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## County turns 170 years old today

Crittenden County turns 170 today (Thursday). The county was formed from an eastern portion of Livingston County on Jan. 26, 1842, the first of five Kentucky counties established that year.



**Crittenden**  
Named for John J. Crittenden — a Kentucky politician who served in both chambers of Congress, twice as U.S. Attorney General, in the state legislature and as governor of Kentucky from 1848 to 1850 — the county was the 91st to be formed in the commonwealth. Crittenden, an aide-de-camp in the War of 1812, is one of 30 figures from that war to have a Kentucky county named for him.

For more on the county's birthday, see Brenda Underdown's weekly column on Page 5.

## Reception honors retiring Rushing

A reception at the courthouse will be held Friday to honor Greg Rushing for his years of volunteer service as director of Crittenden County's Emergency Management Agency. After 20 years in the position, Rushing retired last month, handing over the reins to one of his deputies, David Travis.



**Rushing**  
Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said everyone is invited to the gathering, which begins at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

## Circuit clerk closed Saturday

Crittenden County Circuit Clerk's office will be closed Saturday due to the state computer system being down for routine maintenance.

## Pharmacy to host Chamber lunch

KB Pharmacy will host Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's quarterly luncheon on Tuesday. The catered meal will be served at Marion Baptist Life Center and is free to guests. Special speakers at the meeting will be Mike Keller, R.Ph., and Larry Orr, CPA. Those wishing to attend should RSVP the Chamber at 965-5015 by today (Thursday).

## Meeting

■ Crittenden County Dugout Club will meet at 3:30 p.m., Sunday at the middle school gym. Anyone interested in helping the club should make plans to attend.

## What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked readers: "Based on what you know, do you think the U.S. 60 Tennessee River Bridge at Ledbetter should be closed to all traffic for safety reasons?"

Only 14 percent are certain they would like to see the deteriorating bridge remain open. Here is what 425 voters said:

- Yes, 261 (61%)
- Maybe, 71 (16%)
- No, 62 (14%)
- Need more info, 31 (7%)

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## RETAIL SHOPPING IN MARION TO UNDERGO CHANGES

# Pamida-Shopko merger announced

STAFF REPORT

It could be up to a year before the makeover is complete, but shopping in Marion will be undergoing a significant change beginning this summer.

Pamida, the city's largest retail store, is undergoing a merger with Shopko that will not only give a facelift to the store, but will also expand the variety of goods offered and add more national brands to the shopping floor. The combined resources will create one of the nation's largest general merchandise retailers focused on serving smaller communities with nearly 350 stores in 22 states and plans



## Marion store to carry Shopko brand

As the merger unfolds, Marion's Pamida store will morph into Shopko, carrying not only a new name, but a wider variety of general merchandise on the floor of the Sturgis Road store. The changeover is expected to be complete in January 2013.

for new store growth in the second half of 2012 and beyond.

Kristie Burns, public rela-

tions counsel for Shopko, said Monday that the phased-in approach to the \$3 billion merger should start locally in

June and run through January 2013. The most notable change, she added, will be the branding. The Pamida store that opened here in 2001 will carry the Shopko name and logo.

But significant changes will also be found inside the store. "Compared to Pamida, Shopko carries a larger assortment of apparel and home merchandise," Burns said. "There will be more options for consumers and a focus on more national brands."

Local management was not able to speak on the merger.

According to a release earlier this month, however, Shopko Hometown has broad

and dynamic offerings of strong national brands and high-value private label brands of apparel, toys, consumer electronics, seasonal items and lawn and garden products — all in attractive, well laid out, easy-to-shop store formats that range from 15,000 to 35,000 square feet.

"This will ultimately mean a better retail experience for customers," added Emily Stabila, also a public relations counsel for Shopko.

Over the past two years, Shopko, which was founded in 1962, has purchased seven stores from Pamida, founded

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# Redistricting alters local Frankfort representation

By **DARYL K. TABOR**  
MANAGING EDITOR

With the stroke of a pen Friday, Crittenden County lost its elected state senator when Gov. Steve Beshear signed into law a legislative redistricting plan that has lawmakers and constituents across the state crying foul.

Without one vote being cast into the ballot box, Crittenden County will have new representation in the upper chamber in Frankfort, as redistricting legislation moved the county from Sen. Dorsey Ridley's District 4 and into Hopkinsville Democrat Sen. Joey Pendleton's District 3. District 4 was shifted to downtown Lexington, three hours from where Ridley, a Democrat, resides in Henderson.

That move upended Democrat Kathy Stein, whose District 13 seat was moved northeast and is up for reelection this fall. Unless she moves to her the new District 13, Stein is effectively out of the lawmaking business until the District 4 seat is up for election in November 2014. Stein, however, has said she has no intention of moving.

## Clearing things up

It can get a little confusing, but all Crittenden Countians need to know with redistricting is that they traded one experienced rural lawmaker in the senate for an even more seasoned one, though he has never represented the county before. Sen. Pendleton, who began serving in 1993, will continue to represent his largely agrarian home county of Christian while trading rural Logan and Todd counties for the three agriculture-centered counties of Crittenden, Caldwell and Union.



LRC PUBLIC INFORMATION

**Sen. Joey Pendleton (D-Hopkinsville) became Crittenden County's new state senator Friday with redistricting legislation signed into law by the governor. New legislative boundaries put Crittenden County in Senate District 3 and moved District 4, within which the county previously laid, to the heart of Lexington, removing Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) from representing Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Union, Webster and Henderson counties. Below, Ridley speaks Sunday to a Lexington crowd gathered in support of their own disenfranchised senator, Democrat Kathy Stein, who will not be able to seek re-election to represent her urban constituents until 2014, when Ridley's Senate District 4 term ends.**

Union.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom is confident local interests will be taken up by the new senator. Newcom, the former owner of Crittenden Farm Supply in Marion, said he has worked with Pendleton in the past on various agri-business issues.

"I have found him to be fair and willing to at least listen even if nothing could be done," the judge-executive

said. "He is a long-term senator that is fully aware of the area and the respective needs of all the counties in our area."

Newcom points to Pendleton's involvement with Pennyryle Area Development District and Pennyryle Allied Community Services, each of which represent Crittenden County.

"I think it's a perfect fit for me," Pendleton, a former dairy farmer, said. "I have a lot of friends in Union, Crittenden and Caldwell counties, and I'm excited I have strong rural, agricultural district."

## Political disenfranchisement

Despite, Pendleton thinks the dramatic Senate redistricting drawn up by the majority Republican Party in that chamber does a disservice to the people of the commonwealth, shifting representation like Stein's urban area to a senator elected to serve rural counties more than 200 miles west of Lexington.

However, he took some heat from his own caucus for breaking ranks and being the only Democrat to vote in favor of the redistricting measure. His reasons, were simple, he explained.

"How can I go down there and ask those people to vote for me when I voted I didn't

want them?" he said from his Frankfort office, adding that it would seem unfair to constituents in his new district. "I'm doing what I can lay down and sleep with at night."

Ridley, who has represented Crittenden County since 2004, learned of the redistricting plan three hours before it was up for a vote, and he was disappointed about the shift. He said a lot of Kentuckians, as well as lawmakers, have been "disenfranchised" by this year's redistricting.

"It's just not right, this political jockeying of districts," he said last week. "They've taken (me), a senator from a rural district and made him a representative of an urban district. I feel that my rural district deserves better than that."

Ridley lost not only Crittenden County to Pendleton, but Union and Caldwell as well. In addition, he lost his home county of Henderson and Webster to Sen. Jerry Rhoads, a Madisonville Democrat representing District 6. And he lost Livingston County, now under the representation of Crittenden County native Sen. Ken Winters (R-Murray) of District 1.

Despite the loss, Ridley

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## Water line extension could snarl city traffic

STAFF REPORT

An extension of Marion's new water main should alleviate several infrastructure problems on the north end of town, but will reduce traffic to one lane while construction crews work to complete the project.

Last week, Marion City Council approved a 950-foot



Bryant

lengthening of the city's new water main being installed along Main Street. At a cost of \$380,900, the extension will take the new, larger main to Curve Inn, replacing the older, narrow lines on both sides of the street in that portion of town to better serve customers along the route.

City Administrator Mark Bryant said the benefits are actually threefold. Not only will a more modern water line be in place along the east side of North Main Street, improvements will be made to storm sewer drainage along an area of North Main Street prone to flooding problems after heavy rains. Sidewalks will also be replaced along the route of the extension.

"That's a heavy pedestrian corridor," Bryant said of the advantages of the fresh sidewalks from the city's new

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## Election filing deadline near

STAFF REPORT

The candidate filing deadline for Kentucky's May primary election is Tuesday, and at press time, all open seats were unopposed.

For the state legislature, only Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) had filed for the state House District 4 seat to replace Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton), who is retiring after 14 years. However, Raymond Giannini (D-Princeton) has announced his intentions to seek the position. Meantime, Sen. Joey Pendleton (D-Hopkinsville) is bidding for a sixth term representing Senate District 3.

In Congress, Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-Hopkinsville) is seeking a 10th term representing the First Congressional District of western Kentucky.

Closer to home, Zac Greenwell (D-Marion) hopes to remain 5th Judicial Circuit Commonwealth's Attorney.

Mitt Romney is the only GOP presidential candidate to have filed to be on Kentucky's primary ballot.



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ThePressEDITORIAL

## Redistricting belongs in nonpartisan hands

Trust in decision-making is one of the tenets of democratic government. When that trust is betrayed, the very system established to fairly represent the people is undermined.

Though that breach of trust can reach far beyond Frankfort, Kentucky legislators last week took their entrusted representation and set it aside for a numbers game that pads their own political power inside each chamber of the Capitol. Certainly, redistricting is an emotional and somewhat partisan venture in all 50 states following the decennial census of Americans, but Kentucky politics took abuse of majority power to a new low with legislative reapportionment signed into law last week.

The shuffling of district boundaries for the good of party in this and coming years' elections was anticipated from Frankfort in this session. It's an age-old tradition of politics. But the bitter partisan animosity in the capital gave more than enough rope to lawmakers to hang not only their enemies on the other side of the aisle but thousands of now disenfranchised Kentuckians they were sworn to justly represent.

Crittenden County has lost to Lexington the Democrat we elected in Sen. Dorsey Ridley. He was a trusted and strong voice for our interests. His district was moved as retribution from a GOP Senate majority for earlier House redistricting aimed at helping Democrats to maintain their stranglehold in that chamber. We will fare fine with our new senator, Democrat Joey Pendleton of Hopkinsville. Yet other areas of the commonwealth have lost out to politics-as-usual in Frankfort.

Both Democrats and Republicans are to blame, and it is the House and Senate, as well as the governor, who signed the contentious legislation into law, who must be held accountable for the injustice.

It is time for Kentucky to follow the lead of a few other states who take redistricting beyond the realm of partisan feuds and put it into the hands of independent commissions above political games.

# Forget about forgetting



Linda Defew  
Crittenden Press  
guest columnist

Defew's Views

run of things. Between me and my husband, one of us usually remembers something the other has forgotten, so it works out okay.

Our grocery list seems to be the biggest pitfall. Often, we get to the grocery and can't find the list. We search pockets and purse until one of us comes up with it. But when it doesn't surface, we usually find it on the dining room table when we get home, exactly where we left it — a double case of memory lapse.

The latest research tells us that although our brain cells die, the brain is an incredible organ, capable of producing its own new cells. Now that scientists are aware of this remarkable discovery, memory loss has gotten the attention of the whole scientific community. By taking a closer look at the way our brains operate, they are finding out what causes us to forget and are learning what we can do to prevent it, slow it down or, in some cases, put it in reverse.

