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Bundle up !

Through the first five days of January, the average temperatures in Crittenden County has been just 16.8 degrees, according to Kentucky Mesonet, which has a weather monitoring station here. The low so far this year is 7 and high 27. The UK Ag Weather forecast for Crittenden County calls for snow Thursday and Friday and bitterly cold temperatures near zero Friday night. UK Ag Weather says snow accumulations are expected to be minor; however, some are forecasting 2-4 inches this week.

Snow school closing

To find out if schools are closed due to weather, log onto The-Press.Com and check Breaking News.

Courthouse is a warming shelter

Crittenden County Courthouse will remain open at night during extremely cold weather to provide a safe warming shelter for anyone who needs it. Bring items such as blankets, sleeping bags or pillows if desired. Law enforcement will be patrolling on a regular basis, said Judge-Executive Fred Brown.

No 'Cats & 'Dogs on 6

WPSP-TV Channel 6 in Paducah will not carry the Kentucky vs. Georgia basketball game Saturday as previously scheduled because of a contractual agreement to carry the NFL playoffs. However, Channel 6 will air the Wildcats, at 3 p.m., on digital channel 6.2. For more information, contact the station at 415-1913.

Grain meeting is Monday at Fredonia

The UK Cooperative Extension annual grain marketing outlook meeting will be held starting at 11 a.m., Monday at the Fredonia Lions Club building. There will be a free lunch and Dr. Cory Walters, UK Grain Marketing Specialist, will be the featured speaker. There will also be a risk management and crop insurance specialist on hand. No preregistration is required.

Upcoming events

- ✓ Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at noon Thursday (today) at the Extension Office.
- ✓ Fohs Hall will be hosting its annual fundraising ball on Saturday, Feb. 6. Last year's ball was cancelled due to the ice storm.

ON THE WEB News Blog Poll

This week's poll on The Press' Breaking News Blog asked readers: **"What are you re-solving to do in the New Year?"** Here is what 79 respondents said:
Lose weight 29 (36%)
Better diet 6 (7%)
Make more money 5 (6%)
Spend less money 17 (21%)
Enjoy family more 12 (15%)
None of the above 10 (12%)

Another question

There's another online poll at The Press Extra seeking reader input on the annual Christmas Parade. See that survey and highlights for past parades at The-Press.com.



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REFLECTIONS OF 2009

Ice storm dominates last year's news stories

Top 10

The Crittenden Press lists its top news stories of 2009:

1 Winter Ice Storm - A state of emergency was declared Jan. 27 following an ice storm that proved to be what some called the worst natural disaster in Crittenden County history. Cleanup and recovery costs in the city and county reached almost \$2 million. The cost to private businesses and property owners was equally devastating. Many businesses lost a week or two of receipts during the storm and its aftermath. Thousands of residents and businesses were without electricity for days, some two weeks or more.

The lingering effects of the storm are still being felt as damaged trees continue to drop their limbs and many will eventually die. Local government agencies have received some reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for expenses related to the ice storm, however, a good portion of the anticipated federal assistance has yet to arrive.

2 Safetran announced in June that it would be adding up to 100 new jobs and eventually employ around 150

workers at its plant inside the former Moore Business Forms and Marion Mining Bolts building.

Safetran is a division of Invensys, a global technology and controls group focussing on industrial automation, rail transportation and controls. The company invested about \$2.8 million in a major renovation of its facility in the South Industrial Park.

As it has turned out, Safetran may add even more jobs, largely due to the closing of facilities elsewhere in the United States.

•Crittenden County's unemployment rose to 11.9 percent in August, which equated to about 488 people out of work. The spike mirrored a national trend spurred by the deepest and longest lasting recession in years.

Fortunately, some of the local layoffs were short-lived as Par 4 Plastics, one of the largest manufacturers in the city, called back most of its laid off workers late in the third quarter and early in the fourth quarter as its sales started rebounding. The company, which normally employs around 150, was down to fewer than 50 in the first quarter of 2009. The county was also still reeling from nearly 100 job

losses in late 2008 when Rayloc in Morganfield closed.

By November, Crittenden's unemployment rate had fallen to 10.1 percent. Despite the downward trend in the final quarter of the year, the November rate was still markedly higher than what it was the previous November, just 7.5 percent.

•Crittenden County native Chase Matthews became the first Kentuckian to receive a new home thanks to the Homes for Our Troops campaign. Matthews, who lost part of both legs in a roadside bomb attack in Iraq while serving with Marion's Company B 123rd Armor, moved into the home in November. The home is located just across the county line in Lyon County.

•CeraTech Inc., a local manufacturer of ceramic media, closed its doors in late summer before defaulting on local loans and putting about 25 people in the unemployment line.

Crittenden County officials say it was a near miracle that another company, Vibra Finish of Hamilton, Ohio, was on hand to salvage the company's assets.

Vibra Finish was a competitor of CeraTech's and when the Marion company folded, Vibra Finish

CBS sent its national news team to Marion for coverage of the ice storm last winter. It took almost two weeks for the community to dig out from under a blanket of ice and cold.

stepped in and worked out deals to help ease losses for local lenders and workers. By November, Vibra Finish had purchased the building and other assets and had rehired four of CeraTech's former employees. More hirings were anticipated early in 2010.

•The H1N1 flu captured headlines for much of the late summer and fall. About a half dozen school-aged children were diagnosed with the so-called swine flu, but each recovered and went back to class. One 13-year-old child from Caldwell County Middle School died at Crittenden Hospital from what health officials said was the H1N1 virus, but no other local deaths were verified.

Local health care providers were busy inoculating citizens for the virus and in November the school district held mass clinics to vaccinate school children, their siblings and parents. The health department continues to offer H1N1 flu vaccinations for anyone who desires one. They are free.

•The City of Marion closed deals to buy two downtown pieces of property at the intersection of North Main and West Bellville streets in early December for the expressed purpose of

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County okays deal to give health building to needy

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County magistrates agreed to a plan Monday morning to give the former health department building to local organizations that serve the needy.

"This will help them consolidate all of their services into one place," said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown.

The county's health department has moved from the corner of Second and Walker streets to a new \$1.2 million facility at the Industrial Park South.

That left the building at 402 North Walker Street virtually vacant. The health department will still use part of the facility for storage, but all of its services are now conducted at the new site off Industrial Drive next to the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

The health department's former building, a 2,700-square-foot structure, was built about 50 years ago. Services were moved because the health department had outgrown the facility. The new

building is being paid for through grants equalling about \$1.1 million and a \$100,000 loan from the City of Marion Revolving Loan Fund.

Magistrates approved a plan to allow Pennyrile Allied Community Services (PACS) outreach program headed by Kathy Penn to move from the basement of the courthouse into the former health department building. Additionally, Crittenden County Food Bank and Crittenden County Cares, two community-based volunteer organizations, will also make it their headquarters.

Other than routine maintenance, Judge Brown said expenses will be minimal. He said utilities generally cost about \$300 per month. The health department and PACS will pay one-third of that estimated cost each and the county will pick up the balance.

Crittenden County Cares is the organization born to assist local citizens with housing and other needs after Habitat for Humanity's local chapter folded a few years ago. The local food bank



The former health department building will be used by three local community-based organizations.

provides free food to area residents once a month. Crittenden County Hunters for the Hungry will also use the former health department for storing its venison until distribution is arranged through the local food bank.

The PACS office in the basement of the courthouse will be turned into a storage area for the county clerk. That will allow voting at the courthouse to be done in a room instead of in the hallway, County Clerk Carolyn Byford said.

Volunteers sought to prepare cemeteries for ceremonies

Dr. Scott Giltner of Louisville and the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter Sons of the American Revolution are planning a spring Grave Marking and Dedication Ceremony at two cemeteries in the Fredonia area.

The ceremony will honor three, possibly four, Revolutionary War veterans, including Robert Leeper, who is buried at the Old Fredonia Cemetery. Leeper died Jan. 25, 1823. He was married to Jane Neel Leeper, who died May 3, 1850. She was the daughter of Col. Thomas Nell, who along with his sons, died in the war.

Following the Leeper dedication, a second ceremony

will take place about 150 yards away at the Livingston Presbyterian Church Cemetery, also known as Centreville Cemetery. Marker dedications will be held for Lt. Col. James Hawthorn and John Elder. Hawthorn will be recognized as a national hero for his command at the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina. Elder died Oct. 21, 1799, and his tombstone has been documented as the oldest tombstone in Caldwell and Crittenden counties.

Additional information is still being sought to verify Revolutionary War involvement of William Hamilton, who at 50 died on Oct. 27,



A grave at the Old Fredonia Cemetery of Civil War Sgt. Jas. Byrd.

1800.

Fredonia historian Don Boone, who owns property

where Centreville Cemetery is located, says people from South Carolina, Indiana and Illinois are expected to attend the dedications.

The Caldwell County Cemetery Board is seeking assistance in cleaning up the two cemeteries, and has scheduled a clean-up day on Jan. 9.

"The last clean-up was five years ago, add the ice storm of January 2009, and it's in bad shape," Boone said.

The cemetery board will provide chainsaws and tools, but volunteers are needed to carry broken limbs and to straighten stones.

Family names known to

be at the cemeteries are Armstrong, Brasher, Bugg, Byrd, Cox, Driver, Davidson, Deboe, Elder, Emily, Freeman, Hamilton, Harmon, Leeper, Lowery, Loyd, Pemberton, Smith, Travis, Vogel and probably more than 100 lost and unmarked graves.

For directions to the cemeteries, call Boone at 545-9120.

The clean-up will begin at 8 a.m., and will probably last until about noon. During a break for refreshments, the cemetery board will discuss some details of people buried in the cemetery and the cemetery's history while seeking help from volunteers to identify veterans' graves.

In the final days, treachery will be pervasive

Last Friday we celebrated the day we call New Years Day. It is a new year, but we find ourselves in the age-old battle of good verses evil with the spirit of Cain of old still bullying others.

For the past many years our university students have been taught that under the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution the poor old ignorant Americans have the liberty of thinking for themselves, determining their present and future, and that is not the way it should be.

They are led to believe they are the smart ones and they know best for all the rest and therefore we all should be subjected to their will and plan for our lives, and that everyone should do the same, be the same, have the same and obey the same like a bunch of sheep. They think they should be in control, forcing all into their plan.

They are taught that the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution are obsolete, and that the Constitution should be a living document that they can bend and twist to suit what they deem correct.

