everyone's flu vaccination and continued hand hygiene will continue to keep us well.

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# Freezin' for a reason

By **JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN**  
PRESS REPORTER

More than 500 willing participants showed up for the third annual Western Kentucky Polar Plunge Saturday. Despite the mildly warm temperature, participants jumped into chilly Kentucky Lake to show their effort in raising funds for Special Olympics.

Around 23 people from Crittenden County made up the Chilly Willies team, which was comprised of teachers from the Crittenden County Elementary School as well as a few other locals, and had a combination of both jumpers and chicken jumpers (those who raised money but did not jump). On the day of the event, the final total that the team raised was \$5,275, surpassing the goal that Karen Nasserri, team captain of the Chilly Willies, had in mind.

"We exceeded any expectations I had for participating in the plunge," Nasserri said. "Initially, I thought if we could just get seven people at \$100 apiece to join, we would be doing great. Instead we ended up with 23 people raising \$5,275. The great thing was we not only had the people on the team trying to raise money but we had many volunteers at CCES helping with our fundraising activities."

For one team member, participating in the Polar Plunge proved to not only be a great experience, but also an effort that hit close to home.

When Mollie McGowan first



PHOTO BY JASON BROWN

**Jumping five at a time for safety reasons, CCES teachers and a Press reporter take the plunge into the cold Kentucky Lake water. Pictured above are (from far left) Jayme Young, Felicia Holloman, Daphne James, Bristyn Prowell and Jerritt Hovey-Brown.**

started teaching, she was the Special Olympics coach for CCES. Although no longer coaching, participating in the effort meant a lot to McGowan and sitting in on the opening ceremonies helped to alleviate any concerns she had about jumping.

"The opening ceremonies were so emotional for me that it made jumping easier however, on the way down, driving over Kentucky Dam did give me some anxiety," McGowan said. "I never pictured myself doing

this because I am really cold-natured. I don't even go into the pool until July when the water is warm but I figured if everyone else can do it, so can I."

Jumping into a cold lake may seem outlandish to some, but for the teachers and other team members that participated, it was a bonding experience that brought them together.

"I have found out that when CCES teachers put their hearts into something, there is nothing

they can't accomplish," Nasserri said. "We are already talking about what we need to do to win the costume contest next year."

Even McGowan, who was leery of jumping into the lake at first, will be participating again next year.

"It's definitely something I will do again next year," McGowan said. "Special Olympics is a wonderful event and I encourage anyone who has the opportunity to go and support Crittenden County athletes."

## Another check mark for my bucket list

By **JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN**  
PRESS REPORTER

As I stood on the dock before taking my plunge into the frigid waters of Kentucky Lake on Saturday, a fleeting thought entered my head: what am I doing? Sane people don't jump into lakes in the middle of winter!

Although our winter has been unusually mild, producing warm air temperatures, it was the thought of jumping off a perfectly fine dock to submerge myself in cold water that caused me to re-think my sanity. While the outside temperature was in the low 50s, I kept reminding myself that it could be much worse. It could be in the single digits with the lake being partially frozen. Even though that thought brought a type of relief, walking down the steps to the dock to take the jump was nerve-racking. A million thoughts run through your head and of course, seeing the rescue divers in the water for just-in-case instances wasn't exactly helping. Regardless of my calm exterior, I was freaking out on the inside but it was too late to turn back.

A person can try to prepare themselves for an event like this mentally but the truth is, it's impossible. You can devise ways to stay afloat so your head never goes under or say that you're going to kick your legs around so you'll reach the surface faster but again, impossible because once your body is submerged into freezing cold water, it goes into shock.

I'm a good swimmer but even for myself as I sunk to the bottom of the lake, I found it hard to move. My breath was knocked out of me and my arms and legs became lead weights. It was like my body didn't want to move and after what felt like an eternity underwater, I finally found the strength to reach the surface. As I drug myself out of the lake into what felt like 100-degree temperatures, I smiled to myself. Despite my fears, I accomplished something that I had always wanted to do. Am I crazy for doing it? Probably, but what's life if you don't take chances every once and while?



**Pictured above are (from left) Bobby Glen Stephens, Senator Dorsey Ridley and Kaitlyn Wheeler.**

### Kirk hired as trial commissioner

Vicki Kirk of Marion has been hired by the Administrative Office of the Courts as Crittenden County's trial commissioner. Kirk works directly under District Judge Daniel Heady. The trial commissioner is a part-time job which is created by Kentucky statute to serve in counties where a district judge does not reside. The trial commissioner acts as a liaison between the court and the community. Kirk replaces Jim O'Neal, a long-time trial commissioner, who passed away recently. Kirk is also a respiratory therapist at Crittenden Health Systems.

### Students meet Dorsey Ridley on Page Day

Senator Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson), met with two Crittenden County Middle School students at the state capitol. Bobby Glen Stephens and Kaitlyn Wheeler served as legislative pages on February 1, Legislative Page Day.

### Bryant appointed as bank director

Terry L. Bunnell, Chairman, President and CEO of Peoples-Marion Bancorp, Inc. and The Peoples Bank in Marion, is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Charles L. Bryant to the Board of Directors of the bank.

Bryant is joining the board as The Peoples Bank seeks to build upon its core banking foundation with growth opportunities in south central Kentucky.

Bryant is a native of Grayson County and has been a resident of the Cave City area since 1966. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. Bryant is a co-owner of Parmet, Inc. (Parkland Drugs and Metcalfe Drugs) and Clark, Inc. (Clark Drugs) in Munfordville. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors of Caverna Memorial Hospital in Horse Cave. Previous community service positions he has held have included membership on the city council of Cave City and the Caverna Board of Education.

"I am very pleased to have someone with the caliber of knowledge of the local area to be involved with the Bank in such a leadership role," Bunnell said. "Charles brings many business relationships and years of administrative experience to the group. Additionally, as a business owner himself, he is aware of the challenges faced by locally-owned entities and the value of community banks."

In addition to Bunnell and Bryant, other directors are Donnie Phillips and Jerrell James of Marion, Doug Landers, Pamela Hodges Browning and Eugene Myatt of Glasgow, Gil Cowles of Bowling Green, Bill Morgan of Benton, and Brandon Morgan of Paducah.

The Peoples Bank has two offices in Marion and a full service office in Glasgow.



**Bryant**



### Street-Woodall

Don and Nancy Street of Nashville, Tenn., announce the marriage of their daughter, Leslie Ann Street, to Terry Edward Woodall, son of Dennis and Lynann Woodall of Marion.

