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Five Star closes for its expansion

Five Star Food Mart, the county's only 24-hour convenience store, shut its doors Tuesday morning to start a massive expansion project. A spokesperson for Newcomb Oil Co., the Bardstown, Ky. operator of all Five Star stores across three states, said the project would likely take four months.

When the store reopens in the spring, the building will be situated perpendicular to the current structure, facing East Bellville Street rather than Main Street.



PHOTO BY EMILY HENDRIX
Several homes in the Tolu area, like the one shown above in May 2011, were put under water last spring by Ohio River floodwaters.

Press on stands at several locales

During the temporary closing of Five Star Food Mart, readers of The Crittenden Press should know that they can pick up copies of the newspaper at the following vendors in Marion, Salem, Burna and Fredonia. We also sell the newspaper at our office and from the vending rack out front.

Marion rack sales

- Food Giant
- KB Pharmacy
- Conrad's Food Store
- Liberty Fuels
- Glenn's Apothecary
- The Crittenden Press

Additional rack sales

- Salem Food Market
- Salem RX
- Salem Pit Stop
- Tambco
- Gee Jays
- Fredonia Foods

Authorities look into recent theft

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department is investigating the theft of tractor parts and a log chain from property on U.S. 60 West. The items were taken from a tool shed near the intersection of U.S. 60 and Ky. 1668. Intruders broke into the shed and stole several tractor weights and the chain. The burglary occurred at some point on or near Dec. 21. Anyone with information should contact the sheriff's office at 965-3400.

Meetings

- Marion Tourism Commission meets at 6 p.m., today (Thursday) at the city's welcome center.
- Crittenden County Board of Education meets for its monthly work session at 6 p.m., Tuesday at Rocket Arena.
- Marion-Crittenden County Park Board will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday at Marion City Hall.

What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked readers the following question: "Should Congress pass a law prohibiting smart phone use in vehicles?"

More than half of those who voted in the poll believe something should be done about distractions caused by the use of electronic devices. Lawmakers at both the state and federal level are considering such legislation. Here is what 296 voters said:

- Yes, 172 (58%)
- No, 101 (35%)
- Undecided, 23 (7%)

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Spring flood top news of past year

Rising Tradewater puts home under water, forces out Haire family for almost six months

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

1 Mother Nature seems to make her way onto someone's list of top 10 stories every year, and 2011 was no different. In fact, the worst flooding since 1937 in western Kentucky along the Ohio River and its tributaries not only ranked as The Crittenden Press' biggest headliner of the year, but also came in at No. 7 on The Associated Press' list of top Kentucky stories of last year.

While the Ohio River swamped Tolu and Weston along Crittenden County's northern border, the Cumberland River in the south and Tradewater River in the east also inundated residents after a spring deluge that saw

18.52 inches of rain fall between April 4 and May 3. The floodwaters finally began to subside in early May, but some locals were forced out of their homes for weeks and even months cleaning up after the 100-year flood event.

For Daniel Haire and his family, who weren't able to move back into their Cool Springs Road home until Labor Day, dealing with rising backwater is an every-year event, not just once in a lifetime. About twice a year since moving into their house in 2007, the couple and their children are forced to deal with floodwaters from the Tradewater River. But the usual alternative measures

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PHOTO PROVIDED
Friends and family help Daniel Haire and his family move items out of their Cool Springs Road home last April when the nearby Tradewater River began rising. The flooding would eventually see the home inundated with more than two feet of water. Above, Pete Irish (left) helps Joshua Haire, Daniel's brother, transport items out of the house by boat. Daniel stands in the background.

Jury acquits Tinsley of any wrongdoing

STAFF REPORT

3 After a three-day trial in September, a Crittenden County Circuit Court Jury acquitted 50-year-old Pat Tinsley in connection with the death of his wife, Glenda, and a fire that destroyed their Wilson Farm Road home.

Tinsley had faced felony charges of facilitation to second-degree arson and reckless homicide.

Glenda Tinsley died in that tragic fire at their home in August of 2010. She and her husband were both volunteer firefighters and EMS workers, known well throughout the county. The story is one that captured the community's attention for several months.

EMS seeks financial help from county

STAFF REPORT

2 The most enduring story of 2011 continues unfinished into the new year.

None of the top headlines from last year have the potential to affect as many people as funding of the county's ambulance service. In early 2011, Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) approached the fiscal court about supplementing its cost to operate the emergency medical service, or EMS. Hospital officials claim the service is already tapping reserves of the local medical center and forcing austere measures like cutting employee hours and reducing staff through attrition.

CHS Chief Executive Officer Jim Christensen points to a poor economy and changes to the health care industry, including a 70 percent drop in Medicare reimbursements over the last 10 years, as the primary reasons EMS continues to lose money. During a series of what was billed as educational meetings, EMS Director Kevin Hilkey offered details to the public on the service's duties, its personnel and ex-

penses, including \$229,000 in operational losses in Fiscal Year 2011.

Moreover, annual losses over the last four years, according to the hospital, have totaled \$864,000.

In early December, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, closing out his first year as the county's top elected official, hosted a special meeting of the fiscal court in which he publicly addressed CHS's overtures for financial assistance. During the question-and-answer session, he said the county's finances in no way will allow the fiscal court to fully subsidize the \$250,000 to \$290,000 requested to keep EMS in the black. In fact, the fiscal court has less than \$400,000 in discretionary revenue to keep county government running each year.

Newcom, however, has repeatedly assured the county's residents that the fiscal court will not let the ambulance

service flatline. Though no clear direction for supplementing the hospital's EMS budget has been determined, the county's most viable means of generating additional revenue to help CHS seems to be doubling its two-percent levy on insurance premiums. That would generate roughly \$120,000 annually and could start helping the hospital before the close of summer. Most other options would force CHS to carry the service on its own until late autumn.

Magistrates did not discuss funding avenues at their latest meeting on Dec. 20, but Christensen reported to the court that November alone showed a \$98,000 operational loss for the ambulance service.

To help determine a path to resolving the issue in 2012, Newcom has requested detailed financial information from the hospital regarding the ambulance service. Late last month, he met with CHS Chief Financial Officer Tom Hales to further discuss the issue but is still awaiting more specific documentation.



Newcom

At 85, 'Water Man' has no plans to stop hauling to customers

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

Sitting at the kitchen table with his wife, 85-year-old Eugene Walker helps himself to another piece of homemade fudge while drinking a cup of coffee.

After taking a bite, he looks up and smiles, his face full of life and a spirit that keeps him young at heart.

"I guess you want to talk about my water-hauling business," he said. "There's not really anything interesting about it."

Despite his modest claim, the Salem man has been hauling water for more than 25 years, beginning in 1985. A former core driller, Walker started a water-hauling business after his job was outsourced to Mexico. Purchasing a large Ford F-700 truck with a 1,000-gallon water tank,

Walker began making deliveries to people in Livingston and Crittenden counties, helping prevent those on cisterns from running out of water. To ease the process, he even had his own water line installed at his old service station that sits in front of his house. Anytime a person calls in need of water, Walker drives his dusty old truck around the building and under the hose.

“Hauling water for people on a daily basis, you get to know them real well. I've met — and still do — interesting people all the time. That's the part of the job I enjoy, getting out and making friends.”

— Eugene Walker

Walker said. "I can fill my truck up in about 10 minutes and be on my way."

While installation of county water lines has caused Walker's hauls to be fewer and fewer, he says he still makes about five or six runs a week. His wife, Norveline, often takes his

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PHOTO BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
Eighty-five-year-old Eugene Walker of Salem has been hauling water to customers in Crittenden and Livingston counties in his Ford F-700 for a quarter-century.

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EDITORIAL

State law-making takes input from all

State law-making is the underappreciated art of government, particularly in Kentucky where legislators spend only 90 days in session every two years creating and voting on the directives that will guide the commonwealth's future.

Congress gets national coverage virtually every night on broadcast news, talk shows, newspapers and the Internet, and city and county elected officials and their meetings are more accessible to the public than those at any other level.

Legislating at the state-level seems to fly under most people's radar, including that of the daily news media, many of which have pulled their statehouse reporters in the name of saving dollars. In Kentucky, there are only seven full-time journalists dedicated to covering news at the capitol. That's fewer than two for every one million residents of the commonwealth.

In Frankfort, legislators gathered on Tuesday to begin their biennial 60-day session that will shape not only the fiscal future of the commonwealth for the next two years, but literally the boundaries for state and federal voting districts. The session will have wide-reaching effects on everything from administrative regulations to workers' compensation.

Issues this year will be varied, such as carving out an austere two-year budget, redistricting, funding of road construction projects, a showdown over an expanded gaming amendment to the constitution, ending a moratorium on construction of nuclear power plants, increasing the high school dropout age to 18, creation of charter schools, changes to social services and tackling drug abuse. Many of these issues could have great local significance.

Both House and Senate districts in which Crittenden County lies could be reshaped, potentially changing the complexion of each. While Senate District 4 is less apt to see dramatic change, House District 4 could be heading south, literally. Because of a population shift toward the center of the state, western Kentucky districts are forced to acquire new territory to meet the requisite number of residents within each. One talked-about scenario could find the westernmost House District 4 precincts in McCracken County exchanged in favor of Trigg County precincts — likely to include the City of Cadiz — while leaving the entirety of Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties intact.

Though construction has already begun on the first leg of a two-phase relocation and upgrade of U.S. 641, securing funding for completion of this initial phase from Marion to Fredonia is a priority for Rep. Mike Cherry and Sen. Dorsey Ridley. The two legislators will also scrap to see that ongoing efforts to get the final phase — from Fredonia to the future Interstate 69 corridor in Lyon or Caldwell counties — move ahead with funding.

Marion's city council is also looking to Frankfort to help solve a local problem that reared its ugly head in the last year — the sale of pseudo-marijuana. While Congress has already taken up the issue, city officials are waiting on state laws that may help them enforce a ban on the sale of such substances. Already, jurisdictions across Kentucky have found it difficult to police the sale and abuse of a drug whose list of ingredients morphs almost daily in order to dodge laws.

There is much ground for state lawmakers to plow in the next four months. And like it or not, it is the responsibility of their constituents to stay informed and provide feedback on just what kind of future you wish Kentucky to boast.

As a weekly newspaper, we will do our part. The rest is up to you, so listed below are some ways to follow Frankfort in 2012:

- Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton): 702 Capitol Ave., Annex Room 370A, Frankfort KY 40601; (502) 564-8100, ext. 665; mike.cherry@lrc.ky.gov
- Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson): 702 Capitol Ave., Annex Room 255, Frankfort KY 40601; (502) 564-8100, ext. 655; dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov
- Legislative website: www.lrc.ky.gov
- Legislative message line: 1-800-372-7181
- Bill status line: 1-866-840-2835

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LETTERS

Homemaker trees spread cheer to all

To the editor

I would like to thank the KB Pharmacy, Marion Cafe, Mike Overby, Marion Welcome Center and the Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center for allowing the Homemakers of this county to display a Christmas tree during the holidays for their visitors.

Thank you for allowing us to spread Christmas cheer to all.

Darl H. Henley
Homemakers chairperson
Marion, Ky.

Christmas charity appreciates support

To the editor

On behalf of the Community Christmas committee, we would like to thank everyone who assisted in making Christmas a little brighter for 254 adults and 295 children in Crittenden County. More than \$13,000 was collected from cash donations and we estimated more than \$16,000 was provided by generous sponsors who

shopped for the 218 children under the age of 12. Cash donations made it possible for us to give a \$55 gift certificate to 77 teens.

Money is donated by the people of Crittenden County or others who have special ties to the county. All money donated to Community Christmas is spent at Crittenden County businesses. Food is donated by the Crittenden County Food Bank, Marion Baptist Church, groups and individuals.

There is no way to list the names of everyone who was involved; but, whether you donated \$1 or over \$1,000, sponsored one child or 30, volunteered on set-up or distribution day, donated new toys or food, held a fundraiser or any of the many other things that help make the event successful, we are most grateful.

The planning for the 38th Community Christmas starts in August. We need new volunteers on the planning committee so please contact us if you would be interested in helping.

Mona Manley and Nancy Hunt
Community Christmas co-chairs
Marion, Ky.

City has seen much in 5 years

Another year has come to an end. This one has been pretty special to me, as it's been my fifth as city administrator. Looking back over my time in Marion, some events are simply hard to forget:

The first time I saw city hall and the office that would be mine. I've worked for several small city governments, but none that had a municipal building nearly as nice as Marion's. I still enjoy coming to work in this beautiful facility.

Working with former police chief Kenneth Winn. The relationship between a city administrator and a police chief is not always an easy one for various reasons. However, in the one year he and I worked together, I don't recall a cross word being said between Kenneth and me. We became fast friends and I, along with the rest of the community, was deeply saddened when he passed away in October of 2008.

Building the skate park facility at Marion-Crittenden County Park. One of Chief Winn's biggest headaches his last few years on the job was the seemingly endless complaints about kids skateboarding on public sidewalks, church parking lots, etc. The issue escalated when some of the kids and their parents began a campaign to get the city and county governments to install a skate facility. The kids raised money by picking up trash along roadways and selling cookbooks, and the city and county eventually came up with the \$60,000 or so needed to put in the skate



park. Skateboarding has not been a public safety issue in the years since.

The phone call from police dispatch one night that half of South Yandell Street had washed into a nearby creek. This happened during the April 2008 flood event and kept the block of South Yandell between West Bellville and West Carlisle shut off for months. Thankfully, that flood event was declared a national disaster and we were able to receive FEMA financial assistance to make the needed repairs.

The months of negotiating with city council over when and where to build a new fire station. I believe we ended up looking at a dozen different sites before choosing the corner lots at West Bellville and North Main streets. The mostly positive (occasionally, contentious) discussions were dominated by one main consideration — what did our volunteer firefighting squad want? Their desire to keep the station downtown was fulfilled and, for the most part, so was their wish list on design, layout and building type.

Watching the water level at Lake George drop. This has actually happened twice in the five years I've been here,

but the worst was during last year's drought. As wet as 2011 has been, it's hard to believe that 2010 was so arid. Lake George, of course, is the city's primary water source and the impact of the droughts on the lake was troubling. In response, the City hired a consulting firm to analyze the options for alternative water sources. The positive outcome of the drought was that we realized we could still treat water from old City Lake during cool and moderate temperatures, so in the future we will do this in a drought situation and use Lake George during the warmer months.

Working to get the new waterline constructed along Main Street. Utilities Director Brian Thomas and I have essentially worked on this project for the past five years. From design to permitting to funding to construction, this is about how long it takes to get a major waterline in the ground. But this is the spine of our entire water distribution system, and much of the existing line dated back to the 1920s. It was leak prone and difficult to repair — just a constant headache for our water employees. This is probably the most significant public works project our city has undertaken in the last 20 years.

The once-in-500 years Ice Storm of 2009. If I have ever faced such a widespread disaster in my 20-plus years as a government manager, I can't think of what it would be. I have so many memories about the aftermath of the ice

storm. I believe I could write a book about it. One of the most deeply ingrained of these memories is the city treasurer, city clerk and I meeting in a darkened Farmers Bank with bank employees Gareth Hardin, Chris Cook, and Cheryl Watson, withdrawing enough cash to give city workers some sort of a payday that first week of the disaster. My gratitude to the bank for doing that is as strong today as it was on that bleak day in January of 2009.

Working with the mayor and city council. Again, I have worked in a number of jurisdictions and I can't think of another town whose elected officials get as much done as ours. Of course, I work most closely with Mayor Alexander, but on the third Monday of each month since October of 2006, I have had the pleasure of meeting with the following city council members: Jim Brown, Dwight Sherer and Darrin Tabor (all 2006 to present), Donnie Arflack (2007 to present), Mike Byford (in 2006, then again 2009 to present), and Jared Byford (since January of 2011). Also serving on the council during my time in Marion has been Allen Lynn, Janet Pierce and Jason Hatfield.

In the year ahead, please do not hesitate to contact me at 965-2266 if I can be of assistance on a city government matter. I wish nothing but the best for everyone in the new year.

(Bryant is Marion's city administrator. His column appears periodically. He can be reached at 965-2266.

Sticking head in proverbial sand will not solve nation's problems

Evidently, it is not just the cartoon ostrich that has his head in the sand. While ostriches actually do not put their heads in the sand, the image of that flightless bird that thinks danger will disappear if it does not see it, reminds me of some of my fellow citizens.

I am certain to offend some readers with that statement and this column. However, this is after all, my opinion. As an outspoken conservative, I know many like-minded people feel somewhat defeated after the Kentucky gubernatorial race and the loss of the down ticket last November. Do not become discouraged and downhearted. I am proud of and send my congratulations to the majority of Crittenden County voters and many other western Kentuckians for your support of the conservative ticket here in the Bluegrass.

While we conservatives lost the battle at the state level, we must not surrender to the liberals at the national level. I know those of you less interested in politics are probably saying, "Hey, Gatewood, take a break why don't you?" Believe me, I wish I could write about football or any number of other activities that hold interest for me, but politics are too important, especially now.