We see all of this being carried out with the government taking over banks, car companies, and now wanting to take over one-sixth of the national economy in running



all our health care.

Just because a person gets elected does not prove he is any smarter than he was the day before he got elected, yet the present powers that be know better how to run banks than the bankers. They seem to think they know more about car making than the companies building them, and now they believe they know more about our health than doctors.

The government has been running the postal service, Medicare, Medicaid, Amtrak and now all of them are bankrupt or close. Our government is basically bankrupt and China, a communist nation with no love for America, owns us. With that track record, do you want the government running your health care and making medical decisions?

When you read the following, ask yourself who you know, including yourself, who would qualify to fill

the tracks of the following subjects that Gen. George Washington wrote about at the end of this information?

Driven into Pennsylvania by the British, the Continental Army set up camp at Valley Forge, Dec. 19, 1777, just 25 miles from British occupied Philadelphia.

Lacking food and supplies, soldiers died at the rate of 12 per day. Of 11,000 soldiers, 2,500 died of cold, hunger and disease.

A Committee from congress reported "feet and legs froze till they became black, and it was often necessary to amputate them."

Soldiers were there from every state in the new union, some as young as 12, others as old as 60, and though most were white, some were African American and American Indians.

Quaker farmer Isaac Potts observed Gen. Washington kneeling in prayer in the snow.

Hessian Maj. Carl Leopold Baumeister noted the only thing that kept the American Army from disintegrating was their "spirit of liberty."

In a letter written to John Banister, Washington recorded: "To see men without clothes to cover their nakedness, without blankets to lay on, without shoes by which their marches might be traced by the

blood from their feet... and at Christmas taking up their... quarters within a day's march of the enemy... is a mark of patience and obedience which in my opinion can scarce be paralleled."

What these men and others fought and died for has made America the greatest and most blessed nation in history. Satan has always hated us and his minions are still trying to change all of that.

Every nation on Earth that has its hand out for the American dollar, and its people risking their lives to slip into America, are nations that heard the Gospel in the last 2000 years and rejected it. So they are poverty stricken and illiterate, yet there is not a voice of power out there that tells them to turn to the God and His Word that America was founded on and they would not be beggars but givers.

Yes China is becoming a world power, but are there any of you wanting to move to China, accepting its control over people's minds, bodies and spirits?

Now even in our own universities satan has gotten in power and America is put down, Christianity denied and ridiculed, and Christians and conservatives harassed. How smart are these so-called smart ones, who are out to kill the

goose that laid their golden egg? They are not educated, but are brainwashed, blown up with pride and gluttons for power over the rest of us.

Paul described them well who would be there in the last days: "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God - having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them" 2nd Timothy 3:1-7.

He also reminded us that in the last days our battles would be "against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:12 Here he also tells the Christians what to do about it and I'm doing it.

(Editor's note: Rev. Tedrick is a Marion minister. She shares her views weekly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper. Rev. Tedrick can also be heard on WAVJ 104.9 FM at 9 a.m., Tuesday.)

Return of the birds signals brutal winter

I am no barnyard weatherman like Breckinridge County's Dick Frymire, but the return of the blackbirds may be a sign worth watching.

An observer of nature, I am, and it has been impossible to miss the mass migrations of swarming blackbirds, grackles and starlings the likes of which haven't been noticed by this writer since the middle to late 1970s. And we all remember the winters we endured back then. The last two winters have provided us with some difficult ice storms, but I think we better be on guard for another brutal season. By the start of it, this could be the ice box period.

Twasn't for global warming we'd probably all be frozen to the tundra by now.

All kidding aside, Mother Nature is a more accurate barometer of oncoming weather than any barnyard scientist or TV meteorologist. This winter with its single-digit temps is already for the birds.



usually end up with the creamy stuff first which is backwards, as you know. The letters manufacturers print on their shampoo containers are so small many of us can't read them without glasses. I, for one, hardly ever wear spectacles in the shower.

As dimly lit as most cleaning basins are, it would be nice to have either large bold type SHAMPOO or something in brail.

As we move into a new year, reflections of days gone by become much clearer than the tiny letters scrawled on a jug of hair cleaner.

Things I had and didn't have in my pickup 20 years ago:

- Did not have: Hand sanitizer. But I do now.
- Once had: Chewing tobacco on the dash and a gun rack on the

back window. What's happen to the gun rack? Do you ever see them nowadays? The chaw is gone because of its health consequences. You start thinking about those things post-40.

- Did not have 10 years ago: Power cords. Now, there is one to charge the cell phone from the former receptacle known as a cigarette lighter, one for powering the kids' DVD player and one to charge my laptop in case the battery goes down.
- Gone now: The big speakers and fancy stereo, for obvious reasons.
- New to the glove box: Five bucks because you never know when you might need a few dollars. As you mature, you start planning ahead more even through there's less time to plan for.
- There now: Duct tape, WD40, a Leatherman tool and bottles of water. See above reasoning.

Reflecting on the past and focusing on the future, I have also noticed the trivial fact that everything today has an acronym. We used to spell out the whole thing, now we use abbreviations for branding and marketing. Here are some examples:

- KFC: Was Kentucky Fried



Here is a swarm of blackbirds attacking a harvested cornfield in the Mexico community next to Ky. 70.

- Chicken.

 - LOL: Was done not written.
 - DG: Was Dollar General
 - MNF: Was Monday Night Football, and on a network station.
- PS: Was the school toy manufacturer Play School.
 - NatGeo: Was National Geographic.
 - BFF: Was best friends forever.

To the Editor

Couple critical of decision on where to put dog shelter

To the Editor:

We are the closest neighbors of the proposed no-kill animal shelter to be located at the corner of Ky. 120 and Just-A-Mere Road. We have tried unsuccessfully to persuade the no-kill shelter's board of directors not to build this shelter near us. The county had originally wanted it built near the current animal shelter. So why is it going in a rural residential area that is over five miles away?

We do not want it in our neighborhood. It would be less troublesome for everyone if it was built next to the current shelter on U.S. 60 East. If the board members, who we thought were logical, well-meaning people, had been considerate enough to ask how we felt about it, we would have told them. Then, they might have seen fit to build in the most logical place, which is beside the county's animal shelter.

There are limited funds to

operate the no-kill animal shelter. When the money to operate this shelter runs out, the board of directors will almost certainly call upon you, the taxpayers of Crittenden County - through the fiscal court - to pay the expenses of the shelter. Then you will have a stake in this matter as well. Wouldn't it make sense to have this facility next door to the current shelter, where it might be of benefit to the humane treatment of all animals once the no-kill funds run out?

We do not think the board members are being good stewards of the responsibility placed in their hands by the Mary Hall Ruddiman estate, which left the money for the shelter. This is a poor decision and a bad use of the money bequeathed to the shelter in her name.

Joe & Madeline Henderson
Marion, Ky.

Thanks to those who donated

To the Editor:

Thanks to everyone who sponsored a child, donated food or monetary donations

LettersPolicy

The Crittenden Press accepts and encourages letters to the editor on a variety of subjects. Letters should be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday the week before publication.

Submissions must include only the author's name, address, phone number and signature. Phone numbers will not be published. Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases should not exceed 300 words. The Crittenden Press reserves the right to reject or edit letters for clarity, brevity and otherwise at our discretion. Writers should limit their letters to no more than one per month. Original copies of submitted letters will not be returned.

Letters may be brought into our office, sent to P.O. Box 191, Marion, Ky., 42064 or press-news@the-press.com.

to Community Christmas.

A big thanks to the professional business person who sponsored all left over tags on the trees, which was 17 and co-sponsored an additional 10 kids with left-over money given to a food bank, which will continue helping the community.

Thanks to you generous people, many families had a merry Christmas, and I wish

each of you a very happy, successful new year.

May God bless you.

Margaret Gilland
Marion, Ky.

Thanks to all who helped with Christmas effort

To the Editor:

On behalf of Community Christmas, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted in making the holidays a little brighter for the 276 children and 255 adults from 162 households in Crittenden County. The contributions far exceeded our expectations and all funds were distributed.

We won't attempt to list the names of everyone who was involved, but - whether you sponsored a child, donated money, volunteered at the National Guard Armory or Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center, donated a new toy or food, held a fundraiser or any of the other things that help make the event successful - we

thank you for your generosity.

A special thank you goes to local agencies that are willing to assist with the overall planning and support their staff's involvement: Senior Center, Learning Center, Head Start, PACS, Heart to Heart FRYSC, Crittenden County Schools, Marion Baptist Church, Crittenden County Food Bank, Public Housing, Kentucky Cancer Program and UK Extension Service. If these agencies did not support this united effort to help local families we would not be able to have this type of project in our county.

Community Christmas is a project of the Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council and a 501c3 organization. Please remember us when you are making charitable donations. We will be evaluating the Community Christmas program in January and making plans for 2010. Please contact us with your suggestions.

Community Christmas officers are Mona Manley, Lynda Dennis, Nancy Hunt and Mickey Myers.

Nancy D. Hunt
Marion, Ky.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the courthouse open on Saturday? Yes. Most offices are open a half-day Saturday except during holiday weekends. The PVA and judge-executive's office, however, are closed on Saturday. When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open? Monday through Friday from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m., to noon. It is closed only on Sunday. Do I have to have a dog license? Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Ricky Winders (965-3376) at the animal shelter on U.S. 60 East.



Evan Head of Marion is the first local student to earn a degree in HVAC from Madisonville Community College.

Head earns degree in HVAC from MCC

Evan Head, a 2007 graduate of Crittenden County High School, has become the first local student to graduate from Madisonville Community College with an associate's degree of applied science in air conditioning technology.

Head is an honor student who has received financial support through the Crittenden County Endowment for Excellence for the past two academic years. He has been working toward a dual degree and will graduate next year with an associate's in criminal justice from MCC.

Head has HVAC experience with a local service provider and he now works part-time at Hodge's in the sporting goods department.

Saturn pays out big bonus checks

Forty-two Saturn Machine employees had a very merry Christmas thanks to their share in a \$300,000 production bonus. Bonuses were awarded to employees on Christmas Eve.

Saturn owner Bill Baird presented the bonuses and commended the employees for their hard work during the past 18 months on a contract for four large pieces of equipment.

"The project is nearly complete and Baird felt that this Christmas was the most opportune time to award the bonuses to brighten the holidays in these strenuous economic times," the company said in a news release.

All 53 employees at Saturn shared an additional \$45,000 in Christmas bonuses.