Street is the granddaughter of Anne Hackney of Greenbrier, Tenn., and the late Brooks Hackney and Donald Street, Sr., of Lebanon, Va., and the late Joan Street.

She is a 2004 graduate of Nashville Christian School and 2008 graduate of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She is employed by Health to You, LLC., in

Nashville as a senior account management coordinator.

Woodall is the grandson of the late William Loyd, Sr., and Gertrude Rucks Loyd and the late Walton Woodall, Sr., and the late Geneva Sullivan Woodall.

He is a 1999 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 2004 graduate of Western Kentucky University. He is employed by Kroll in Nashville as a client manager.

Wedding vows will be exchanged April 21, at Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art in Nashville.

## Woman's Club writing contest winners announced

Results from the Woman's Club of Marion student writing contest were announced this week.

The contest was open to local students in grades K-12 for poetry and short stories. Students earning a first place in each category received cash awards and will compete in the Kentucky Federation of Women's Club writing contests in April. Winning first place in the poetry category were: Maggie Blazina (K-2) "The Sun and the Moon," Haley Sisco (6-8), "Count

Your Blessings," and Emily Hendrix (9-12), "Best Friend."

In the short story division, first place winners were: Maria Dossett (6-8), "The Real Side of Hansel and Gretel," and Breanna Ford (9-12), "My Faithful Friend,"

Hendrix competed in another Woman's Club contest at the First District Arts and Crafts Contest held in Murray. Her entry in the student photography division won first place and will be entered in the KFWC contest to be held in Lexington.

## Conserve water: Take the 40-gallon water challenge

Many may consider Kentucky a "water-rich" state with over 90,000 miles of streams and rivers, thousands of ponds, lakes, reservoirs, and wetlands and approximately 50 inches of precipitation per year. So, it's not surprising that water, one of our most valuable natural resources, is often taken for granted.

For many Kentuckians, fresh water is no more than a turn of the faucet, the push of a button or the twist of a cap away. However, as consumers and users of water, it is our responsibility to manage our water resources efficiently. Across the southern United States individuals are being encouraged to take the 40 Gallon Challenge, a regional campaign that challenges residents to conserve at least 40 gallons of water per day.

The 40 Gallon Challenge



pledge card suggests practical tips to conserve water. Taking the 40 Gallon Challenge is as simple as filling out the pledge card, either online or at your local Extension office.

The pledge card includes simple no-cost suggestions, such as shortening your shower by two minutes, to tips which require more effort and money, such as replacing an old, non-efficient toilet with a new low-flush toilet.

For more information visit <http://40gallonchallenge.org> / or contact the Crittenden County Extension office located at 1534 U.S. 60 East.

## ThePressCALENDAR

### Thursday, Feb. 9

■ The Hand Up Ministry will have food distribution day from 12-2 p.m., Thursday at Life in Christ Church. This is open to senior citizens who are considered "at-risk" and are 60 years or older. For more information, call Life in Christ Church at 965-9200.

### Saturday, Feb. 11

■ The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet Feb. 11 at 10 a.m., am in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Public Library. The program will be "How to Write a Personal History."

### Tuesday, Feb. 14

■ Crittenden County Elementary School students will have their Valentine's Day parties. Please remember to have your child bring Valentine's Day cards.

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

■ AARP Tax Aide Program is provided each Wednesday at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Tax counselors will be on hand from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., to assist local individuals in filing their tax returns. This free service is for seniors or anyone considered low to moderate income level.

Services will be provided each Wednesday through April 11. Please make an appointment by calling 704-2160. Walk-ins accepted, but appointments preferred.

### Upcoming

■ The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1373, will meet at 11:15 a.m., Feb. 15, at The Marion Cafe. All current and retired federal employees are invited to join at the monthly meeting.

■ Girl Scout cookies will be available for pickup at 2 p.m., Feb. 16 at the National Guard Armory.

■ The ninth annual Fohs Hall Ball will be held on Feb. 18 at Fohs Hall. The semi-formal event will feature fine dining catered by the Main Street Italian Grill, dancing and music by the legendary Temple Airs of Evansville, Ind. Tickets are on sale now for \$75 per person and can be reserved by contacting Allison Evans at 704-0447. Dance only tickets can be reserved for \$25 per person. Proceeds raised from the event are used to maintain Fohs Hall for all citizens of Marion and Crittenden County.

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





# 100

days of school

Second grade students at Crittenden County Elementary School got into the spirit of things when they celebrated completing 100 days of school this year. Students and teachers dressed up like they were 100 years old to help commemorate the 100th day. Pictured above are (front from left) Maegan Potter, Dylan Yates, Mary Perryman, Alyssa Bozeman, Brianna Fletcher, Kyle Tinsley, Chloe Weathers; (middle) teachers Jennifer Beverly and Laura Brantley, Cole McKinney, Travis Boone, Jacey Butts, Addy Kirby, Maggie Blazina, Aliyah Frutiger, Emma Sosh, Grace Driskill and teachers Ashley Kemmer, Becky Bryant and Dwayna Bruce; (third row) Jaylnn Hackney, Dalton Wood, Talissa Jenkins, Sam Tinsley, Mallory Lynn, Ryleigh Tabor, Dalton Collins and McKenzie Quertermous. To the right, Laura Brantley works with Mallory Lynn (left) and Emma Sosh during an activity in class..

PHOTOS BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN



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Marjorie and Van Yandell gave a presentation Saturday to Homemakers, sharing details about their travels as missionaries.

## HOMEMAKER NEWS

Submitted by Barbara Myers  
They have traveled to all continents with the exception of Antarctica. They have worked with Partnership Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross just to name a few of the organizations with which they are associated. Van and Marjorie Yandell of Fredonia took time out of their busy schedule to share their journeys with the Marion Woman's Club on Saturday. The occasion was the Woman's Club annual membership brunch.

Sharing stories of their missionary work in such places as Korea, Brazil, Russia, Wales, Cuba and Kenya, the Yandells described the plight of 1.7 billion people around the world who live in absolute poverty, which is defined as living on \$2 or less per day. The couple expressed how fortunate they are to live in America where freedoms we all enjoy cannot even be imagined in other parts of the world. They stressed the need for education before embarking on such trips, so as to be-

come acquainted with the customs of other cultures and to be goodwill ambassadors and represent the United States and their mission in a favorable light.

## Parent-teacher sessions slated

Crittenden County High School (CCHS) will have its second semester parent-teacher conferences from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday. There will be two college and

career readiness parent sessions to inform parents about the changes in high school accountability Kentucky has titled "Unbridled Learning."