In simple terms, our brain miraculously stores two stages of memory —

short term and long term. Short term is just like it sounds. It involves memories you only need for a temporary amount of time. Functioning somewhat like a computer, when something more important comes along, the brain replaces it with more recent stuff. We are continually deleting information that is unnecessary to hold on to.

Long term memory is based on emotion — memories of personal, meaningful experiences — and is stored for long periods of time. That's why our elderly parents or grandparents often recall memorable events that took place 50 years ago, but have trouble remembering what happened yesterday.

Why does memory fade as we get older? Unbelievably, it may be our own fault! But, wait. Don't go packing for any guilt trips. We can do something about it. Once again, we've learned a lot from our furry friends in the lab. When animals are placed in a stimulating environment, their brains shrink less as they age and their memory skills improve.

With humans, the results are much the same. If we sit in the same place with no outside interests to stimulate our brains, memory is bound to fail. And research shows that if we take the time to learn something well in the first place — whether it be names, phone numbers or the theory of relativity —

we will reap the benefits. By giving it your best effort, you can embed things into your memory that will stay with you for years to come.

So, Baby Boomers, stop worrying and start living life to the fullest. Do new things; take up a new sport or hobby; explore nature, museums and historical sites; stay connected to people through clubs, support groups, church attendance and volunteer work; play computer games, write e-mails to friends and family; keep a daily journal; or play games like checkers that involve more than one person. Give your sensory molecules a kick! Buy an aquarium and some colorful fish, put out a bird feeder or adopt a pet.

But remember, whatever you do, keep your mind busy. Your memory doesn't have to deteriorate with age. Anything that engages the senses will help to stimulate your mind and strengthen your memory. So touch, feel, smell and experience new things as often as you can. The wise old saying, "If you don't use it, you'll lose it," is as true about our brains as it is about the rest of our body.

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

# Redistricting contentious, budget plan bare-bones

The governor's comments, primarily because they make reference to our senator upon signing House Bill 1 — the state House, Senate and judicial redistricting bill — Friday afternoon is a good place to start this week's article:

"Redistricting is always a partisan process, and the current situation is no exception. However, the action directed by the Senate president to move (Democratic) Sen. Kathy Stein's district in Lexington to northeast Kentucky in order to keep her from being able to run for re-election and moving western Kentucky (Democratic) Sen. Dorsey Ridley's (Henderson) district to Lexington, goes beyond partisanship. It reflects a personal vindictiveness that should have no place in this process.

"However, the deadline for Kentuckians to file for these House and Senate seats is Jan. 31, only 11 days away. Therefore, I am signing House Bill 1 today so that all citizens interested in filing for any of these seats will know what House or Senate district they are in and have time to get their filing papers in order to file for office."



In my introduction of HB 1 — with the Senate's plan added later — to the House floor for final passage last Thursday, I said "there's dissatisfaction from both sides of the aisle, in both chambers at both ends of the Capital building." That comment got some media attention as it pointed out that Republicans in the House and Democrats in the Senate were equally unhappy with the results. However, both sides kept the bargain to accept the other's plan intact, and the measure passed both bodies on a mostly partisan vote.

Last week, I discussed House redistricting, which had no impact on Caldwell, Crittenden and Livingston counties other than adding most of Trigg County to this district while deleting part of McCracken County. The

Senate plan, however, entirely changed our future senatorial representation. As the governor mentioned, our current senator, Ridley, had his Fourth District moved into Lexington and his home county of Henderson was moved into Sen. Jerry Rhoads' (D-Madisonville) Sixth District. In the dissolving of Sen. Ridley's district, Livingston County becomes part of the Sen. Ken Winters' (R-Murray) First District and both Caldwell and Crittenden County, along with Union, move into Sen. Joey Pendleton's (D-Hopkinsville) Third District. The third also includes all of Sen. Pendleton's home county of Christian.

While I will be saddened to lose my good friend and colleague Dorsey Ridley at year's end, I am delighted that Sen. Pendleton will likely be his replacement. I say likely, but I am very confident in saying so, because he's up for re-election in our newly constituted Third District this year. With only a matter of days until the end of the filing deadline, no one from either party has filed to oppose him. Even if there is one, Sen. Pendleton would

be, in my strong opinion, heavily favored to retain his seat. He is no stranger to Caldwell County, having served as its senator eight years (1994 to 2002). He was in office when I first went to Frankfort in 1999, and I am much in his debt for his help and guidance those early years.

Before leaving the subject of redistricting and moving to some remarks concerning the budget, the House and Senate did not agree on Kentucky's new congressional boundaries as contained in HB 2. Subsequently, a conference committee, chaired by myself and my Senate counterpart GOP Sen. Damon Thayer, was named to work out a compromise. At this writing, we had not reached agreement and the filing deadline for only congressional candidates may be extended. There are several sticking points and the location of Daviess County — remaining in the Second Congressional District or moving back to the western Kentucky First District — is of most local interest. The conference committee continues its work and is likely to either reach a compro-

mise soon or leave the matter up to the courts.

The governor presented his budget plan to us last week and perhaps there is some good news if one looks hard. First, the budget we're writing is expected to be the last of the slash-and-burn budgets for awhile, as state revenues continue to improve. Second, essential state services like Medicaid, state prisons and base SEEK funding for schools K-12 will likely be exempt from any budget cuts over the next biennium under any forthcoming House budget proposal, as indicated by both the governor and key lawmakers.

Then again, there is plenty of not-so-good news. Most of state government not specifically exempt from cuts will likely face budget reductions of around 8.4 percent, as proposed by the governor in his budget address before the House and Senate last week. And while smaller cuts have been proposed by the governor for higher education, prosecutors, local jails, juvenile justice and a handful of other areas, a cut is still a cut, and it is painful.

Now, with the governor's

budget proposal firmly in hand, we in the House are sifting through the hundreds of pages of executive branch budget language before us and readying ourselves for the challenge of deciding just how bare-bones the next budget will be. We should have a plan of our own to bring to the House floor for a vote in a few weeks, after giving the multiple House budget-review subcommittees and the full House Appropriations and Revenue Committee time to complete their work.

The House budget plan, when finished, will likely mirror the governor's proposal, with shifts in emphasis here and there to reflect House priorities. But that will become clearer as the House plan takes shape. And it's important to remember that, constitutionally, the legislature has final say over state spending. We take that responsibility with utmost seriousness.

*(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.)*

## LETTERS

### Courthouse opened as t-storm shelter

To the editor

Just a word of personal thanks to all responsible for opening the courthouse to people like myself who don't have anywhere to go for safety when severe storms threaten our county.

It means so much to know I can go where there are other people, some with tracking devices that can monitor the storm. Of course, our cars take a beating, but cars can be replaced. Thank you from me, and I'm sure all of the other people who took advantage of the shelter Sunday night.

Elizabeth Millikan  
Marion, Ky.

*(Editor's note: Severe thunderstorms hit the region Sunday night with the threat of high winds, hail and tornadoes. Though no serious damage or injuries were reported around the county other than a few downed limbs and flash flooding debris over roadways, sustained winds of 52.9 mph were recorded at the Kentucky Mesonet weather and climate monitoring station in Repton. The courthouse was opened as a shelter to residents looking to weather the storm.)*

# Cuts amount to 8.4 percent for most state agencies



Senate Review

State Police face lesser cuts.

The administration proposal is now in the hands of House budget subcommittees. After they are finished — and the full House puts its stamp on the plan — it will come to us in the Senate for our input. This will be a tough budget to write, but we will do our best to protect vulnerable citizens, ensure vital services and continue our climb out of an unprecedented economic downturn in a fiscally responsible way.

As we reported to you after the first week of the legislative session, redistricting is one of the first and most time-urgent items on our agenda. We are constitutionally mandated to reapportion state legislative, congressional and judicial district lines every 10 years to match population shifts and changes identified in the latest U.S. Census. Meeting the supreme court principle of "one person, one

vote" is difficult in a myriad of legal ways and never a pleasant process. But on Jan. 18, we approved redrawn maps, on a 21-15 vote for congressional districts and a 22-14 vote for legislative and judicial districts.

On a personal note, I look forward to serving the people of Christian, Caldwell, Crittenden and Union — the counties I will now be serving under the new district plan. I have always had a good working relationship with Logan and Todd officials and citizens and will maintain that relationship as I establish similar close kinships in my new counties. I have already made a number of contacts with officials, community leaders and citizens in my new counties and will continue working to enhance those relationships and form additional ones.

We have not reached an understanding on the redistricting plan for the congressional districts, but the Senate and the House have appointed a special conference committee to work out an agreement.

Last week, work continued on anti-meth-lab legislation. Senate Bill 50 was discussed in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill

would require a doctor's prescription to buy ephedrine and pseudoephedrine, all main ingredients in making illegal methamphetamine. If the bill becomes law, sales of those drugs would also be tracked in the state's prescription-drug monitoring system.

Earlier, committee members heard testimony favoring the legislation, which would strike at the heart of meth abuse in the commonwealth, which everyone agrees is a true scourge. Last week, folks came before the committee to express opposition, saying law-abiding families should not be forced into the inconvenience and expense of seeing a doctor for simple cold medicine.

While everyone shares a common interest in alleviating the drug problems facing the commonwealth, there are many differing opinions on how to accomplish that goal. As always, we are interested in hearing from all sides before making a decision.

Other topics were considered last week as well, as we continue the long journey through our 60-day session. Many more bills will be considered between now and mid-April. Now is the time

### Staying in touch

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

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

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

to become informed on the issues we are considering in Frankfort. I encourage you to get — or stay — involved with the legislative process, and let me know your thoughts and concerns.

*(Sen. Pendleton is a Hopkinsville Democrat serving Senate District 3. He has been a state senator since 1993 and with redistricting legislation signed by the governor, began representing Crittenden, Union, Caldwell and Christian counties on Jan. 20.)*

# Despite secrecy, agency not alone in shortcomings

Proving press association conventions are more than awards, open bars and a chance for journalists, editors and publishers to moan about the state of the newspaper industry, last week's winter convention of the Kentucky Press Association offered a heated debate over First Amendment rights versus protection of the state's information related to sensitive child-welfare cases.

Three newspapers went to court to fight for open records from the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children regarding the abuse or neglect of children overseen by the welfare agency. Two giants — The Courier-Journal and Lexington Herald-Leader — and the tiny Todd County Standard were recently vindicated in their fight for sunshine on the agency's records and financially reimbursed for their legal costs. In fact, the ruling from a Franklin Circuit Court judge came just one

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My 2¢ Worth

day before Friday's panel debate on open records versus privacy.

But that privacy is a cornerstone of social work, said Teresa James, acting commissioner of the Department of Community Based Services.

"Just as passionate as you are about First Amendment rights, I am equally, as a social worker, passionate about people's confidentiality and right to privacy," she told the conference room packed with newspaper hawks, mostly keeping her cool in the face of pointed questions and allegations against her department.

The primary discussion of

the panel centered around the Todd County case of Amy Dye, a nine-year-old girl reportedly bludgeoned to death by her adoptive brother. After the slaying, The Standard's editor and publisher, Ryan Craig — a dogged journalist but mostly fun-loving former coworker of mine while at The New Era in Hopkinsville — sought the state's child-welfare records on Dye that he believed would have documented the abuse and neglect of an unfortunate child caught up in the child-welfare system.

The department balked, first saying the records related to Dye's case were tied to a "neglect investigation," which allows them to keep records sealed. The did this rather than classify the probe as a "fatality investigation" in which they are required to release records.

The near-two year legal battle was resolved last week, with the Cabinet forced to open its records re-

lated to qualifying cases, preventing stonewalling that might shed light on the shortcomings of the program that oversees 15,000 substantiated reports of child abuse each year in Kentucky.