I believe now is precisely the time we conservatives must redouble our efforts to increase our numbers in the U.S. House of Representatives and take control of the U.S. Senate and presidency from the Democrats. And while we are at it, let's see if we can get a majority in the Kentucky House of Representatives as well.

I firmly believe we, as a nation, cannot afford to allow two-thirds of our national government to remain in control of President Obama and his friends and allies in the Senate.

We continually hear President Obama claim he inherited this mess from George W. Bush, and that is not completely false. However, people tend to forget that under Bush 43, for six of his eight years as president, the unemployment rate was 4.5 percent. The Bush administration also warned Congress on as many as 17 different occasions that the unregulated practices of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were a real threat to our economy.

For its efforts to rein in Freddie and Fannie, the Bush administration was re-



buked by Massachusetts Democrat Barney Frank and company who assured us the two organizations in question were on sound footing. Many, including myself, lay the blame for our current economic woes squarely on the housing market; or should I say lack there of.

Indeed, I believe the mess that Obama insists he inherited was the product of the last two years of the Bush administration when the House and Senate were each controlled by Democrats, one senator of whom was Obama.

The last two years President Bush was in office, we operated the country without a budget. To bypass the budget process the Democratic-controlled Congress passed continuing resolutions rather than present a budget to the president, thus spending spiraled out of control.

With the election of Obama, the liberals were in complete control of our government and the brakes came off. The spending spree went to levels beyond imagination, and still we do not have a national budget and the reported unemployment rate is 8.6 percent. However, the real unemployment rate hangs around 17 percent.

This year, the Republican-controlled House passed Rep. Paul Ryan's budget in an effort to put America back on the right track and the Democrat-controlled Senate refused to even bring it up for a vote. The House has passed bill after bill to deal with the mess we are in and the Senate, led by Harry Reid, a Nevada Democrat, refuses to vote on any of them. So when President Obama says he is dealing with a "do-nothing" Congress, he is right. However, one must remember the Congress is made up of both the House and the Senate. Budgets and bills require agreement between the two, so what he should be saying, but will not, is he is dealing with a do nothing Democrat-controlled Senate.

We gave Democrats control of two-thirds of the federal government the last two years of Bush 43's second term and the Obama admin-

istration took complete control of government from January 2008 until January 2010, meaning it had control of the executive branch and control of the legislative branch insomuch that it did not need a single vote from a Republican to get any of its bills passed into law. Even with the majority, it took backdoor deals and bribes of sitting Senate Democrats to get ObamaCare passed.

Along with the inappropriately named Affordable Health Care Act, the other gifts Obama gave us are Elena Kagan, former Solicitor General for Obama and strong advocate for ObamaCare, as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and an EPA that is out of control and mounting a full frontal attack on the oil and coal industries.

It was the Obama administration that banned offshore drilling in the United States after the BP oil spill, yet loaned Brazil two billion of our tax dollars to support its offshore drilling for oil, so we could become their biggest customer. More recently, Mr. Obama stopped the Keystone XL pipeline in its tracks, which would have created thousands of jobs and reduced our dependence on foreign oil in the name of saving the income tax holiday.

I think it bears mentioning here that the Social Security trust fund gets its funding solely from income taxes.

We also must not forget shutting off the water to California farmers and bankrupting them for the sake of a two-inch minnow.

The CBS news magazine "60 Minutes" recently ran a segment on congressional insider trading. Its report let the cat out of the bag that some people in Congress have enriched themselves through insider trading. Some have taken advantage of knowledge gained from

programs or legislation that comes before them to make purchases of land or stocks and IPOs while being immune from prosecution. That is exactly the same crime that Martha Stewart spent six months in jail for a couple of years ago. No wonder people are disinterested in politics when some make it impossible to trust many of elected officials.

Many of us have no idea what is happening with the people we elect to represent us while they are in session or the benefits they receive just by showing up on occasion.

I actually believe there are some politicians who believe as I do and that we share a common vision for America. My task is to find and support them next November.

Admittedly, I follow politics more than many, but I know elections have far-reaching consequences. Did you happen to hear Mr. Obama's speech on Dec. 6? He said the free enterprise/free market system does not work. That means he believes the system that made the United States the richest, most productive and strongest nation in history doesn't work.

What's the alternative? Come on, take a guess.

I say four more years of Democrat control of our government is too problematic to contemplate. Why don't we do something else instead?

We have a choice. We can be like the cartoon ostrich or we can face the danger confronting our nation by finding out as much as we can about the beliefs of our candidates and supporting them wherever you can find them.

(Gatewood is a retired naval officer and former Evansville Indiana Police Officer. He and his wife Paula have resided in Crittenden County since 2002. His opinions are his own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

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Stout becomes federal judge

STAFF REPORT

4It was a bittersweet moment for the community — losing one of its stalwart figures to his accession to the federal bench.

Alan C. Stout, a Marion native and former county attorney, was appointed to a federal judgeship in 2011. He was sworn as U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Kentucky in October at Paducah's federal courthouse. His practice had often led him to the federal courthouse where he said he wanted the ceremony to take place so that those who had been instrumental in his life could attend.

A more formal investiture took place in November in Louisville, where new Stout's office is located.

Stout, who practiced law in Marion for more than 30 years and served as county attorney for five terms, went through a lengthy process to be selected from almost two-dozen finalists. A 16-judge panel from the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio was charged with filling the vacancy of outgoing justice David Stosberg.

As a federal bankruptcy judge, Stout will preside for 14 years over the commonwealth's district that spans from Louisville west to the Mississippi River.

"It's the only judgeship to which I ever aspired," Stout said.

Chief U.S. District Judge Thomas B. Russell, who performed the initial swearing-in ceremony, called Stout one of



FILE PHOTO

Alan Stout (left) took an oath to the federal bench as a bankruptcy judge in October at the U.S. District Courthouse in downtown Paducah. Behind the new judge are U.S. District Court-Magistrate Judge David King (center) and U.S. District Court Chief Judge Thomas B. Russell. Friends and family members packed the courtroom where the Crittenden County native was sworn to what he called the only judgeship to which he has aspired in a 30-plus year career in law.

the best bankruptcy attorneys in the country.

Stout has been involved in some major bankruptcy cases as an attorney and trustee, and he was once chairman of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees.

Stout grew up in Marion, studied at local schools, then earned a bachelor's degree from Murray State University

and a juris doctorate from Salmon P. Chase School of Law at Northern Kentucky University. Stout was admitted to the Kentucky Bar Association in 1981 and soon opened his private practice in Marion. He built his local firm on bankruptcy and has acted as a bankruptcy trustee almost since he started his career. He also had an office in Paducah.

Among his many community volunteer efforts, Stout notably served as chairman of the board of regents at Murray State University.

Stout closed his local practice, and it has merged with the firm of Frazer, Rogers and Peek of Marion.

He and his wife Doris will maintain their residency in Marion while living part-time in Louisville.

WATER

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messages when customers call and sends him on his way.

Anytime Walker wants to, he could hang his up water-hauling hat and enjoy a quiet life with his wife. But he doesn't have any plans to do that, at least not any time soon. His business has opened many doors for Walker, who says he's met people that he never would've met otherwise.

"Hauling water for people on a daily basis, you get to know them real well," he said. "I've met — and still do — interesting people all the time. That's the part of the job I enjoy, getting out and making friends."

Through the years, as Walker has hauled water, he's gotten to know his repeat customers and often times, if he knows they're going through a rough patch, he'll forgo charges for the load.

"It's hard to make someone who is dealing with cancer or is really sick to pay for the water, and instead of charging them for it, I offer it free," Walker says. "It's just something that I do."

For Walker, hauling water these days is simply something to do, he said. But it has become a trademark, earning him the moniker of "Water Man."

Walker has three grown grandchildren who often come along for the ride.

"They've all ridden with me, starting when they were real young," Walker said. "They enjoyed it so much."

"Even now that they're all grown up, whenever they come down to visit, they always request a trip in the old truck," Norveline said. "They just love something about that old truck."

During the most recent Thanksgiving holiday, both Walker and his wife were sur-

prised with a story written by one of their grandsons, Russ.

In an eight-page short story, Russ recalled his childhood memories of riding with his "Pappaw" and experiencing a thrill when he would find a "drummer boy" quarter. In Walker's line of work, the 25-cent pieces are an essential part of the job when he was out on the road and would have to pay to refill his tank. And the drummer boy quarter, as Russ called them, is the 1976 coin commemorating America's bicentennial. On the reverse side of the coin from the image of George Washington is an image of a Revolutionary War military drummer.

Now, anytime Walker finds a Washington Bicentennial Quarter, he makes sure he holds on to it so that he can add it to his collection.

The article written by Russ was a nice surprise to both of his grandparents.

"We had no idea that he was doing anything like that," Norveline said. "It was the best gift that we could ever be given. We just loved it. He used pictures that we didn't even know he had, and illustrated the story. It was perfect."

Parking the large water truck for good doesn't seem to be in any of Walker's immediate plans. He says that he'll continue hauling water for as long as he can.

"I'll stop whenever one of us plays out first, me or the truck," Walker said with a grin, taking another bite of fudge. "We'll just have to see."

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Compared to last week: No trend.									
Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
14	800-1200	1115	61.00-70.00	65.63					
1	800-1200	1170	71.00	71.00 HD					
2	800-1200	1088	56.00-59.00	57.54 LD					
26	1200-1600	1341	60.00-70.00	64.87					
4	1200-1600	1424	72.00-75.50	73.67 HD					
Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
1	700-800	755	60.00	60.00					
38	800-1200	1025	55.00-65.00	58.53					
1	800-1200	1150	64.00	64.00 HD					
6	800-1200	1086	52.00-55.00	53.65 LD					
9	1200-1600	1312	54.00-61.00	58.17					
Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
4	700-800	742	50.00-52.00	51.01					
31	800-1200	937	45.00-55.50	51.41					
Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
1	1500-3000	1847	82.00-87.00	84.20					
Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 2									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
4	1000-1500	1281	72.00-77.00	73.94					
4	1500-3000	1730	73.00-79.00	75.97					
Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 3									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
4	1000-1500	1315	66.00-70.00	68.99					
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
1	100-200	150	155.00	155.00					
18	200-300	292	195.00-205.00	195.88					
35	300-400	341	181.00-198.00	190.85					
31	400-500	443	160.00-173.00	167.23					
34	500-600	545	143.00-163.00	148.50					
24	600-700	635	134.00-144.00	138.68					
15	700-800	728	130.00-135.00	132.28					
3	800-900	822	116.00-119.00	117.65					
2	900-1000	975	105.00-110.00	107.54					
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
5	200-300	272	150.00-185.00	167.92					
8	300-400	378	145.00-172.00	163.90					
22	400-500	457	128.00-158.00	154.32					
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
3	100-200	188	160.00-195.00	183.21					
18	200-300	278	160.00-182.00	177.57					
35	300-400	355	150.00-177.50	161.53					
112	400-500	445	137.00-152.00	144.95					
97	500-600	540	130.00-140.00	135.07					
32	600-700	630	124.00-134.00	127.45					
9	700-800	742	109.00-114.00	112.95					
2	800-900	825	108.00-110.00	108.98					
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
12	200-300	289	130.00-150.00	145.87					
17	300-400	369	125.00-149.00	138.09					
13	400-500	469	110.00-136.00	125.56					
9	500-600	552	116.00-129.00	122.66					
19	600-700	669	110.00-120.00	116.54					
1	700-800	795	100.00	100.00					
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
17	300-400	382	160.00-183.00	170.07					
44	400-500	460	150.00-170.00	154.99					
58	500-600	552	130.00-146.00	138.16					
29	600-700	632	125.00-132.00	129.17					
28	700-800	719	111.00-125.00	121.13					
4	800-900	824	95.00-103.00	100.54					
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
8	300-400	378	135.00-155.00	148.27					
16	400-500	457	119.00-149.00	136.55					
5	500-600	554	110.00-129.00	122.48					
5	600-700	672	113.00-122.00	117.39					
4	700-800	748	101.00-108.00	105.36					
Stock Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: Cow 3 years old and 5 months bred 950.00 per head.									
Stock Cows and Calves: Cows 2 to 7 years old with calves at side 1200.00-1400.00 per pair.									
Baby calves: Beef Breeds 200.00 per head.									
Market Specialist: Chip Stewart									
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State Law requires that every property be physically examined every four years. This year we will be reviewing the northern portion of the county including Tolu and Sheridan.

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Local guardsmen under command of Frances native close out Iraq War

STAFF REPORT

5 They began training in the summer, left for Iraq in early August on what many believed to be yearlong deployment, but made it home just in time for the holidays. Now, the men and women of the 149th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) — at least nine of whom hailed from Crittenden County — will forever be remembered as one of the units who turned out the lights on the almost-nine-year Iraq War.

Commanded by Col. Scott Campbell, a graduate of Crittenden County High School who spent his youth in Frances, the 149th was comprised of National Guard troops from three states, including

Kentucky. In fact, half of the 2,600-strong Task Force Legion deployed from armories in the commonwealth to Victory Base Complex in Baghdad.

From the very beginning, the unit was charged with shutting down the war effort, but President Barack Obama's announcement in October that all combat troops would be home by the end of 2011 left local families of soldiers breathing a little easier.

The unit suffered no deaths and no se-



Campbell

rious injuries while overseas, according to Campbell, who has been appointed by Congress to the rank of brigadier general in the reserve Army. When Campbell, who now lives near Elizabethtown with his family, accepts a post he desires, he will be the highest ranking officer to have graduated high school in Crittenden County.

But for his accolades and the attention he received as commander of the historic mission of Task Force Legion, Campbell credits his soldiers for making the mission in Iraq a success. The colonel also said now that the task force is home and disbanded, there are no plans to send troops of the unit to Afghanistan.

Salem man charged with raping teen

STAFF REPORT

Livingston County authorities have arrested a 22-year-old Salem man and charged him with raping and sodomizing a 14-year-old girl last month.

Livingston County Sheriff's Department has charged John E. Lutz with two counts of third-degree rape and one count of third-degree sodomy.

Authorities arrested Lutz at his home Tuesday. He was lodged in the McCracken County Jail under a \$7,500 bond.

Year-end traffic fatalities at 715

Kentucky State Police regularly report year-to-date traffic fatalities across the commonwealth. Below, the number of deaths through the end of 2011 are represented. Highway fatalities have declined each year in Kentucky since 2007.

2011 DEATHS	CHANGE FROM 2010	ALCOHOL RELATED
Deaths ...715-45125
MODE	DEATHS	NO SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Automobile.....	570290
Motorcycle.....	6134
ATV.....	2521
Pedestrian.....	53n/a
Bicycle.....	2n/a
Scooter.....	2n/a
Horse-drawn.....	2n/a

U.S. 60 traffic restricted to 1 lane in Livingston today

NEWS RELEASE

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) plans to restrict traffic to one lane on U.S. 60 in Livingston County today (Thursday).

The lane restriction on the highway will be between the 18- and 19-mile markers and is to allow machine brush cutting along the right-of-way. This is in the Dyer Hill Curve Area of Livingston County just west of the Burna community.

Work in the area was expected to start about 8:30 a.m., and be completed by 3:30 p.m., so as to avoid in-

terfering with school bus traffic near Livingston County Middle School.

Motorists should be alert for slowing and stopped traffic in the area. Traffic will be restricted to one lane with alternating flow controlled by flaggers. Delays should be minor, generally less than four to five minutes, according to Keith Todd, spokesman for KyTC.

Caution is required in the work zone, where equipment, flaggers and maintenance personnel will be along the roadway in close proximity to traffic flow.

FLOOD

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taken to get to work or to school were the least of their worries in April 2011.

Rising waters forced Daniel, his wife Kathleen and their two children — Mason, 13, and Dallas, 16 — out of their modest brick home in April, and the damage left behind from waters that crept up more than two feet inside the home kept them out until September.

Of course, the Haired weren't the only people to suffer losses and inconveniences from the 2011 flood. Waters backed up along channels as the Mississippi and Ohio rivers struggled to drain western Kentucky and adjoining areas. Paducah was forced to erect its flood wall as protection from the Ohio, and Smithland was threatened with a wall of water from the Cumberland River held back by sandbags and a temporary berm.

Locally, commutes to and from work outside of the county were made longer with detours forced by roadways under water in virtually every direction. Homes and buildings in Dycusburg were flooded with the muddy waters of the Cumberland. The same could be said for Tolu and Weston along the Ohio River.

And, of course, the Tradewater River, which meanders its course from a trickling stream in summer to an expanding lake in the wet seasons, followed suit. Coal miners like Haire and others who work in Webster, Union or Hopkins counties were forced to take detours that stretched a 15-minute ride to work into more than an hour for some.

Before being chased from his house last April, Haire would have to do what he was forced to do as recently as just a few days before Christmas 2011 — park his truck on the other side of the backwater and drive his four-wheeler through the woods to get to and from home. But as the waters rose last spring, the ATV was replaced by boat.