- Parent Session No. 1, 4 to 4:30 p.m.
  - Parent Session No. 2, 6 to 6:30 p.m.
- CCHS administration and Crittenden County Economic

Development Corp., Education Director Jeremy Wheeler will lead the sessions and answer questions parents may have.

## Chicago woman shares slave ancestry

Two programs slated next week will focus on a Chicago woman's slave ancestry in Crittenden and Livingston counties.

On Tuesday, Pam Smith of Chicago will present "Tracing Slavery and Slaveholding on the Kentucky Frontier" in Smithland. This program, sponsored by the Livingston County Historical and Genealogical Society, will begin at noon. The program is free and everyone is invited to attend.

Smith will tell how she became interested in genealogy through her grandmother, Ione Holland, and the discovery of Professor Ann Neel, a white descendant of the



family that owned her second great-grandfather, Baltimore Robinson, during slavery. Smith will discuss her African-American family research with a focus on Kentucky, including her Livingston County ancestors — the Lewis and Threlkeld families.

Her family line connects with Thomas Jefferson's sister, Lucy Jefferson Lewis of

Livingston County.

She will share stories about finding Kentucky descendants of the people who enslaved her ancestors.

Smith will tell her story through pictures, oral histories, census and probate records, information from research trips and results from DNA testing. The event will conclude with a question and answer period.

Tuesday's program will be at Livingston County Historical and Genealogical Society located at 117 State St. in Smithland. For questions or additional information, contact the society at 928-4656 or [LivingstonHistorical@windstream.net](mailto:LivingstonHistorical@windstream.net).

Smith will conduct a similar program next Thursday in Marion detailing her ancestry in Crittenden County. That event will begin at 6:30 p.m., at Crittenden County Public Library. It is also free to attend. For further information, contact Brenda Underdown by calling 704-6402 or e-mail [TheCrittenden-Press@att.net](mailto:TheCrittenden-Press@att.net).

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# 1938 Eighth District basketball tournament revisited

It's that time of year again. Time for some exciting basketball from yesteryear. From the archives of The Press, here are the facts and figures of the Eighth District Basketball Tournament that was held at Fohs Hall in February and March of 1938.

**Feb. 18, 1939**  
**A little pre-game line up of the Marion team**

Basketball fans have been treated to some good games at Fohs Hall during the last few weeks. Coach Organ has succeeded in getting together a quintet that "clicks" and which has been playing "team-work" games. The boys that play the games are not only good basketball players but fine boys as well – boys who are popular in the community because of what they are. Let's see if we can name them.

■ Clinton Easley, star in football and a player who always gives a good account of himself on the basketball floor. A player who is fast on the floor, a good jumper, one whose fingers stick to the ball, one who "puts out" and one who has always been popular with the home folks.

■ Robert McDaniels, quick on his feet, accurate in passing and in shooting goals, an excellent student, ambitious, quiet in manner on the court, in the school room and on the street.

■ Douglas Travis, another one who "gets in there and puts out," a boy who never loafs on the basketball court and a well-known Marion business man remarked the other day that he had never seen this boy loafing on the street – a mighty good recommendation for any young man;

■ Mose Johnson, the boy who didn't do very well when he was on the second team but when he was put on the first team, played so well that he always plays and now the fans root for him. A boy who enjoys the game, plays it well and is in every way a good sport. Next year the community is going to expect big things of him in both football and basketball.

■ John Mackey, a boy who goes to school not to play basketball but one who plays basketball because it is part of the school's program of activities, from the first grade on down to the present an Honor Roll student, a good player with a fine attitude toward his teammates, the school and every other worthwhile thing. A most dependable youngster who will go places if he keeps his health and his head.

Coach Organ should be proud of his 1938 basketball team. The school and community are proud of these boys.

**Feb. 25, 1938**  
**Frances and Salem in first game of Eighth District, Marion pitted against Shady Grove in evening of Inaugural Day**  
Finals Saturday Night – The Eighth District Basketball Tournament opens at Fohs Hall Thursday afternoon with Frances battling Salem. Eight teams are entered and as a result no competing quintet drew a bye. Following the Salem-Frances game, Mattoon and Tolu conclude the afternoon sched-



ule.  
Either Marion or Shady Grove will be eliminated Thursday night and as a result Coach Organ and Coach Bugg have been driving their respective charges at top speed. The teams are rated on a par and the result is described as a "toss up." Either would loom as potential winner of the tournament.

**Mattoon**  
Mattoon, coached by L.W. Fox, has entered the following men – Marquis Morgan, John T. Nation, Chester Newcom, Floyd Brantley, Sam Nunn, Milton Newcom, Pete Travis, Chester Brantley, Jake Lawry and D.A. Nation. When asked as to chances of Mattoon winning the meet Fox said, "we have a fairly good chance as our strongest rivals, Shady Grove and Marion, are in the opposite bracket."

**Salem**  
Coach Berry of the Salem quintet has his men in shape with no injuries or illness expected. The practice sessions have shown snap and aggressiveness that heretofore was lacking. Berry stated that all who play us will know that they have been in a tough game. The following men appear in the squad lineup: Riley, Taylor, Suits, Pace, Stalion, Howard, Stevens Mirse, Grimes and Kirk.

**Frances**  
While Frances is not considered as a likely winner, it is reported that Coach C.E. Atnip is capable of springing a surprise in the play. The squad is composed of A.L. "Dick" Whitt, Adams, Pogue, Farmer, Rolston, Jimmie Highfil, Campbell, Crouch, Oliver, Holseapple, Jones, Moran, R.G. Bailey, and Bryan Atnip.

**Shady Grove**  
Clint Bugg lists 19 men on his Bearcat squad and they possess victories over Marion, Mattoon and Tolu. The team is one of the strongest contenders and is composed of Alexander, Curtis, Winfred and Hinkle Drennan, R. C. and Roy East, Gilbert, Hilliard, Hubbard, Herrington, Little, Lawry, Ross, Roberts, Tucker, Taylor, Towery and Travis.



Pictured above is the 1938 Mattoon basketball team. Team members were (front from left) Pete Travis, Sammy Nunn, Floyd Brantley, Tootsie Morgan, J. T. Nation, Chester Newcom, Milton Newcom, Chester Brantley; (back) Coach Fox, Manager Estel Brantley, Jake Lawry, Devon O'Neal, D. A. Nation, Sorrel Ladd, George Gahagen, Leonard Jim Roberts and Coach Ladd.