The release of the records related to cases like that of Dye's reveal light on the failings of the Department of Community Based Services. As a journalists on Friday's panel suggested, that sunshine can lead to changes to keep the next Dye case from occurring.

Yet the privacy maintained between underpaid, highly-stressed social workers and the children they oversee is important to the trust from families looking to make a better life for those youth. Though it has come under recent fire for its guarded confidentiality of records, a measure of privacy in the welfare system helps build trust with those whom it works by not airing dirty laundry tied to each

child's case.

While the department deservedly lost its legal battle to keep certain records private against Kentucky open records laws, it also receives little credit for its many success stories that far outweigh its failures. But those successes just aren't sexy enough to sell many newspapers.

That aside, the conclusion I reached as I sat in the audience for an hour and a half is this: The problem is societal, not First Amendment crusades versus government rights to secrecy. As a society, we have become dependent on government to coddle us and perform its assigned tasks flawlessly, whether through child welfare or providing an education.

When we hand over the welfare and well-being of our less fortunate to underpaid, third-party, 9-to-5 public employees, should we expect perfection when we as a society are unwilling to

step in when we see abuses. Passing the buck, as the late Joe Paterno might have told you in his final days, is irresponsible.

Newspapers must continue to do their job to ferret out the truth, but society must also do its job and stop washing its hands of others' problems in favor of turning them over to the government to solve.

When the Good Samaritan saw the stranger in need by the roadside, he stopped to help him, not to simply shrug his shoulders and use his cell phone to dial a government welfare agency as he passed by on his donkey. More Good Samaritans and fewer government-managed child-welfare cases might prevent the next Amy Dye more than any newspaper expose.

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Dan Wood, an instructor of electronic technician training for Invensys employees, helps Archie Stowe of Maron earlier this month complete a segment of his computer lab for the class. Invensys, in cooperation with Madisonville Community College, is offering the course free to its employees looking to acquire more skills to fill positions at the facility.

## MCC, Invensys team to offer workers advanced training

**By DARYL K. TABOR**  
MANAGING EDITOR

More than 20 local Invensys employees have gone back to school to better their opportunities within the signalling and train control manufacturer.

The free courses are a collaboration of Invensys, Madisonville Community College (MCC), Crittenden County Adult Education Center and Crittenden County Economic Development Corp., in order to provide workers at the plant necessary training to fill electronic technician slots as they open.

"This has been a huge collaborative effort," Invensys Human Resources Director Jerry Peter said.

He said once the students complete the year-and-a-half training, they can then be considered for positions now offered primarily to people outside of Crittenden County because of the lack of qualified electronic technicians found here.

"That area is geographically-challenged to find that skill set," Peter, who spent several months at the Marion plant, said of the local area from his Louisville office.

Archie Stowe, who has worked at Invensys for more than a year, signed up for the classes not only to qualify for a higher-paying job, but to complete his education.

"This is allowing me to finish my bachelor's degree," the 52-year-old resident of Marion said.

Stowe already has an associate's degree in applied sciences, but opted

for the three-term course to better his standing in the company. When he's not on the night shift at Invensys, he often spends his days on a side job, roofing buildings.

"It's going to be a busy year and a half," Stowe said. "You don't ever turn down free education, though."

The first phase of courses ends April 24 and meets three days a week — computer lab work each Monday and Tuesday and lecture on Thursday.

The employees enrolled in the program had to first take a Test of Adult Basic Education, or TABE test, through the adult education center to see if they were qualified for the course. All but one prospective student passed the test.

"It's a major commitment for these people," said Dan Wood, instructor of the current coursework, which is provided just yards away from Invensys at the Ed-Tech Center on Industrial Drive.

The classes are fully-accredited, Peter said, and will apply toward an associate or bachelor's degree. The employees enrolled in the course will work with circuit boards plugged into computers to learn circuitry and other requirements for electronic technician positions within the company.

"This will give us a

growing base of electronic technicians to draw from," Peter said.

Invensys is using a Kentucky Workforce Investment Network System (Ky WINS) grant to help finance the classes for employees. Through Ky WINS, companies receive funding to assist with the cost of providing workforce training and assessment services to current

as well as potential employees. A centerpiece of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System workforce and economic development efforts, Ky WINS funds are distributed on a project basis and require a company match of 35 percent.

But that's a small price to pay for a company to fill open slots with employees already on the payroll.

Peter said Invensys chose the coursework through MCC because of their presence in the county and a history of electronics courses.

"We met with electronic supervisors and engineers to find a good program to fill electronic technician roles in Marion," he said.

This is the second education program with MCC for Invensys. An earlier slate of courses provided basic computer knowledge and work with Microsoft Office programs. Intermediate- and advanced-level courses will be offered at a later time, Peter said.

## Five from Livingston arrested in drug bust at hunting cabin

STAFF REPORT

Five people were arrested on Jan. 15 and charged with numerous offenses as the result of an investigation conducted by the Livingston County Sheriff's Department.

The investigation began as an anonymous complaint about possible drug activity. The Livingston County Sheriff's Department raided a property used as a deer hunting cabin on Carrsville Road in northeast Livingston County in the early morning hours of Jan. 15.

Individuals arrested include:

■ Scott Ringstaff, 42, of

Hampton — charged with criminal trespass, first degree; possession of a controlled substance (meth); manufacturing methamphetamine; and trafficking in a controlled substance (meth).

■ Tony C. Williams, 26, of Hampton — charged with criminal trespass, first degree; possession of a controlled substance, first degree (meth); manufacturing methamphetamine, first offense; and trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (meth).

■ Jeremy See, 30, of Salem — charged with criminal trespass, first degree;

possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; possession of a controlled substance, first degree (meth); and manufacturing methamphetamine, first offense.

■ Jessica Myrick, 30, of Hampton — charged with criminal trespass, first degree.

■ Misty Alexander, 32, of Salem — charged with criminal trespass, first degree.

Two vehicles and several firearms were seized as a result of this investigation. The Livingston County Sheriff's Department encourages citizens to report suspicious activity and possible drug activity in their community.

### ThePressBRIEFS

#### Marion's firehouse nearly complete

Marion's new firehouse is nearly ready for the city's volunteer fire department to move in. At press time, the exterior of the building was almost finished, with clocks being installed on the tower of the facility. City Administrator Mark Bryant calls the building likely the nicest fire stations in western Kentucky.

"It's the Taj Mahal of firehouses," he said.

Bryant said the department should be fully relocated in the new three-bay building by the end of February, allowing for the old department on East Bellville Street to be razed for city parking or perhaps a small park area.

#### Program to honor black heritage

Crittenden County Historical and Genealogical societies are presenting a one-night program on Feb. 16 in recognition of Black History Month.

In the presentation, Pam Smith of Chicago will discuss her African-American family research with a focus on her Crittenden County ancestors — Todd, Threlkeld and Hodge. She will also talk about her Kentucky family lineage that connects with Thomas Jefferson's sister, Lucy Jefferson Lewis of Livingston County.

Along the way she will share stories about finding other white Kentucky descendants of the people who enslaved her ancestors and what those initial encounters were like. The event will conclude with a question and answer period.

The program is free and begins at 6:30 p.m., at Crittenden County Public Library.

#### Blasting in Crayne ongoing at knobs

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) started production blasting this week on the new four-lane U.S. 641 corridor in southern Crittenden County.

A test blast earlier this

month allowed engineers to calculate the optimum amount of explosives required for excavation at the site as work moves forward.

Completion of the test blast allowed production blasting to begin Monday. The contractor plans to set off explosives about every one or two days, with all blasting scheduled at approximately noon each day.

Blasting on the project will be isolated to the area between Crayne Cemetery Road and Lloyd Road southeast of the Crayne community. An audible safety warning horn will provide an advance notice near the blasting site.

The blasting site will be in the knobs area east of existing U.S. 641 between mile point 2.565 and mile point 3.188.

#### State jobless rate at three-year low

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary unemployment rate dropped to a three-year low of 9.1 percent in December from 9.4 percent in November, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET).

The preliminary December jobless rate was 1.2

percentage points below the 10.3 percent rate recorded for the state in the same month a year earlier. The state's December 2011 jobless rate is the lowest since the December 2008, when it was 8.5 percent.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate fell to 8.5 percent in December from 8.7 percent in November, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. In December 2011, 2,087,230 individuals were counted in Kentucky's civilian labor force, which contracted by about 6,000 job seekers compared to the previous month.

"This is not really a sign of the 'discouraged-worker syndrome,'" said economist Manoj Shanker of the OET. "In a dynamic economy there are other causes for the decline in the labor force. Workers migrate between states and some go back to school to acquire new skills. Both of those factors can cause the labor force to contract."

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# Crittenden County turns 170 years old

The history of the beginning of Crittenden County has been written many times. But for our county's 170th birthday on Jan. 26, 2012, I thought you might find it interesting to go back a little further and see the reason for the new county and why Marion was chosen as the county seat. Much of this priceless information is taken from the works and research of Braxton McDonald and Robert M. "Bob" Wheeler. Through their eyes and their research you can get a real feeling for the beginning of our county.

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In 1839, James Watts was elected to the Kentucky Legislature as representative from Livingston County. He was already in favor of forming the new county, as the people that lived in the northeastern section of Livingston County were at a disadvantage. James Watts was followed by Dr. John S. Gilliam in 1841 - 1842. Through the efforts of Watts and Gilliam, an act creating a county named in honor of Governor John J. Crittenden was passed. But before this historical event came the story of the needed separation for the new county.

The first part of the history of Crittenden County is concerned with the establishment of our county from the northeastern section of Livingston County in January 1842. There was quite a bit of controversy in the late 1830s over the subject of division of Livingston County. The people who lived in the northeastern section were almost unanimously in favor of forming a new county.

The people living in the southwest section were opposed to the separation. Once a vast territory, Livingston County had dwindled to a quarter its original size in the space of a little over 30 years, and therefore the economy of the county could ill afford the loss of this mineral rich land at this time.

It is not known for sure



when Dr. Gilliam purchased the 400-acre tract from Robert Woodside, (which included the junction of the only two thoroughfares in northeastern Livingston County), whether he already had the intention of this becoming the site of the seat of justice of the new county that would soon be formed out of the second division of old Livingston County. However, it does seem quite likely that Dr. Gilliam did have such an intent, and knew that this gently-rolling plateau, cradled on the east and south by timbered ridges, and on the west and north by the swift-flowing head water of Crooked Creek, was the answer to the needs of the great majority of people of Northeastern Livingston County, and would make this site the most suited for the erection of a new county seat.

Salem, then the county seat, might as well have been on the far side of the moon, for no direct road from that section of the county to the seat of justice, the depository of county tax and land title records, was available. Horseback journeys usually took two days to complete. (the Moore Hill route didn't come available until some half-century later).

The one and only administrative outpost of Livingston County was at Cross Keys, thus the primary reason behind the call for the division of Livingston County in the early 1840s, was the difficulty in getting to the seat of justice.

It would appear likely that the far-sighted, John S. Gilliam, the "Father of Marion," had plans in mind.



PHOTO PROVIDED

The site of the first court meeting in 1842 has been documented in Crittenden County history books since the beginning of the county. State law in the 1840s called for court meetings to be held in the geographical center of each county, which in 1842 was Samuel Ashley's home, which was at or near Barry Gilbert's grandfather's farm on Crooked Creek Church Road. The Gilberts, with a generous donation from Henry and Henry Monuments, have seen to it that one of the first important locations of our Crittenden County history is forever preserved by this monument seen from the Crooked Creek Church Road.

James Watts, who was already in favor of the formation of the new county, had just been elected Livingston County's representative to the Kentucky Legislature, and the immediate need of the sure availability of the site for the new county seat of justice had become quite apparent.