Finally, the rising river became too much and the Haired began making preparations as the waters inched ever-nearer their residence. They put furniture and appliances on blocks, and it still wasn't enough. So, with the help of family and friends, they began vacating the premises, taking with them as much as they could.

First to go were the irreplaceables, like pictures, Kathleen said. Besides their beds, some clothing and a Cadillac Escalade jacked to the ceiling of the garage, the Haired lost very little that wasn't nailed down. In fact, his lawn tractor left on the porch was under water at the height of the flooding, but it still runs today.

"We just didn't think it would get that high," Daniel said of the waters that totaled the Escalade. "By the time we started moving things out, it was too late to get it out."



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Floodwaters forced Daniel Haire and his family out of their rural Crittenden County home in the spring. The home had to be completely gutted from the floor joists to the ceiling in order to repair damage from the 2011 flood. Above, the Haired — (from left) Mason, 13; Kathleen; Daniel and Dallas, 16 — standing in front of their living room fireplace just before Christmas.

Water rose to just below the door handles of the SUV despite the vehicle resting so high on blocks that you could crawl underneath.

The family and their possessions were scattered, with the children forced to temporarily move in with other family members and the couple left to find refuge elsewhere. Furniture was stored in buildings here and there.

Though auto insurance covered the vehicle lost, their homeowners policy did not include flood insurance, so every penny of damage to the home was left in the Haired's lap. Fortunately, a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant and low-interest Small Business Administration loan was made available for repairs, paving the way for nearly five months of cleanup and rebuilding. The home was stripped to its skeleton before renovation could begin.

As the fix-up got under way, Kathleen regularly stayed on the property in a

small trailer while Daniel might stay with friends closer to his job at a Hopkins County coal mine. The children remained with other family most of the time.

It was the first week of September before the family was reunited and all were sleeping under same roof that provided shelter from the very rains that ultimately led to the upheaval. And if you walked into their home before Christmas, you would never know that just months earlier

the only resident of the house was the Tradewater River. Debris scattered throughout the woods, though, is starting to show itself due to winter die-off.

Despite the river's regular appearance among the trees surrounding his home, Haire has no plans to let a little water dampen his spirits. He and his family aren't budging and are set to enjoy — hopefully — their virtually new home until they are ready to leave on their own terms.

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Let us give to one who gave so much

Regardless of age or circumstances, the old and the young have a certain feeling around Christmastime. Yet, some let it make them so tired they wish it to be over, which is really sad, because it is to bring joy to all the world.

Remember, the angels sang: "Joy to the world, the Lord has come." Let us think what this world would be like had Jesus never come.

His coming not only changed the world, but each of us one way or another. We either love and serve Him or have a heavy load of guilt on our back whether we admit it or not.

Too, He and His message is of love and peace. America has thrived in freedom, bounty and peace. She is a nation of laws and not laws of one or a few, but laws of a written document that God surely directed, just as He directed the Pilgrims to America.

I'm also convinced He directed November as a month to celebrate Thanksgiving, as it is just before the time we celebrate Christmas.

Thanksgiving is as wonderful to me as all the festivities of Christmas. The fall is my favorite time of the year,



and the food is more inviting to me than the sugary food of Christmas.

If we will truly celebrate Thanksgiving for all the Lord has done for us and how He had guided our forefathers to carve this great nation from a wilderness — not to mention all the men and women have paid such a horrible price for this nation we get to sit back and enjoy — then we surely should be more thankful for what Christmas really represents.

It has always bothered me to see stores and people begin to put up Christmas decorations before Thanksgiving even gets here.

That is proof to me they really do not fully appreciate Thanksgiving and all it has cost so many for us to have what we have. How can those people truly appreciate what Christmas and all its festivities cost Jesus and His dear

Father as He watched His only son suffer so from an ungrateful lot He created and owned.

We sing along to the words, "Take time to be holy, speak often with the Lord." We not only need to do that, but we also desperately need to take time to be thankful and speak often to the Lord with thanksgiving for all he has and is doing for us all.

Ingratitude causes people to commit awful sins, and always brings down God's judgment.

None of us really know how to appreciate what we have until we lose it. Mama used to say to me, "You don't know how fortunate you are that you can squat on your knees like you can." Now I well know what she was talking about.

No one knows the pain of losing a wonderful mother until you go through it, nor does anyone know what it is to lose your soulmate until you go through that.

Now that Thanksgiving and Christmas have passed and we start a new year, God is looking on and waiting for our thankfulness for all His blessed Son went through so that we may have eternal life and also have a wonderful life

here. Even though we go through trials, pain, sickness and disappointments, we still have God if we love and serve Him.

"We love Him because He first loved us," so says the Bible. But many do not love Him, but, oh, we should love Him. While we were in sin and disgracing ourselves, our families and Him, He still loved us.

Do not let that love be wasted. Let this year be the one that will find you loving Him by naming your sins to Him, asking for forgiveness and being ashamed of your sins as He is ashamed. He will not only forgive you, He will change you, and you will be surprised at the 180-degree change in your wants, mind, nature and everything. If you say you are already a Christian, I hope that is really true, but if He has not changed you, you have fallen short, and you will lose everything at the end — which will surely come, sooner or later.

May God give all who read this a wonderful new year, and pause to stop and ponder just how fast 2011 went. You've spent your time on something, but was it worth this year of your life that you will never, ever live again?

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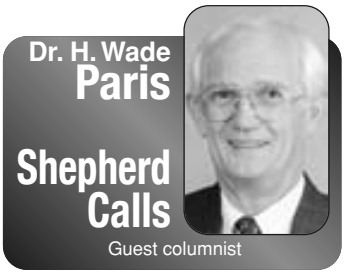
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The Try Hard Church planned a holiday get-together for their youth. The people in charge, mostly adults, worked for months on it. During the last few days, they worked feverishly anticipating a joyous time with all their young friends. Their intentions were honorable. They planned a good time for all. But, alas, not everyone was pleased. While their intentions were noble, their plans were imperfect, perhaps incomplete; thus, a good time was not had by all.

Compare my story with God's story. His universal creation event was well planned. Contrary to our story, God's preparations were perfect. Piece by piece, He created our universe; and as each new portion was put in place, God inspected it and found it "good." Finally, when everything was perfectly right, God placed humankind



in this beautiful world. God's intentions were splendid. He hoped He and man would have a joyous relationship. Regrettably, not everyone was pleased; and a good time was not had by all.

From the beginning, mankind sought to rearrange God's plans. Adam and Eve thought it unfair for God to place restrictions on the fruit of the garden God had given them. After giving David the finest kingdom in the known world, David felt God was unwise to restrict him from having another man's wife.

Apparently, Judas determined God was wrong in His sacrificial plan for Jesus; and Judas proposed to alter that plan. When Jesus introduced God's plan for a spiritual kingdom, the Hebrews did not like it. They had a plan of their own.

The church leaders in our story above were saddened by their failure. God is sad when we are unhappy with the way He has planned this world. At one point in His ministry, Jesus looked down from a mountain and cried for His kinsmen in the city below.

What about us? Are you unhappy with God's plans for this world, especially His charted course for you? Be assured, God's arrangements for you are good. Not only are they good; they are perfect. You may be unhappy with His plans, but it is hard to improve on perfect.

“*For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*”

Jeremiah

29:11

NIV

Church notes

■ Eric Horner will be in concert at Emmanuel Baptist Church at 10:45 a.m., Sunday.

■ Upward practice will begin at 6 p.m., Monday in the Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center. The weight room and walking track will also be open. The track and weight room will also be open to the public Tuesday and Jan. 12.

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Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.

OBITUARIES

— Monahan —

Dr. William G. "Bill" Monahan, 84, of Morgantown, W.Va. died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011 at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

He was born in Bowling Green, Ky. on Aug. 9, 1927, the third son of Robert E. and Anna Catherine Monahan.

He was a graduate of the Bowling Green College High School and held a bachelor of science degree in geography from Western Kentucky University (1951), master of arts in geography and history from Vanderbilt University (1955) and an Ed.D. in educational administration from Michigan State University (1960).

Dr. Monahan began his professional career as a high school teacher and athletic coach at Marion. He was a retired emeritus professor of higher education at West Virginia University (WVU). He came to WVU in 1972 as dean of the College of Human Resources and Education from a professorship in educational administration and director of the Iowa Center for Research in School Administration at the University of Iowa. Prior to his appointment at Iowa, he was an associate professor of educational administration at the University of Oklahoma and instructor at Michigan State University.

He was the author of five books and more than 70 scholarly articles in nationally refereed journals as well as a number of published monographs and essays. He was cited by the American Educational Research Association in 1975 for his research utilizing q-factor analysis. During his 10-year tenure as dean of the College of Human Resources and Education (HRE) at WVU, he served as president of the National Association of Land Grant and State University Deans of Education. He was a two-term member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and he chaired AACTE's "Extended Program" Task Force which led to five-year teacher education programs at WVU and elsewhere. He was president of the West Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education and also served two terms as president of the Appalachia Educational Laboratory Board of Directors where he was a member of the board for 15 years. He was presented with the AEL Board of Directors' Distinguished Leadership Award in 1984.

Dr. Monahan was the first recipient of the West Virginia State Department of Education's prestigious "Leaders of Learning" award. He chaired more than 70 doctoral thesis committees at the universities

of Oklahoma, Iowa and at WVU. While dean of HRE, he was instrumental in establishing the HRE Alumni Association for which that organization subsequently created the William G. Monahan Award for HRE's outstanding senior student at the college convocation, which he also initiated. Dr. Monahan has since endowed that award through the WVU Foundation.

He was an avid golfer, serving on the board of directors of the Pines Country Club for two terms and authored the Pines Country Club Newsletter for 17 years. He won the Pines Senior Club Championship in 2001. In his youth, he was a big band vocalist with several well-known dance bands.

He served in the U.S. Merchant Marines during the latter years of World War II and then was among the first U.S. Army occupation troops in Japan as a sergeant in the 19th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division.

He was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 54 years, Jane N. Monahan, in 2000, and by his daughter-in-law, Rita Monahan in 1999; as well as two brothers, Robert E. Monahan Jr., 20, killed in action during World War II as a member the 15th Air Force and Frank Spencer Monahan, 74, who was wounded in the Battle of Monte Cassino in Italy in 1944.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. W. Gregory Monahan, professor of history at Eastern Oregon University, and Joseph T. Monahan, instructor in American history at Liberty High School in Harrison County, W.Va., his wife Cathy and their children Miguel and Eliana; two grandchildren, Andrew and wife Laura Monahan in Portland, Ore., and Catherine Rutledge Monahan, a student at Willamette University in Salem, Ore.; and three great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Liam and Owen Monahan in Portland. He is also survived by his dear sister and longtime golf partner Joan Westin of Grenada, Miss., and numbers of nieces and nephews.

Dr. Monahan's family is honoring his wishes for cremation.

There was a memorial service Dec. 24 at Hastings Funeral Home in Morgantown.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the WVU Foundation for the William G. Monahan Award Fund, College of Human Resources and Education, One Water Front Place 7th Floor, P.O. Box 1650, Morgantown, WV 26507.

Condolences can be made online at www.hastingsfuneralhome.com.

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

Alvis

Donald Ray Alvis, 74, of Marion died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a farm laborer and member of Sturgis Missionary Baptist Church.

Alvis is survived by his mother, Mary J. Alvis of Marion; two brothers, James Alvis of Calvert City and George Alvis of Uniontown; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Alvis, and a brother, Gene Alvis.

Funeral services were Saturday at Myers Funeral Home with Rev. Joey Durham officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Pitzer

Lonnie Lester Pitzer, 58, of Fredonia died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011 at his home.

He was an industrial engineer and U.S. Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Mariwain Eckhardt Pitzer.

Pitzer is survived by his wife, Sharon Pitzer of Fredonia; one stepson, Scott Anderson of Dixon, Calif.; one sister, Lenna Seiff of Marysville, Calif.; one brother, Joey Hackney, Marion; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Myers Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Crouch

Carl L. Crouch, 59, of Harrisburg, Ill., a native of Smithland and formerly of Crittenden County, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2011 at his residence.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a retired river boat pilot for both Ingram Towing and Ohio Valley Towing. He was of the Baptist faith.

Crouch is survived by his wife, Donna McElrath Crouch; two stepsons, James and wife Deanna Ryan of Brookport, Ill., and Charles and wife Djuna Ryan of Harrisburg, Ill; one step-daughter, Gwendolyn Ryan of Evansville; two brothers, Calvin and wife Linda Crouch and Mike and wife Marlene Crouch; five sisters Shirley Bartley, Carolyn and husband Kyle Duty, Rita Pullen, Pat and husband Kevin Morrow and Pam and husband Jerry Delargey; four step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; 10 nephews; and eight nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin Lee and Melvia Edmonds Crouch; one brother, James Crouch; one niece, Stephanie Bartley; and one nephew, Austin Crouch.

Funeral services were Dec. 29 at the Keeling Family Funeral Home in Paducah with the Rev. Paul Peck officiating. Burial was in the Mount Kenton Cemetery in Paducah.

Online messages may be left at www.keelingfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Sheets

JoAnn Sheets, 69, of Salem, formerly of Illinois, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2011 at her residence.

She worked for the State of Illinois, Department of Revenue as an auditor for 20 years. She attended and was active in Marion General Baptist Church.

Sheets is survived by her husband of 40 years, Robert W. Sheets; three daughters, Theresa and husband Robert Stanley of Dixon; Karen and husband Allen Brown and Tina Marie Sheets, both of Columbia, Mo.; three sons, Russell Love and Curtis and wife Chris Love, both of Salem, and Robbie Sheets of Columbia; two sisters, Betty Coleman of Virden, Ill., Peggy Turner of Loami, Ill.; one brother, George Harris of Virden; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Hallie Harris; two sons, Mike and Donnie McCoy; two brothers; and one sister.

Funeral services were Dec. 28 at Calvert and Ferry Funeral Home in Virden with Kevin Coleman officiating. Interment was in Union Chapel Cemetery in Virden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

Condolences may be left at www.calvert-ferryfuneralhomes.com.

Hoffman

Lloyd Franklin Hoffman, 94, of Owensboro died Monday, Jan. 2, 2012 at the Carmel Home in Owensboro.

He was born in Henderson. He was a member of Third Baptist Church, where he was a deacon, usher and teacher in church training since moving to Owensboro in 1959. Hoffman retired in 1987 as a life insurance agent after more than 38 years. He had also been employed as a deliveryman for Danhauer Drugs, Horton's Office Machines and by Welborn Floral Company.

He is survived by five sons, Donald R. and wife Marge Hoffman of Philpot, Ronald G. Hoffman of Deland, Fla., Lloyd K. "Ken" and wife Bonnie Hoffman of Thruston, Dennis W. and wife Connie Hoffman of Owensboro and Richard D. and wife Gayla Hoffman of Owensboro; a daughter, Linda K. and husband Ricky Brown of Marion; 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Hoffman was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Mary Elizabeth Butler Hoffman; his parents, Benjamin Franklin and Minnie Catherine Hoffman; two brothers, Harry Edward and Walter Kenneth Hoffman; and a sister, Susie Kathleen "Kitty" Hust.

Services are at noon today (Thursday) at Third Baptist Church in Owensboro. Burial will follow in Fairmont Cemetery in Henderson.

Visitation was from 2 to 8 p.m., Wednesday and from 10 to 11:30 a.m., today at James H. Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Owensboro.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the Carmel Home, 2501 Old Hartford Road, Owensboro, KY 42303. Online messages of condolence may be made at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Sliger

Lewis Sliger, 85, of Portage, Ind., formerly of Marion, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2011 in Portage.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Battle of the Bulge in the 44th Infantry, a member of Portage VFW Post 7760 and a Kentucky Colonel. He was retired from Budd Company, a metal fabricator.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Christine Sliger of Portage; two sons, Robert and wife Peggy Sliger of Valparaiso, Ind., and James and wife Rebecca Sliger of St. John, Ind.; one daughter, Teresa and husband Wes Simon of Portage; three sisters, Roberta Cash, Faye Duggan and Kaye and husband Ronnie Glore; two brothers, Alfred and wife Sheila Sliger and Kenneth and wife Joan Sliger; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Gladys Kirk Sliger; four sisters, Mildred Niemi, Frances Hacker, Georgia Hodge and Betty Pohlman; and one brother, Robert Neal Sliger.

Services were Wednesday at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Maplevue Cemetery.

Collins

William Lowery "Bill" Collins, 88, of Providence died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a maintenance worker for the City of Providence.

Collins is survived by his wife, Allie Jean Collins of Providence, and one sister, Ruth Alvey of Morganfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Lillie Collins, and three brothers.

Services were Dec. 26 at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Repton Cemetery.

Moore

Cody Allan Moore, 34, of Salem died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2011 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

Moore was a laborer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Peggy Hopper Moore.