**Tolu**  
Coach Spiceland has lost a majority of his performers that at one time were the threat of any tournament and as a result is developing raw material without major tournament play. The five as a whole give promise of future power but are not considered a probable winner of this meet. Spiceland lists the following: Belt, Fuller, Williams, Hughes, Clarence and Carl Lucas, Ralph and Reed Porter, Lowery and Dempsey and Jesse Sherer.

**Marion**  
When asked the possibility of winning the meet, a member of the Marion squad answered Shady Grove. The Bearcats have two victories over the Terrors while on the other hand the local netters have decisively defeated others who are as strong as the looming Bearcats. Organ's probable lineup against the invaders will be Tabor and McDaniel, forwards: Travis and Mackey, guards: and Easley center. Other members of the squad who will see service are Johnson, Guess, Lynn and Pace.

**Finals**  
The finals will find winners of Friday competing for district honors. This will be preceded by an all-star game. The players will be picked by the coaches of the respective schools.

**March 4, 1938**  
Salem defeated Frances 18-7 in the Eighth District opener yesterday afternoon at Fohs Hall. The game started fast and finished comparatively slow with Frances having as many op-

portunities to score as Salem but the Gardner five was unable to connect.

Berry has a well coached five and the odds in today's semi-finals are even. In Taylor, Salem has one of the outstanding stars of the meet and will undoubtedly place on the all-star group and probably on the all-tournament; Whitt, the tall blonde forward of Frances led his team in a gallant effort to overcome the Livingston County lead but the Berry men were too far in the lead.

Mattoon, after a poor first half, won from Tolu 31-23. The score at the half was 10-9 with Fox men on the long end. In the second portion the offense literally swept Tolu off their guard and scored at will. Marion lost to Shady Grove by a score of 26-38.

**March 11, 1938**  
Mattoon and Shady Grove, winner and runner-up respectively, in the Eighth District, held at Fohs Hall, are to open the play of the regional tournament this afternoon at Madisonville.

The Mattoon team defeated the Bearcats in the finals Saturday night 27-26 after overcoming a five point lead during the closing minutes of play.

Placed on the all tournament team were Robert McDaniels from Marion, Newcom, from Mattoon and Roy East from Shady Grove;

forwards were Pace from Salem, Easley from Marion and Morgan from Mattoon; guards were Jesse Sherer from Tolu, and Drennan from Shady Grove.

**Feb. 18, 1939**  
**In the regionals at Madisonville**  
Shady Grove was defeated

by the highly touted Madisonville team. Soon after the opening quarter it was evident that the Bearcat men were "off their usual game" and never recovered. The Maroons won the tournament with a disappointing score of 61-25.

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BASKETBALL

Local High School  
Crittenden County Games

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY**  
Rockets host Dawson Springs

**FRIDAY**  
Rockets at St. Mary  
Lady Rockets at St. Mary

**TUESDAY**  
Rockets at Fort Campbell  
Lady Rockets at Hopkins Central

**THURSDAY, FEB. 16**  
Rockets at Fort Campbell  
Lady Rockets at Webster County

**FRIDAY, FEB. 17**  
Rockets at University Heights

’Cats 1, Murray State 9

Associated Press Top 25

Undefeated Murray State, riding its best start in school history, is still the only undefeated team in Division I men’s basketball.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Prvs
<b>Record</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Prv</b>		
1. Kentucky (63)	23-1	1,623	1	
2. Syracuse (2)	23-1	1,553	2	
3. Ohio St.	20-3	1,493	3	
4. Missouri	21-2	1,415	4	
5. North Carolina	20-3	1,352	5	
6. Baylor	21-2	1,318	6	
7. Kansas	18-5	1,170	8	
8. Florida	19-4	1,066	12	
9. Murray St.	23-0	1,055	10	
10. Duke	19-4	1,037	7	
11. Michigan St.	18-5	1,032	9	
12. Georgetown	18-4	919	14	
13. San Diego St.	20-3	728	17	
14. UNLV	21-4	702	11	
15. Florida St.	16-6	694	21	
16. Saint Mary’s (CA)	22-2	635	18	
17. Creighton	21-3	600	13	
18. Marquette	19-5	469	15	
19. Virginia	18-4	448	16	
20. Mississippi St.	18-5	401	22	
21. Wisconsin	18-6	384	19	
22. Michigan	17-7	253	23	
23. Indiana	18-6	227	20	
24. Louisville	18-5	112	—	
25. Harvard	20-2	105	—	

OUTDOORS

**Upcoming seasons**

Bobcat	Nov. 19-Jan. 31
Rabbit	Nov. 15-Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 14-Feb. 10
Duck	Dec. 5-Jan. 29
Goose	Nov. 23-Jan. 31
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 4-5
Crow	Jan. 4-Feb. 29
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round

**KDFWR town meeting**

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

SOCCKER

**New district alignments**

There has been a shakeup in the high school soccer regional alignment. The Second Region will consist of four districts, including the Fifth District with Crittenden, Lyon and Trigg counties. The Sixth District will be comprised of Henderson, Union and Webster. The Seventh will be Caldwell County, Dawson Springs, Hopkins Central and Madisonville, and Christian County, Fort Campbell, Hopkinsville and University Heights will make up the Eighth District.

BASEBALL

**Will there be baseball ?**

Crittenden County Dugout Club’s future remains unclear as very little response has been received regarding interest in the summer youth baseball and softball programs. Jim Cosby, one of the few club members who have not resigned, says no organizational meeting will be scheduled until he receives ample positive feedback from potential volunteers. The club is asking for help in organizing and operating the program, which serves about 300 local boys and girls each summer. Registration generally begins in late February or early March. You can contact Cosby on his mobile number at (812) 305-2697.

**Middle school baseball**

There will be a meeting at noon Saturday at the Crittenden County Middle School gymnasium for anyone interested in playing middle school baseball this spring. This is a new league for players in grades 7-8.

Union stops fourth Crittenden comeback



Rocket junior Thomas Scott gets hooked by a Fort Campbell defender as he comes across mid court during Friday’s win. Scott is leading the team in scoring with 15.5 points a game. He is also averaging six rebounds.

Rockets have won 3 of last 5

STAFF REPORT

Despite an aggressive comeback attempt, Crittenden County came up two short against Union County on the road Tuesday, losing 45-43. Before that game, the Rockets had won three of their last four.

Union (9-16) led by 10 in the third quarter, but Crittenden (9-17) stormed back, outscoring their hosts by eight in the final period.

As Crittenden heads into its final four regular-season games, it will face two teams it has already defeated this season. The Rockets close out their schedule against St. Mary, Fort Campbell, Dawson Springs and University Heights.