Robert Woodside and Ann Woodside, his wife, then living in Perry County, Ill., on March 24, 1840 in consideration of \$2,000, conveyed two tracts of land of 200 acres each (400 acres total) of Livingston

County and Crooked Creek Watershed situation to John S. Gilliam.

Within a few months after the deed was made, Gilliam built a double log cabin, a single building consisting of two square log cabins separated by some 10 or more feet, but with a common and continuous floor and roof with a lean-to added to the rear to serve as a kitchen. This log cabin was located across Main Street from the present courthouse. This building was the first and for the first and second generations, one of the principle buildings in downtown Marion serving at various times as a dwelling, doctor's office, tavern and hotel until its destruction by fire about 1885.

At the Livingston County elections of May 1841, Dr. Gilliam was overwhelmingly elected to succeed James Watts in the Kentucky Legislature, and he immediately started composition of an act of that body in its fall session of 1841.

The act, creating the new county of Crittenden, in honor of the Governor of Kentucky at the time of its creation, from the northwestern portion of Livingston County, was passed in January of the next year and was signed into law by Governor John J. Crittenden, Jan. 26, 1842.

The act establishing Crittenden County quite obviously was completed with the clear formulation of the plan to establish the new county's seat of justice at its only really acceptable site - the present location of the city of Marion.

The act directed that the first county and circuit courts were to be held at the home of Samuel Ashley, which was the former tavern and voting place of Cross Keys, at about the territorial center of the newly formed Crittenden County. (This site was either at or very near the site of the late Fred Gilbert's residence. This site now is marked by a historical marker made possible by descendant Barry

Gilbert). The location was only one and one-half miles north of the Salem-Bellville crossing on the Fords Ferry Road.

The act also named a Selection Commission, and gave them power to receive donations of land for the erection of the planned public buildings of the county, and thus the stage was set for Dr. Gilliam's final step in the formulation of Marion.

The Selection Commission met at the home of James Cruce on the first Monday in April 1842 and one of the first matters brought before them was Dr. Gilliam's offer of the donation of the cross roads site. (W. Bellville, Main Street, Fords Ferry Road and very near his log cabin structure).

The Commission was made up of Thomas J. Flanary, Frederick D. Word, Robert N. Lewis, Robert T. Leeper and James Golson. After three sessions, they recommended to the court that Dr. Gilliam's offer of five acres of land be accepted, and on April 12, 1842, the following deed was recorded: John S. Gilliam & Nancy, his wife, for and in consideration of \$1 and donating to the county of Crittenden certain lands for the erection of public buildings for said county as provided for by an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, have this day, with the advice and consent of the Commissioners appointed by said act to locate said county seat, conveyed to the Justices of the County Court and their successors in office forever, for public use, all that certain piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the county aforesaid at the crossing of the Belleville and Main Road to Fords Ferry Road. One square being on the southwest corner of said crossroads being laid off by said commissioners for a public square. Thus began the construction of the new county's seat of justice.

Dr. John S. Gilliam, the Father of Marion, and his wife, Nancy S. Gilliam, at one time,

had stones in the Old Marion Cemetery. Both of their stones are now on the list of the earlier stones that are missing or destroyed.

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The act of the legislature incorporating the town of Marion was passed and signed by the governor on Feb. 22, 1844. The town was named after Gen. Francis Marion of the Revolution. John S. Gilliam, Harmon Hubands and James Duvall were appointed to lay the town off, which they did.

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From the book "Collins Historical Sketches of Kentucky - 1847."

Crittenden County, the 91st in order of formation, was erected out of the eastern part of Livingston County, in 1842, and named in honor of John J. Crittenden. It is watered by Crooked, Camp, Hurricane, Livingston and Piney Creeks, and is almost surrounded by rivers - the Ohio forming its entire northern, the Tradewater its entire eastern and the Cumberland nearly half of its western boundary; on the east are Union and Webster counties, on the south Caldwell and Lyon, and on the west Livingston.

The surface is generally broken, high and rolling; well timbered, and with a generous soil, adapted to all the cereals, and remarkable for its tobacco and fruits; it is the finest fruit region in the state; apples, peaches, and grapes grow to perfection.

Marion, the county seat, named after Gen. Marion of the Revolution, and incorporated in 1844 has a population of about 300, and is situated near the center of the county; contains five dry goods, two drug, and two grocery stores, two hotels, five mechanic shops, a tobacco warehouse, church, male and female academy, eight lawyers and three doctors.

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Happy 170th Birthday to our home - Crittenden County.

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## BLAST FROM THE PAST

NEWS FROM 1962

■ The Crittenden County High School band has been extended an invitation to represent Kentucky and participate in the Orange Bowl Festival in Miami.

■ The District I 4-H Council met last Thursday in Princeton. Officers elected for this year

were: President, Frank Shelton, Madisonville; Vice President, Douglas Nunn, Marion; and Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. James Freels, Central City.

■ Miss Helen Cochran, Robert Babb and William Cox have been named to the University of Kentucky Committee

of 204, an informational organization made up of students from each of Kentucky's 120 counties.

NEWS FROM 1987

■ Virgil Hughes of Marion won \$10,000 from Sureway Food Stores in Henderson as part of a giveaway. Hughes

said the money won will be used to go on a trip during the summer and the rest invested.

■ Jay Taylor Akridge received his PhD in agricultural economics from Purdue University. Akridge graduated from Lyon County High School in 1978. He is the son of Dean and Nona Akridge of Fredonia.

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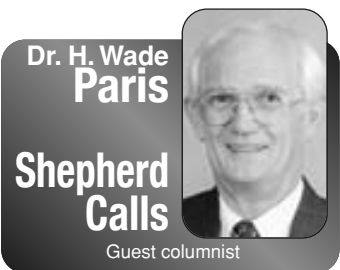
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# We should help those less fortunate

The front page of the Sunday paper featured an article about hungry people, especially children. Food stamp regulations – a necessity for many poor people – have been changed. The result is many hungry people.

If there is anything the Bible is clear about, it is this – those who have enough should help those who do not have enough. Specifically, those who have plenty to eat should help those who do not.

Need proof? Listen carefully, Jesus said, “in the final judgment God will say, ‘Come, blessed ones, I was hungry, and you gave me meat.’” (Matthew 25:35)



Hundreds of years before Jesus, the prophet Isaiah wrote, “if you give food to the hungry . . . your light will shine in the darkness, and your gloom will be like noonday.” (Isaiah 58:10) The book of James chides us with these words: What good is it if your brother is hungry and you simply say go in peace

but do not help him? What good is that? (James 2:14ff) I could cite more references, but I doubt you need them. You know it is right to feed the hungry. Even if you are not a believer and do not live by biblical principles, you know it is right. We live in a land of plenty; obesity and its complications abound. That being the case, no one should go hungry. If there is plenty of food and if we believe people should not go hungry, then what is the problem? Why are there hungry children in our midst? Obviously, one reason is because we often fail to do what is right. It is

human nature not to share; the word for it is greed. I asked a group, “How much is enough?” My friend Dan answered, “Just a little more.” Without doubt, some are hungry because they are lazy. It is biblical to detest laziness, but often the innocent suffer because of another’s sloth – children, for example. Should a child hunger because his father will not work? Hunger has many faces. Feeding the hungry is complicated and difficult. Still, Jesus instructed us to do it. Unfortunately, He did not tell us how. He left that for you and me to work out.

## PrayerGate hotline available for requests

STAFF REPORT  
PrayerGate, a Marion-based prayer request hotline, is now functioning with live answering eight hours a day. The rest of the time, an answering machine will take requests. Local certified public accountant Larry Orr, who was diagnosed with cancer

last year, started the program. It currently has a list of 30 individuals seeking daily prayer. Last year, Orr said the program’s prayer warriors provided intercessory prayer for 41 individuals. Calls are being answered at 965-4300.

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### Church notes

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■ Marion Baptist Church’s The Basement will be open 7-11 p.m., Friday. Upward games will begin at 9 a.m., Saturday. Walking track and weight room will be open.

■ Calvary Baptist Church will host its fifth Sunday singing, featuring the Crossmen Quartet at 11 a.m., Jan. 29. There is no admission, but a love offering is being taken.

■ 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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Chittenden

Robert Louis Chittenden, 67, of Joy, died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012.

He was an Army veteran, a member of Carrsville Lodge No. 812 F & AM and a heavy equipment operator. He attended Good Hope Baptist Church.

Chittenden is survived by his wife of 31 years, Linda LaGrand Chittenden; one daughter, Amy Lynn Chittenden of North Richland Hills, Texas; a stepson, Danny and wife Pam Greer of Brandenburg; one stepdaughter, Lana Kim of Bellevue, Wash.; his mother, Christine Driver Chittenden of Joy; two sisters, Cathy Curnel of Joy and Linnie "Peggy" and husband Jim Tinsley of Cottage Grove, Tenn.; and five brothers, Paul Wayne and wife Jewell Chittenden of Burna, Mickey and wife Connie Chittenden of Burna, Terry Chittenden of Joy, Tim and wife Sabrina Chittenden of Joy and Johnny Chittenden of Carrsville; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; his father, George Louis Chittenden; and one brother, Greg Chittenden.

Funeral and Masonic services were Sunday at Myers Funeral Home with Bro. Benny Chandler officiating. Interment was in Hampton Cemetery.

Traffic deaths set to outpace 2011

Kentucky State Police regularly report year-to-date traffic fatalities across the commonwealth. Below, the number of deaths through Monday are represented alongside the difference from the same period in 2011. There have been no traffic-related deaths in Crittenden County in 2012.

2012 DEATHS	CHANGE FROM 2011	ALCOHOL RELATED	
Deaths .....	36 .....	+11 .....	5 .....

MODE	DEATHS	NO SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Automobile .....	32 .....	18 .....
Motorcycle .....	1 .....	0 .....
Pedestrian .....	3 .....	n/a .....
ATV .....	0 .....	0 .....
Bicycle .....	0 .....	n/a .....
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Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555.

Drug case against man held over to grand jury

Crittenden County District Judge Daniel Heady found probable cause to send a case against Jared Asbridge of Marion to the grand jury next month. During a preliminary hearing last week, Sheriff Wayne Agent testified that a Marion woman had reported that Asbridge is believed to have taken some medication belonging to her from her bathroom. Asbridge's attorney, Don Thomas of Benton, told Judge Heady that investigators had no evidence of a pill bottle and no proof that Asbridge was ever in the house on the date in question.

County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said the victim, who did not testify during the preliminary hearing, is a very credible person and would not have made the accusations without basis.

Heady said the threshold of proof is very low at this point in the case; therefore, he bound the case over to the Feb. 6 meeting of the grand jury, who will hear the evidence and determine whether to indict the suspect.

Detention center prisoner count

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

TYPE	MALE	FEMALE
Federal	0	0
State	94	10
County	7	2
Other	1	0
Gender total	102	12
Total population:	114	

Last week, 40 detention center work release inmates put in 1,796 hours of community service, saving taxpayers approximately \$13,021.

Tabor

Harold Riley "Cotton" Tabor, 72, of Marion died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012 at his home.

He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Tabor is survived by his wife, Alma Aliene Tabor of Marion; one son, Randy Tabor of Marion; three daughters, Teresa Robertson of Marion and Darlene Bloodsworth and Marlene Sheets, both of Kuttawa; three brothers, Joe Tabor of Shreveport, La., and Bill and Edward Tabor, both of Marion; one sister, Linda Kemper of Earlington; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rollie and Edmona Tabor, one brother and one sister.

Services were Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Frances Cemetery.

Shire

George Raymond Shire, 84, of Marion died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services will be Thursday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors.