Rogers will serve as library chair

Crittenden County Library Board of Directors will start the year with a new slate of officers for 2010. Brandi Rogers has been elected chairman and Angel McDonald will serve as vice-chair. Daryl Tabor is the new treasurer and Jeanette Phillips will retain her position as secretary. Newly-appointed director John May is the fifth member of the board.

Winters, Grainger earn computer certifications

Don Winters and Ben Grainger, both employees of Crittenden County School District, received their Apple Certified Systems Administrator (ACSA) certificate during a ceremony at a recent Dataseam Technical Conference in Louisville.

Winters and Grainger were among a select group of Kentucky education technology professionals to earn the advanced designation. Candidates completed five weeks of training classes and passed several exams demonstrating their knowledge of the computer systems and their ability to manage them in a large installation like a school district.

Crittenden County School District now operates several hundred computers, which were donated to the schools by Dataseam over the last four years. Dataseam provides computers funded by coal severance funds to coal county schools to support better exposure to technology and 21st century learning opportunities.



Winters



Local Boy Scouts from Troop 30 have completed their annual popcorn sale. Local Scouts sold more than \$3,000 worth of Trail's End popcorn. The troop will keep 30 percent of those sales, which is a large portion of its annual budget. Scouts in the area council who sold more than \$500 of popcorn were entered into a drawing for a laptop computer. Three local scouts qualified for the drawing, including Dylan Fox, Ryan James and Warren Martin. James won the drawing for the computer and is pictured with Scoutmaster David Sizemore.



Kimbrell wins big stocking drawing

Milaja Kimbrell (pictured above) at Crittenden County Elementary School was the winner of giant stocking giveaway from Food Giant during the holidays.

Children were able to register to win the stocking filled with toys and other items thanks to help from their school teachers.

Food Giant presented Kimbrell with the stocking just before Christmas.

James retires from State Farm office

Marlene James is retiring from the insurance business after 18 years with David Wigginton and State Farm.

James, a licensed agent, completed her service last week, as did Wigginton. Tom Potter has taken over as the local State Farm agent in Crittenden County. The others working at the local State Farm office are staying. They are Charlotte Holloman and April Dunkerson. Holloman has been serving at the local agency for 23 years.



Hill wins drawing for UK gift basket

Arna Hill (pictured above) of Marion won The Peoples Bank drawing for a Kentucky basket the week of Christmas. Customers who brought in an unwrapped toy for Community Christmas were allowed to register for the basket. In the goodie basket were food items made in Kentucky and Wildcats memorabilia, including garden gloves, a cap and T-shirt.

Candidates file for May primary races

Several candidates have filed to seek election in the May primary. Those filing over the past couple of weeks were incumbent Democrat Percy Cook for magistrate in District 4, incumbent Democrat Ronnie Hedy for county property valuation administrator, incumbent Democrat Dan Wood magistrate in District 6, incumbent Republican Carolyn Byford for county clerk and newcomer Republican Jim Defreitas for magistrate in District 5. Candidates have until 4 p.m., Jan. 26 to file for the primary election.



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Farmers Bank's management team consists of (from left) Chris Cook, Gareth Hardin, Wade Berry and Barrett Belt.

2010 signals new management team for Marion's oldest bank

With the new year comes some changes at Farmers Bank, Marion's oldest financial institution.

Wade Berry has taken over as president of the bank as longtime president and CEO Gareth Hardin begins to phase out his tenure. Hardin will stay on for another year as CEO and chairman of the board of directors. During that time, Hardin will be working largely on business development and shareholder relations. Hardin had been president of the bank since 1994.

Meantime, Berry, a 16-year veteran at the

local bank, takes over the day-to-day management. The bank has also named a new member of the management team. Vice President Barrett Belt will join the four-member group. Others are Berry, Hardin and Executive Vice President Chris Cook, who was also recently promoted to that position from senior vice president.

Additionally, the bank distributed its semi-annual dividend to shareholders this week, paying \$4 per share. The annual shareholders' meeting is in March.

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Obituaries

Gillespie

Frank A. Gillespie, 91, of Marion died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009 at his home.

He was a retired river boat pilot, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a lifetime member of the Bigham Lodge #256. Gillespie went to work on the river in 1949 as a deck hand. When he retired in 1982, he had worked his way up to captain.

Surviving are his three daughters, Helen McConnell, Sue McDowell and Carolyn Hincee, all of Marion; 10 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren; and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Margie Gillespie in 2005 after almost 68 years of marriage; parents, Jack and Stella Gahgan Gillespie; and two brothers.

Graveside services were Sunday, Dec. 27 at Mount Zion Cemetery in Marion with Bro. Tommy Brown officiating. About 100 people attended the service. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Combs

Raymond Edward Combs, 60, of Providence died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009 at his home.

Survivors include his wife Ida L. Combs; a son, Tommy Lee Comes of Piney Creek, N.C.; two daughters, Donna Faye Trivett of Sparta, N.C., and Melissa Lyvon Crouse of Glade Valley, N.C.; two brothers, Roger Combs of Yakinville, N.C., and Odele

Combs of Hillsville, Va.; two sisters, Barbara Cornett of Cleveland N.C., and Nancy Cannon of Gresham, S.C.; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a step-son Raymond Finch of Sebree; two step-daughters Michelle Scott of Hopkinsville, Jeana Sanchez of Dixon; four step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Cremation was handled by Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.

Rustin

Clarence E. Rustin, 85, of Fredonia, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009 at his home. He was a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Ronald Earl Rustin and wife Linda of Fredonia; two daughters, Margaret Faye West and husband Steve of Princeton and Dianne Kitzman of Marion; three brothers, Everett Rustin and Lawrence Rustin, both of Princeton, and John Paul Rustin of Swortz Creek, Mich.; three grandchildren, Belinda Campbell and Tony, Sabrina Stokes and Richard Rustin; and six great-grandchildren, Alex and Anthony Campbell, Kailyn and Hudson Stokes and Breanna and Dalton Rustin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Virginia Rustin; a brother, Eldon Rustin; a sister, Thelma Cook; and his parents, Gideon Darrell and Willie Frances Campbell Rustin.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Burial was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Extended obituaries require a nominal fee. Ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.

Alexander

Larry Edward Alexander, 59, of Marion died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009.

Alexander was a member of Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church, where his father is the pastor.

He was born April 26, 1950 in Marion to Rev. Herbert and Rachel Arflack Alexander. His grandparents were the late Earl and Rosa Mae Arflack and the late Rev. Herbert Sr., and Birdie Alexander. He, alongside his father and brother, operated the family farm near Tolu for over 40 years.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Brenda Sue Belt Alexander, two daughters, Shannon Gail Alexander Glisson and husband Matt and Sherri Dawn Alexander Pruitt and husband Scott Pruitt; and two grandchildren, Cody Allen Pruitt and Hilary Renna Pruitt.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 27, at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. Gary Hardesty officiating. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.

Memorials can be made to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Boulevard, Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852-9813.

Watson

Norris "Pete" W.

Watson, 78, formerly of Salem died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009 at his home in Oakland City, Ind.

He was a retired truck driver and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.



He was a former member of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, a member of the Winslow VFW and the Masonic Lodge #64 of Evansville.

He was born on Dec. 30, 1931 in Salem to Hershel and Alta Singleton Watson, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were two sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Watson of Oakland City; son, Don Watson of Oakland City; daughter, Debby Harris of Velpen, Ind.; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert Watson of Michigan.

There was visitation Sunday, Jan. 3 at Corn-Colvin Funeral Home in Oakland City. Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Salem Cemetery in Salem.

Little

Angela Marie Little, 25, of Crayne died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Kevin Little of Crayne; daughters, Felonie and Linda Little, both of Crayne; step-daughter-Marylinda Sisco of Marion; father, Bobby Cudnik of Marion; mother, Lori Cole of Marion; and a brother, Robert "Boo" Cudnik of Marion.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Jan. 6 at Rosebud Cemetery in rural Crittenden County.

Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Meeks

Mary Agnes Meeks, 83, of Marion died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009 at Livingston Hospital.

She was a housewife and member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Surviving are her two daughters, Patsy and husband Kenneth Locke and Faye and husband Tony Binkley both of Marion; son, Tommy and wife Alice Meeks of Marion, 23 grandchildren; several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Beulah Hamby Fralick; husband, Eugene Meeks; sons Dale and Buddy Meeks and a daughter, Louise Givens.

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 2 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with Rev. Roger Waters and Rev. Bill Crabtree officiating. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery.



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Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., at 244 N. Weldon Street, Marion, KY 42064 in order to raise the sum of \$29,075.57 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$17,380.40, plus interest in the amount of \$5,471.76 as of January 22, 2009, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$5.7752 January 22, 2009, until the date of Judgment, plus interest on the Judgment amount (principal plus interest to the date of Judgment) at the rate of 59%, computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 5:07CV-137-R on the Paducah Docket of the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, entered on April 1, 2009, in the case of United States of America vs. Carolyn S. Driver, et al, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

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Inquiries should be directed to:
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RURAL DEVELOPMENT AREA OFFICE
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The following names are of individuals for whom The Crittenden Press published obituaries during 2009. It also includes those from the first issue of 2010.

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Glen D. Bradford, 72
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Franklin Chandler Hardesty, 72
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John A. Rose, 69
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Ardath M. (Millikan) Graves, 78
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Wilbur "Woody" Arthur Woodall, 83
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Rose Mary "Rosie" Koltveit, 56
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Fannie Christine Manus, 82
Imogene C. Stout, 90
Jace Holloman, 52
William Edwin Arflack, 87
Leon Hodge, 72
Mary Hubbard, 83
Barbara Raineri, 68
Christene Driver, 90
Dorothy B. Booker, 90
Howard Eugene Miller, 69
Leon Hodge, 72
Susie "Studie" M. Woodring, 81
Gerald Ratley, 64

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Barbara Raineri, 68
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Barbara Heady, 70
Jean McDowell, 85
Douglas Payne Johnson, 68
Richard Holliday, 73
Flora Andrews, 95
Katie Helen Chittenden Chandler, 96
William Harlon McElhaney, 65
Evalyn Ruth Howard, 89
George Earl Mitchell, 86
Ruth Greenwell, 98
Sammie Jewel Harris, 65
Everett Ray Woodall, 76
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Ron "Sleepy" Whitehead, 65
Rev. Wallace York, 79
John Richard "Dickie" Tabor, 66
Clifton Lowry, 87
Rendell Boyd, 90
Lois Carolyn Davidson, 59
Virginia Lee Shuecraft, 86
Thomas Ray "Tommy" Waters, 72
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Burnie Edwin Bradford IV, 34
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Mary Ella Fox, 92
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Agriculture News & Notes

USDA implements new crop disaster assistance

USDA has implemented the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE). SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.