The Rockets beat Fort Campbell for homecoming Friday and have knocked off Dawson Springs twice – by 30 and 23 points. However, St. Mary (15-8) has the third best record in the entire First Region. The Rockets go to Paducah Friday. After playing the Vikings, Crittenden will have gone up against three of the top five teams record-wise in the neighboring First Region.

The last game of the season will be at UHA (11-9) a week from Friday. Although its record may not reflect it, UHA is one of the better teams in the area. The Blazers lost in double overtime to Webster County for the All A Classic Second Region title.

Crittenden 52, Reidland 41				
Crittenden Co.	10	16	18	18
Reidland	6	8	14	13
Crittenden - Clark 9, Frazer, Hill 9, Knox 2, Scott 17, Gilbert 6, Owen 9, Tinsley, Dickerson, Young. Field Goals 19-35. 3-pointers 1-5 (Scott 1-3, Owen 1-2). Free Throws 12-23. Rebounds 32 (Clark 11). Fouls 13.				
Reidland - Flournoy 1, Collins 6, Burnett 8, Herndon 1, Witt 2, Belt 10, Guill 9, Kneisler, Ali 2, Weir 2, Barnett. Field Goals 15-53. 3-pointers 4-26				

ROCKETS  
At a Glance

Player	Points	Rebounds	FT%
T. Scott	15.50	6.00	79.7
A. Owen	9.68	1.84	62.6
D. Clark	8.12	9.92	54.4
B. Knox	7.04	6.20	60.2
E. Hill	6.00	2.48	45.3
T. Gilbert	3.24	2.12	60.0
Averages after 25 Games			

Fifth District

Team	Overall	District
Livingston Central	16-10	5-0
Trigg County	20-6	4-2
Lyon County	13-13	2-4
Crittenden County	9-17	0-6

(Collins 2, Belt 1, Guill 1). Free Throws 7-13. Rebounds 30 (Weir 6, Ali 6). Fouls 22.

**Crittenden 67, Fort Campbell 53**

Fort Campbell 15 12 8 18  
Crittenden Co. 15 23 18 11

Fort Campbell - McDaniel 2, Clayton 4, Washington 13, Jordan 6, Chance Hamilton 3, Jethro 4, Dingle 4, Orange, Tucker 7, John 2, Chase Hamilton 8. Field Goals 21-46. 3-pointers 1-7 (Jordan). Free Throws 10-24. Rebounds 27 (Washington 7). Fouls 16.

Crittenden - Clark 23, Frazer, Hill 4, Knox 2, Scott 26, Gilbert 2, Owen 10, Tinsley, Dickerson, Watson, Young. Field Goals 24-49. 3-pointers 3-9 (Scott 2-3, Owen 1-3). Free Throws 16-19. Rebounds 25 (Clark 14). Fouls 17.

**Union 45, Crittenden 43**

Crittenden Co. 15 3 6 19  
Union County 9 13 12 11

Crittenden - Clark 3, Hill 7, Knox 1, Scott 17, Gilbert 2, Owen 13. Field Goals 14-40. 3-pointers 4-14 (Scott 3-8, Owen 1-5). Free Throws 11-19. Rebounds 34 (Clark 10). Fouls 15.

Union - Buckman 9, K.Davis, Flemming 2, Foster 4, Girten, McCormick 10, Rister 14, Ricketson 6. Field Goals 19-54. 3-pointers 1-5 (Buckman). Free Throws 6-15. Rebounds 39 (McCormick 8). Fouls 15.

Future Rockets on the Move

Local travel basketball teams have been busy this winter practicing and playing in tournaments throughout the region. Rocket varsity head coach Denis Hodge says the local basketball program is improving top to bottom with the formation of these clubs. It’s the first time Crittenden has fielded teams representing every grade from elementary school to high school.



Crittenden County’s first- and second-grade basketball team includes (from left) Tanner Beverly, Luke Crider, Hayden Jones, Holden Cooksey, Maddox Carlson, Benjamin Evans and Jack Reddick. The team has played 12 games this season and lost in overtime to Calloway County Saturday at the CFSB Center on the Murray State campus. The boys play at the Regional Sports Plex in Paducah this weekend and at the Caldwell County Invitational Tournament the following weekend to round out their season. The team is coached by Chris Evans and Donny Beverly. Not pictured: Trace Derrington.

Crittenden County’s third- and fourth-graders are (front, from left) Gavin Davidson, Braxton Winders, Trace Adams, (back) Gabe Mott, Caden McCalister, Jayden Carlson, coach Blair Winders, Eric O’Leary and Tyler Boone. The team is 8-8 so far this season with about 10 games left on its schedule.



Crittenden County’s seventh-grade basketball team members are (from left) Bobby Glen Stephens, Paxton Riley, Shelby Robinson, Jared Luddy, Maeson Myers, Ethan Hunt and Will Tolley. The team is coached by Todd Riley. The club has played a dozen games this year and will complete action later this month. Among their biggest wins of the season have come over opponents such as Lyon County, Livingston County and Jackson, Tenn. The young Rockets, in foul trouble at Livingston Monday, won the game in the final seconds despite having just three players left on the court.



Crittenden’s Davana Head (5) reaches for a rebound as teammate Kayla Davis (25) comes over to help.

Lady Rockets have three left

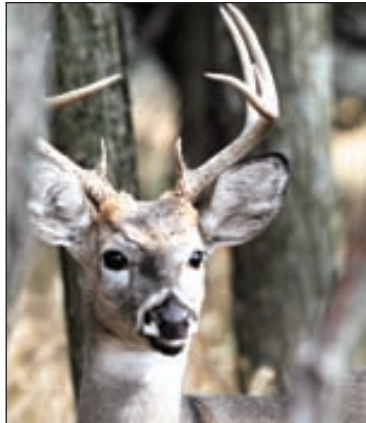
STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County’s girls have just three games left before they’ll turn their attention to the Fifth District Tournament.

The Lady Rockets beat Dawson Springs 53-45 in the annual homecoming game Friday at Marion, but lost on the road Saturday at Reidland.

Freshman guard Chelsea Oliver had a coming out game against Dawson, a club the Lady Rocket have beaten twice this year. Oliver scored a season-high 23 points. She has averaged more than 14 points in the past four games, adding a new dimension to the team’s offense.

Another freshman, Kayla Davis, has been providing more quality minutes of play for the Lady Rockets. She has scored 14 points over the past three games and had six rebounds against Dawson Springs. Davis has also been contributing defensively when she comes off the bench.