He worked as a millwright at American Bridge for 25 years from 1957 until they closed. He then transferred to United States Steel where he worked until he retired in 1984. He was a member of Unity General Baptist Church in Crayne.

Shire is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lola Mae Shire of Marion; three daughters, Glenda and husband Mike Dragovich of Seminole, Fla., Brenda and husband John Clemmons of Hobart, Ind., and Jeanie Shire of Marion; 11 grandchildren, Mike Sakon, Jennifer Dragovich, Christina Dragovich, John Clemmons, Wade Clemmons, Mike Clemmons, Joe Clemmons, Kortni Clemmons, Jason Mathieu, Jessie Mathieu and Jon Mathieu; five great-grandchildren, Nicholas Fisher, Katie Mathieu, Hailey Mathieu, Laryssa Pogue and Taylor Graw.

He was preceded in death by one son, Gene Shire; one grandchild, Ed Sakon; one brother, Donald Shire; and his parents, Ralph and Laura Funkhouser Shire.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., today (Thursday) in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors with Rev. Barry Hix officiating. Burial will be in Mound Cemetery in Willow Hill, Ill.

Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

Manker

Paul Manker, 77, of Lola died Friday, Jan. 20, 2012 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

He was a member of St. William Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

Manker is survived by his wife, Shirley Manker of Lola; two sons, Steve Manker of Marion and Kevin and wife Terri Manker of Adams, Tenn.; five brothers, James and wife Gayle Manker of Canyon Lake, Texas, Ken and wife Brenda Manker of Murray, Ray Manker of St. Louis, Mo., David and wife Alpha Manker of Charleston, Mo. and Don and wife Diane Manker of Atoka, Tenn.; three sisters, Norma and husband Jan Sommer of Sparta, Ill., Melba and husband Jim Stricker of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Judy and husband Gordon Holzem of Springville, Tenn.; and two grandchildren, Bailey and Anthony Manker both of Adams.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Jean Manker ,and parents, James and Helen Manker.

Services were Monday at St. William Catholic Church in Marion with interment in St. William Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



**What's bugging you?**

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

The "stomach bug" or gastroenteritis has hit hard this week. Symptoms include low-grade fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramps. Most people recover within 24 to 48 hours, and symptoms can usually be treated with rest and by drinking plenty of fluids. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention to avoid dehydration or other complications. Stay warm, stay well and keep washing those hands.

[jcroft@crittenden-health.org](mailto:jcroft@crittenden-health.org)

Rogers

Harold "Buddy" Rogers, 82, of Fredonia, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012 at Princeton Health and Rehab following a long illness.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Fredonia.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, and was a retired engineer tech for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet highway department. Rogers was a charter member of Fredonia Lions Club and a member for 56 years of Fredonia American Legion Post 103. Buddy Rogers Park in Fredonia was named in his honor.

Rogers is survived by his wife, Dorothy Riley Rogers of Fredonia; one son, Ken and wife Beth Rogers of Princeton; one daughter, Pam and husband Steve Faughn of Fredonia; three grandchildren, Jason Faughn, Jake Rogers and Josh Rogers; two brothers, Don Rogers of Murray and Larry Rogers of Hendersonville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Justice and Blanche Beatrice Sullenger Rogers; two brothers, Keith and Gerald Rogers; and one granddaughter, Jennifer Rogers.

Funeral services were Saturday at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton home with Dr. Jerrell White and Rev. Kyle Noffsinger officiating. Burial was in Fredonia Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Fredonia American Legion Post 103 or Buddy Rogers Park, c/o Donald Doom, 1034 Kuttawa Springs Road, Eddyville, KY 42038 or Fredonia Lions Club, c/o Linda Bennett, 90 Old Mexico Road, Fredonia, KY 42411.



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# PAWSITIVELY Crazy About Pets?



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## Dog, pet or family member?

Life at the Highfil house in the southern Crittenden community of Mexico has always included dogs. Granted most of the time-hunting dogs, but once a small neglected pup transcended the normal "man verses animal" relationship and became a family member. My name is Buddy, and I think I left an indelible mark on the entire family and unlocked a legacy for future generations of my canine family.

I was six months old when I first made my way into the Highfils' hearts. I was a member of a litter of pups facing elimination and I desperately needed a home! Shelia begged Hugh to get their young sons, Jake (10 years old) and Jesse (six years old) a pet. Hugh, an avid hunter, always had two or more hunting dogs. According to him, a dog had to serve a purpose, hunting quail or rabbits. After much pleading and a request for me to be her birthday present, the family came to my rescue. Jesse led the way and quickly chose me, a malnourished shy little pup, to come home with them on an early June day in 2000. Ironically, Shelia knew a Golden Retriever was considered a hunting dog, but that the breed was also well known for loyalty to its family. She was confident; I would be ideal for her family!

For 12 years, I was the typical Golden Retriever; I dearly loved my family unconditionally. Not only did I love the Highfil boys, but all three grandkids, the great nieces and nephews, and anyone else who came to visit my family. What was so different about me was the fact I was terrified of a gunshot and storms. I would run and hide the minute a gun was shot near the Highfil home. I never made the hunting trips so frequent at the Highfil house. Because of my fear of storms, rather than checking the Weather Channel all anyone had to do was look to see if I was hiding at the bottom of the basement stairs to know a storm was pending. I was also so tender-hearted that a scolding was never needed. Yea, I pretty much lived the life of the "top dog" and enjoyed great freedom.

Life continued at a rapid pace for the entire Highfil family and 12 years passed by ever so quickly. Hugh retired from teaching and coaching. Then a few years later, Shelia retired too. I loved having them both home with me more! Jake graduated high school, left for a place called the Air Force Academy? Not sure what that was all about, but Jake was gone a great portion of the time, and I could tell everyone missed him. Jesse was always busy playing baseball, basketball and taking karate lessons in Princeton. Nevertheless, no matter how busy he was with school and sports, Jess always found time for me. Sadly, Jesse graduated from CCHS and left for Western Kentucky University in August. I really missed him! Through all the changes, I was always there the minute the Highfils returned home to greet them until one quiet day in September.

You know, I probably really was Shelia's dog. After all, I was her birthday present so many years ago. Many days I walked with her on a two-mile route that stretched on Truman Highfil Road until that one fateful autumn day. All I could do was just look at Shelia as she took off on her daily walk. I'm sure Shelia chalked



**Buddy**  
Belonged to  
Highfil family



it up to my advance age; she probably rationalized I was just getting old. Not so, I just couldn't tell her that in a short 24-hour period her beloved Buddy would be gone. Through tears, she watched as Hugh put me in the truck to take me to a local vet, only to find out that a large mass was in my lung and a decision had to be made. Bring me home or let the vet put me down. Ultimately, I took charge of my life and drifted away quietly. I just couldn't bear to see her so upset and crying. She really loved me so much!

The loss hit so hard for the matriarch of the Highfil family! Her daughter, April had married and left home years ago, Jake was gone and now Jesse had left for college. I pretty much was the one constant in her life at this point; she made sure I was in the garage at night and fed. First thing of a morning, Shelia greeted me with a smile and let me out for my daily reign of Highfil hill. Now, none of the normalcy was in place. For days, Shelia checked local animal shelters to rescue another Golden Retriever. She searched the Internet for a pup only to find that a Golden could cost up to \$1,500, not an option for a retired couple. Meanwhile, Hugh quietly located a pup in Evansville for a very reasonable price, and surprised Shelia with an 11-week-old Golden Retriever for their 24th anniversary in early October. What he didn't share was the fact that this pup would proceed to throw up his breakfast all over Shelia all the way home from Evansville. Whew, what a beginning!

But that was precisely what the Highfil family needed – a new beginning. "Mexican Goldrush Gunner" (named again by Jesse) was welcomed by all as quickly as if he had been a member of the family for years. The Highfils' three grandkids, Grant, Lauren and Dixon, had loved me and eagerly welcomed little "Gunner" to the family. There is even talk of the Benningfield family getting a Golden Retriever. There is rarely a comparison of Gunner to me. Well, except the time that Gunner ripped the Amazon box from the plastic bag on the back door. He proceeded to destroy the bag and the box. Luckily, the items in the box were salvaged. Scolding Gunner seems to occur daily, and it never has the same effect it did on me. He keeps chewing up and tearing up anything he can get in his mouth! But I am pretty sure I paved the way for a lucky little pup to find a family to love him!



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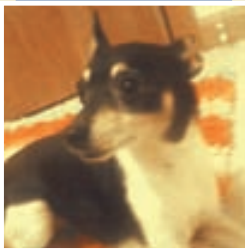
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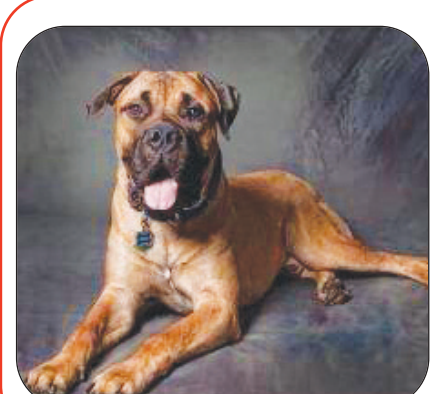
### Man's best friend

Okay this event I'm calling a Christmas miracle for me. I was deer hunting on the last Sunday of the season and on the way back from my deer stand I lost my good eye glasses (they fell out of my hunting vest). When I started to put my equipment away I realized I had lost them so I backtracked with both my dogs trailing behind enjoying the walk and playing around. It was a fun outing for them, but I had no luck finding my glasses. A few days later as I was sitting out on our back patio enjoying the warm sun while the dogs were outside doing their thing, along came Rod Stewart (our six-month-old pit bull) with something in his mouth which is never unusual for him. He's always bringing something to the patio to chew on or just show me his findings, but this time it wasn't something he had dug up, it was my glasses. Like finding a needle in a haystack, he had found my glasses and returned them to me without chewing them up or putting one scratch on them. The distance between our home and the field I was hunting on is a guessing average of 20 acres; this is why I call it a Christmas miracle especially because it was Christmas Day when he found them. He and Maggie Mae are truly wonderful loving pit-bulls, and the bad reputation they are given is simply the fault of their handler, not theirs. I indeed call Rod Stewart and Maggie Mae both my man's best fiend.




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# Taking the plunge

## Locals dive in for Special Olympics

BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN  
PRESS REPORTER

Even though outside temperatures haven't reached a degree hinting at warmer weather ahead, a select group of teachers, volunteers and administrators at Crittenden County Elementary School will be braving the cool winter air as they plunge into the icy waters Feb. 4 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort, participating in the 2012 Western Kentucky Polar Plunge.

The group, known as the Chilly Willies and headed by CCES assistant principal Karen Nasser, will be taking the plunge to help raise money in support of Special Olympic athletes.

The Chilly Willies group was formed by Nasser after a brochure promoting the plunge was brought to her by Tracy Rogers, a speech therapist for CCES. Working with children on a daily basis, Nasser began thinking of how the polar plunge would be another great way to help local students who participate in Special Olympics every year.

"After looking at it, we decided that we wanted to form a team," Nasser said. "Our goal was to get seven people to participate."

In preparation of being turned down because of the prospect of jumping into cold water, Nasser figured that she would be doing good just to get seven members. But as word got out about the group, she was pleasantly surprised by the support. A total of 20 members have committed to the team. While the majority



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Participating in the Polar Plunge this year are (front from left) **Mandy Gardner, Heather Belt, Sarah Riley, Jayme Young, Tracy Rogers;** (middle) **Daphne James, Felicia Holloman, Angel McDonald, Dewayna Bruce, Karen Nasser;** (back) **Melissa Tabor, Debra LaPlante, Jennifer Bell, Mary Lynch, Mollie McGowan and David Drennan.**

will be taking the jump on Feb. 4, Nasser said that the group does have a few "chicken jumpers."