To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. In addition, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage. In addition to meeting the risk management purchase requirement, a producer must have a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the agriculture secretary under a secretarial disaster designation. Regardless of a disaster designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. Producers can visit their FSA county office beginning this week to participate in the program if they suffered crop production losses during the 2008 crop year.

Kentucky Proud sponsoring poster/essay contest

Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer invites Kentucky students to create posters and write essays based on the theme "Kentucky Proud: Growing a Healthy Kentucky" in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's annual Poster and Essay Contest. "Kentucky Proud foods are part of a healthy lifestyle," Farmer said. "They are fresh, delicious foods that can be served with confidence. And they help keep Kentucky farm families on the farm. This contest will help educate Kentucky school children about the advantages of Kentucky Proud."

Participating students in grades K-2 will create posters and write brief essays describing their posters and the theme. A winning entry will be chosen in each grade level, and each winning student will receive a \$100 savings bond. The winning posters and essays will be printed in a 2011 calendar with Kentucky Proud recipes. The students who create the winning entries will be honored at the Agriculture Day Celebration luncheon March 9 at Frankfort. Entries must be mailed to Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Poster and Essay Contest, 100 Fair Oaks Lane, 5th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601 and must be postmarked by Feb. 5. For more information and contest rules, contact Elizabeth McNulty at (502) 564-4983 or elizabeth.mculty@ky.gov or go to www.kyagr.com/marketing/ageducation/agday.htm.

Fredonia history meeting Thursday

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday (tonight) at the Wilson-Blair one-room school on Grove Street in Fredonia.

Following a business meeting, Don Boone will present a program on his adventures in obtaining historical information for the book about the history of the Fredonia Valley, which the group is in the process of publishing. He will talk about some of the more unusual and interesting historical tidbits he has learned over the past several months, including spar mine information, the ice caves, barns in the valley and more.

Boone will also discuss the upcoming cemetery cleanup day (see page 1 for details) at the Old Fredonia Cemetery.

The organization is in the final stages of putting together information to publish a book about the history of the Fredonia Valley, which incorporates a six-mile radius around Fredonia, including parts of Caldwell, Crittenden and Lyon counties.

Books are being pre-sold. Hardbacks will be approximately 200 pages. Everyone who wants a copy of this book is encouraged to place an order now by sending their name, address, phone number, email address and \$30 payment for each book ordered to the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society, P.O. Box 256, Fredonia, KY 42445. Add \$6 if you want the book mailed. Cost for the book will rise after it is published.

The book is almost ready to go to the publisher. Pam Faughn says if people have put off submitting family histories, now is the last opportunity to do so.

If you have questions, contact Faughn at pam.faughn@att.net or 545-3215; Linda Bennett 545-3305; Nicky Baker 963-0156; Angela Blair 545-3561; Martha Bynum 545-3304; or Ann Kimmel 365-2265.

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is for anyone interested in learning more about the heritage and history of the Fredonia Valley.



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LIVESTOCK REPORTS

MARION LIVESTOCK SALE

Monday, Jan. 4, 2010. KDOA-USDA Market News. West Kentucky Livestock Market, Marion Auction (cattle weighed time of sale).

Receipts: 593 head

Compared to last week: No trend due to holidays.

Slaughter cows:	Percent Lean	Weight	Price	H-Dress	low-dress
Breaker	75-80	1100-1700	40.00-46.00	47.50	
Boner	80-85	910-1555	37.00-43.50	44.00	
Lean	85-90	790-1200	30.00-35.00	23.00-29.00	

Slaughter Bulls:

Y.G.	Weights	Carcass	Boning	Percent	Price	low-dress
1	1910-2080	77-78			52.00-56.00	
2	1250-2145	75-76			46.00-51.00	

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-300	285	109.00-120.00	114.32
15	300-400	346	109.00-119.00	114.07
22	400-500	426	105.00-113.00	108.15
5	500-600	546	85.00-89.00	88.17
30	600-700	634	82.00-91.00	87.86
2	700-800	757	82.50	82.50
36	800-900	803	88.00	88.00

Groups:

36 head 803 lbs 88.00 MIX

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-300	252	87.00-101.00	93.79
6	400-500	446	98.00-101.00	99.49
2	500-600	548	74.00-80.00	76.77
2	600-700	620	82.00	82.00
1	700-800	730	69.00	69.00
2	800-900	820	73.00-79.00	76.02

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-300	271	87.00-92.00	89.01
5	300-400	366	82.00-85.00	82.93
31	400-500	451	80.00-86.50	82.90
50	500-600	538	80.00-89.00	85.67
10	600-700	645	75.00-78.00	77.41
92	600-700	670	85.00-85.75	85.40
4	700-800	734	73.00-75.00	74.51

Groups:

49 head 663 lbs 85.75 BLK; 30 head 682 lbs 85.00 MIX

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

3	200-300	270	80.00-85.00	81.64
11	300-400	334	70.00-79.00	76.75
12	400-500	441	70.00-78.00	75.83
6	500-600	551	65.00-77.00	73.50
2	800-900	805	62.00	62.00

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	400-500	400	70.00	70.00
2	600-700	635	64.00-67.00	65.56

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

5	300-400	382	104.00-111.00	109.68
21	400-500	464	90.00-100.00	98.71
53	500-600	560	81.00-91.00	85.24
10	600-700	653	71.00-79.50	77.30
2	700-800	748	68.00-75.00	71.72
2	800-900	852	64.00-66.00	65.01

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

4	300-400	344	81.00-85.00	83.40
1	400-500	455	85.00	85.00
6	500-600	541	65.00-81.00	75.58
1	600-700	625	69.00	69.00

Stock Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: Cows 5 to 9 years old and 6 months bred 470.00-700.00 per head.

Stock Cows and Calves: Cows 5 to 10 years old with calves at side 750.00-860.00 per pair.

Baby Beef Calves: 90.00-115.00 per head.

LIVINGSTON MARKET

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010. Livingston County Livestock, Ledbetter Auction.

Receipts: 678 head. Compared to last week: No trend due to the holidays.

Slaughter cows:

Percent Lean	Weight	Price	High Dress	Low Dress
Breaker	75-80	1000-1800	42.00-48.00	49.00
Boner	80-85	935-1470	35.50-42.00	45.00-47.00
Lean	85-90	700-1100	31.00-36.00	

Slaughter Bulls:

Y.G.	Weights	Carcass	Boning	Percent	Price
1	1060-2070	77-78			54.00-58.00
2	1250-2130	74-76			49.00-53.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-300	265	117.00-121.00	119.19
14	300-400	369	107.00-115.00	110.36
10	400-500	432	98.00-111.00	101.05
27	500-600	537	91.00-100.00	95.70
28	600-700	658	86.00-92.00	89.97
16	700-800	770	87.00-88.50	87.95
6	800-900	842	80.00-83.00	81.68
1	900-1000	910	78.00	78.00
1	1000-1100	1035	70.00	70.00
2	1200-1300	1220	72.50	72.50

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

1	300-400	300	90.00	90.00
5	400-500	463	91.00-97.00	95.27
3	500-600	580	87.00-88.00	87.34
7	600-700	658	83.50-84.00	83.57
3	700-800	763	81.00-83.00	82.32
1	800-900	845	77.00	77.00

Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3

2	100-200	185	57.00-61.00	58.95
2	200-300	225	57.00-61.00	59.18
1	400-500	435	54.00	54.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

1	200-300	280	95.00	95.00
23	300-400	359	91.00-97.00	94.77
50	400-500	460	88.00-97.00	92.14
33	500-600	553	83.00-92.00	86.11
27	600-700	640	79.00-88.00	82.42
9	700-800	727	73.00-77.00	75.38

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

3	200-300	283	84.00-85.00	84.66
6	300-400	358	75.00-89.00	83.03
17	400-500	453	70.00-86.00	81.96
10	500-600	556	73.00-82.00	78.27
17	600-700	642	71.00-78.00	75.29
1	700-800	775	69.00	69.00

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1

3	300-400	365	60.00-75.00	68.46
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Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

8	300-400	369	100.00-110.00	106.20
26	400-500	459	94.00-103.00	100.00
32	500-600	551	85.00-92.00	88.63
14	600-700	677	78.00-85.00	82.67
8	700-800	747	68.00-76.00	73.98
4	900-1000	910	71.00	71.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

9	400-500	461	80.00-92.00	87.21
11	500-600	566	76.00-84.00	82.62
3	600-700	657	74.00-76.00	74.64

Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1

1	300-400	365	72.00	72.00
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Stock Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: Heifers 6 to 8 months bred 500.00 per head. Cows 4 to 8 years old 5 to 8 months bred 525.00-800.00 per head. Aged cows 5 to 7 months bred 425.00-550.00 per head.

Baby Calves: Beef Breeds: 90.00 per head.

HUNTING

2009-10 Hunting seasons

Deer archery	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Turkey archery	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Opossum	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28
Raccoon	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28
Canada goose	Nov. 23 - Jan. 31
Snow goose	Nov. 23 - Jan. 31
Quail	Nov. 16 - Feb. 10
Rabbit	Nov. 16 - Feb. 10
Trapping	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 21 - Jan. 31
Ducks	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose Conservation	Feb. 1-5
Goose youth hunt	Feb. 6-7
Snow Conservation	Feb. 8 - March 31
Groundhog	Year round
Coyote	Year round

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Hunting seasons end

A handful of hunting seasons have come to an end this winter. Crossbow hunting for deer and turkey ended with the last day of 2009. The final segment of the dove season ended Jan. 1.

The archery season for deer and turkey draws to a close in just over a week. It ends Jan. 18.

Bird dog field trial

Tradewater Outfitters near Shady Grove held a bird dog trial just before Christmas and hosted several entries.

The open class had 15 entries with David Brown of Marion capturing first place with his German shorthaired pointer



Andy Hunt of Marion shows off his first deer, a seven-pointer taken during the rifle season.

Buddy. Russell Edwards took second and third place honors with two English pointers, Jigs and Ellie.

Freddie Gibson of Henderson won the hunter class with an English pointer named Darcey, second place went to Tommy Dempewolf of Henderson with his shorthair Oscar and third went to Bobby Eddings of Providence with his English pointer Cash. The hunter class drew 16 entries.