December deer record

Crittenden’s leading scorer, Bailey Brown, who is playing through a bad ankle sprain, was in foul trouble at Reidland and scored just one point in just 14 minutes.

Reidland 49, Crittenden 34				
Crittenden Co.	9	4	7	14
Reidland	14	8	12	15
Crittenden - Binkley 5, Head 4, Collins, Brown 1, Phillips, Oliver 12, McDowell 2, Mattingly 2, Davis 8, Moss. Field Goals 10-40. 3-pointers 2-9 (Binkley 1-6, Oliver 1-2). Free Throws 12-16. Rebounds 33 (Binkley 7, Head 7). Fouls 20.				
Reidland - Howard 12, Goss 7, Humphrey, Powers 2, Kline 6, Winsett 14, Swinford, Hayden 8, Richa, Weir, Driver, Lindsey, Springs. Field Goals 16-44. 3-pointers 2-7 (Howard, Hayden). Free Throws 15-22. Rebounds 33 (Kline 12). Fouls 17.				

Crittenden 53, Dawson Springs 45				
Dawson Springs	8	9	12	16
Crittenden Co.	10	16	10	17
Dawson Springs - Mills 2, Black 15, Genseal, Miller, Loney, McKnight 22, Menser 4, Bruce, An.Mills, Al.Mills, Robinson, Winters, Brunch. Field Goals 14-46. 3-pointers 0-3. Free Throws 17-30. Rebounds 37 (McKnight 14). Fouls 23.				
Crittenden - Brown 16, Binkley 6, Oliver 23, Head 4, Mattingly 2, Collins, Davis 2, McDowell. Field Goals 17-49. 3-pointers 2-12 (Binkley, Oliver). Free Throws 17-26. Rebounds 43 (Binkley 6, Head 6, Davis 6). Fouls 21.				

Kentucky deer hunters Telechecked 119,656 deer this past season, the fourth highest harvest ever recorded.

They also set an all-time deer harvest for the month of December at 12,989 deer, surpassing the previous December harvest record by 4,261 deer, set in 2004.

Deer Harvest KY Top Counties 2011	
County	Harvest
Owen	3,416
Pendleton	2,836
Crittenden	2,829
Graves	2,708
Christian	2,474
Shelby	2,158
Grant	1,972
Boone	1,966
Hopkins	1,933
Anderson	1,915
Webster	1,878



# WINTER

Continued from Page 1

to accomplish projects that ordinarily would be put on hold through winter due to the weather," the county's top elected official said.

Road crews have been cleaning ditches, taking down dead and decaying trees and have been able to replace tiles and culverts that would normally have to wait until the spring thaw. Work on the county's new emergency operations center has also been able to get under way earlier than expected.

Inside the City of Marion, the story is the same. Last winter, City Administrator Mark Bryant paid out about \$800 for 64 man hours of clearing city streets of snow and ice, not to mention the approximate \$4,000 cost of 50 tons of road salt used to melt the frozen precipitation. This year, the story is different — no overtime, not even an hour dedicated to alleviating hazardous road conditions.

As for the store of salt, "We haven't used a single bit," Bryant said.

City projects like the new fire station and water main replacement have hardly missed a beat either due to the weather, other than a few rainouts.

State road crews, too, have spent very little time on the road clearing snow or prepping pavement for wintry precipitation.

## A new trend?

This year's winter has been abnormally mild across the U.S. due to a complex scientific anomaly. The Arctic and North Atlantic oscillations are out of sync, which basically means the former is keeping the jet stream and cold arctic air masses out of the Ohio Valley while the latter is pushing against the frigid atmosphere to keep it north of our region. But it's not just Kentucky that's enjoying the mild winter. In the Northeast, only four Decembers in the last 117 years have been warmer, according to the National Weather Service.

Despite this year's oddball weather, mild winters seem to be the trend, not the exception, according to one local weather watcher.

"As far as feeling-wise, it seems like winters are getting milder," said Brenda Underdown, who has been monitoring daily weather conditions in Marion for almost 40 years. "The (winter) seasons just don't seem to last as long as they used to."

Underdown said bluebells, which have already started to bloom this year, typically don't bloom until April. Dogwood trees, too, seem to bloom a lot earlier, she added.

From November 2011 through January 2012, each month in western Kentucky has been significantly warmer than the correlating month from winter 2010-11, according to data from Crittenden County's Kentucky Mesonet climate monitoring station. In fact, through the first week of February, the trend has continued.

## Economic benefits

A mild winter has many benefits, including saving taxpayers money on snow removal. And out of this temperate winter have sprung some economic surprises.

Moderate temperatures and low natural gas prices have combined to push down home heating costs for the 51 percent of American households that use gas, leaving people with cash to pump into the economy. Shoppers are finding great deals on coats and boots and at some hardware stores, rakes are flying off the shelves, and grass seed is outselling ice-melting salt.

The recreational industry is also enjoying the warmth.

Carla Belt, manager of Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem, said the number of golfers this winter has been significantly higher than the average cold-weather season at the public course.

"The milder temperatures have brought out more golfers who don't usually come out until March or April," Belt said.

Golfers are not allowed to play the greens when the temperature is below freezing. You could count those days this winter on one hand and still have fingers to spare. Belt said, of course, there are plenty of die-hard golfers who are on the links anytime the



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Periwinkles along a Marion fencerow are several weeks earlier than usual in displaying their indigo blooms.

course is open, but the pleasant temperatures have drawn even the passive golfers to tee off.

## Yes, there is a down side

But with good comes bad. "We have continued to see a lot of weather-related allergy symptoms, sinusitis, bronchitis and gastroenteritis," reports Jill Croft, an advanced practice registered nurse at Crittenden Health Systems.

Pollen and mold counts have been much higher than usual this winter.

Pests also thrive in mild winters, leaving them free to lay siege in spring and summer.

"From an agricultural standpoint, there are several negatives resulting from a mild winter," said Corey Payne, University of Kentucky Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources for Crittenden County. "The most prevalent problem in crops is increased insect, disease and weed infestation earlier because of a lack in hard-freezing weather to control population."

Farmers may have enjoyed the mild working conditions in the winter months, but most are aware of drawbacks to the days consistently 10 to 20 degrees above normal. While cattle losses attributed to frigid weather are almost nonexistent, the sloppy conditions on farms can be somewhat of a nuisance, said Keith Hart, co-owner of Marion Feed Mill.

"Most cattle farmers would rather see it frozen than muddy," Hart said of grazing lands and barnyards. "The wet weather has made it tougher putting hay out for cattle, and the animals are more susceptible to disease in the mud."