He is survived by one brother, Paul Ray Moore of Paducah; and two daughters, Traci Moore and Cori Moore, both of Salem.

Graveside services were conducted Friday at Salem Cemetery with Bro. Roger Moore officiating. Burial followed in the cemetery.

Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Cosby

Ray Franklin Cosby, 84, of Smithland died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Cosby; one son, Stanley Cosby of Smithland; one daughter, Betty Cooper of Hickory; four grandchildren, Christina Walker of Kevil, Shelly Gardner of Symsonia, Ashton Cosby and Emily Cosby of Burna; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Cosby and Ethel Quertermous Cosby; three brothers, Wilson, Hubert and Harvey Cosby.

Funeral services were Tuesday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors. Burial was at McMurray Cemetery in Smithland with Rev. Jerry Asberry officiating.

Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

Thompson

Mildred Thompson, 96, of Salem died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a member of Hampton United Methodist Church.

Thompson is survived by one sister, Carline Lawrence; one brother, Owen Hurley; and also by several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis Thompson; parents, William Henry Hurley and LuVina Kimberlin; one sister, Devonas Hurley; and one brother, Troy Hurley.

Funeral services were Tuesday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors. Burial was in Salem Cemetery with Rev. Mike Adkins officiating.

Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

Aldridge

Rosalie Aldridge, 85, of Marion died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She was a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Aldridge is survived by her husband, Charles Aldridge of Marion; one son, Rick Aldridge of Bowling Green; one daughter, Lana Newcom of Wood River, Ill.; two brothers, Marvin Ordway of Crayne and Carl Ordway of Marion; one sister, Mary E. Ordway of Crayne; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Iva Ordway.

Services were Dec. 24 at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Maplevue Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to: Marion Baptist Church, 131 E. Depot St., Marion, KY 42064.

Snider

Cecile Ann Banko Snider, 93, of Kuttawa, formerly of Illinois, died Monday, Jan. 2, 2012 at Rivers Bend Retirement Community in Kuttawa.

She was born in Elgin, Ill., and was a homemaker. She had been a member of St. Christopher Catholic Church in Midlothian, Ill., for 58 years and was also a member of the Rosary-Altar Guild at the church. She attended St. Mark Catholic Church in Ed-dyville.

Snider is survived by two sons, James William and wife Linda Snider of Warrenville, Ill., and Thomas and wife Deidra Snider of Odessa, Tex; one daughter, Barbara and husband Charles Gillihan of Fredonia; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Adelaide Banko of Sun City West, Ariz., and Irene Erickson of Whittier, Calif.; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James "Jerry" William Snider; two brothers, Stanley and Leonard Banko; five sisters, Mary, Helen, Elizabeth, Lenore and Stella; and her parents, Stanley and Josephine Fus Banko.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday at St. Mark Catholic Church in Eddyville with Rev. Shaiju Thomas officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m., today (Thursday), at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

Moxley

Joseph Leon Moxley, 59, of Marion died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2011 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He is survived by his children, April Austin and Eric Moxley, both of Lincoln, Ill.; three sisters, Geneva M. and husband Jerry Norin of Metropolis, Ill., Patsy Ann and husband Jerry Murphy of Cave-In-Rock, Ill., and Rosemary and husband Jim Teddy of Lincoln; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Given and Rose L. Murray Moxley.

Funeral services were Dec. 24 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors with the Rev. Gary Murray officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Condolences may also be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

Rushing

Laura Alsobrook Rushing, 91, of Smithland died Friday, Dec. 23, 2011 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a bus driver for the Livingston County school system for over 30 years; a 4-H leader for more than 50 years; an American Quilters Society volunteer and a member of Ohio Valley Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Ronnie Rushing of Burna; one daughter, Peggy Knott of Paducah; five grandchildren, Mike Rushing, Lynn Rushing, Dale Rushing, Sheri Englert and Susan Weak; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louie Rushing; three brothers, Maurice, Paul and Thomas Alsobrook; three sisters, Elsie Davidson, Betty Mitchell and Natalie Alsobrook; and her parents, Lefel and Ethel Phillips Alsobrook.

Graveside funeral services were Dec. 26 at Dyer Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Terry Mitcheson officiating. Burial was in Dyer Hill Cemetery.

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Hale

Maxine Hale, 79, of Marion died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

She was a member of Barnett Chapel General Baptist Church.

Hale is survived by her husband, Guthrie "Gus" Hale of Marion; two daughters, Jeanetta and husband Robert Gibbs of Cave-In-Rock, Ill., and Vickie and husband David Yandell of Manitou; one son, L.E. and wife Jan Hale of Morganfield; and four grandchildren, Katrease and Kasey Hale and Makayla and Caleb Yandell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Loren and Minnie Smith; four brothers, Haskell Lee, Kenneth, Raymond and Bill Smith; and two sisters, Lorena Hogg and Pauline Smith.

Services were Dec. 28 at Barnett Chapel General Baptist Church with interment in Whites Chapel Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Winn

Betty Winn, 78, of Fredonia died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011 at Christian Care Center in Kuttawa.

She was a homemaker and a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

Winn is survived by two sons, Dennis and wife Trish Winn of Fredonia and Marty and wife Kathy Winn of Fredonia; two daughters, Elaine and husband Danny York of Fredonia and Tracey and husband Gerry Crowley of Auburn, Ala.; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, James A. and wife Ann Blackburn of Marion; one sister, Idabelle Riley of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floy Winn; parents, Clem and Lela Freeman Blackburn; one sister, Dorothy Reid; three brothers, Jack Blackburn and two infant brothers; one grandchild, Tenille Winn; and two great-grandchildren, Eli and Kaiden Gill.

Funeral services were Dec. 29 at the Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Danny York and Rev. Rich Gardner officiating. Burial was in Asher Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Bright Life Farms, c/o Roberta Robertson, 6773 U.S. Hwy. 62, Kuttawa, KY 42055 or Sunrise Children's Services, c/o William K. Smithwick, P.O. Box 36570, Louisville, KY 40233-9909.

Stoehr

Ann Howard Stoehr, 70, of Eddyville died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011 at her residence.

She was retired from ATO-FINA Chemical Plant in Calvert City as an engineering secretary with 20 years of service. She was a member of Eddyville United Methodist Church.

Stoehr is survived by her husband of 15 years, Gene Stoehr, Sr.; one son, Brad and wife Elizabeth Hunt of Iuka; one daughter, Kristi and husband Rob Spedding of Eddyville; two grandchildren, Carlyann and Connor Spedding, both of Eddyville; one brother, John and wife Becky Howard of Eddyville; one cousin, Ronnie and wife Ruth Marshall of Marion; and several step-children and step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carlon and Ruby Marshall Howard.

Services were Tuesday at Lakeland Funeral Home Chapel in Eddyville with Rev. Jack Larwa officiating. Burial was in Dycusburg Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to lakelandchapel.com.

2 men sought in theft connection

STAFF REPORT

Two Salem men are sought by Livingston County Sheriff's Department in connection to the theft of copper wire from Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel near Salem and about \$2,000 of wire taken from an irrigation pivot, also near Salem, that belongs to Cook Farms.

The suspects — David Bauer, 48, and Joseph Bauer, 33, a father and son both of Salem — apparently had a collision in their vehicle and fled the scene prior to Deputy Robert Johnson's arrival. The investigation began Jan. 1.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of these two subjects, they are asked to contact the sheriff's department at (270) 928-2122.

Former Crittenden man murdered in Illinois

STAFF REPORT

A former Crittenden County man was apparently stabbed to death inside his Harrisburg, Ill., home over Christmas weekend, allegedly murdered by a family member.

Illinois authorities report Carl Crouch, 59, was discovered dead on the night of Dec. 23 at a home he and his wife Donna shared with the man accused of the killing, Crouch's stepson, Charles Ryan.



Carl Crouch

Ryan, 41, appeared before a Saline County, Ill., judge Dec. 28 and was charged with first-degree murder in connection with his stepfather's death, reports The Daily Register in Harrisburg. A preliminary hearing for the defendant is set for Jan 19 in Saline County court. According to reports, Ryan remains held at the Saline County Detention Center on a \$100,000 cash bond.

An autopsy on Crouch, a Smithland native, found that he had been choked and stabbed several times, leading to his death.

According to the victim's brother, Calvin Crouch of Salem, Carl and Donna had left their farm on Turkey Knob Road in Crittenden County about a year ago to live with Ryan and his wife. His brother's declining health and financial difficulties prompted the move, Calvin said.

"He lost his health and came down with some problems," Calvin said of his younger sibling's decision to move to Illinois.

Carl and Donna had lived in Crittenden County five or six years, Calvin

said, and were planning to return to Kentucky in less than a month.

"They were getting ready to move back to a house they had in Ledbetter," Calvin said.

The two brothers were close, separated by only three years in age. Calvin said Carl started a cleaning service in 1974 that continues to this day. The brothers worked together to start the small company, C&C Steam Cleaning, specializing in cleaning restaurants.

"We started out with 14 restaurants in Paducah," Calvin said.

Two years after launching the business, Carl sold his interest to Calvin, who has kept the company running, cleaning primarily kitchen areas in schools, restaurants, nursing homes and other facilities across four states. Now known as Crouch Steam Cleaning, the company even services clients in Marion.

The business, operated in Salem by Calvin's daughter, now takes on 500 to 600 jobs a year. Calvin said the company, which has grown on reputation and word of mouth without much advertising, is his brother's legacy.

"It's not what you take with you, it's what you leave behind," he added.

Carl was a U.S. Army veteran and retired river boat pilot for both Ingram Towing and Ohio Valley Towing.

Funeral services were last week in Paducah. (See obituary on previous page for more.)

Still no motive has been revealed for the alleged murder.



Ryan



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A former Crittenden County man was found stabbed to death Dec. 23 in his Harrisburg, Ill., home pictured above. Carl Crouch, 59, was reportedly murdered by his stepson, Charles Ryan, with whom he shared the house.

The Southern Illinoisian newspaper reports police were called to Ryan's home around 9 p.m., on Dec. 23 to investigate a suspected murder. Authorities found Carl Crouch's lifeless body upon entering the home. The Evansville Courier and Press reported Donna Crouch was in Kentucky earlier that day and tried to reach her husband by phone several times to no avail. Upon returning home that evening, she reportedly found her husband dead of multiple stab wounds.

Ryan was located in Murphysboro,

Ill., a short time later following a call to local police about a naked man on the porch of a home, the Evansville paper reported. Upon apprehending Ryan, Murphysboro authorities discovered he was wanted for questioning related to Crouch's death. He was taken into custody by Illinois State Police early on the morning of Dec. 24 and formally arrested after questioning, according to The Daily Register.

The charge against Ryan carry a sentence of up to 60 years, along with fines of up to \$25,000 and three years of mandatory supervised release.

ROLL CALL OF THOSE WE LOST IN 2011

January

Wilma Pye, 90, Died Jan. 1.
John Alfred Atwood, 78, Died Jan. 1.
Norris Wayne McCraw, 59, Died Jan. 1.
Tommy Ray Farley, 50, Died Jan. 2.
Esther Crabtree, 78, Died Jan. 3.
James Warren "Jim" Wilson, 66, Died Jan. 4.
Sharon F. Murray 63, Died Jan. 4.
Bobby Rudell Howard, 69, Died Jan. 6.
Lemma Riley Parker, 97, Died Jan. 6.
Jack Dempsey Lewis, 49, Died Jan. 7.
Vera L. Riley, 60, Died Jan. 7.
Robert Thomas Fowler, 72, Died Jan. 12.
Luther E. Doom, 83, Died Jan. 13.
Donald E. "Donnie" Beavers, 53, Died Jan. 14.
Clifton "Giggs" Guess, 81, Died Jan. 14.
Rose Lou Johnson-Hoyne, 80, Died Jan. 16.
Clifford Dale Krone, 79, Died Jan. 17.
James Hubert Cosby, 83, Died Jan. 18.
Conrad R. Wring, 81, Died Jan. 18.
Kathryn Lee Day, 87, Died Jan. 20.
Martha Kathryn Willie, 86, Died Jan. 21.
Annie Louise Osborn, 95, Died Jan. 21.
Larry Pace Doom, 58, Died Jan. 22.
Dora Jean McDowell, 75, Died Jan. 22.
James B. Whitworth, 73, Died Jan. 22.
Robert D. Johnson, 84, Died Jan. 23.
Glenn Eugene Joyce, 61, Died Jan. 23.
Robert Johnson, 84, Died Jan. 23.
William Morrison, 65, Died Jan. 24.
Clarence V. Adams, 79, Died Jan. 26.
Lois Chittenden May, 98, Died Jan. 27.
April Dawn Belt, 35, Died Jan. 27.
George Witherspoon Griffith, 91, Died Jan. 29.

February

Katie Marie Hodge, 100, Died Feb. 1.
Rebecca B. Wilson, 86, Died Feb. 1.
Boone Wilson, Died Feb. 1.
Aubrey Arnold Hollamon, 76, Died Feb. 3.
Larry Wade Smith, 61, Died Feb. 5.
Wilma May Floyd, 75, Died Feb. 7.
Kenneth Woodall, 78, Died Feb. 7.
Andrew Thomas "Tom" Johnson Jr., 60, Died Feb. 9.
Kenneth Hayden Kirk, 73, Died Feb. 11.
Katherine Bugg, 93, Died Feb. 14.
Charles L. Hunt Sr., 77, Died Feb. 14.
Wanda Lee Hunt, 87, Died Feb. 14.
Edna May "Ninnie" Fondaw, 65, Died Feb. 21.
Carroll "Smitty" Smith, 73, Died Feb. 22.
Ruth M. Todd, 92, Died Feb. 22.
Amill Andrew Smith, 86, Died Feb. 24.
Ophelia Johnson, 86, Died Feb. 24.
William Thomas "Skee" Kinnis, Died Feb. 26.
Benjamin Ray Lynch Sr., 63, Died Feb. 27.
William "Mutt" Griffin, 85, Died Feb. 27.

March

Roxie Miles, 86, Died March 1.
Anna Belle Hunter, 68, Died March 2.
Nannie Lucille "Lucy" Traywick, 75, Died March 3.
Helen Elizabeth Catilla, 72, Died March 3.
Barbara Armstrong, 70, Died March 4.
James Albert Martin, 75, Died March 5.
Ronella Ordway Roberts, 89, Died March 5.
Chester Wade, 66, Died March 6.
Margaret H. Mitchell, 82, Died March 7.
Virginia Mae Adams, 76, Died March 7.
Gloria Dale Corley, 79, Died March 8.
Charles E. Welch, 63, Died March 13.
Leafia Kirk, 87, Died March 15.
Anna Pearl Jones, 64, Died March 20.
Toney Bell Ringstaff, 75, Died March 21.
Donald Harris, 66, Died March 21.
Linnie Louise Holloman, 73, Died March 16.
Ronnie Ordway, 66, Died March 18.
Virginia Highfill, 92, Died March 18.
Marcella Louise Cosby, 68, Died March 22.
Orlin Millikan, 93, Died March 23.
Robert Michael Hughes, 53, Died March 23.
James Wilson Hanks, 55, Died March 24.
James Edward "Jimmy" Yates, 67, Died March 25.
George Earl Rice, 68, Died March 27.
Bonnie Nell Alsobrook Phillips, 85, Died March 27.
Pauline Damron, 83, Died March 29.

April

Geneva Mae Threlkeld, 79, Died April 3.
Burnie Earl Bradford III, 60, Died April 4.
Effie G. Hibbs, 96, Died April 8.
Helen Katherine Davidson Nunn, 83, Died April 11.
Brondy Norman Stokes, 56, Died April 13.
Muriel Christine Belt, 92, Died April 16.
Billie P. Shadowen, Died April 21.
Lois BeBout, 93, Died April 23.
Martyne Sivilis Parker, 99, Died April 23.
Douglas Adams, 83, Died April 26.
Eddie Mac Long, 63, Died April 26.
Jeanne Carol Hodge, 58, Died April 28.
Velma Ruth Richardson, 92, Died April 28.

Franklin Marvin Jones, 68, Died April 30.
Robert Eugene Henson, 69, Died April 30.

May

Vivian Robinson, 91, Died May 1.
Charles Herbert Brazie, 48, Died May 5.
Mary Mildred Kimberlin, 84, Died May 6.
Iris "Shan" Shiver, 84, Died May 8.
Rickey Calvin Hackney, 21, Died May 8.
Steve William Tabor, 72, Died May 9.
Mary Lou Station, 82, Died May 10.
Robert Conway Gibbs, 88, Died May 12.
Billy W. McKinley, 71, Died May 12.
Derrick Cozart, 45, Died May 13.
Danielle Marie Hunt, 20, Died May 14.
Aria "Bobbi" Jacobs, 49, Died May 16.
James T. "Jim" Hatfield Jr., 68, Died May 17.
Danny Lee Shewmaker, 54, Died May 17.
Ed Millikan, 82, Died May 17.
Melva Shouse, 90, Died May 20.
Mina P. (Brantley) Martin, 97, Died May 18.
Dr. Baird R. Faulkner, 58, Died May 21.
Denver Perry James, 87, Died May 23.
Harold Wayne James, 76, Died May 25.
Bonnie Mae Brown Prowell, 84, Died May 25.
Evelyn York, 97, Died May 29.
Truman Williams, 97, Died May 31.