"They're on our team and have helped raise money but they're not going to be jumping," Nasser said.

For the last couple of weeks, group members have been busy raising money in an effort to meet their team goal of \$2,500. Each member is required to raise a minimum of \$75 but Nasser said that the Chilly Willies have aimed higher.

"We really want to raise \$100 per team member which is \$2,000 but we really would like to raise \$2,500."

With the plunge just a week away, members are still trying their best to meet their de-

sired goal by participating in fundraisers. Teachers are making donations in all Crittenden County schools to be able to wear jeans while lunches are provided for CCES teachers every Tuesday and Thursday for a small donation. Even elementary students are jumping on board by bringing in loose change to put toward the cause. As of press time, the Chilly Willies have raised a total of \$1,280.

"What we're doing is for a great cause and we're having a great time working together as a team to raise money," Nasser said. "It's great to see the number of people who also want to help with this project. People not even on the team are helping us to

meet our goal by participating in our fundraisers, and Mary Denton, a grandmother of one of our students, has donated her time and materials to make penguin toboggins for all of the team members."

Because of the positive response Nasser received for this year's event, she hopes that it could become an annual event with more and more locals stepping up to help the cause. She even hopes to see more of the local special needs students and young adults being able to participate. Donations are still being accepted for the event and can be turned in at CCES. Checks can be made to the Kentucky Special Olympics.

## Overcome a child's dyslexia by being a supportive parent

Dyslexia is a reading disability that can make concentrating and reading difficult for children. It's important to remember that dyslexia has no bearing on intelligence, and in fact, many famous people are believed to have had or been diagnosed with dyslexia, including Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, Tom Cruise, and baseball pitcher Nolan Ryan.

Carole Gnatuk, UK Extension specialist says detection of learning disabilities has advanced over recent decades, so much so that dyslexia is now commonly diagnosed.

However, because reading and comprehension are so critical, especially in a world that places a tremendous emphasis on text via computers, phones, and other mobile devices, it is very important for parents to understand and assist children who are struggling. Down the road, dyslexia can affect education levels and job performance.

Research reported by The

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UK Cooperative Extension Agent

Dana Foundation shows that diagnosing dyslexia early, even before children learn to read, can mitigate its effects.

Remedial reading instruction, along with teacher and parental assistance, can go a long way toward helping children comprehend written words and read at an appropriate level. Children with dyslexia often work much harder to comprehend assignments, so parents need to be aware of this effort and support the child properly.

Help your child by setting aside extra time for homework and talk to teachers. The more support your child has, the better he or she will be able to deal with dyslexia.



## Ordway 60th anniversary

Submitted by April Spangler

On Dec. 18, Bruce and Charlotte Dycus Ordway renewed their vows in a 60th wedding anniversary ceremony at First Presbyterian Church in Merrillville, Ind., along with 135 of their closest friends and family.

The couple was married in a small Mississippi town where they ran off as young adults madly in love to elope on Jan. 20, 1952. Charlotte, originally from Dycusburg, is the only daughter of the late Mark and Geneva Cooksey Dycus. Bruce, originally from Crayne, is the youngest son of four children born to the late Robert and Imogene Ordway.

Mrs. Ordway, also known as Candy, was a Frances High School cheerleader who attended college at Murray State University. Mr. Ordway is a recent Frances High School basketball team Hall of Fame member who went to the Navy. The couple relocated to northwest Indiana in the 1950s where they worked and raised their family, daughter Renee Ordway Connelly of Merrillville, Ind., and son Greg of Portage, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Ordway both retired in the 1980s. She was employed by the telephone company (merged multiple times and now AT&T). He was

a retired senior analyst from DuPont. The couple stayed in Merrillville until 2000 when they decided to split time between the Ordway farm in Crayne and their home in Daytona Beach Shores, Fla.

The couple now resides full time in Florida. The couple says everyone in their old hometown growing up said their marriage "wouldn't last six months," and here they are today, happy and in good health, celebrating being together 60 years later.

The couple is an inspiration to many, the rock of their family, and have affected so many people with their love and friendship over the years. The Ordways thank God for being blessed with such a wonderful life, good health and a loving family that includes several nieces, nephews and cousins, five grandchildren and three – soon to be four – great-grandchildren. Mr. Ordway is thankful for the beautiful woman he married, who he looks forward to spending every day with for the rest of their lives.

If you would like to get in touch with the couple, they can be found on Facebook under the name Bruceand-Charlotte Ordway. Their email address is bcardie2@yahoo.com.



## Heady-Cohan

Sandy Heady and Ronnie Heady of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber, to Michael "Mick" Cohan, son of Patricia Cohan of Dublin, Ohio and the late Michael Cohan.

Heady is 2003 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 2008 graduate of Western Kentucky University where she received her bachelor's degree in accounting. She is currently em-

ployed by White Castle in the frozen foods division as a sales/marketing analyst.

Cohan is a 2007 graduate of University of Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in finance. He is employed by Huntington National Bank as a commercial portfolio manager.

An August wedding is planned in Columbus, Ohio where the couple resides.



Cub Scout Pack 30 went ice skating at Swonder Ice Arena in Evansville, Ind., Jan. 21. Pictured are **Seth Millikan, Quinn Templeton, Jordan Urbanowski, Jimmy Newland, James Crider, Jimmy Crider, BJ Daugherty and Alex Tucker.** They also watched a high school hockey team practice.

## Good things happen when friends get together

I did a Google search for "Friends of," just to see what I would get. I mean, who are you a "friend of?" It was interesting – the first "hit" was "Friends of the San Francisco Library," then "Friends of the Library USA" or "FO-LUSA."

After that, it was randomness – Animals; White River, IN; ED; The Earth; The Smokies; Trees; Orphans.

Everybody has their pet projects – something that means something to them, and they're willing to expend either time, money, or both, to further the cause. If I didn't work at the library, I have a feeling that FOCCPL (Friends of the Crittenden County Public Library) would be one of my pet projects.

Are you a Friend of the Crittenden County Public Library? Many are due-paying friends who help out when they can. These dues, and the fundraisers that the



Friends have had, have purchased random things for us – reusable bags available to purchase at the library, a sturdy ladder to replace our old one, serving pieces for events, tablecloths, the outdoor bench and landscaping, part of the subscription for Ancestry.com, and other things. These are things that help the library, but if we were forced to budget them, would be left out.

But did you know that there may be ways you can show your friendship and loyalty to the Crittenden County Public Library beyond paying your dues?

When was the last time you passed on a good word about the library to one of your state or local government officials? The legislature is currently talking about the upcoming state budget. There are 23 library systems, including ours, that would like to see library construction grant money become available again. While we're not looking at a new building (and some counties are), we are beginning to need extensive work done to our nearly-40-year-old building. With the increase in technology, we are running out of space to meet the varying needs of our community. How can the Friends help here?

Did you know that many of our population now have to use online resources to complete the basics such as job applications, unemployment claims and Medicare applications? Did you know that during rush times, we

divide our time between serving customers at the desk and at the computers? How could our Friends help?

Summer Reading Programs are coming soon. Planning is already getting under way. How could our Friends help out this year?

Friends of the Library is an advocacy group, it is a fund-raising group, it is a resource for the ongoing programs of the library.

Do you know what the best thing is? It's a group of friends helping a whole community! If you're interested in helping out this year, come to our next meeting at 3:30 p.m., Feb. 21, at the Crittenden County Public Library.

I know one thing for sure – when friends get together, good things happen.

(Merrick is director of Crittenden County Public Library. She can be reached at 965-3354 or regina.merrick@crittendenlibrary.org.)

## ThePressCALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 26

■ Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services will sponsor a health check from 9-11 a.m., Thursday (today) at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

■ There will be a Project Graduation meeting at 6 p.m., Jan. 31 in the CCHS teacher's workroom.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

■ AARP Tax Aide Program returns to Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday. 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 at the same time and place through April 11. Please make an appointment by calling 704-2106. Walk-ins accepted, but appointments preferred.

Ongoing

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

Upcoming

■ Project Graduation will have a

chili supper from 5-6:30 p.m., Feb. 3 in the CCHS multipurpose room. Cost of the meal is \$5 and will include chili, sandwich, dessert and drink. All proceeds benefit Project Graduation 2012.

■ Womens Club of Marion will have its mid-winter membership brunch at 11 a.m., Feb. 4 at the club building. Van and Marjorie Yandell will be the guest speakers.

■ The annual meeting of the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association will be held after morning services on Feb. 5 at the church. Anyone interested in the maintenance of the cemetery is encouraged to attend this meeting.

■ 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.

# Blue Knights win in regional chess tournament

The Crittenden County Chess teams won all four divisions at the Quad A Regional Chess Tournament held Jan. 21. Teams from around the region were competing for spots in the State Team Tournament to occur March 3 in Louisville. The top four teams in each division from each of the four regions advance to play head-to-head for the state team championship of chess.

The Crittenden County High School team of Marcus Hughes, Micah Hollamon, Korey Mayes, Will Hayes, Cameron McDaniel, Cole Foster and Joseph Tedford won the regional title for the first time in eight years. Individually, Hughes was crowned regional champion, while Hollamon placed second, Mayes seventh, Hayes eighth and McDaniel ninth (top under 1000 rated).

Crittenden County Middle School continued its dominance, winning the region for the fourth year in a row. The team of Hayden Brooks, Arry Schofield, Jantzon Croft, Clay Stevens, Matthew Spannuth, Gage Moore, Benny Tucker and Samuel Winders needed every win or draw to edge out

Murray Home School by half of a point. Individually, Brooks finished fifth, Schofield sixth, Croft seventh, Stevens eighth, and Spannuth ninth (top under 800 rated).

Crittenden County Elementary School swept both regional divisions. The elementary team of Ethan Stone, Skyler James, Hannah Bell, Deken Platfoot and Emma Herrin placed first. Individually, Stone placed third, James fifth, Bell seventh and Platfoot ninth (top under 600 rated). The CCES primary team of Chase Stevens, Dennon Wilson, Gage Russell, Evan McDowell and Mya Moore dominated the tourney with 13 wins totaled by its top four players. Teammates Stevens and Wilson both won all four of their games being crowned undefeated co-champions. Russell won three games finishing fourth, McDowell won two finishing ninth (top under 400 rated) and Moore won two, finishing tenth (top unrated). All four teams will advance to play in the state tournament March 3 at Louisville Atherton High School.



Pictured is the primary chess team. They are (front from left) Evan McDowell, Mya Moore, Chase Stevens, Gage Russell, Dennon Wilson; (back) Coach Don Winters.



Pictured is the elementary chess team. They are (front from left) Emma Herrin, Hannah Bell, Skyler James; (back) Deken Platfoot, Ethan Stone and Coach Winters.



Pictured is the middle school chess team. They are (front from left) Samuel Winders, Gage Moore, Clay Stevens, Matthew Spannuth; (back) Coach Winters, Benny Tucker, Jantzon Croft, Hayden Brooks, Arry Schofield and Coach Greg Hollamon.



Pictured is the high school chess team. They are (front from left) Joseph Tedford, Cole Foster, Marcus Hughes, Coach Juan Gonzales; (back) Coach Winters, Will Hayes, Micah Hollamon, Korey Mayes, Cameron McDaniel and Coach Hollamon.

# Annual Fohs Hall Ball will be held next month

**STAFF REPORT**

The ninth Fohs Hall Charity Ball will be held Feb. 18 at historic Fohs Hall in Marion. The elegant, semi-formal event will feature fine dining from 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 (270) 704-0447. Dance only tickets can also be reserved for \$25 per person.