Bacteria lurking in the wet soil can cause foot rot and other diseases for livestock. Prolonged exposure to muddy conditions from fall all the way to spring exacerbates the problems. However, the moderate winters do reduce the likelihood of other diseases.

"I'm not seeing much pneumonia," said Hart.

Even plant life enjoys a cold winter. Flowers and trees already budding or in bloom run the risk of losing reproductive for the year if the blossoms are lost to a late, hard freeze.

"If you think about plants and animals being kind of biologic thermometers, they are indicating a very early spring," said U.S. Geological Survey ecologist Jake Weltzin, who heads a national network that monitors the timing of spring for plants and animals. "That's a problem."

This could mean less fruit available this year, Weltzin said. "Also earlier wheat development and earlier planting of corn can result in injury from a late spring freeze," Payne added.

On a different not, much to the chagrin of children, aside from being shut out of snowball fights and making snowmen, they also have missed only two days of school in Crittenden County due to wintry weather forecasts.

## No winter on the horizon

In January, typically the coldest month in western Kentucky, the average daily temperature in the current

year was more than nine degrees warmer than the first month of 2011 — 39.7 degrees as compared to 30.4 degrees last year. In January 2010, the average daily temperature was even cooler, 29.7 degrees.

Last month, there was only one day that the mercury did not breach the freezing mark — Jan. 13 when the temperature peaked at only 28.5 degrees. In January 2011, there were nine days that never broke 32 degrees. In January 2010, there were five days' highs below freezing.

The abnormal highs on the January thermometer were also telling last month, when 13 days were 50 degrees or warmer, six of which broke 60 degrees. The previous January, only two days registered higher than 50 degrees and none in the 60s. January 2010 saw only eight days above the 50-degree mark, again, with not one day breaking 60 degrees.

"It's just been an unusually warm winter," said Hart.

It's not just the mid-winter months of the cold season that have been out of kilter this winter. November and December of 2011 were also much warmer than the same two months of 2010. In December of last year, 14 days' highs were above 50 degrees as compared to only two in 2010, and not a single day failed to reach above freezing. In November 2011, five days' lows dipped below freezing last November in contrast with nine the year prior.

It was just three years ago in January 2009, however, when the worst ice storm in recorded history blanketed Kentucky. A less destructive ice storm also hit the area in early February of the previous year.

"It seems like February has been the worst recently," Underdown said. "But since the ice storm, it's seemed to be milder."

That is certainly the case for this year.

National Weather Service forecaster Kelly Hooper said the highs the first few days of February in the 50s and 60s were about 15 degrees above normal for this time of year.

Kelly said the outlook indicates the region might go through the winter without a significant snowfall.

(The Associated Press contributed to this story.)

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## notices

Legal Notice  
Notice is hereby given that on February 1, 2012 Monda Watson of 3459 SR 297, Marion, KY 42064 was appointed Administratrix of Rickey Hackney, deceased, whose address was 979 Zion Cemetery Rd., Salem, KY 42078. 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 1st day of August, 2012 an all

claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court  
Madeline Henderson, Clerk  
(1t-32-c)  
Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that on February 1, 2012 James A. O'Neal of 14 Penn Drive, Marion, Ky 42064; Tammy G. Robertson of 121 West Central Ave, Marion, KY 42064; Edward R. O'Neal of 228 South Clay St., Marion, KY 42064 and Sue Peek-Fisk of 734 Chester Rd., Kirksey, KY 42054 were appointed Co-Administrators of James B. O'Neal, deceased, whose address was 809 East Depot St., Marion, KY 42064. 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 first day of Aug. 2012 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District court  
Madeline Henderson, Clerk  
(1t-32-c)  
Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 10-CI-00177  
BENEFICIAL KENTUCKY INC. PLAINTIFF V.  
CARL L. CROUCH, ET AL  
DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on January 12, 2012, I will on Friday, February 17, 2012 at the hour of 10:30 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:)

Parcel No: 067-00-00-012.00  
Legal Description:

All iron pins set are 1/2X24" rebar with a plastic cap stamped "B.J. MAY L.S. 878". All iron pins found are ½" rebar with a plastic cap stamped "B.J. MAY L.S. 878". BE-GINNING at a 5/8" rebar found with cap stamp "L.S. 2091" in the center of Turkey Knob Road, corner to Leneave (d.b. 180 p. 109), being at the approximate Kentucky coordinates (south zone) N. 405,300 ft., E. 1,328,700 ft., and being N. 27 deg. 21 min. 57 sec. E. 2956.61 ft. from the center of the bridge on Turkey Knob Road over Crooked Creek; thence leaving the road and with Leneave's lines and along a fence N. 89 deg. 13 min. 24 sec. E 116.37 ft. to a 17 min. 23 sec. E.307.62 ft to a ½ "i.d. iron pipe found and No. 59 deg. 00 min. 20 sec. E. 116.37 ft. to a concrete marker found in Mt. Zion Cemetery's line (d.b. 118 p.561);



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

Address: 2217 Turkey Knob Road, Marion, Kentucky 42064

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

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

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

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

this action, however, the Plaintiff, the Court and the Commission shall not be deemed to have warranted title any purchaser.

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

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

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

Dated this the 17th day  
of January, 2012.  
Brandi D. Rogers  
MASTER COMMISSIONER,  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
P.O. Box 361  
Marion, KY 42064  
(270) 965-2261  
Fax: (270) 965-2262 (3t-33-c)  
Legal Notice  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 10-CI-00045  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY,  
As Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-FFHA, Asset-backed Certificates, Series 2005-FFH4 PLAINTIFF V.  
JAMES R. ROBERTS, et al  
DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF SALE

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

Parcel No: 057-00-00-035.01

Legal Description:

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

Beginning at a stone, original corner, and corner to Bernie McDaniel's; running thence N. 50 W. 43 poles to a stone, corner to Ellis Nesbitt's line, N. 44 ½ E. 24 ½ poles to a stake or stone in said line, corner to Lot #1, thence with a line of said Lot #1, S. 45 E. passing corner of Lot #1, at 18 ¼ poles

in all 36 ½ poles to a stake, or stone, corner to Lot #2 and Lot #3, thence with a line of #3 S. 67 E. 5 poles and 6 links to a white oak, corner to said Lot #3, also a division corner, thence with a division corner South 14 ½ poles to a stake or stone in the original line, a division corner, thence with original line S. 75 W. 22 ½ poles to the beginning, containing 8 acres, more or less, as shown on plat and surveyed by J. E. Sullenger on the 23rd day of October, 1938.