June

Jerry Lynn Crawford, 54, Died June 2.
Elizabeth Foster Riley, 93, Died June 2.
Kathryn Station, 94, Died June 9.
Lafe Kenneth Linzy, 86, Died June 10.
Hazel McGowan, 88, Died June 12.
Martha Jewell Kraft, 87, Died June 13.
George Louis Chittenden, 88, Died June 14.
Ronnie York, 60, Died June 15.
Sarah E. Thomas, 32, Died June 20.
Samuel David Thompson, 87, Died June 23.
Willia Jean Sexton, 75, Died June 24.
Melody R. Edwards, 53, Died June 25.
Anna Grace Bebout, 77, Died June 27.
John Robert Cash, 72, Died June 28.
Evelyn Sue Williams, 71, Died June 28.
Dorothy "Dottie Sue" Daughtrey Phillips, 88, Died June 30.
Mary Louise Hardin, 93, Died June 30.
Dianne L. Creel, 68, Died June 30.
Helen May Tabor, 76, Died June 30.

July

J.C. Crockett, 73, Died July 1.
Virginia Cloyd, 80, Died July 2.
Harold Keith Chandler, 47, Died July 5.
Richard Willis Perry Jr., 63, Died July 5.
Charles E. Lynn, 78, Died July 5.
Laverne Frances Outerמוש Newcom, 85, Died July 8.
Roy Hollis Hopkins, 82, Died July 8.
Marguerite Floyd Rushing, 97, Died July 8.
Edward O'Nan, 85, Died July 9.
William "Bill" Henry Brown, 82, Died July 9.

Died July 9.
Kenneth T. Hardin, 95, Died July 11.
Virginia Little, 95, Died July 12.
Dentis "D.K." "Dentley" Kerr Riley, 89, Died July 12.
Mary Ellen Duffy, 75, Died July 13.
Clarence Rex McDaniel, 67, Died July 17.
Alice "Carolyn" Dyer Cook, 86, Died July 19.
John R. Carlisle, 92, Died July 19.
Jean Sherer Underhill, 71, Died July 20.
Clarence Rex McDaniel, 67, Died July 20.
Anna Ordway Bray, 75, Died July 21.
Clinton Lowery Hunter, 66, Died July 21.
Larneena Wynn, 80, Died July 26.
Sharon Lea Runyon, 63, Died July 26.
Gertrude Florence Dempsey, 92, Died July 27.
Iris Ann Brantley, 72, Died July 29.
Charles Ronald Chappell, 74, Died July 31.

August

Jonas Roman Keller, infant, Died Aug. 1.
Col. (Ret.) Kenneth Maurice Irish, III, 55, Died Aug. 1.
Edna Louise Williamson, 80, Died Aug. 4.
J.D. "Tucker" Bugg, 73, Died Aug. 5.
Ann Marie Owens, 53, Died Aug. 5.
Wanna Conetta "Neta" Green, 82, Died Aug. 7.
Charles A. Gass, 83, Died Aug. 9.
Roy Arville Collins, 84, Died Aug. 10.
Billy E. Belt, Sr., 73, Died Aug. 10.
Wilbur Allen Kayse, 89, Died Aug. 10.
Mary Susan "Sue" Watts , 89, Died Aug. 11.
Susanne Browning, 64, Died Aug. 13.
Kenneth Wayne Buchanan, 59, Died Aug. 13.
Earl Edward Murphy, 84, Died Aug. 13.
Bonita Joan Anglin, 61, Died Aug. 14.
Lucille Newcom, 91, Died Aug. 15.
Joyce Hosick, 80, Died Aug. 16.
Tommie Grimes, 91, Died Aug. 18.
"Willie" Marie Cates Herron Hayes, 99, Died Aug. 20.
Dewey Heaton, 92, Died Aug. 22.
Margaret Smith, 86, Died Aug. 22.
Bobby R. Winders, 61, Died Aug. 23.
Mabel Thurman, 103, Died Aug. 27.

September

Virginia R. Morton, 85, Died Sept. 2.
James Edward Carter, 90, Died Sept. 7.
Philip Giltz, 76, Died Sept. 7.
Betty Jean Alsobrook Mitchell, Died Sept. 8.
Paul E. Binkley, 82, Died Sept. 9.
Richard Bruce Duvall, 66, Died Sept. 13.
Charles Edward "Eddy" Collins, 61, Died Sept. 15.
Roger Morris, 64, Died Sept. 19.
Pauline Rudd, 92, Died Sept. 19.
Carl A. Ray, 82, Died Sept. 23.
Loma Hodge, 84, Died Sept. 24.
Morris B. Hubbard, 91, Died Sept. 24.
James Riley Hollis, 76, Died Sept. 24.

Lala Pearl Wagoner, 90, Died Sept. 25.
Edward Everett Jones, 96, Died Sept. 27.

October

James Albert Dempsey, 91, Died Oct. 1.
Mary Jane Easley Rowe, 93, Died Oct. 1.
Cora Mae Nesbitt, 91, Died Oct. 1.
Carolyn and Robert Dyer, (Services held Oct. 1)
Kyleigh Marie Gibbs, infant, Died Oct. 3.
John Samuel Madden III, 25, Died Oct. 4.
Vernon Lee Tolley, 64, Died Nov. 26.
Vernon "Cap" Stinnett, 92, Died Oct. 4.
Bernie H. Brantley, Jr., 56, Died Oct. 4.
Alice Rushing Miller Hallum, 81, Died Oct. 5.
Lois Ann Ralston, 79, Died Oct. 7.
James Franklin "Frank" Watson, 80, Died Oct. 8.
Marlene Ann Stone, 75, Died Oct. 10.
Edith Ann Cronin, 70, Died Oct. 10.
Una Florence Mott, 90, Died Oct. 11.
Anita Guggenheim, 86, Died Oct. 12.
Cecil Wayne Travis, 81, Died Oct. 15.
Martha Ann Harper 85, Died Oct. 15.
Rev. Maurice J. Tiell, 88, Died Oct. 15.
Mildred Truitt Dollins, 87, Died Oct. 16.
Bonnie L. Ashford, 78, Died Oct. 16.
Velda Mae Henderson, 89, Died Oct. 17.
Edward Arlington Runyan, 93, Died Oct. 19.
William Garland Cash, 74, Died Oct. 20.
Otis Scott, 89, Died Oct. 20.
Brenda Kay Hunt, 64, Died Oct. 21.
Shirley Ann Brown, 78, Died Oct. 22.
Ada Frances Walker, 89, Died Oct. 20.
Sister Jamesetta Knott, 86, Died Oct. 22.
Roger Dale "Wabbitt" Walton, 48, Died Oct. 23.
James Charles Alexander, 89, Died Oct. 24.
Anna Lois Campbell, 80, Died Oct. 25.
Bonnie Riley, 66, Died Oct. 25.
Alton E. Belt, 82, Died Oct. 27.
Danny Dale "Dan" Fowler, Jr., 39, Died Oct. 31.

November

James "Jim" Perkins, 83, Died Nov. 1.
James G. "Speck" Marvel, 76, Died Nov. 2.
Margaret Mary Omer, 96, Died Nov. 2.
Tony Dale Beard, 52, Died Nov. 5.
Stuart G. Howard, 65, Died Nov. 6.
Edlie L. Mills, 71, Died Nov. 6.
Anna Marie "Topsy" Tinsley, 74, Died Nov. 9.



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Man will outlive doomsday 2012

Carpe diem! Live every day as if it were your last!

Is that really such a sound piece of advice, even if we are living out our last year on Earth? It seems like such an irresponsible way to live out our few remaining days.

What's that, you say? You hadn't heard that the world will end in 2012?

Any prognosticator worth their weight in crystal balls has called for it — Nostadamus, the Mayan civilization, Dick Frymire... Okay, so the Kentucky man who uses his "barnyard science" to make annual wintery weather predictions has not really forecast the end of the world, though he has predicted seven inches of snow on Jan. 16, which may



seem like the apocalypse to some.

Snow aside, many a doomsayer has used their third eye to see into a short future and make known their visions, causing some to just a few days ago nervously post what they believe will be their final bank calendar of seasonal barn images beside the refrigerator. Hollywood has even capitalized on the end of times

soothsaying, producing the 2009 blockbuster "2012."

Have we really seen our last Christmas, last New Year's Eve ball drop at Time Square and final football postseason?

I don't keep a calendar hanging on the wall or buried beneath a pile of papers under my desk to cross off the final days of my life. And I certainly don't put much stock in any predictions made outside of Vegas oddsmakers. I consider such dire forecasts as voodoo, witchcraft, nonsense and bunk.

There are at least a half dozen "solid" theories out there as to how humankind will meet its demise in 2012. Based on cryptic Nostadamus verses, a complex Mayan time-keeping method or cosmic assumptions, all paint a picture of catastrophe and doom. The prognostications of the French astrologer and interpretations of the calendar used by his Mayan predecessors even go so far as to consider Dec. 21 as zero hour to Armageddon.

Fortunately, two credible sources have stepped to the forefront to quell such rumors. NASA and National Geographic have dedicated time and space on both the

Internet and in print to debunk the myths and ease fears. There is also a verse set aside in the Bible to assure we will not know the time of our reckoning.

And that's good enough for me.

Perhaps it is wisest to live every day for tomorrow. If I were to live each day of 2012 as my last, I wouldn't be writing this or showing up to work, but rather foundering on the couch with the remote control in hand, eating M&Ms by the cup full, ice cream by the gallon and fed Dr. Pepper intravenously. The phone would be at the bottom of the toilet, the bank account empty and bills left unpaid. Life would surely come to an end for me in 2012 at that pace.

But come to think of it, save the phone that people can't seem to put down long enough to keep their eyes on the road, many Americans have been living much that way for several years now, outlasting countless doomsday prophecies.

So, whether you live for today or tomorrow, I'd go ahead and start asking for that 2013 bank calendar around Thanksgiving. There are many more barns left to see.



Alexander

Dr. and Mrs. Genvial Marques and Mr. and Mrs. Mick Alexander are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Amanda Raissa Marques and Max Andrews Alexander.

The couple was married Nov. 23 in Ann, Md. The bride is studying nursing and the groom is employed by the defense department.

The couple reside in Severn, Md.



Chittenden 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William Chittenden of Salem celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family trip to Wyoming.

Mr. Chittenden and the former Lois Rhea Wilson were married Dec. 24, 1961 by Rev. Earl Moody at Bethel United Methodist Church near Lola. Their attendants were Shelby Jean Lawless and the late Robert Lawless.

Mrs. Chittenden is the daughter of the late Blan and Evelyn Bebout Wilson.

Mr. Chittenden retired from VMV Enterprises of Paducah and is the son of the late Russell and Mary Myrick Chittenden.

They are the parents of Darryl Chittenden of Salem, Marilyn Tucker of Lone Oak and Jennifer Ferrell of Salem. They have six grandchildren.

Cook and eat at home for healthier lifestyle

The holiday season reinforces a truth about eating: Dining at home with family and friends is rewarding, fun and enjoyable. In the coming year, consider making cooking and dining at home a priority in your family. It controls food costs and helps with weight management, and it brings a family together.

According to Dr. Ingrid Adams, UK extension specialist for nutrition and weight management, research shows that having regular mealtime can improve the health of children, help with their social and emotional development, and help them do better in school. In the midst of a hurried world, the investment in family mealtime is well worth the time and effort.

Healthy habits, including controlling portion size, eating only one portion, and choosing and cooking healthy options help adults and children control weight and it increases consumption of nutrients necessary for good health. Children who eat at regular meal times consume more fruits and vegetables and fewer fried foods and sodas.

One way to make cooking and eating at home easier is to assign tasks. Involve your whole family by getting them to participate. Assigned tasks (helping to plan menus and

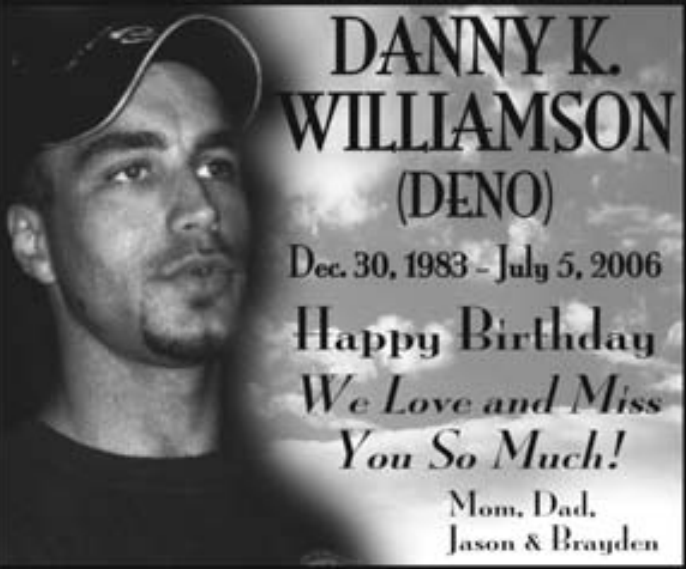


shop, setting the table, and clearing up after the meal) shares the workload and reinforces the idea that these daily tasks are enjoyable.

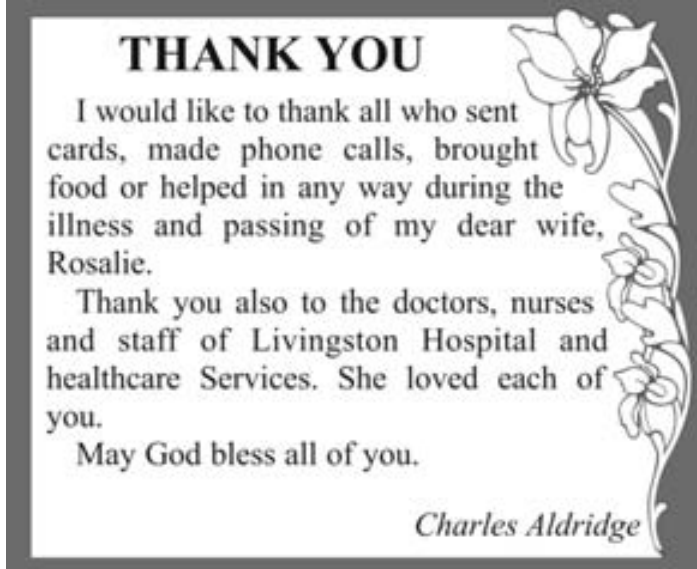
Planning is another helpful tool that makes cooking and eating at home easier. Follow a grocery list and keep staples on hand to make cooking easier. Use the weekends to prepare entrees, such as lasagna, stew or other casseroles, that can be stored or frozen for use during the week. Prep vegetables and meat in advance and review ingredients and recipes to be sure you understand the cooking procedure. These basic techniques will help you get your family's dinner on the table in short order.

The extension website provides valuable information about cooking and eating more meals at home at <http://www.extension.org/pages/19863/prepare-and-eat-more-meals-at-home>.

For more information, please contact the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service.



DANNY K. WILLIAMSON (DENO)
Dec. 30, 1983 - July 5, 2006
Happy Birthday
We Love and Miss You So Much!
Mom, Dad, Jason & Brayden



THANK YOU
I would like to thank all who sent cards, made phone calls, brought food or helped in any way during the illness and passing of my dear wife, Rosalie.
Thank you also to the doctors, nurses and staff of Livingston Hospital and healthcare Services. She loved each of you.
May God bless all of you.
Charles Aldridge



The Press traveled with the Jent and Dickerson families over Christmas vacation to Cowboy Stadium for the All American Youth Bowl. Pictured are (from left) Noah Dickerson, Shirley Jent, Serena, Eddie and Gavin Dickerson and Darrell Jent.