A fund-raising auction will be held during the event. Auction items include a weekend at Green Turtle Bay, fine jewelry from Michelson's, lunch with well-known cookbook author and community icon Ethel Tucker, a handcrafted tiger maple corner cupboard by renowned woodcrafter Michael Wheeler and many other items. Jody Selph of Selph Portraits is the official photographer for the evening.

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this very important event. Proceeds will be used to maintain Fohs Hall for all the citizens of Marion and surrounding areas to enjoy for many years to come. Tax deductible contributions are accepted by mail to P.O. Box 1, Marion KY 42064

For more information contact Michele Edwards, Marion Tourism Commission director, at 965-5015 director@marionkentucky.us.



FILE PHOTO

The first-ever Fohs Hall Ball in 2001 was a big success and helped commemorate the 75th anniversary of the building's construction.

## Community Spotlight



Marcus Hughes and Anna Schnittker advance to the state speech tournament held in March at UK.

### CCHS places sixth at speech tournament

The Crittenden County High School speech team competed at Paducah Tilghman's Tornado Alley speech tournament Jan. 14. Overall, CCHS placed sixth, and members Marcus Hughes and Anna Schnittker qualified for the state speech competition held in March at the University of Kentucky. Individually, Hughes was third in impromptu speaking and third in original oratory while Schnittker finished second in original oratory.

### The Press receives awards at KPA

The Crittenden Press earned seven awards last week, including one first place, from the 2011 Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers Contest sponsored by the Kentucky Press Association. The winners were announced last Friday in Lexington at KPA's annual convention.

Newspapers from the smallest weeklies to the largest dailies across the commonwealth competed in 27 categories judged by members of the South Carolina Press Association. The Press competed in the Weekly Class 2 Division, designed for papers with a weekly circulation of 3,001 to 4,400.

The newspaper won the following awards for entries from the contest period running from

Oct. 1, 2010 to Sept. 30, 2011:

- Best Graphic: First place, Daryl K. Tabor. Awarded for a graphic accompanying an Aug. 11, 2011 story by Jerritt Hovey-Brown on Josh and Leigh Hutchens of Crittenden County who spent a year as missionaries in the eastern European republic of Moldova. Judge's comments: "Clean and clear design conveys information."
- Best Editorial: Second place, staff. Award was given for a Sept. 15, 2011 editorial regarding the need for open, public discussion of Crittenden Health Systems' request to the fiscal court for subsidizing its ambulance service. Judge's comments: "Thorough and informative. Good job of explaining an issue important to local readers."
- Best Front Page Design: Third place, Daryl K. Tabor. Entries were submitted from three separate issues during the contest period.
- Best Editorial Page: Third place, staff. Entries were submitted from three separate issues, containing staff editorials and columns, guest commentaries and letters to the editor.
- Best Feature Story: Third place, Jerritt Hovey-Brown. Awarded for Aug. 4, 2011 front-page story on two young local couples — Pfc. Dusty McConnell and wife Jordan and Pfc. Josh Urbanowski and wife Rachel — dealing with the deployment of Kentucky Army National Guard soldiers to Iraq as part of Operation New Dawn, which closed out the nine-year war there.
- Best General News Story: Honorable mention, Chris Evans. Recognized for a Sept. 29, 2011 story on the arson trial of Pat Tinsley, who was acquitted of all charges related to a 2010 house fire in which his wife, Glenda, died. Judge's comments: "Detail and background make this a compelling story from court. This category was very strong. I had 12 stories that made the first cut."
- Best Enterprise or Analytical Story: Honorable mention, Daryl K. Tabor. Given for a Sept. 1, 2011 analysis of data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention naming Crittenden County one of the chubbiest,

most inactive counties in the commonwealth.

### Thompson graduates from drug court

Jay Thompson of Marion graduated from Drug Court Jan. 14 in Webster County. Judge Rene Williams implemented the Fifth Judicial Drug Court program in May of 2005 as an alternative to jail. The program is geared toward helping people who are addicted by breaking the habit and bettering their lives by overcoming physical and behavioral addictions.

### Hendrix has flood photos published

Emily Hendrix, resident of Crittenden County, took well over 100 photos of the great flood of 2011. Two of her photos were selected for the West Kentucky Star 2011 Flood Book commemorative publication. In June 2011, Hendrix heard about the book on the radio and decided to submit some of her photos. She submitted 20 flood photos to



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Pictured are (from left) drug court administrators Dava Steward, Michelle Moore, Randa Simpson, drug court graduate Jay Thompson, Judge Rene Williams, Amber Miller, Ginger Boone and Tina McFarland.

the West Kentucky Star and a month later she received an email saying that 'one or more' of her pictures had been selected for the book.

"At the time, I didn't know which ones they had chosen," Hendrix says, "it was very exciting to receive the book in the mail and flip through the pages to find my photos."

You can see Hendrix's photos by visiting her blog at [www.carpediem-photography.blogspot.com](http://www.carpediem-photography.blogspot.com).

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BASKETBALL

High School schedule  
Crittenden County Games

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**  
**THURSDAY**  
Lady Rockets at Caldwell County  
**FRIDAY**  
Rockets host Hopkinsville  
**SATURDAY**  
Lady Rockets host Tilghman  
Rockets at Caldwell County  
**TUESDAY**  
Lady Rockets host Heath  
Rockets host Hopkins Central

**Hall of Fame, homecoming**  
The annual basketball homecoming doubleheader Feb. 3 will coincide with the induction of two new members to the 2011 Farmers Bank Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame. Chad Perryman and Vanessa Gray will be this year's inductees.

**Webster, UHA split titles**  
University Heights' girls won the Second Region All A Classic 61-57 over Webster County last weekend and the Trojans returned the favor by knocking off UHA 62-57 in the boys' championship game at Dawson Springs.

**'Cats 1, Murray State 11**  
**Associated Press Top 25**  
Undeafated Murray State, riding its best start in school history, is now the only undefeated team in Division I men's basketball.  
Rank Team Record Pts Prvs  
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2. Missouri (2) 18-1 1,532 5  
3. Syracuse (2) 20-1 1,506 1  
4. Ohio St. 17-3 1,411 6  
5. Kansas 16-3 1,383 7  
6. Baylor 17-2 1,234 3  
7. North Carolina 16-3 1,232 8  
8. Duke 16-3 1,176 4  
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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

BASEBALL

**Dugout Club meets Sunday**  
Crittenden County Dugout Club will meet at 3:30 p.m., Sunday at Crittenden Middle School gym to discuss the upcoming youth softball and baseball seasons. Members are needed to guarantee continuation of the youth sports program. Anyone interested in continuing the program should attend the meeting.

Rugged Rocket schedule eases after Friday

STAFF REPORT  
Eliminated last week from the All A Classic Tournament, the Rockets decided to jump on an opportunity to play at Graves County – one of the best in the First Region Tuesday night – in a previously unscheduled game.  
Graves had been slated to face Heath Tuesday, but the Pirates won the First Region small-school tournament and couldn't fulfill that obligation.  
The 12-9 Eagles ratcheted up their defense just before halftime and scored easy buckets off turnovers to lead 38-19 at the break.  
Four Graves players ended in double figures and Thomas Scott led the Rockets with 16.  
"I feel that every game, every practice we are getting better," said first-year head coach Denis Hodge.  
"We've played Marshall County, Graves

County and got Hopkinsville coming up. We're playing some of the best competition in this end of the state," Hodge added.  
The Rockets are 6-14 against a rugged schedule that has indeed been outside their comfort zone at times. However, with 10 games left against nine different teams, Crittenden will face only three more clubs with winning records. The other six have won an average of just four games this season.  
Hopkinsville (17-2) will be the most formidable foe down the stretch, and it's up first. The Rockets host the Tigers Friday in a junior varsity and varsity doubleheader. Hopkinsville brings to town one of the most talked about freshmen in the state. Jaqualis Matlock, a 6-2 forward, is scoring in double figures and has had multiple double-doubles this season. Some scouting professionals have listed him among the top 100

ninth graders in the country.  
After the Tigers, though, Crittenden will be looking for some wins.  
"As the season winds down we have several games where we can prove ourselves," Hodge said. Four teams Crittenden plays down the stretch have records worse than the Rockets.

Graves 62, Crittenden 38				
Crittenden County	10	9	12	7
Graves County	18	20	14	10
Crittenden - Thomas Scott 16, Owen 7, Hill 2, Knox 4, Clark 6, Gilbert 3, Dickerson, Watson, Tensley. Field goals 15-47. 3-pointers 3-14 (Scott 1, Owen 1, Gilbert 1). Free throws 5-6. Fouls 13.				
Graves — T.Starkey 14, Beale 2, Peyton Pucket 18, Kimbler 2, Jacob Hackel 11, Jake Williams 12, Hayden 3, Ray, Jones, Allred, Vogt, J.Smith, A.Smith, Marrs. Field goals 22-55. 3-pointers 4-15 (Williams 2, Hayden, Starkey). Free throws 14-20. Fouls 10.				

All A Classic at Dawson Springs

Lady Rockets fall to Second champs

STAFF REPORT  
The final score may not have looked good, but Crittenden County played University Heights – one of the best in the region – very closely for much of the game last Thursday.  
UHA won the All A Classic semifinal, beating the Lady Rockets 80-49 after leading by just six at the half. The Lady Blazers went on to win the regional tournament, knocking off Webster County by four in the championship game.  
Bailey Brown and Davana Head led the Lady Rockets with a dozen points apiece and Kaitlin Binkley added 11.  
Coach Shannon Hodge said her team is starting to develop an identity as more players start to step up offensively.  
UHA – much taller than CCHS and aggressive on defense – opened the margin in the third period by outscoring Crittenden 23-11. The Lady Rockets trailed by just three after one period.

At Union County Tuesday, the Lady Rockets were tied at the half, but unforced errors and poor defensive rebounding allowed the Bravettes to forge a lead by outscoring Crittenden by 11 in the third.  
**University Heights 80, Crittenden 49**  
Crittenden County 14 15 11 9  
University Heights 17 18 23 22  
Crittenden - Brown 12, Binkley 11, Oliver 5, Head 12, Collins 2, Mattingly 7, McDowell, Davis, Moss, Phillips. Field Goals 13. 3-pointers 4 (Brown 2, Binkley 2). Free Throws 15-22. Fouls 15.  
University Heights - Holmes 16, Prater 25, Mack 2, Smith 12, Shorten 6, Richardson 17, Starling 2. Field Goals 32. 3-pointers 6 (Holmes 1, Prater 3, Smith 2). Free Throws 10-17. Fouls 19.  
**Union County 57, Crittenden 50**  
Crittenden County 18 8 8 16  
Union County 15 11 19 12  
Crittenden - Brown 17, Oliver 11, Binkley 11, Head 11, Collins, Mattingly. Final score was 57-50 them. Field Goals 18. 3-pointers 5 (Head 1, Binkley 3, Brown 1). Free Throws 9-13. Fouls 17.  
Union - Thompson 18, Sprague 13, Davis 7, Campbell 3, Chambliss 10, Warmack 2, Smith 4.



PHOTO BY DEREK MCCREE  
**Freshman Chelsea Oliver guards a UHA ballhandler during last week's All A Classic semifinal game at Dawson Springs. Crittenden, 2-16 on the season, beat the host team in the first round to advance to the semifinal. UHA ended up winning the regional tournament.**

Snow days from '11 keep teams on move

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County's basketball teams are heading into the home stretch of their respective seasons, but there will be very little "homey" feeling about February.  
The Lady Rockets have only one game at Rocket Arena in the last month of the season and the boys have just two. The quirk in scheduling is due to lingering snow effects from a year ago.  
Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge said games snowed out in the winter 2011 are to blame. Games cancelled last season at opposing venues were rescheduled again this time at the same place. Normally, those teams would be coming to Marion on the traditional home-away scheduling agreements. However, the cycle would have been broken had these games not been rescheduled exactly as they were last year.  
"It just so happened that we missed some games last year that were on the road and those teams wanted to keep them that way this time because we owed them a road game," Hodge said.  
"I tried every way to change things around, but couldn't," she added.