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

Being the same property conveyed to James R. Roberts, and his wife Tammy R. Roberts who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from Earlene Rice, a single person, dated August 18, 2005, filed August 19, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 202, Page 613, County Clerk's Office, CRITTENDEN County, Kentucky.

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

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

Address: 210 Freedom Church Road, Marion, KY 42064.

The purchaser at the Master Commissioner's sale shall take the real estate free and clear of the claims of the parties to this action, but it shall be sold subject to the following: Current year real estate taxes not yet delinquent affecting the real estate for which the purchaser shall take no credit on the purchase price, and further any delinquent State, County and/or City real estate taxes sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action.

Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record.

Any matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property.

Any current assessments for public improvements levied against the property.

The Plaintiff, the Master Commissioner and the Court shall not be deemed to have warranted title of the real estate to the purchaser. Said property shall be sold with the improvements thereon "as is".

The real estate is indivisible and cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and the value of Plaintiff's lien thereon. As a result, the real estate shall be sold as a whole for the purpose of satisfying the Judgment Liens herein adjudged against the real estate. The sale shall be made to the highest and best bidder or bidders. The Plaintiff may submit a specified bid by facsimile prior to the sale. The Master Commissioner will take from the purchaser or purchasers cash payment in full, or a bond with good and sufficient surety or sureties, bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the day of sale and payable to the Master Commissioner within (3)

thirty days from the date of sale. If a bond is given, the Master Commissioner shall require the purchaser to make a cash deposit of the sum of (10%) Ten Percent of the bid amount to be applied to any expenses occasioned by any default of the purchaser. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien on the property sold as additional security for the payment of the purchase price.

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

In the event the Plaintiff becomes the purchaser of the real estate at the Master Commissioner's sale, and if the Plaintiff's bid is less than its lien, Plaintiff may comply with the terms of sale by taking credit upon this Judgment without making the cash depositor executing the sale bond as provided for in the Judgment.

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

The proceeds of the sale shall be applied in the following priority:

The costs of this action including the Master Commissioner's fee.

Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action.

The Full satisfaction of Plaintiff's lien, including reimbursement for its costs, expenses and attorney's fees.

The satisfaction of any junior liens on the real estate in the same priority that they held on the real estate.

Any remaining proceeds of the sale shall be held by the Master Commissioner until further order of this Court.

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


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

The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on May 13, 2010 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendants, James R. Roberts, et al, for the principal sum of \$40,788.73, interest on the principal sum at the rate of 8.375% per annum from November 1, 2009 until paid, attorney's fees and for court costs expended herein.

Dated this the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of January, 2012  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
Brandi D. Rogers  
MASTER COMMISSIONER,  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
(3t-33-c)



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2012 CCHS basketball homecoming takes center court

Crittenden County's basketball homecoming was Friday at Rocket Arena. Pictured above (from left) is the homecoming court: sophomores Taylor Champion and Magan Sunderland, seniors Mark Farmer and Jessica Tinsley, 2011 King and Queen Terry Werne and Talaney Werne, 2012 King Keaton Shewcraft and Queen Emily Bruns, seniors Brody Bruns and Mary Mattingly, juniors Dustin Roberts and Davana Head and freshmen Noah Dickerson and Khyla Moss. The flower girl and crown bearer were Leauna West and Colton Gilland.

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dation — a charitable institution headed by decedents of its namesake aimed at improving Jewish-Arab relations in Israel — has dried up due to a combination of factors.

"We need to have a very successful Fohs Hall Ball," Stout reiterated.

For years, the endowment contributed thousands to the maintenance of Fohs Hall in order to keep the legacy of its builder alive locally. But Fohs' name carries far beyond Crittenden County. As a child in 1890, he moved to Marion from New York with his family, but he went on to become an internationally renowned geologist, philanthropist and champion of Jewish causes.

Stout said the sour economy, a change in leadership and an ardent focus on Israeli causes have led to the Fohs Foundation to drop its annual \$15,000 contribution to the local oversight board.

The foundation was instrumental in the renovations to the structure 30 years ago when Fohs Hall, Inc., took over care of the building. Its annual gift, along with individual contributions, rentals for events, memberships and fundraisers have kept the doors open all these years.

"We're appreciative of past support we have received,"



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Fohs Hall opened in 1926, a donation to the citizens of Crittenden County from renowned geologist F. Julius Fohs, as a community center. Though born in New York, Fohs moved to Marion as a child and the love of his childhood community prompted the gift, shown above under construction prior to its opening.

Stout said of the foundation's generosity. "Hopefully we'll get that in the future."

In a recent meeting, members of the Fohs Hall, Inc., board of directors approached Marion Tourism Commission looking for financial assistance, perhaps through underwriting the cost of the ball

so all revenue from tickets and the auction of donated items could be deposited in the board's operational fund. Tourism, as well as Crittenden Fiscal Court, already contribute \$500 annually for the building's upkeep. Though the tourism board would not finance the cost of putting on

the ball, the the commission offered hundreds of dollars of assistance in the form of promotional materials, postage and advertising, as well as donating an hand-made cabinet item for the silent auction.

Tourism, headed by Michele Edwards, has also pledged to continue promoting Fohs Hall through advertising and establishing a presence online through Facebook, which can be found by typing in "Fohs Hall" in the search area and selecting the community organization tab.

"We need to be more aggressive in marketing and promotion to let people know what it is available for," Stout of the such efforts.

He said the board has been functioning on a Field of Dreams strategy — if you build, it they will come.

That strategy is starting to

fade, with donors having been tight-fisted during The Great Recession. Also, fewer people are left who went to school in the majestic building, those whose emotional attachment makes the facility more than bricks and mortar.

Fohs Hall, Inc., board members are careful to not paint the situation as dire or hopeless. But the more than \$20,000 earmarked for making essential repairs, such as to the leaky roof, falls short of funding the overall needs.

"There have been a lot of band-aids over the years, and now the chickens have come home to roost," board member Tom Crider told the tourism commission of the building's declining health.

Linda Schumann, another board member actively seeking solutions to funding woes, said the board does have

money set aside in its perpetual fund for repairs, but an estimated \$113,000 is needed to complete desired upgrades, which is a cost higher than can be afforded at present

And with the loss of the foundation's funding, the board is essentially operating on a year-to-year basis as far as financing annual expenses like utilities to keep the building functional.

"The concern I have more than anything is to find out the kinds of things that make it more attractive to the community," Schumann said. "We need to buy some time and not let the building deteriorate."

The building was selected as a Kentucky Landmark in June of 1981 and was accepted on the National Register of Historic Places in May of 1982.

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