There was one entry in the youth division, Shelby Robinson of Marion with his dog Dan. Robinson and Dan took 10th place in the open division.

The next field trial will be held starting at

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY
From The Press Archives

News from 1985:

•Fire destroyed the R.C. Owen Co. sawmill in Crittenden County. Thirteen people were employed by the Hopkinsville-based company. The fire started at the U.S. 60 location after an electric motor short-circuited, igniting a 40-gallon tank of hydraulic fluid.

•Zac Greenwell's winning essay on the importance of trees as a natural resource appeared in the Jan. 4 Press. Greenwell won the contest sponsored by the Crittenden County Conservation District. Julie Tinsley of Tolu won the poster contest.

•The Radiothon, the Christmastime charitable event that was the predecessor to Community Christmas, raised just under \$8,000 in cash donations. Three hundred and eight families, including 434 children, were given assistance as a result of the annual effort. Collections exceeded the community's goal by \$2,000.

•Albert Langdon of Marion completed an 11-week Marine Corps training at Parris Island, S.C.

News from 1960:

•Marion's new city council was sworn in, as well as city attorney Charles Runyan and William O. Brown chief of police. City clerk was Wanda Sue Lindsey. Council members included R.C. Nichols, Glenn Walker, H.D. Sullenger, Robert N. Frazer and Doyle Vaughan. City policemen appointed by the council were Rube Franklin and J.D. Orr.

•The newly-created Marion Business Men's Association held its first meeting. Dues ranged from \$15-100 for the 44 businesses targeted to join the group. Officers included Thomas C. Cochran, president; Homer G. McConnell, vice president; N.G. Guess, treasurer; and Jo Travis, secretary. Directors were G. N. Rankin, H.H. Jones, B.M. Westberry, Sam Gugenheim and R.E. Rodgers.

•Bruce Wring, Crittenden County High School senior, won the annual Conservation District soil conservation essay contest.

•Crittenden County High School graduate John L. Kemper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Kemper of Tolu, completed Air Force training at Lackland Air Force Base.

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Century ago Marion received 30 - 40 tobacco loads per day

As the Press scribe of a 100 years ago so nicely wrote, "Yes, old 1909 is gone forever and will live no more, except in our memories and on the pages of this paper. It brought both pleasures and sorrows."

But as the new year is here we can only "Act in the living present, Trust in God and do the right."

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, here are some of the events that were happening 100 years ago in our city and county.

January 1910

Monday dawned bright and clear with the mercury too close to zero for one to be comfortable, and yet the people from all over Crittenden, Webster, Caldwell, Livingston and Union counties were in evidence, so that by noon the street was alive with busy stock buyers and traders.

The newly elected officers of the county met in the court house at Marion and duly took the oath of their various offices. The names of the new officials are:

W. A. Blackburn-County Judge; John A. Moore-County Attorney; Learner E. Guess-County Clerk; Joel A.C. Pickens-Sheriff; Robert L. Flanary-Circuit Clerk; William Wallace-Jailer; Ewell Jeffrey Travis-Supt. of Schools; Robert Thomas-Assessor, J. E. Sullenger-Surveyor; Dr. George W. Stone, Coroner.

The County Board of Supervisors also met at the court house and were sworn in. They are: J. D. Asher, George W. Conyer, Hewlet A. Belt, Rufus E. Wilson, and H. F. Morris. They are good men, every one of them.

The City of Marion turned in its Annual Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year 1909.

Receipts:
Balance in Treasury from 1908 - \$624.75
Taxes Collected - \$4,6011.12
Fines Collected - \$76.10
License Collected - \$143.50
Miscellaneous Receipts - \$20.00
Total - \$5,465.47
Disbursements:
Street Repair - \$1,278.77
Electric Lights - \$2,108.25
Keeping Prisoners - \$15.80
Salary of Marshall - \$480.00
Salary of Deputy - \$2.50
Salary of Mayor - \$75.00
Salary of Clerk - \$35.00
Salary of Treasurer - \$25.00
Salary of Councilman - \$144.00
Salary of Attorney - \$150.00
Salary of Clock Winder - \$25.00
Tax Collector - \$276.06
Rent on Council Chamber - \$50.00
Printing - \$52.50
Miscellaneous Expense - \$115.06
Voucher Paid for 1909 - \$18.00
Cash on Hand - \$614.53
TOTAL - \$5,465.47

There are vouchers to the

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amount of \$27.56 outstanding, leaving a net balance of \$4,586.97 cash on hand, all of which is respectfully reported.

Submitted this January 1st, 1910 by J. L. Travis, City Clerk.

Other activity in the city and county for the month of January included deliveries of tobacco. During the month of January the deliveries of tobacco here have been quite heavy. Thirty, 40 or 50 loads come into town every day. The greater part of the tobacco goes to the stemming District Tobacco Association at the Jarvis factory.

While the prices have not in all cases been as high as had been hoped for, the farmers as a rule seem fairly well pleased with the situation. The farmers are especially delighted with the courtesies shown to them by Mr. Head, the well known tobacco merchant at Madisonville, who purchased the Crittenden County crop of tobacco from the Stemming District Tobacco Association.

Fluorspar brings boom in Crittenden. Recent Discoveries causes old mines to be reopened.

A meeting was being held in Princeton with a party of Southern capitalists who, having heard of the richness of Crittenden lands in fluorspar are coming here to investigate.

The recent developments, aided by the increase from \$4 to \$8, and in some instances, \$15 a ton for fluorspar has created an interest in mining circles unprecedented.

The shipment from Marion alone in the past couple of months has reached 16,000,000 pounds, or 8,000 tons, which has increased the deposits in the two banks in Marion a little less than \$100,000,000.

Some surprisingly rich discoveries have been made in old mines abandoned 50 years ago for the reason that the richness of both lead and zinc was not known. Every mine is now working full force and many of them are putting in new machinery and increasing their capacity.

With the current rate of tariff on foreign fluorspar secured from the last Congress the effect is already being felt. England can no longer bring her fluorspar to this country



in competition to ours. Some of the steel people, before the tariff went into effect, bought large quantities of foreign fluorspar. These same people are now beginning to be in the market for our fluorspar and this has greatly enhanced prices.

The fluorspar industry of Kentucky and Illinois has a brighter outlook for this year than every before.

Some of Marion's Businesses and business men of this time were:

•Yandell and Gugenheim Company, dealers in dry goods, clothing, ladies' and mens' furnishing goods, men and ladies shoes. Located on the corner Main and Carlisle streets.

•H. A. Ramage, Tinner. Tin and Galvanized Iron Work, Roofing and Guttering. Located on the corner Carlisle and College Streets.

•Hotel Crittenden, G.M. Conyer, Proprietor. Good table, good beds. Rates \$2 per day. Located in a splendid town in the richest fluorspar, zinc and lead county in Kentucky.

•J. N. Boston, dealer in hardwood lumber, all kinds of building material, doors, sash, iron roofing, tin and wood singles.

•Eskew Bros, Machinists and Plumbers. Dealers in mill, mine and farm machinery, pipe and pipe fittings, belting, packing, valves, oils, etc.

•Myers and Mocabee, tonorial parlor. Hot and cold baths, electric massage. Located in Hotel Crittenden on Carlisle Street.

In January 1910 the town of Tolu had before the first term of court a petition for a new school for their children.

Whereas, H. J. Myers and others filed with the clerk of this court, and in open court on the Nov. 8, 1908, a petition signed by 10 of the legal white voters of Tolu Common School District, No. 10, for white children in Crittenden County; which petition was



Top, three of the newly installed county officers for 1910 are (from left) John A. Moore, County Attorney; Jeffery Travis, County School Superintendent; and Learner Guess, County Clerk. Above, a picture of a busy day at the Jarvis tobacco factory. One of the major business activities of January 1910.

endorsed by a majority of the trustees of said district, and by the Superintendent of Common Schools for said county; and said petitioners being tax payers in said Common School District, praying the judge of the Crittenden County Court, to have an order made on his order book, ordering the sheriff, whose duty it is to hold elections, to open a poll, or cause it to be done, at the next regular state, town or city election, for the purpose of taking the census of the legal white voters in said school district upon the proposition as to

whether a Graded Common School shall be established and maintained by the levy and collection for that purpose of a tax of 50 cents on each \$100 worth of property in said district.

And a poll tax of \$1.50 on each white inhabitant therein over 21 years of age, for the purpose of maintaining a Graded Common School for white children in said district and for the erection and repairing of suitable buildings thereof.

These were a few of the happenings of 100 years ago this month.

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CLOSE TO SCHOOL - 2 or 3 bdr home w/ 2 bathrooms, dining rm, full basement, storage rm, 2 car carport, covered cooking area & large storage bldg. \$59,000.00. rd

OUT OF SIGHT - This beautiful 3 bedroom home has 2 1/2 baths, family rm, laundry rm, fireplace, large front porch, central heat & air, a 24x32 detached garage and sets on 13.8 ac +/- . Just waiting for you and your family. Shown by appointment only. mb

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GREAT BUY - 3 BDR, 1 bath, utility rm, kitchen & living rm, lots of recent remodeling, new carpet, central heat & air, large lot. \$52,000.00. rd

BRICK HOME - With 3 bdr, 2 bath, den, family rm, 2 utility rm's, in ground pool & hot tub. Also a work shop & 6 acres +/- . Drastically Reduced, Call Now. mb

BRING THE FAMILY - 10 acres +/-, 3 bdr, 2 bath, living rm, dining rm & kitchen on the main floor, 1 bdr, 1 bath, kitchen & living rm in the basement. Central heat & air, large barn w/ 6 stalls & work shop. Also a 1997 14x50 2 bdr mobile home on this property for your mother-in-law. 3 ponds, fenced & cross-fenced. Hwy. 60 W. Only \$129,000.00. ds

AFFORDABLE - 2 bdr, 1 bath in the Tolu area, gas heat, central air, large storage shed. \$40,000.00. mb

LISTEN TO THE BIRDS - 8 acres +/- in Joy with a 3 bdr, 1 1/2 bath, full basement, some remodeling. Property is full of wildlife. ab

DON'T MISS THIS - Mastercrafted home that will take your breath away. 3 bdr, 2 full baths, 2 full kitchens w/ beautiful cabinets, dining rm, living rm, large food storage closet, enclosed back porch w/ an outside fountain & 3.5 +/- beautiful acres. 40x56x12 fully insulated work shop w/ concrete floors & 220 electric. You just won't believe it till you see it. Sturgis, KY. \$159,000.00.