Sherer 60th anniversary

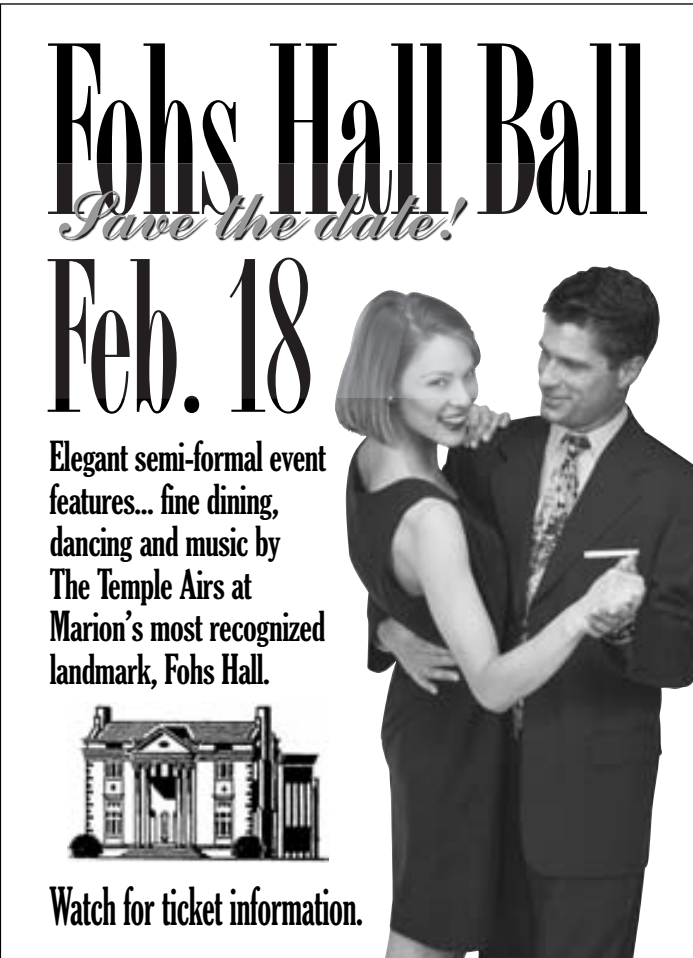
Doyle and Mary Sherer of Marion celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26. They were married in Corinth, Miss., with Naomi Jamison and the late Rudell

Browning as their attendants.

They have two sons, Dwight and wife Mayree Sherer and Jim Sherer, both of Marion.



God's Blessings On Each
We would like to express our warmest thoughts and prayers to those who helped us through the difficult time during the loss of our father, James B. O'Neal.
Your memories of Dad as your insurance man, the voice of a Marion Police Dispatcher and finally as the Crittenden County Trial Commissioner warmed our hearts. He was always trying to help someone.
We would like to thank Dr. Barnes and the nurses of Livingston Hospital for their care and compassion to our Dad and their great kindness to us as we stayed by his side. Thank you for your gifts of food, cards, calls, visits and prayers which helped us through our loss.
Thank you to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home and Bro. Heath Martin for your kindness. Also, thank you to the Navy Officers who honored our Dad for his years of service. Bro. Martin's words of comfort and his wonderful memories of Dad brought joy to us.
We will miss him always, but we know Dad is in Heaven with our Lord rejoicing.
Tony & Phyllis O'Neal
Ray & Brenda O'Neal
Sue & David Fisk
Tammy & Billy Robertson



Fohs Hall Ball
Save the date!
Feb. 18
Elegant semi-formal event features... fine dining, dancing and music by The Temple Airs at Marion's most recognized landmark, Fohs Hall.
Watch for ticket information.

April soggiest month of 2011, July hottest

STAFF REPORT

More than six feet of rain fell on Crittenden County in 2011, according to weather and climate data from Kentucky Mesonet. April precipitation accounted for almost one fifth of the total, while January was the driest month.

A total of 72.73 inches of precipitation was measured in the county last year. Heavy spring rains — 13.88 inches in April and 7.09 in May — led to the worst flooding along the Ohio River and its two major tributaries in the county since 1937. The swollen Cumberland and Tradewater rivers each overflowed their banks to near record stages.

The wettest single day of the year was Feb. 24 with 3.41 inches of rainfall.

Meantime, July temperatures averaged 80.3 degrees, making it the hottest month of 2011 when the mean of daily highs and lows is considered. The hottest day of the year topped out at 95.4 degrees on Sept. 2.

On the lower scale of the thermometer, January was the coldest month, with the daily average temperature not even breaking the freezing mark. The mean temperature was 30.4 degrees.

The coldest day of the year, however, came in February. On the 10th of that month, the low was only 1.1 degrees.

If you are looking for the windiest day, that came in

2011 weather by the month

Crittenden County climate and weather data from last year comes from the Kentucky Mesonet monitoring station located in Repton.

MONTH	HIGH TEMP	LOW TEMP	RAIN IN INCHES
January	57.7	7.7	1.56
February	72.1	1.1	5.99
March	79.4	26.6	4.89
April	85.5	33.2	13.88
May	91.1	36.4	7.09
June	94.1	59.8	6.37
July	95.0	64.4	3.89
August	94.8	58.7	3.75
September	95.4	48.9	7.21
October	83.1	34.7	2.19
November	75.3	26.0	9.04
December	63.2	19.7	6.87
TOTAL RAINFALL			72.73

April, with near hurricane-force winds measured locally. A sustained wind speed of three seconds or longer was clocked at 66.2 mph on April 19. Hurricane-force winds are 74 mph or higher.

Kentucky Mesonet, a research network of automated monitoring stations developed by the Kentucky Climate Center at Western Kentucky University, provides an online report for each month of the year. The local monitoring station in the Repton community began collecting data in June 2009.

Grant program could allow expansion of library

NEWS RELEASE

Job applicants searching online for employment opportunities, workshop participants learning how to build a better resume, children learning to read or studying after school — these are just a few of the ways Kentuckians are taking increased advantage of their local libraries during tough economic times according to the Kentucky Public Library Association (KPLA). And they represent just part of the reason why Crittenden County Public Library and libraries across the commonwealth have come together to ask the Kentucky General Assembly to take advantage of an established state construction grant program.

The Kentucky Public Library Facilities Construction Grant program will allow communities to complete library expansion and renovation projects by leveraging local dollars with modest investments from the state.

According to KPLA Advocacy Chairman and Campbell County Library Director J.C. Morgan, the library grant program already exists and can be used to help complete ready-to-go library expansion and renovation projects across the state. Nearly 300,000 square feet of new library space is planned, increasing Kentucky's total public library capacity by more than 12 percent. Twenty-seven public libraries have already been built in 26 counties under this program. "This is a prudent and progressive investment that makes sense during these difficult times," said Morgan. "What other program can

leverage \$1 from the state to turn it into \$2.75? Besides creating 1,600 construction jobs, these library projects will make a real difference in the lives of our citizens across the state, from Crittenden to Russell to Grant to Breathitt counties."

Twenty-three counties have identified local library projects that are ready to go, including Crittenden County.

Through the library grant program, local libraries take on construction loans or bonding to pay for the construction. The state provides an annual grant to pay a portion of the debt service for 20 years. Statewide, local tax dollars and private contributions would cover nearly two-thirds of total construction costs. Construction must begin between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2014 to be eligible.

The project proposed by the Crittenden County Public Library Board of Directors, with preliminary plans drawn up by Curtis Swinford of Castleberry MacGregor Swinford Architects of Marshall County, would add approximately 3,000 square feet to the existing library building, bringing it just over the minimum standards for square footage for a library serving a county of 10,000 or less.

The five-person board approved earlier this year measures to ensure the local library could be eligible for grant money for expansion.

Additions could include improved restroom facilities, a quiet reading area, genealogy room, increased storage and work areas and renovations to the existing building to make it more energy-efficient

and accessible.

A second entrance on the west side of the building where the old jail currently sits would open to a parking lot with handicapped spaces and an improved book drop area, with bookmobile parking and storage on the north side of the building.

Funding the public library construction grants requires a budget appropriation of \$2 million in Fiscal Year 2012-13 and \$4 million a year in Fiscal Year 2013-14 and beyond.

Based on the 23 projects already identified as ready-to-go, the state's funding of \$40 million of total construction

costs will realize more than \$110 million in construction activity and will create hundreds of jobs across Kentucky. The expanded and new libraries will increase Kentuckians' access to literacy, education and technology services, including state government services.

"Our libraries provide vital services for people trying to learn workplace skills and keep up with technology," said Morgan. "We owe it to our communities to make sure we have the capacity to help make their lives better while being good stewards of their tax dollars."

ThePressCALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 9

■ A foster parenting training group will be held 6-9 p.m., Monday at the Pennyroyal Center at 1350 U.S. 62 West in Princeton.

■ Steps of Faith is a six-week program of Exercise and Nutrition. Classes will be held Monday-Feb. 16 and are local. There is no charge, however a donation of 24 items for local charities is recommended. For more information contact Tracey Newcom at 704-5122.

■ The Fohs Hall board will meet

at 4 p.m., Monday at Fohs Hall.

Upcoming

■ Lacey Brown, American Idol finalist, will be speaking to Fellowship of Christian Athletes during club time, Jan. 13 at Crittenden County High School. She will also be at Life in Christ Church Jan. 14 for a makeover for kids in grades sixth-12.

■ The Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation will meet at 4:30 p.m., Jan. 12 at Fohs Hall.



Pictured with Crittenden County native Kentucky State Trooper Cory Hamby (center) is Kentucky Office of Highway Safety Director Bill Bell (left) and Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rodney Brewer.

Hamby awarded at Enforcement awards

The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety recently held its annual Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Awards ceremony in Lexington and honored a Crittenden County native for his enforcement of DUI laws.

The event, which took place on Dec. 8, honored 201 officers from 185 law enforcement agencies from across the Commonwealth. Kentucky State Police trooper Cory Hamby of Trigg County was awarded for being the impaired driving enforcement leader for Kentucky State Police Post 1 in Mayfield. Trooper Hamby was awarded for making 69 impaired driving arrests from Oct. 1, 2010 through Sept. 30, 2011.


Trooper Hamby has been employed by KSP since 2010 and is a native of Marion.

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Twin knobs soon lost in highway construction

As a person that was born and raised in the community of Crayne, I love all the history and heritage that goes with it. Here is some history on some of the landmarks that help make Crayne what it once was – a wonderful place to live and grow up. The general store information was shared with me by the late James Robert Dorroh. Without his writings on these old stores, the history would have been lost to us.

In the early days of the Crayne community there were several general stores, plus a drugstore, hotel and two blacksmith shops. The store owners were P.H. Woods, R.B. Dorr, J.C. and brother Tom Carlton, Wyatt Brookshire, Newt Weldon, Hugh Glenn, Eugene and Mary Emma Dorroh, George Long, Eugene and Claude Cruce, Frank Wilson, Walter Brown, Seth Ferguson, Allie Myers, Locket Nunn and J.R. Dorroh. Hotel owner was Forest Pogue. The blacksmith's shop's owners were Mr. Dobbs and Mr. Binkley.

Some history on the general stores

The first Dorroh store was purchased from the Hugh Glenn family. James F. Dorroh that bought the Glenn store was first hired as a clerk. The store's inventory consisted of groceries, hardware, farm equipment, clothes, yard goods, seeds, fertilizer, oil, gasoline, kerosene, feed and coal. They also bought chickens, eggs and operated a truck for the hauling of farm products locally and to Evansville. It was a large wood building with a coal stove near the back, a checker board and a wooden bench for people to rest on and visit.

In the back of the store was a barbershop operated by W.R. and Eugene Dorroh. W.R. did the shaving and Eugene did the haircutting. The business then became known a Dorroh Brothers General Store. This store was located near where the railroad and train depot used to be, where the block building is located today across from the Calvary Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown were the last people to own and run this store. They operated the business until it was destroyed by fire in 1959.



Later, the block store building was built in the same location. This area was also where the early drug store and hotel building was located. This beautiful two-story building was owned and operated by Pogue. The first floor was the drug store, with the second story being the hotel.

The George Long store sat across from where the Crayne Post office is today. Their inventory consisted of groceries and feed, and Mrs. Long operated a cream station in the back of their store, where she bought cream from people.

Mr. Seth Ferguson came to Crayne when he was a young man and started to work as a clerk in the Dorroh Brothers store. Later Ferguson purchased the Long's store inventory and operated this business for a while. In a few years he built a new store building across the road and moved to this new location. His inventory consisted of groceries, hardware, feed, gasoline and oil.

Later, the post office was moved to this location and Mr. Ferguson became the postmaster. Seth and Velma operated the store and post office until 1984 when they retired. The store building is still the home of the Crayne Post Office, and Rose Ann Bebout is the postmistress and owner of the store building. The original wooden post office front is still in the lobby today. It is one of the few original landmarks left of the Crayne community. Sandra Ferguson Cook actually is the owner of these original boxes, but she graciously leaves them in their home in the post office today.

Before the Long store building was taken down in 1988-89, it was home to several other businesses. Mr. and Mrs. Orlin "Pete" Binkley ran a restaurant here, with all the



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Taken in 1980, the picture above is of Billie Travis and Steve Underdown after hiking up the knobs. They had stopped to enjoy the view of the surrounding countryside atop the highest point.

trimmings, which included booths, tables, a counter and even a juke box. Next to the building became a lamp store, run by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ordway. My mother, Evah Lee Travis, won a door prize of a pair of beautiful table lamps when the store first opened. Next James Robert and Jackie Dorroh opened a grocery store. It ran for several years. The last business was a wood craft shop owned by Rubin Height.

The country grocery store, the center of everyday life in our communities, are gone now. They were the source of everything the families needed for everyday life in their home town, whether it be groceries, farm supplies, or items for the household. They also had gas pumps to sell gas and motor oil for vehicles and air for vehicle tires and for bicycle tires that were always going flat from the rough ware on the gravel roads that they were ridden on.

And let's not forget the benches on the front porch where the woes and joys of the world was discussed. Where neighborhood children met to plan their day, eat ice cream popsicles and peanuts in a Coke. Who would have thought an old wooden bench could recall so many child-

hood memories? The old wooden bench still sits on the Crayne Post office's front porch.

The railroad tracks and crossing, the rumblings of the trains are familiar sights and sounds of a bygone era from our community. Depots and loading platforms are all gone now. The logging yard near the tracks sits empty, once filled with lumber and spar to be carried to other destinations.

The Crayne school houses are also gone now. They certainly did their part nobly in making life happier, and lives more useful in their day. They were the center of the community, bringing family and friends together for school activities and holiday plays.

Although present day churches still have their homecomings each year, they are held inside in a modern facility with all the conveniences of today. Gone are many of the old churches that had their homecoming on wooden tables built beneath the shade trees to hold the food bought by the church ladies and families for homecoming. Inside now in the air-condition, no more suffering in the heat and humidity of those June or August days, fighting insects off the



PHOTO PROVIDED
Pictured above is the view of the knobs from Crayne Cemetery Road, taken earlier this year. They will never be seen this way again.

food and yourself. Gone also are most of the old familiar families that once came to these ever year homecomings.

Why all these past memories you ask, even more so than usual – for one landmark that was always in the background overlooking all these past memories, and always a part of every child, now adults, that grew up and lived in the Crayne community is being lost to future generations. The Crayne Knobs or Twin Knobs, as they are known on the topographical maps, are being destroyed in the name of progress. Progress for a new highway coming through the area.

Although these knobs for years and years belonged to the Woodall family, we all just considered them belonging to the community because we were allowed to use them for our many adventures through life.

What memories these knobs have for most every child that was raised in Crayne. Growing up here, many of my childhood hours were spent on these rocky knolls, exploring, climbing and just sitting on the top looking out over the whole surrounding area. It was the most wonderful place in the world, as a child, as an adult and even as I write this.

The knobs were the setting for many a young man's first squirrel hunting experiences, or brother and sister, tracking animals in the first snow of the season, hearing the snow crunch beneath your boots, looking for dens along the creek bank that ran at the base of the knobs, and trying

your luck at fishing in the deeper parts of the creek during the hot summer months, camping and cooking fried potatoes and bologna over a camp fire and just going for a walk with your favorite dog. How many times during these past years have one of us called out to the other "Let's go up on the knobs."

They are beautiful in the spring as the white dogwoods would be in bloom scattered near the bottom and up the sides of the woods. There was always one right near the top that you could see first. In the fall they are beautiful with the many colors that you can see for miles around. In the winter when the snow is on, one could see the rocks against the snowy background.

They were always there, something I thought would always be there. I loved them as a dear friend, and my children enjoyed exploring them as they grew up, as many other generations of Crayne citizens have over the years. They look bare and naked to the world now, as the big equipment strip away their cover of timber and undergrowth. Next will come their layers of rocks that we climbed and played on. So take a good look at them now and place that memory in your heart and mind, if you have memories of these landmarks.

I am glad for these memories of mine, of a different time, and I'm thankful that I was a part of that time in our past history and I am sad to see the Crayne Knobs being destroyed.

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Livingston county for your support during my first year as your Livingston County Sheriff. This first year has been an amazing experience and we have made several steps to improve and modernize the Agency.

Some of these steps include the following:

- ***New uniform issue • Purchase of police K-9 unit (responsible for several vehicle seizures this year)***
- ***Obtained grant to purchase new tasers • Obtained grant to purchase new ballistic vests for deputies***
- ***Purchased new patrol shotguns for deputies • Implemented modernized tax collection system***
- ***Increased presence at each school in the county to include school zone patrols***
- ***Daily patrol at Livingston County Hospital***

It has been a very successful year and with our new foundation in place we will continue to grow and mold the Livingston County Sheriff's Department to be able to better serve the needs of our community. We have some exciting projects in store for 2012 and with the community's continued support, I am certain they will be successful and beneficial to the citizens of Livingston County. Again, I thank you.