For the Lady Rockets, who are now 2-16 on the season, the long road trip in February could be tough on the team's psyche.  
"We've had some trying times, but part of that was because of the expectations about repeating," said Hodge, whose club won the All A Second Region, Fifth District and Second Region championships a year ago.  
Still, she's proud of the work her girls are producing at this point in the season.  
"We've weathered through some tough times, but we're playing better and establishing a little bit of an identity."  
"The goal is to improve as you go and I think that's what we've done," the coach said. "We need to continue to do so this last month of the season, and our expectations are to not take steps backward and keep going forward. You play the season to be ready for post season and hopefully we will play our best ball at that time."



**Shannon Hodge**



**Kiana Nesbitt guards a Livingston player during last week-end's seventh-grade basketball tournament at Rocket Arena. Crittenden lost by two points in the semifinal round to Ballard County. Crittenden defeated Livingston and also lost to Benton Middle School.**

New Sturgis WMA will have quota deer hunt

The Kentucky Division of Forestry and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources have jointly acquired nearly 2,500 acres in Union County at the confluence of the Ohio and Tradewater rivers. The property will become the state's newest wildlife management area (WMA) and state forest.  
Benjy Kinman, deputy commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, says hunters can expect a quota deer hunt this fall, but the area will not be open for turkey hunting this spring. Non-quota, open turkey hunting will likely begin in the spring of 2013, he said.  
The 2,484-acre site near Sturgis is a portion of one of the largest private landholdings in Kentucky. Purchase of the property – known locally as the Alcoa Property, or more recently as the Kimball Property – was possible only through the cooperation of private, public and non-profit agencies. It completes the first of a two-phase project to protect the area.  
The property will provide public recreational opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking, canoeing, wildlife viewing and other activities as a wildlife management area. The property also will be managed to

provide watershed and water quality protection; protection and recovery of endangered, threatened and rare species; preservation of existing cultural and geological treasures – and a sustainable forest. It will be permanently protected from development and agricultural conversion.  
The entire property was purchased in early 2009 by an investment fund managed by The Forestland Group with cooperation from The Conservation Fund and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). The Conservation Fund partners with community, government and corporate organizations to help them fulfill their conservation priorities. The purchase of the entire property by The Forestland Group's investment fund has enabled KDFWR and the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) to acquire and protect this tract.  
State Forestry and Kentucky Fish and Wildlife assembled \$6.68 million (including administrative fees) to purchase the tract. Kentucky's congressional delegation helped secure \$3.25 million in federal money through the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program (FLP), the most significant share of the project.

The necessary non-federal matching funds were supplied from a variety of sources. The Nature Conservancy, one of the nation's largest environmental non-profit organizations, assisted in obtaining funds from Duke Energy and the Crounse Corporation.  
Duke Energy, a generator and distributor of electric power and natural gas, provided \$1.75 million. Its funds became available as part of a consent decree requiring it to fund supplemental environmental mitigation projects. Crounse Corporation, an industry leader in river transportation, contributed \$50,000.  
"What is unique about this project is the size of the acquisition and the number of public and private partners that had to successfully work together to permanently protect this incredibly beautiful part of Kentucky," said Terry Cook, state director for The Nature Conservancy. "Public and private monies are limited, but by working together, we still can have incredible success."  
State Forestry utilized \$1 million of its Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Funds. These funds are derived from nature license plate sales, environmental fines and a portion of the unmined minerals

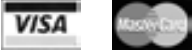
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The Indiana Bat Conservation Fund supplied \$580,000 because this forested tract provides valuable habitat for this federally-endangered species. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife paid the various administrative fees.  
"The Division of Forestry is very excited about this new wildlife management area and state forest," said State Forestry Director Leah MacSwords. "This joint venture conserves a valuable forest ecosystem and showcases the importance of a well-managed forest."  
Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Dr. Jon Gassett said the acquisition is an example of groups working together to benefit the public.  
"We have partnered closely with The Conservation Fund almost a quarter-century to help secure lands in Kentucky for public outdoor recreation," he said. "They have protected nearly seven million acres across the country, and they were instrumental in helping us protect such Kentucky lands that are now Peabody, Obion and Sloughs WMAs."  
Ray Herndon, director of the Lower Mississippi Region for The Conservation Fund, said, "This project demonstrates a relatively

new but growing model for conservation where forest management organizations – like The Forestland Group – are helping to conserve land for public outdoor recreation. The success of this partnership has facilitated the protection of a property that is a true natural gem for the Commonwealth. The new WMA is a win-win for Kentucky because it will support and create outdoor recreation related jobs and provide new hunting and fishing opportunities for sportsmen and women."  
The property will be jointly managed as a wildlife management area and a state forest, using the same goals as the Knobs and Marrowbone areas. State forest properties use the ecosystem management approach to ensure biological diversity and sustainable use. These areas are working forests with demonstration areas to promote good forestry practices.  
Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and the Kentucky Division of Forestry are developing a management plan for this area that will include the necessary regulations. The group met for the first time last week, and Kinman said it will take a few months to hash out details. The first priority will be to mark boundaries on the new wildlife management area.

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SENATE

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agreed with Newcom that his fellow Democratic senator from Hopkinsville would do well in representing Crittenden County's interests. But Pendleton and Ridley each said they will continue to reach out to the people of the county's they once served, as well as their new constituents.

"I'm not going to drop the ball," Ridley said of projects for Crittenden County already in the works, like the new U.S. 641 and transition of the former Alcoa property straddling Union and Crittenden counties into a wildlife management area.

Like Ridley, Pendleton believes the realigning of districts by the Senate majority was politically charged. He said it amounts to retribution for the shifting of House district boundaries by the majority Democrats in that chamber to favor their party in this fall's

election.

"What they did in the House is what caused the reaction in the Senate," Pendleton said.

Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton), chairman of the House State Government Committee that overseas re-districting in that chamber, filed the legislation that ultimately redrew both House and Senate districts, though the House lines drawn to favor Democrats were largely the work of House leadership under Speaker Greg Stumbo (D-Prestonsburg).

House matters

Though Cherry's House District 4 was realigned, he still represents the entirety of Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties. His eastern McCracken County precincts, however, were shifted to Trigg County where they reach into Cadiz. A district that now includes four county seats could spread the political favors thinner than before when a new representative takes over



Sen. Joey Pendleton (D-Hopkinsville)

**Born:** May 3, 1946. **Occupation:** Farmer. **Faith:** Baptist. **Education:** Hopkinsville Community College, Murray State University. **Military:** Army National Guard, 1968-74. **Political experience:** State senator, 1993-present. Senate Minority Whip, 2005-08. Senate President Pro Tem, 1999. Christian County magistrate, 1990-93. **Awards, service:** Outstanding Young Dairyman of the Southeast. Conrad Feltner 4-H Alumni Award. MSU Agricultural Support Award. Kentucky Mental Health Coalition Distinguished Service Award. Kentucky Brain Injury Coalition STAR Award. Kentucky Health Care Facilities Better Life Award. Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts Distinguished Service Award. Outstanding Layperson of the Year, Kentucky Optometrist Association Distinguished Service Award. **Memberships, boards:** Kiwanis. Fraternal Order of Eagles. Christian County Extension Council. Friends of 4-H. North American International Livestock Expo, executive committee. American Jersey Cattle Association, national board. Pennyrile Area Development District, board. Christian County Democratic Association. **Session committees:** Agriculture; Appropriations & Revenue; Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government, Finance & Public Protection; Health & Welfare; Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Protection. **Statutory committees:** Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee; Program Review and Investigations Committee; Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee. **Interim committees:** Agriculture; Appropriations & Revenue; Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government, Finance & Public Protection; Health & Welfare; Horse Farming; Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Protection.

Cherry's seat after he retires at the end of his current term in 2013.

Election plans

Ridley said, like Stein, he has no intention of moving to seek re-election in 2014 to his District 4 seat. He was also emphatic that he will not re-

sign his Senate seat to run for the House of Representatives in this year's election. Should he decide to remain in the senate, in the 2014 Democratic primary for the District 6 seat, he would likely face Rhoads, whose brother, ironically, is married to Ridley's sister.

All even-numbered senate districts are up for election in two years, while odd-numbered districts are on the ballot this year. That will give Crittenden County voters, now a part of Senate District 3, an opportunity to directly elect their representation this fall, though only Pendleton had filed for the seat at press time.

A time for change?

"I have never seen such a mess," said Newcom of reap-

portionment, "and I can't believe that Sen. Ridley has been given the shaft that he has gotten."

Ridley said he is not mad or bitter, but hopes the redistricting mess will lead to changes in the way future boundaries are drawn. Kentucky is one of a majority of states with legislative redistricting taken up by the legislators themselves. Several other states, however, have commissions or independent boards who reshape district lines, taking most of the politics out of the job.

Pendleton said he would also favor any effort that would remove the partisanship from redistricting.

"I'd just as soon have a judge to draw it up," he said.

Construction of EOC ready to get started

STAFF REPORT

The dozer is in place, simply awaiting cooperation from Mother Nature to begin clearing land for the county's new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) off Industrial Drive.

Last week, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom attended a

pre-construction meeting with the contractor for the five-bay home for EOC and Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department. He said all is a go, weather permitting.

The project has been plagued by myriad delays since a \$750,000 federal Homeland Security grant was awarded for construction two years ago. The county has never had a dedicated EOC to conduct emergency operations during a disaster.

Construction of the building will cost \$690,000. The county's portion of the total project is \$187,500, most of which has been spent to acquire the property. Additional in-kind services will complete the county's obligation.



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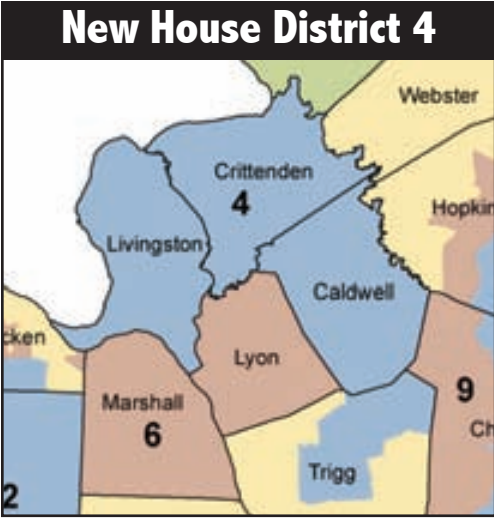
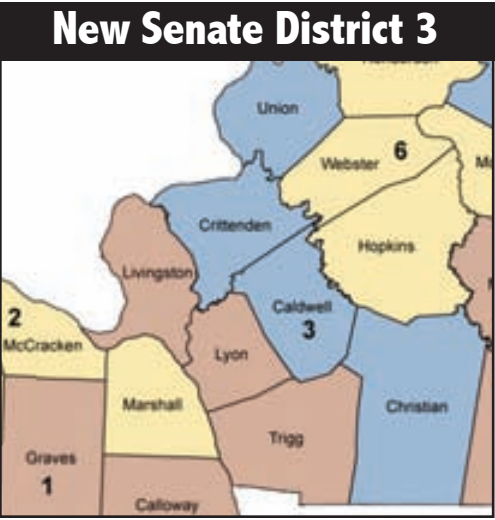


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