PEACE & QUIET - 3 BDR, 1 bath, den & dining rm, gas heat, metal roof. This home has had some remodeling. Very well maintained home & yard. Price reduced to \$45,000.00.

CONVENIENT LOCATION - 2 or 3 br, kitchen, dining rm, liv. rm, den, bath & basement, enclosed front & back porch, storage bldg., attached to 1 car garage, nice yard. House has had some remodeling already done. **Reduced to \$45,000.00. mb**

REMODELED HOME - 3 br, 1 bath, living rm, dining rm, nice size rooms, large front porch. \$57,000.00. ae

EXCELLENT LOCATION - A few miles from city limits sits this immaculate double wide on 1.2 +/- acres. 3 bedrooms, dining rm, kitchen w/oak cabinets, 2 car garage, front & back decks. Moving, Owner Wants Offer. **SOLD**

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SPACIOUS - Large rooms, 4 bdr, 3 bath, 2 car garage, 2 1/2 acres +/-, \$165,000.00 vt

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WHAT MORE COULD YOU WANT - Greenwood Heights, Meadow Dr., 3 bdr., 2 1/2 bath, full kitchen, family rm w/fireplace, central air, paved Dr. & storage bld. All on 1 +/- acres. \$89,000.00. bc

OVERLOOKING THE CUMBERLAND RIVER - at Pinckneyville, furnished 3br, 2 bath 97 Fleetwood mobile home on 7+- acres. \$70,000.00. mh

IN THE COUNTRY - Beautiful remodeled 3 or 4 bdr w/3 baths, family rm, central heat/air, county water on 1.5+/- acres. Call for appt. en

COUNTRY LIVING - 21 +/- acres fenced and crossed fenced, 2 barns and a 1997 28x80 double wide, 3 br, 2 bath, 2 car garage attached w/breezeway, lots of extra. Motivated seller. **Make An Offer. hb**

BRING YOUR HORSES - Remodeled Ranch home with 2 large bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, basement, carport, barn, fenced & cross fenced on 3 acres. Ready to move into! Call for more info. jn

LOTS & ACREAGE

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397 ACRES +/- - Tillable & wooded, ponds, some fencing, excellent hunting farm, Lola area. \$525,000.00. rw

SECLUDED & LOTS OF GAME - 216 Acres +/- off Hwy. 135 near Tolu, KY. Approx. 125 AC is wooded with large pond. Some fencing and good pasture for cattle. ac

COME HUNT, FISH OR FARM - On this 490 +/- acres. Property has a older home and a pond, mostly wooded, some pasture with Ohio River bottom ground. es

100 X 200 +/- acres. Full kitchen, dining area. 2 car garage. **SOLD**

QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD - 3.37 acres in Grandview Estates, county water, underground electric, \$25,000.00. mr

APPROX. 1 ACRE - Hwy. 506. \$5,900.00. dh

GOOD LOCATION - Lot across from Crittenden Farm Supply on Gum St. \$8,000.00. rd

NICE CORNER LOT - This nice 1+/- acre lot is located on the corner of Chapel Hill Rd and Oak Hill Dr. It adjoins the golf course property, has city water & sewer and is nicely shaded with lots of mature trees. \$15,000.00. jn

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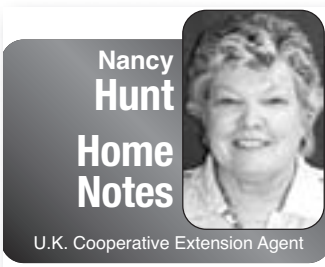
Date night doesn't have to break the bank

Not everyone can fly to Paris for dinner on date night. As romantic as it sounds, the truth is a couple doesn't have to spend a fortune to keep the spark glowing in a solid relationship. In fact, they don't have to leave the comfort of home.

The concept of date night for married couples has been around for many years. It is a tradition worth including in your relationship and can cost as little as a smile and a commitment of time.

Setting aside time to spend together, without interruptions involving life's daily concerns, gives couples the chance to reconnect and validate all the reasons that brought them together in the first place.

Dating before marriage includes simple considerations like dressing to impress, fo-



cusng all your attention on your partner and showing them they are the most important person in your life. These same considerations can be included in dates between married couples to bring a positive boost to relationships.

Successful partnerships include shared responsibilities and willingness to compromise. Both members can and should contribute to date night by taking turns planning activities and suggesting ideas.

Here are some suggestions to help you get started. If you have children, get them into bed early. This allows for time to touch base with each other at the end of the day. Turn off the television and talk or watch a show or movie together. Activities can be the same activities you enjoyed before your marriage commitment. What is important is to continue to do them together.

From newlyweds to couples who have spent many years together, successful relationships are measured by consistent appreciation and love of one another.

People show their love in individual ways. You might be a gift giver or a hugger. Maybe you enjoy doing things for your partner or spending time with them. It may be as simple as saying those three

little words. Here is an easy test to help you discover your personal style. Consider the following statements and fill in the blanks.

I know my partner loves me when he/she ____.

I know I love my partner when I ____.

Extravagant or elementary; there is no right or wrong way to define date night. A little quality time goes a long way to help you recapture and renew romance on a regular basis.

Information for this article came from Nathan Wood, assistant professor for Family Studies at the University of Kentucky.

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Bonnie and Don Pugh with Carroll Roberson and wife Donna traced Paul's missionary journey through Greece and Turkey, stopping in Ephesus, Turkey for a photo.



Margaret Gilland and Claudena Travis took The Press when they visited Chattanooga, Tenn., recently on a bus tour.

Dycusburg News

Submitted by Matthew T. Patton

Dorothy Dean (Shewcraft) Young was surprised with an 80th birthday party on Nov. 28. The party was held at the Christian Church Community Center in Owensboro. The party was given by her daughters, Kathy Ellis and Ann Yaudes. Friends and family attended with entertainment by Betty Shewcraft Hodges and Matthew and Mandy Hodges. She was also honored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Dot, as she is called by her family and friends, is known for her humor and good deeds for others. She grew up in the Frances and Mexico communities. Her parents were Luther Frances and Oda Lee (Patton) Shewcraft. Her siblings are Edna Macon, Betty Hodges, Carolyn DeSpain, Carlton Shewcraft, Minnie Nell Martin (deceased) and Keith Shewcraft (deceased).

We received the following Crittenden County genealogy query: "As a sixth descendant granddaughter of Joseph Newcom and Esther Dudley, I am trying to locate any data before Joseph Newcom immigrated to the U.S. Parents, siblings, POB, residence, etc. I would also like to obtain photos of this family pre- and post-immigration and family information. Contact Denise Newcomb at deedenew@yahoo.com.

An interesting tidbit to report for genealogists: The Glenn Martin Genealogy Library in Princeton has re-

ceived a wonderful Christmas gift in the form of a donation of the research files of the late Willis "Pat" Oliver, a native of Lyon County. The files were donated by Pat's widow, Treva, and will be available for use by other researchers after they have been sorted and catalogued. Pat, a long-time genealogist, was the original county coordinator of the Livingston, Caldwell, Crittenden, Lyon and Trigg counties Kentucky genealogy Web sites. Among the families he researched were Oliver, Galusha, Parent, Throop, Chittenden and McCracken. Source: Western Kentucky Genealogy Blog at wkygenealogy.blogspot.com.

December birthdays to report include Helen Travis, Dec. 3; Angie Beverly Way, Dec. 5; Chanda Guess Ort, Dec. 6; Clara Brown, Dec. 8; Bobby Waters, Dec. 9; J.R. Blake, Dec. 11; Lonnie Travis, Dec. 13; Matt Maxfield, Dec. 13; C.T. Conner, Dec. 12; Emily Smith, Dec. 16; DeLois Paddock, Dec. 17; Heather Guess Franklin, Dec. 17; Travis Boone, Dec. 19; Raymond Guess, Dec. 24; Ryan Downing, Dec. 27; Wade Brasher, Dec. 30 and Jonathan Millikan, Dec. 31.

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To share information for this column, please use this new e-mail address: news@dycusburg.com. Best wishes to everyone for a Happy New Year.



Hughes - Zgonina

Lindsay Melissa Hughes and Eric Timothy Zgonina were married on July 25 at Giant City State Park in Makanda, Ill., with Carl Leek officiating. Music was presented by Tommy Dust on the acoustic guitar.

Hughes is the daughter of Glenn and Janet Hughes of Salem and Tim and Kathy Biggerstaff of McLeansboro, Ill.

Zgonina is the son of Evelyn Zgonina of Effingham, Ill., and Tim Zgonina of Charleston, Ill.

Hughes' sister, Jill Sutton of McLeansboro, was her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Megan Henson of Lansing, Ill., and Michelle Bowlby of St. Louis. Alli Rae Douglas, daughter of Andrea and Shane Douglas of Paducah, served as flower girl. Cole Sutton, son of Jill and Joe Sutton of McLeansboro, served as ringbearer.

The best man was Michael Murphy of Effingham. Groomsmen were Jordan Grupe and Vince Rohr, both of Effingham. Garrett Biggerstaff of McLeansboro and

Jason Benline of Effingham served as ushers. Carson Biggerstaff of McLeansboro was the program attendant.

A reception followed at Don Marco Banquet Hall in Cambria, Ill. Servers were Lindsay Kessler and Lisa Johnson.

Hughes is the granddaughter of Jane Hughes and the late Brownine Hughes of Marion and Maurice and Betty Garrett of Sturgis. She is a fashion student at Middle Tennessee State and is serving an internship at Habit in Nashville.

Zgonina is the grandson of Theresa Kuberski of DuQuoin, Ill., and Frances Zgonina and the late Thaddeus Zgonina of Radon, Ill. He is a 2008 graduate of Southern Illinois University with a master's degree in civil engineering. He is an environmental water resource engineer for AMEC in Nashville.

After their honeymoon in Jamaica they reside in Murfreesboro, Ill.

Births

Johnson

Lee Ann and Nicholas Johnson of Marion announce the birth of a son, Dawson Clay Johnson. Dawson was born at 2:50 p.m., Oct. 22, 2009 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah. He was six pounds, 14 ounces and 18 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Paula and Tony Miniard of Marion.

Paternal grandparents are Doug and Debbie Johnson

of Marion and the late Mary Conrad.

Maternal great grandparents are the late Paul and Margaret Holloman and the late Aretta Miniard of Marion.

Paternal great-grandparents are Shirley Conrad of Marion and the late Clay and Josephine Johnson of Salem.

Dawson has two sisters, Morgan, 6 and Madison Johnson, 8.