**Sincerely,
Sheriff Bobby Davidson**



2011 sees public figures announce retirement plans

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Last year was the year of retirements, or at least retirement announcements by figures in public service roles.

Madeline Henderson, Greg Rushing, Mike Cherry and Mona Manley either left their longtime public service positions in 2011 or announced their intended retirements in the coming year. Only Manley, who served as director of the senior citizens center in Marion for 15 years, made her retirement final in 2011, leaving her post on Nov. 15.

"She loves the people over there," said Margaret Gilland of Manley at the time. "She talks to them and really en-

joys their company."

A replacement selected to take over Manley's role did not work out and the position remains vacant.

Meantime, at 60, Circuit Clerk Henderson announced her retirement, publicly declaring in September her intention to give up the elected post at the end of her current six-year term, which concludes at the close of this year. When she finishes her third and final term, Henderson will have been the longest-serving circuit clerk in county history at 19 years.

"I just think it's time. I've been here long enough, and I want to spend more time with my husband, my children and my grandchild," she said.

Henderson had worked in

the office since 1983 and won her first term in office 10 years later.

Two people, Melissa Guill, currently chief deputy at the clerk's office, and Vanda Hunt Adamson, who works in a local attorney's office, will square off for Henderson's job in May's Republican primary.

State Rep. Cherry, a Princeton Democrat, decided his current term that ends early next year will be enough time in Frankfort representing Kentucky's Fourth House District. The district includes Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of McCracken County.

After what will be 14 years in the position, Cherry said a combination of things led to the decision to leave. Already, he is the longest continuous-serving representative for Crittenden County, and when he finishes the current session of the General Assembly, he will have endured 13 regular sessions and several special ses-

sions.

"I will be almost 70 at the end of this term, and I feel the job requires an energy and enthusiasm more often found in one younger," Cherry said. "If you do the job right, it's very demanding."

He began serving the district in 1999 after Republican Kathy Hogenkamp opted to not seek re-election. In his subsequent six elections to the seat, he had either no opposition or beat his Republican opponent by a two-to-one margin.

Cherry had become an influential legislator in Frankfort, having forged close personal relationships with former Speaker of the House Jody Richards and current Gov. Steve Beshear. He had

also worked his way to chairman of the powerful House State Government Committee.

Cherry also worked closely with three different GOP Crittenden County judge-executives and counts the building of an alternate U.S. 641 as his biggest accomplishment.

Finally, Rushing, the longtime director of Crittenden County Emergency Management Agency, announced his plans to give up the volunteer position he had filled for 20 years at the close of 2011. During those two decades, he oversaw recovery operations for some of the biggest disasters in county history, including the Crayne tornado of 2000, the crippling ice storm of 2009 and 2011 flooding.

"I really have enjoyed the job, but as they say, all good things must come to an end," said Rushing, who was 50 at the time of his announcement in late 2011.

The job was both a passion and a curse for the EMA director. Rushing says he invested so much time at no pay because he loves his community and its people. However, the pressures are great when disaster strikes and people are suffering. Rushing's health suffered, too. A heart attack at age 45 slowed him for a few months, but soon he was back on the job.

Rushing has served as a Marion City Policeman and currently works as a deputy sheriff for the county.

David Travis, a deputy EMA director under Rushing, was selected to fill the vacant position. Billy Arlack will remain a deputy and former Judge-Executive Fred Brown has been added as a second deputy under Travis.

Municipal projects move city forward

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Mark Bryant said in his 20 years in the role of city government manager, it's been rare to find so many vital municipal enterprises happening at the same time as are currently under way in Marion.

"Per capita, I've never seen this many projects relative to the size of the budget," he said.

Starting his sixth year as Marion's city administrator, Bryant said all of the projects begun or continued in 2011 were years in the making. Leading the way is replacement of the city's 85-year-old cast iron water main, which has been on the drawing board since he and Utilities Director Brian Thomas first began working for the city in late 2006.

As of today, the new water main is underground and all that remains of construction are the service connections to existing taps. He estimates the original \$1 million project, paid for with state grants, to be about three-quarters complete.

The project has gone so well, other than a few minor inconveniences associated with rough streets left behind after trenching to install the new line, the city would like to extend the main a little further. Work currently ends just past the North Main Street intersection with Second Street, but because going a bit further north would alleviate several problems, the city hopes to extend the main, repair a major storm run-off issue and repair sidewalks in one fell swoop.

The extension is still under design and no decision to move ahead has been made on the matter at this time.

Once the entire project is complete this spring, Main Street will be paved. Because the dilapidated water main will no longer be in use, there should be no need to dig up the street on a regular basis as in the past to repair recurring ruptures of the line.

Other municipal projects under way in 2011 and expected to be completed this year include the new city fire station and sewer line extensions.

Bryant said the new firehouse on the corner of Main and Bellville streets should be pretty well completed by the end of next week, though the city's volunteer fire department might have to wait until

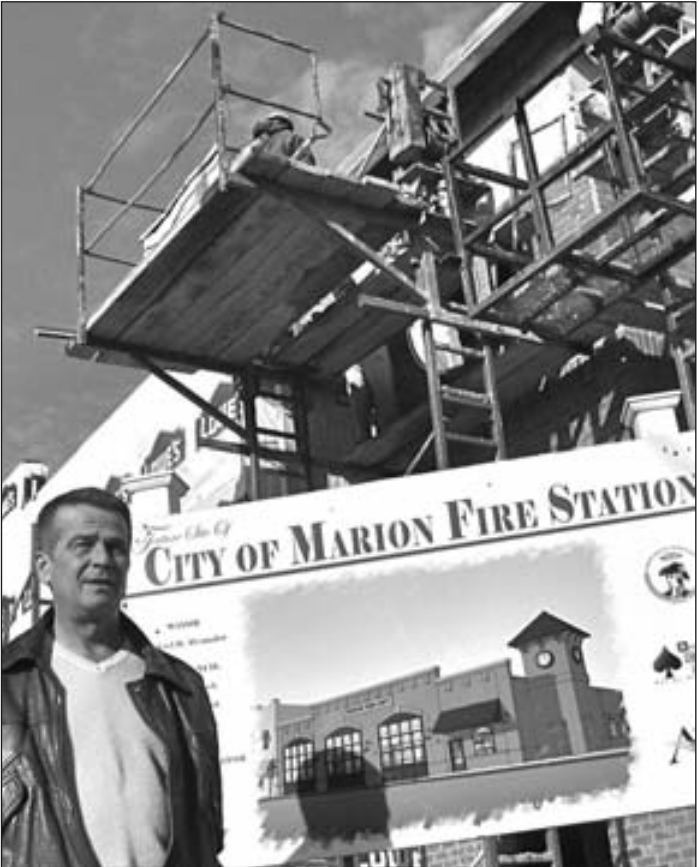


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Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant expects the city's fire department to be moved into its new home by the end of this month. Above, Bryant tours the construction site of the new firehouse at the corner of Main and Bellville streets.

the end of the month to move out of their old digs a block away down East Bellville Street. The primary contractor for the new fire station is Downey Professional Construction of Madisonville.

"It just doesn't compare," Bryant said of the new building measured against the old.

Once the old firehouse is emptied, the city will immediately begin taking bids on razing the 50-plus-year-old building to use as a parking lot or less likely as a mini-park with a grassy area and benches.

The new fire station will feature three bays with parking for all five city fire vehicles. Besides a clock tower and red brick exterior, another feature visible to the public is designed to perhaps recruit firefighters.

"One reason for the windows out front is so younger people can see the shiny fire trucks," Bryant said. "We hope that helps people become more interested."

Inside, Fire Chief Ronald "Red" Howton will have his own office, and a training room, of sorts, will be equipped with a 70-inch television screen and room to comfortably seat 30 or more for semi-monthly seminars. An open, upper level room will be minimally outfitted at present, but will be available for sleeping quarters for disaster responders like those forced to bunk in city hall during the ice storm of 2009. Showers, a laundry room and clean-up area for turn-out gear is also included.

In addition to an attractive facade on a formerly empty lot at the main intersection of town, Bryant said new sidewalks will be built on the

block from the corner to Gilbert's Funeral Home and down to Louise's Flower Shop along Main Street.

The fire department will have control of the spotlight at the corner in order to allow response vehicles fast exit and entrance to the building.

Another ongoing project spilling over into 2012 is the extension of city sewer lines. The continuing project to reach more households in Marion with the utility could actually grow the town's footprint. By running sewer to households outside the city limit down Airport Road all the way to Marion-Crittenden County Airport, it would give the city the option of annexing that property along the road, if a majority of residents agreed to the move.

Enrollment period for conservation stewardship program ends next week

NEWS RELEASE

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently announced that the ranking period cut-off date for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is Jan. 13. Producers interested in CSP should submit applications to their local NRCS office by the deadline so that their applications can be considered during the first ranking period of 2012.

CSP is a voluntary program that encourages agricultural and forestry producers to address resource concerns by undertaking additional conservation activities and improving and maintaining existing conservation systems.

"CSP is a popular conservation program, and we expect to receive many applications," NRCS State Conservationist, Karen Woodrich said. "I encourage all farmers who are interested in applying to contact their local NRCS office as soon as possible so they can meet the deadline."

CSP is offered in all 50 states. The program provides many conservation benefits including improvement of water and soil quality, wildlife habitat enhancements and adoption of conservation activities that address the effects of climate change. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland, nonindustrial private forest land and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of a Native American tribe.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help potential applicants determine if CSP is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, contract obligations

and potential payments. It is available from local NRCS offices and on the CSP Web page.

As part of the CSP application process, applicants will work with NRCS field personnel to complete the resource inventory using a Conservation Measurement Tool (CMT). The CMT determines the conservation performance for existing and new conservation activities. The applicant's conservation performance will be used to determine eligibility, ranking and payments.

Nationwide, in 2010 alone, nearly 21,000 applicants en-

rolled in CSP, putting additional conservation on 25.2 million acres — about the size of the commonwealth of Kentucky — to improve water and soil quality, enhance wildlife habitat and address the effects of climate change.

Visit the NRCS CSP Web site or contact Larry Starr, NRCS District Conservationist, at larry.starr@ky.usda.gov. The local conservation district office located at 118 E. Bellville St. in Marion or 360 W. Main St. in Salem, or call 965-3921, extension 3 in Marion or 988-2180, extension 3 in Salem.

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Hodge measures team’s progress



Point guard Aaron Owen, pictured here making a layup against Reidland, scored 76 points in seven tournament games over the holiday break. His scoring was second only to Thomas Scott’s 111 points during the same seven-game period.

STAFF REPORT

Progress is being measured in leaps and bounds for a Rocket basketball team that hasn’t had much success the last few seasons. But sometimes, wins and losses are measured in smaller units, like fractions of an inch.

Such was the case Tuesday night when Trigg County held off Crittenden County 70-67. The host Wildcats were within less than an inch of overtime as Rocket guard Ethan Hill’s last-second three-pointer bounced harmlessly off the front of the iron.

Crittenden had led much of the way. The Rockets went up by five on Hill’s runner in the lane with 3:05 left in the third. Crittenden’s 2-3 zone – precipitated largely by is foul situation – stymied Trigg until midway through the final period. That’s when the ‘Cats got hot and starting guard Dee Murphy scored all six of his points, including two treys from the left wing. Backcourt mate Deonquez Nance nailed another three from the opposite corner a minute later and Trigg was suddenly ahead 60-57 with just under two minutes to go.

Trigg had led by six in the opening minutes, before Crittenden took command of the tempo. The Wildcats trailed virtually the entire way until their run in the fourth quarter.

“We’re getting better,” said first-year Rocket head coach Denis Hodge, whose team was 3-4 in two holiday tournaments, including their own.

Testament to improvement is the progress the Rockets have made against Trigg. The Wildcats beat Crittenden by 33 in the second game of the season at Rocket Arena. Then, Trigg knocked off Crittenden by 22 a couple of weeks ago in a Christmas tournament at Cadiz.

“We’re happy with our effort tonight and pleased with our progress, but in no way are we satisfied,” Hodge said.

The Rockets started the second half of their district schedule in the same fashion as the first, though, losing to Trigg with Livingston and Lyon just around the corner. Crittenden plays at

Livingston Friday then hosts Lyon next week. Livingston is the league’s best so far. The Cardinals narrowly beat Lyon by two Tuesday.

“I’m more worried about us, about how we execute than what color jersey our opponent is wearing,” Hodge said.

Trigg County 70, Crittenden 67			
Crittenden	17	19	13 18
Trigg Co.	16	17	14 23
CRITTENDEN - Clark 12, Hill 10, Knox 4, Scott 24, Gilbert, Owen 17, Dickerson. Field Goals 25-62. 3-pointers 6-20 (Scott 3, Owen 3). Free Throws 11-17. Rebounds 47 (Clark 11, Knox 11). Fouls 19.			
TRIGG - Nance 16, Gardner 8, Murphy 8, McKenzie 6, Wease 10, Martin 14, Dossett 8, Bailey. Field Goals 24-59. 3-pointers 5-17 (Murphy 2, Martin, Nance, Gardner). Free Throws 17-27. Rebounds 35 (Wease 9). Fouls 17.			
ROCKET CHRISTMAS CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME			
Ballard Memorial 56, Crittenden 41			
Ballard Memorial	11	14	22 9
Crittenden Co.	12	5	14 10
BALLARD - Newton, Bledsoe, Dunigan, Davis 25, Russell, Christ 8, Chandler 10, Bommaritid 10, Jaybo, Langston 3, Tanner. Field Goals 18-35. 3-pointers 2-6 (Davis, Chandler). Free Throws 18-26. Rebounds 23. Fouls 11.			
CRITTENDEN - Clark 6, Hill 8, Knox 4, Scott 7, Gilbert 3, Owen 13, Tinsley, Young, Hicks, Watson. Field Goals 16-51. 3-pointers 3-13 (Hill, Scott, Gilbert). Rebounds 29 (Clark 7). Free Throws 6-11. Fouls 19.			
Crittenden 61, Reidland 39			
Reidland	6	6	18 9
Crittenden	7	13	26 15
REIDLAND - Burnett 16, Collins, Flournoy, Herndon, Witt 5, Bennett, Guill, Kneisler 5, Ali 9, Draffen 4. Field Goals 13-36. 3-pointers 1-7 (Kneisler). Free Throws 12-24. Rebounds 26. Fouls 14.			
CRITTENDEN - Clark 8, Frazer, Hill 13, Knox 9, Scott 11, Gilbert 2, Owen 18, Tinsley, Young, Hicks, Watson. Field Goals 24-46. 3-pointers 4-10 (Owen 1, Scott 2, Knox 1). Free Throws 9-16. Rebounds 29. Fouls 17.			
Crittenden 66, Dawson Springs 43			
Dawson Springs	8	11	6 18
Crittenden County	19	5	25 17
DAWSON SPRINGS - Fambrough 23, Smiley 4, Chappell 2, Puckett, B.Puckett, Miller 4, Adams, Stevens 6, Br.Puckett 4, Bruch. Field Goals 16-42. 3-pointers 1-8 (Smiley). Free Throws 10-23. Rebounds 27. Fouls 17.			
CRITTENDEN - Clark 4., Frazer 2, Hill 11, Knox 4, Scott 20, Gilbert 9, Owen 14, Tinsley, Young, Hicks 2, Watson. Field Goals 23-52. 3-pointers 8-17 (Scott 4, Gilbert 2, Owen 3). Free Throws 12-21. Rebounds 37. Fouls 19.			
CHRISTMAS CLASSIC AT TRIGG COUNTY			
Trigg County 64, Crittenden 42			
Trigg County	19	14	18 13

ROCKETS At a Glance

Player	Points	Rebounds	FT%
T. Scott	14.60	6.54	78.0
B. Knox	6.77	5.08	55.1
D. Clark	7.31	9.38	50.0
E. Hill	6.46	2.46	50.0
A. Owen	10.30	1.46	70.2
T. Gilbert	3.77	2.23	63.6

Averages after 13 Games

Fifth District

Team	Overall	District
Livingston Central	9-6	4-0
Trigg County	13-3	3-1
Lyon County	5-8	1-3
Crittenden County	6-8	0-4

Crittenden 19 5 4 14

TRIGG - Nance 2, Gardner 9, Murphey 7, Snodgrass 2, McKenzie 8, Wease 10, Martin 6, Cunningham 5, Dossett 9, Bailey 4, Acree 1, Estes. Field Goals 17-51. 3-pointers 6-13 (Gardner 1, McKenzie 2, Cunningham 1, Dossett 1, Bailey 1). Free Throws 4-12. Rebounds 27. Fouls 10.

CRITTENDEN - Clark 13, Hicks, Hill 6, Knox 8, Scott 9, Gilbert, Owen 6, Tinsley, Dickerson, Young, Watson. Field Goals 18-47. 3-pointers 1-11 (Scott). Free Throws 5-12. Rebounds 33 (Clark 11). Fouls 11.

Todd Central 49, Crittenden 46

Crittenden County 12 6 13 15

Todd Central 12 23 6 8

CRITTENDEN - Clark 4, Hill 3, Knox 4, Scott 16, Gilbert 7, Owen 12, Dickerson. Field Goals 18-41. 3-pointers 1-6 (Gilbert). Free Throws 9-14. Rebounds 35 (Scott 10). Fouls 21.

TODD CENTRAL - Broderick 7, Stewart 6, Brown 11, Henry 5, Naylor 8, Harris 2, Dukes 3, Case 2, Huff 5, Moore. Field Goals 16-48. 3-pointers 2-6 (Brown, Dukes). Free Throws 15-22. Rebounds 25. Fouls 19.

Murray 65, Crittenden 53

Murray 11 24 20 10

Crittenden 16 15 8 14

MURRAY - Deese 16, Phillips, Foster 2, Howard 10, Merriss, Boone 17, Nisbet 3, Howard 13, Sheppard, J.Boone 2, Wann 2. Field Goals 28-50. 3-pointers 1-5 (Nisbet). Free Throws 8-12. Rebounds 23. Fouls 15.

CRITTENDEN - Clark 10, Hicks, Hill 2, Knox 10, Scott 21, Gilbert 3, Owen 7, Tinsley, Dickerson, Young, Watson. Field Goals 19-46. 3-pointers 4-10 (Scott 2, Gilbert 1, Owen 1). Free Throws 11-11. Rebounds 28 (Clark 9). Fouls 15. Fouled Out: Knox.

Crittenden 52, Stewart County 51

Stewart County 11 18 8 14

Crittenden County 9 17 12 14

STEWART COUNTY - Earhart 5, Eagle 4, Wallace 10, Oleson 8, Edwards 5, Neblett 12, Daniel 4, Vandlen 3. Field Goals 21-46. 3-pointers 2-10 (Earhart, Neblett). Free Throws 7-11. Rebounds 22. Fouls 19.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY - Clark 6, Frazer 1, Hill 4, Knox 5, Scott 27, Gilbert 3, Owen 6, Tinsley, Dickerson, Young. Field Goals 18-38. 3-pointers 7-13 (Scott 6, Gilbert 1). Free Throws 7-14. Rebounds 33. Fouls 18.

Coach clings to teaching opportunity

STAFF REPORT

Her team trailing by 16 points, Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge called two timeouts in the final minute of the game at Trigg County Tuesday night.

With a young team still feeling its way through a tough 1-11 start, the veteran Crittenden County girls’ coach didn’t want to miss a teaching opportunity.

“In the first timeout, we tried to set up something and we totally botched it,” Hodge said. “So I called the second one to see if we could try it again.”

Hodge hasn’t lost faith in her team’s ability to compete, but she says keeping the sails up without much success is taking some real work. The chore is made even tougher because of the record-setting season her squad enjoyed a year ago – winning the district and regional championships.

On Tuesday, Trigg bested her girls 60-44. It was Crittenden’s fourth straight loss against a district foe this year.

“We’ve got to learn to do the little things,” Hodge continued. “We’re going to keep pushing to play harder and get everything we can out of our ability.”

Hodge knows her girls aren’t going to repeat last year’s magic carpet ride, but she does expect to be in the game against teams like Trigg County and Lyon County. She even points out that one of the two best halves of play this season came against Liv-



Lady Rocket guard Kaitlin Binkley (4) tries to find some room to maneuver down the lane against Trigg’s defense Tuesday night.

ington, which is right now one of the best in the region.

The Lady Rocket have lost one player to defection and their center, Mary Mattingly, is out for another month, recovering from an emergency appendectomy. That’s forcing Hodge deeper into her bench, which means learning opportunities like the one Tuesday night can slip away.

“I want us to get to the point that we can go into the locker room after a game and feel like we’ve given our best effort. So far, we haven’t done that for a whole game,” the coach said.

They’ll get another chance at district leader Livingston Central Friday in Smithland.

Trigg County 60, Crittenden 44			
Crittenden County	9	5	14 16
Trigg County	11	14	11 18
CRITTENDEN - Brown 17, Binkley , Oliver 8, Head 11, Collins 6, Gobin, McDowell, Moss 2. Field Goals 19. 3-pointers none. Free Throws 6-14. Fouls 16.			
TRIGG - Mize 10, Maxey 20, L.Grubbs 15, K.Martin, K.Grubbs 9, Stallins 6. Field Goals 23. 3-pointers 3 (Maxey, L.Grubbs, K.Grubbs). Free Throws 9-14. Fouls 17.			

WARREN EAST HARDEE’S CLASSIC AT BOWLING GREEN

Franklin-Simpson 81, Crittenden 35			
Crittenden	8	2	8 17
Franklin-Simpson	23	25	18 15
CRITTENDEN - Brown 21, Binkley 6, Oliver 6, Head, Ford, Moss 2, Gobin. Field Goals 10. 3-pointers 1 (Brown). Free Throws 14-19. Fouls 13.			
FRANKLIN-SIMPSON - Brooks 4, Kraute 14, Covington 9, Curtis 26, Gooch 9, Reetzke 4, Babb 3, Meadow 3, Neblett 6, Ervin 2. Field Goals 34. 3-pointers 4 (Curtis 3, Covington 1). Free Throws 9-17. Fouls 19.			

Bullitt Central 73, Crittenden 41			
Crittenden	7	8	13 13
Bullitt Central	17	30	11 15
CRITTENDEN - Brown 15, Binkley 14, Oliver 8, Head 6, Gobin, Ford, Moss. Field Goals 14. 3-pointers 6 (Brown 3, Binkley 3). Free Throws 9-13. Fouls 11.			
BULLITT CENTRAL - Riggs 14, Collins 10, Yont 4, Minyard 15, McKnight 8, Harned 3, Hodge 5, Johns 6, Ratliff 8. Field Goals 29. 3-pointers 5. Free Throws 6-11. Fouls 18.			

Greenup County 72, Crittenden 64			
Crittenden	6	14	24 20
Greenup	22	16	22 12
CRITTENDEN - Brown 26, Binkley 13, Oliver 13, Head 10, Gobin 2, Moss, Phillips. Field Goals 25. 3-pointers 2 (Brown, Binkley). Free Throws 12-14. Fouls 12.			
GREENUP - Jones 21, Wells 6, Campbell 17, Moore 4, Bentley 6, Wueman 5, Grizzle 11, Adams 2. Field Goals 31. 3-pointers none. Free Throws 10-16. Fouls 14.			



Pictured on the jumbo screen at Cowboys Stadium was Gavin Dickerson’s replay of a touchdown he scored.



Wade Gilbert played tackle and works here against a West defensive player during a game at Cowboys Stadium.

Players earn trip to Texas

STAFF REPORT

Two Crittenden County boys were part of a thrilling football adventure over the holiday break as they played bowl games at Cowboys Stadium and Sam Houston Field in Arlington, Texas.

Wade Gilbert, 11, and Gavin Dickerson, 11, were among dozens of young football stars from across the country who converged for a series of practices and bowl games in Texas as part of the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl.

The two were invited to participate in the four-day event after attending a football camp last summer in Nashville headed by the bowl sponsor.

Dickerson, a fifth grader at Crittenden County Elementary School, played running back for the 10-



under East team. He scored one of the team’s three touchdowns in a 19-0 victory to open the bowl series. Dickerson carried the ball four times in that game for 41 yards, including the 24-yard TD run in the second half. His team lost its second game 6-0 in three overtimes. Dickerson ran for 12 yards on two carries in that game.

Gilbert, a sixth grader at Crittenden County Middle School, played starting right tackle for the East 12-under squad. The team had four practices before their games. Gilbert played virtually the entire time as his squad won two straight games against the West all-stars.

Three boys from Caldwell County also participated in the bowl games. They were quarterback Joby Jaggars, receiver Trel Riley and lineman Ty Littlefield.

SPORTS BRIEFS

BASKETBALL High School schedule

FRIDAY
Lady Rockets at Livingston Central
Rockets at Livingston Central

MONDAY
Lady Rockets at Dawson Springs

TUESDAY
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

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Notice is hereby given that on December 21, 2011, Glenda Chandler of 660 South Main Street, Marion, KY 42064 and Redonna Chandler of 1010 Nora Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904 were appointed Co-Executrixes with Will annexed of Johnie R. Chandler, deceased, whose address was 660 South Main Street, Marion, KY 42064. Hon. Robert Frazer, P.O. Box 361, Marion, KY 42064, Attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Co-Executrixes with will annexed on or before the 21 day of June, 2012 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court
Madeline Henderson, Clerk
(1t-27-c)

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-CI-00023
TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING, LLC PLAINTIFF
V. GARY W. BIRCHWELL; and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GARY W. BIRCHWELL; and KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY; and COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN
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Legal Description: BEGIN at point in c/1 Nunn Switch Road that is 20 feet from the Southwest end of c/1 of 36 inch concrete pipe and approximately ½ mile from U.S. Highway 60, being the Northeast corner of Samuel's tract; thence w/ blacktop Road S 42 ½ degrees E 150 feet to point; thence w/ blacktop Road S 12 degrees 20 minutes E 121 feet to corner; thence a new line S 60 ½ degrees W 376 feet to corner; thence a new line N 22 ½ degrees W 370 feet to corner at old road; thence w/ old Road N 78 degrees E 133 feet to angle in Road; thence w/ old Road N 63 degrees E 108 ½ feet to angle at 10 inch white oak; thence w/ old Road N 73 degrees 45 minutes E 185 feet to beginning, as surveyed by S. Frank Oliver, Surveyor, LS No. 1227, on 9-26-1974. Being the same property conveyed to Gary W. Birchwell, by Joe Johnson and Bonnie Johnson, husband and wife, by Deed dated September 16, 1983, recorded in Deed Book 142, Page 27, Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office. The description provided herein was provided by the parties and is contained in the Judgment and Order of Sale.

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may disclose. Said property shall be sold with the improvements thereon "as is".

3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of an Amended Default Judgment, Summary Judgment, and Order of Sale entered on November 10, 2011 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendants, Gary W. Birchwell, any Unknown Spouse of Gary W. Birchwell, Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Crittenden, by and on relation of Jonathan Miller Secretary of Finance and Administration Cabinet, for the sum of \$3,364.89 as of November 1, 2011, with monthly interest accruing at a rate of \$4.68 per month until paid, attorney's fees and for court costs expended herein.


Dated this the__day of December, 2011.
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U.S. 641 construction work begins

STAFF REPORT
8 More than a decade in the making, construction on relocation and an upgrade of U.S. 641 began in 2011.

In September, Road Builders and Parkway Construction of Greenville was awarded an \$18.6 million bid to begin work on the first leg of the improved highway that will run from Marion to Fredonia. Excavators are on the scene and rock has been piled at places along the path the roadway will cut through the county in order to begin building a road bed. Work should begin in earnest in March.

It will likely be a two-construction season project, said Keith Todd, spokesman for Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Districts 1 and 2, meaning completion could come in 2013.

Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton) said he is proud to see construction finally under way. The project has been on his plate since first taking office in 1999 and working with then Judge-Executive Victor "Pippi" Hardin to begin pushing the project ahead.



A scenic view of Crayne and the countryside from atop of one of the Crayne Knobs shows the peaceful Crittenden County community as it is today. Work on relocating and upgrading U.S. 641 from Marion to Fredonia is likely to disturb some of that serenity in the coming year.

Still, lawmakers representing Crittenden County will have to maneuver in the current session of the General Assembly to see that this first phase is funded to completion next year.

They will also push to secure money for moving ahead with the second phase, which will run from Fredonia to the future Interstate 69 corridor in Lyon or Caldwell County. Phase 2 is in the early stages of a lengthy road to completion. A specific route and acquisition of rights-of-way still lie ahead.



Melinda McKinney, officer-in-charge at Tolu Post Office, stands outside the facility shortly before it closed last year, a casualty of U.S. Postal Service downsizing.

Tolu loses 144-year-old post office to downsizing by USPS

STAFF REPORT
10 The Ohio River community of Tolu was stripped of a large part of its identity in 2011.

The U.S. Postal Service shut down the tiny post office there on Aug. 31 in the latest round of closings implemented as a measure to save the cash-strapped mail agency from bankruptcy. However, the Ohio River town's postal facility — in continuous operation since 1867 when it was then named Hurricane Post Office — cost the postal service only \$25,762 to operate in 2010 while reporting a revenue of \$37,278.

Renamed Tolu Post Office in 1890, in 2011 it was one of only four active ZIP codes and respective offices remaining in the county. The 90 or so Tolu residents formerly identified by the 42084 ZIP are now part of the larger 42064 ZIP code associated with the Marion Post Office. Dycusburg and Crayne remain as the only other post offices in the county.

"It is very sad. It is one of the only things left in Tolu," then Officer-in-Charge Melinda McKinney said at the time the closure was announced.

McKinney said postal officials cited the absence of a postmaster at the location and a decline in usage as reasoning behind shuttering the office. Findings of a study early last year revealed an average of 10 customer transactions a day took place at the post office.

County historian Brenda Underdown reports there are historic records for 43 post offices in Crittenden County, with more than a dozen in operation at times. The three remaining post offices are quite historic in their own rite: Marion opened in 1843, Crayne began operation in 1888 as Crayneville and Dycusburg started in 1848.

There are still other area offices on the chopping block. Being reviewed for possible closure are Sullivan, Wheatcroft, Tiline and Hampton.

Though as many as 3,700 post offices and 252 mail processing centers remain on the postal service's list of potential closings or consolidations as a plan to cut \$50 billion in costs by 2015, no action will be taken before May 15 while Congress takes up legislation to overhaul the service.

Lady Rockets make Sweet 16 in 2011

STAFF REPORT
9 In March, Crittenden County's Lady Rockets beat Christian County 53-49 in the second region title game at Smithland for the school's first-ever regional championship.

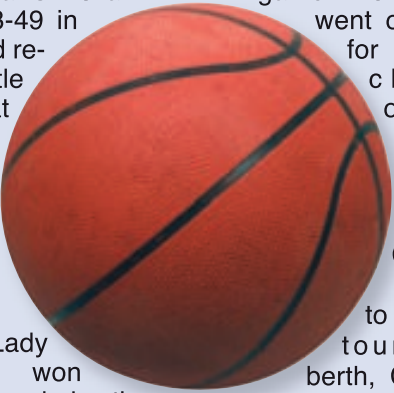
The Lady Rockets won three crowns during the season — also a first — capturing the Class A Second Region Tournament, Fifth District Tournament and the Second Region Tournament. It was an exciting run for 18-year coach Shannon Hodge and her girls. The Lady Rockets had not won the district title since 1984, when coach Hodge was a junior in high school and played for the team.

Crittenden played the state's top-ranked team, Louisville DuPont Manual, in the opening round of

the Sweet 16 Tournament at Bowling Green's Diddle Arena. Manual won the game 78-40, then went on to play for the state championship, but lost by two points to Rockcastle County.

En route to the state tournament berth, Crittenden defeated Lyon County 62-59 in three overtimes to win the district, then beat Caldwell County, Union County and Christian County for the regional championship.

Members of the team were Jessi Hodge, Whitney Johnson, Laken Tabor, Summer Courtney, Mary Mattingly, Randa Leidecker, Kaitlin Binkley, Davana Head, Summer Phillips, Taylor Lynch, Bailey Brown, Breanna Ford, Maggie Collins and Ruth Gobin.



2011 Babies




Elizabeth & Caroline Munson
Born August 12

Granddaughters of Harry & Evelyn Fuller



Jonathan Thomas Lloyd Whorton
Born September 13

Son of Jon & Heidi Whorton



Brinley Grace Tramble
Born December 7

Daughter of David Tramble & Bailey Travis




Bentley Dale Rushing
Born August 8

Son of Michael & Harmony Rushing



Karlee Brooke Jent
Born September 28

Daughter of Matt & Amy Jent




Bryson Wayne Kentfield
Born July 1 to Jonathan Kentfield & Leslie Sunderland



Raylee Shae Millikan
Born January 5 to David & Chantel Millikan



Reece James Travis
Born February 26 to Jamie & Kayla Travis



Raylin Curnel
Born August 22 to Charles & Janet Curnel



Draven Paul Farmer
Born November 2 to David & Cagney Farmer



Charlotte "Charlie" Ann Rogers
Born June 17 to Grant & Brandi Rogers



Eli James Harris
Troy & Crystal Harris
Grandson of Hazel Croft




Dally Mackenzie Millikan
Born May 20 to Keith & Julie Millikan



Oakley Hays Sherer
Born November 22 to Derek & Jessica Sherer



Gracie Elizabeth Fowler
Born March 31 to Joseph & Jenni Fowler



In memorium
Jonas Roman Keller
Born August 1

Stillborn infant of Mike & Lee Ann Keller
Grandson of Carolyn & Richard Grainger;
Ruth Keller
Great-grandson of Franklin & Dorothy Station