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Salem Garden Club

Submitted by Janet Hughes

The last month of 2009 was a busy one for the Salem Garden Club, Inc. We ended the year with a successful Christmas Tour of Homes. The homeowners greeted approximately 86 visitors telling the story of their home.

They enjoyed seeing people they hadn't seen in years. As people came through the Lola Community Center they were offered a variety of crafts and homebaked goods. Thanks to everyone who made this venture a success.

We also entered a float in the Salem Lighted Christmas Parade. It was a replica of a Victorian park scene. A large sleigh built by Joe Kaiser filled with Christmas gifts was surrounded by lighted Christmas trees. Also a Victorian lamp post and park bench set the atmosphere for an old fashioned Christmas. Ladies dressed with Victorian coats and hats added the final touch.

Our December meeting was held at the home of Dick and Debra Dempsey. We enjoyed a potluck of soups and sandwiches.

Ballots were counted for 2010 officer elections. Our new officers are President Marty Kaiser, Vice-President Janet Hughes, Secretary Beverly Hearrell and Treasurer Carolyn Howard. Pat Tolley is

our official historian and we have appointed Randa Berry as our new correspondence secretary. She will write our monthly report for the papers. Her knowledge of gardening will also be a benefit to our readers.

In January we will begin our new affiliation with the Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. This change in our organization has many advantages. We will immediately be able to receive gardening bulletins, benefit from the guidance of a well-established parent organization and be eligible for grants offered by the Garden Club of Kentucky and the National Garden Club.

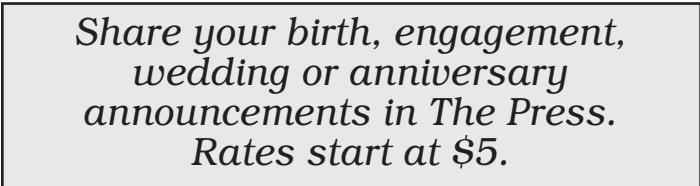
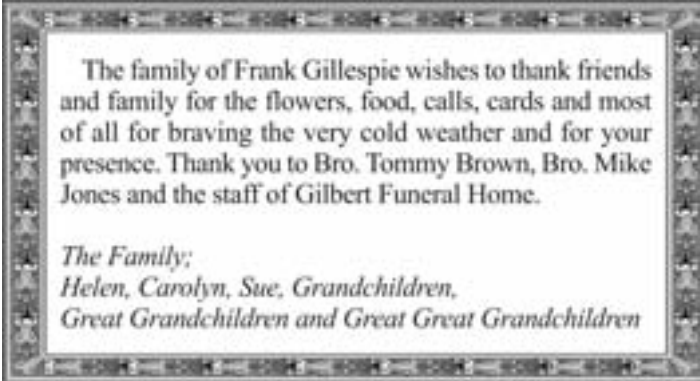
You can check them out at www.gardencentral.org/kentucky.

Now that winter is here, it's time to do maintenance on your garden tools.

Clean your tools by removing rust and coat them with oil. An easy way is to have a bucket filled with sand mixed with oil.

When you push your shovel or trowels in the sand it cleans the tools while the oil will coat them to prevent rust.

Our next meeting is Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Beverly Wallace, 714 E Main St. Salem. If you are interested in joining our club, please call Marty Kaiser 988-2864.



10 Questions with Pamela Stringer

A Q and A session with community leaders

The following is the remainder of Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough's interview given on Dec. 9 about current issues affecting Crittenden County School District. The first half was printed in the Dec. 17 edition. Her answers have been edited for brevity. To hear the full interview, visit the-press.com.

6. How are you getting and keeping parents involved with the school?

Parents are not just an important part of a child's education, but essential. Our commitment is to try to build as many relationships with the community and parents.

In Crittenden County, if you're a parent who serves on a site-based decision-making council or if you are the PTO president, you have access to a council of councils session, where we bring those individuals together with the Board of Education and with the student councils to make sure that the student voice is heard.

We have also used C4 sessions. We do those a couple of time a year and have them in different locations around the county so that parents or grandparents can have access to myself or other district administrators to ask questions about what's going on in the school. Those have been really helpful to allow us to keep an open line of communication.

We have opened Parent Portal, which allows all parents who have children enrolled in Crittenden County schools access to students' grades, to look at attendance and it serves as a dual accountability.

It holds teachers accountable for inputting those grades quickly and it allows parents to be much more connected with their child's school, history and their pathway.

All of our schools have individual kinds of opportunities for parents to become involved. There are a lot of family events at our elementary school.

The middle school has been inviting parents to activities other than just your typical parent-teacher conferences, but for open houses and other events where there is some recognition of students. Anything you can do where you recognize students, you will have a better turn out from the parents. We've also tried our best to update our Web site.

One thing we have started this year is an

actual grandparent meeting for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. We have had about 40 people identified in the district and Holly White, our community administrator, is planning events about once a month to make sure they have a chance to have current information of what's going on in the school district.

That's been another fantastic vehicle to make sure we're communicating with not just parents, but grandparents serving as parents and the community at large.

It's an ongoing task and a lot of it has to do with communication loops and how well we try to communicate. We certainly believe that parents are a vital partner to student learning and helping us accomplish our goal of zero dropouts.

7. How do you address the student suggestions at the Council of Councils meeting?

What we do is take that summary list from the conversation and the middle school, high school and elementary for the Council of Councils meeting, that's basically how we have the conversation. We get feedback from each of those groups on things they think are strengths, things they would like to see be improved, next steps.

Part of those next steps are that students are still included and we create student-friendly environments, we continue to use technology to make that happen.

We took the students input when we put together our 2020 Vision. That has helped to shape the kind of student-learner we want to create in Crittenden County in the future and right now.

From any of those events where we get input, we take that and look at it as an administrative team, as a district team and we try to find out some things that are quick next steps. And then some of those things we have to ask ourselves about technology.

We've had a lot of conversations about how to make sure our technology is accessible in the classroom. We've done an audit of all our schools on exactly what kind of technology is available to either our teachers or students.

The next step for us is to make a plan, kind of a technology implementation plan, together for the district. The value in those input sessions is to look at the responses and keep doing the things they believe we're doing really well and that we follow up on any of the suggestions that folks think will make our district better.

8. How are the technology complaints from students being addressed?

The one big hurdle in terms of the speed in which students and teachers can access technology is that our elementary school has been on a separate system and hub from the middle / high school/board of education campus. The rate at which the students could access the technology has been much slower.


One of the priorities with the stimulus money and to address a need that's been on a list for a long time in this county was to make sure we found a mechanism to get high speed access to the elementary school.

We've mounted some towers and have a wireless technology system. The next step is to make sure that the satellites placed on top of those are configured. We're really close to having that solved and answered. What we're trying to do too, is make sure we have the most up to date computers.

We're involved in the Datascan project with the University of Louisville, that has allowed us to upgrade our labs at the elementary, middle and high schools with Apple computers.

We also have some mobile labs that consist of 25-30 or so smaller computers that are wireless that can be accessed at our high school or middle school. That might be the answer to making sure we have computers available for classroom use. We're trying to upgrade our labs.

I feel good about our situation there because of the Datascan grant. I think we may have to look at one more portable lab that students that have access to and teachers can check out for assignments going on in the classroom.



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– Rachel Yarbrough
on motivation in tough economic times

We couldn't do that right now. If we put that as a priority, then as funds become available or if there are some stimulus dollars that we can recover by becoming more efficient.

Then we might put more money toward that end. It's a worthwhile goal. It's achievable. It certainly needs to be a high priority because it came directly from students.

9. How do you keep teachers' morale high when the budget continues to be cut?

When you are in the field of education, and you realize every day when you come to work that you are working in the best profession possible. Every day, everything you do, whatever your role is, you have an opportunity to create good in the lives of children.

You have the opportunity to help them learn, grow and develop before your eyes. If that can't motivate you to be the best person you can be and try to create the most positive, engaging environment possible, then I believe you can't be motivated.

In light of all of these things, it's about high-quality people connecting with kids every day and doing everything in our power - and most of it is without money - to be positive for them, to give them hope, to help them achieve their giftedness, what ever that is, to tell them and believe that kids can become anything they want to become. We have the ability to influence that and shape that. There is no greater calling.

In the end, the stakes are too high and we cannot go about it the wrong way.

10. Is driver's education going to be reinstated?

It goes back to the things that are important verses the things that have become essential. In 1990 when KERA came into play, there was a real expectation that you would commit to the core content, which is math, reading, science, social studies, arts, humanities, practical living, vocational studies.

Some of those additional programs that used to be in play, if they weren't directly connected to the program of studies or the Kentucky core content, then they became important, but not essential. At some point some group of people made the decision that we're going to try to focus on those areas that have been identified by the state of Kentucky as the areas where we'll put our money and resources.

Drivers education, where as it is important, and there's no question about that, became one of those things that was left up to parents and not so much to the school district. I can't see that program coming back in the near future. I always hate to predict too far away. That gives some rationale to why that program was eliminated.



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After defeating Drexel 88-44, Kentucky became the first team to reach 2,000 wins in NCAA history. Above, John Calipari and Joe B. Hall pose with the team after the win. Top right, John Wall evades a Drexel defender. Bottom right, a fan holds a sign up in celebration of the milestone on Dec. 21. The undefeated Wildcats go up against the Georgia Bulldogs on Saturday.

Cats earn 2000th win

It's all about perspective...

Charles Lindsey

As with most subjects, when considering the topic of Kentucky basketball, it all depends on your point of view. However, when you visit Rupp Arena, it all depends upon the point from which you view.

Sitting some 40 rows up in the second deck in Section 228, the players and the game action can

look like automobiles on the Western Kentucky Parkway as you fly over on your way to somewhere really fun. Once you overcome the 60 degree angled steps by stopping twice to gulp down the seemingly thinning air, you will be able to crawl to your seats over the bodies of the other intrepid climbers who have ventured to these heights.

Then, you must regain your composure, find a place for the drink and that hot dog you just lugged up Mt. Rupp in order to contemplate your surroundings and gaze upon the panorama below.

For those who love their Cats and can't afford this year's suddenly expanded costs for sitting in the "Lower" Arena, this is nearly heaven (and I mean near). Up here, it is True Blue, die hard, I'm just happy to be here country. Welcome to the Upper Arena. These are Kentucky Wildcat Basketball fans. Real fans. Generous donors may be the heart of Kentucky Athletics and money its lifeblood but these fans are the heart-warming soul of Kentucky Basketball.

On the other hand, if you have season tickets that have been handed down through generations, or tickets obtained through huge donations to the university through

the K-Fund, or tickets bought on e-Bay for an obscene amount of money or if you're just plain lucky cause your boss broke his leg and can't use his tickets, sitting between the foul lines in the Lower Arena is a "slightly" different experience. If you find yourself in the first 10 rows, it's surreal.

Through opera glasses, the lady who must sing before it's over, isn't that fat. Sitting in the front row, you can observe that she is a formidably sized woman. From the Upper Deck at Rupp, DeMarcus Cousins is simply another freshman at UK. From the Lower Arena, he is an extremely athletic, young behemoth. From the Upper Arena, the subtle power of Patrick Patterson, the resolve with which he plays, the unfazed control he exhibits over his game and the effect he has on his team cannot be fully appreciated. John Wall is fast no matter where you are sitting even

if you are home watching from the comfort of your couch. Your television is not defective. He is truly that fast. Let me say this again, John Wall is really, really, really fast.

These past three games, although grossly overmatched, Austin Peay, Drexel and Long Beach State accounted themselves well but ... the Wildcats won and all is well in the Bluegrass. UK is 16-0, has reached the 2000 victory mark and gone beyond.

Sometime this year or the next or even the next, for those who have not experienced the spectacle, I highly recommend that you make the pilgrimage. Visit the Holy Land. Take the tour. Be part of the show. See Cat City.

Just remember, it's all about perspective and your point of view.

(Charles Lindsey is a UK graduate and Paducah native.)

Boys end four-game losing streak

Rockets down Dawson Springs 51-41

BY CHRIS HARDESTY
PRESS SPORTS WRITER

Moving senior J. D. Gray to point guard helped the Rockets snap a four-game losing streak Tuesday night as they upended host Dawson Springs 51-41.

Gray scored nine points and handed out three assists and his move to the point also allows leading scorer Casey Oliver to move to his more natural position of off guard.

After the Rockets (3-8) fell behind 12-6 after 8:00 of action, a big 16-2 run in the second quarter ensured that they would never trail again, while winning their first road game of the season.

Crittenden stretched the lead out to 40-20 in the second half and did not allow the Panthers to ever climb back in the game afterwards.

Rocket coach Chad Hayes did not allow his team to get caught up in the Panthers' being winless on the season. He thought they played pretty decent after a slow first quarter.

"They don't have a win, but they have been playing alot better," he said.

He was pleased with Gray's play and believes it will bode well for the Rockets as the season continues.

"I felt like tonight J. D. took the next step," said Hayes, about the senior's most extensive work as the floor general this season.

Although Dawson only had three players to score and only made 11 field goals, going 13-of-19 at the charity stripe prevented them from being totally blown out of the contest.

Conversely, Crittenden only made 5-of-12 free throws, which is a continued area of concern for Hayes, who knows that must improve if they are to start winning on a consistent basis.

Oliver scored 18 points while senior forward Alex Porter turned in a good outing with 10 points and five rebounds.

The Rockets will try to even their league record at 2-2 tomorrow night when they travel to Smithland to face Fifth District archrival Livingston Central.

Crittenden has not defeated the Cardinals in Smithland since 2005.

Ladies' shooting, rebounds lead to 59-49 loss

A sluggish defensive performance coupled with surrendering 19 offensive rebounds brought the Lady Rockets unbeaten streak in Fifth District play to an end Tuesday night at Cadiz as they fell to Trigg County 59-49.

In a first half that featured three ties and numerous lead changes, the Lady Wildcats managed to take a 22-19 lead into intermission.

After holding Trigg center Ashley Matlock to 12 points in last month's 71-52 victory at Rocket Arena, she had a

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- Shannon Hodge

heyday in Tuesday's rematch.

She poured in 24 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and recorded three steals as the hosts prevented Crittenden (4-6, 3-1) from claiming a stranglehold on the top seed for the postseason tournament.

Trailing 22-17 with less than :05 ticks left in the first half, Lady Rocket forward Whitney Johnson (10 points, 10 rebounds) scored right before the buzzer to bring her team even closer in a seesaw second quarter. She also scored her team's first six points of the second half as they claimed a 25-22 lead less than 2:00 into the third quarter.

At that juncture it appeared the visitors may have weathered the storm against the pesky Lady Wildcats and were ready to get things rolling.

But Trigg had other ideas as they ran off seven unanswered points to claim a 29-25 advantage and would never trail again during the remainder of the contest.

The Lady Rockets' low post defense struggled most of the way as Trigg had their way in the paint all night long.

While the rebounding statistic ended deadlocked at 45-all, it was 19 Lady Wildcat

offensive rebounds and 12 second chance points that helped them get revenge for the earlier season setback.

Points off the bench were also a big key in their win as they outscored Crittenden 12-3 in that area.

Crittenden shot 21-of-62 from the floor for an icy 33.8 percent as no player shot over ever 40 percent. While the hosts were not a lot better for the game, going 23-of-61 for 37.7 percent, they shot much better in the second half going 15-for-30.

After the lackluster performance, Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge lamented that her squad has yet to put a consistent 32:00 of solid basketball together this season.

"We somehow run out of legs," she said, also pointing to a lack of conditioning.

Despite her team defeating the Lady Wildcats by 19 last month, the Lady Rocket skipper did not believe her team would have an easy time in the rematch.

"I don't think you ever go to Trigg County and think it is gonna be easy. I thought they played well," said Hodge.

Another frustrating thing to her was that with a pair of district wins this week, the Lady Rockets could have been in the driver's seat for a number one seed for the Fifth District Tournament.

While that is still attainable, Hodge believes Tuesday's loss makes the district race more interesting.

"The district is very competitive. You can't count any game before you play it," she said.

CCHS senior receives honorable mention

Crittenden County senior Aaron Berry received an honorable mention as part of the Louisville Courier-Journal All-State Team, announced recently.

Berry was named as a defensive lineman. He was one of three First Region Class A



Berry

players named by the Louisville newspaper.

Mayfield receiver Xavier Shelton and teammate Tyreese Murrell were picked as part of the Second Team.

Mayfield lineman Jantzen Jones received honorable mention.

Sportsnotes

- CCHS softball boosters meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., on Jan. 12 in the high school library.
- Anyone interested in umpiring fastpitch softball in Region 2 contact Del Brantley at 836-0649.

ROCKET STATISTICS	
Crittenden 51, Dawson Springs 41	
Jan. 5	
Crittenden	8 24 40 51
Dawson	12 14 25 41
Crittenden - Oliver 18, Porter 10, Gray 9, Clark 7, Nielsen 4, Highfil 3, Pierce, Gardner, Belt, Collins, Scott. FG. 20. 3-pointers 2 (Gray, Highfil). FT. 5-12. Fouls 19.	
Dawson - Cobb 28, McKnight 12, Fambrough 1, Burden, Lobrodo, Miller, Bullock, Chapelle, Smiley, McWilliams. FG. 11. 3-pointers 2 (McKnight). FT. 13-19. Fouls 14.	
LADY ROCKET STATISTICS	
Trigg 59, Crittenden 49	
Jan. 5	
Crittenden	9 19 32 49
Trigg	9 22 34 59
Crittenden - Hodge 21, Johnson 10, Courtney 4, Tabor 9, Brantley 2, Brown 3, Franklin, Graham. FG. 19. 3-pointers 2 (Tabor, Brown). FT. 5-12. Fouls 17.	
Trigg - Matlock 24, Kearney 8, Want 8, Maxey 6, Futrell 6, Grubbs 4, Parker 3, Wortham. FG. 20. 3-pointers 3 (Maxey, Kearney 2). FT. 10-18. Fouls 16.	
LADY ROCKET HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT STATISTICS	
The varsity and junior varsity teams traveled to Orlando during the winter break and competed in a tournament.	
Here are the statistics:	
Varsity	
Dec. 28	
Parkview, PA 52, Crittenden Co. 39	
Parkview	8 26 36 52
Crittenden Co.	9 24 39 43
Scoring: Jessi Hodge, 21, Laken Tabor 9, Whitney Johnson 5, Jenna Franklin 2, Bailey Brown 2. 3 pointers 5 (Hodge 2, Tabor 3)	
Dec. 29	
Merion Mercy, PA 58, Crittenden Co. 43	
Merion Mercy	17 36 45 58
Crittenden Co.	9 24 39 43
Scoring: Jessi Hodge 15, Whitney Johnson 11, Laken Tabor 6, Hannah Brantley 5, Summer Courtney 4, Jenna Franklin 2. 3 pointers 4 (Tabor 2, Hodge 1, Johnson 1)	
December 30	
Crittenden Co. 63, Foundation Academy, FL 32	
Crittenden Co.	17 33 46 63
Foundation Academy	6 15 25 32
Scoring: Jessi Hodge 20, Laken Tabor 15, Whitney Johnson 14, Summer Courtney 8, Tiffany Graham 4, Jenna Franklin 1, Randa Leidecker 1. 3 pointers 4 (Hodge 2, Tabor 1, Johnson 1)	
JV	
Dec. 28	
Ambridge, PA 67, Crittenden Co. 31	
Ambridge	16 33 51 67
Crittenden Co.	10 17 24 31
Scoring: Bailey Brown 9, Jenna Franklin 6, Randa Leidecker 6, Megan Roberts 4, Maggie Collins 4. 3 pointers 1 (Randa Leidecker)	
Dec. 29	
Wayne Co. Tenn. 53, Crittenden Co. 43	
Wayne Co.	10 27 40 52
Crittenden Co.	11 19 32 43
Scoring: Jenna Franklin 14, Randa Leidecker 12, Bailey Brown 8, Megan Roberts 5, Maggie Collins 4. 3 pointers 2 (Leidecker 1, Brown 1)	
Dec. 30	
Crittenden Co. 36, Abingdon, VA 35	
Crittenden Co.	10 18 26 36
Abingdon	5 18 30 35
Scoring: Bailey Brown 13, Jenna Franklin 10, Randa Leidecker 5, Megan Roberts 4, Kaitlyn Binkley 2, Maggie Collins 2. 3 pointers 1 (Leidecker)	
Next games:	
Jan. 8 - Girls at Livingston, 6 p.m.	
Jan. 8 - Boys at Livingston, 7:30 p.m.	
Jan. 9 - JV District Tournament	
Jan. 11 - Girls at Dawson Springs, 7:30 p.m.	
Jan. 12 - Boys at Webster, 7:30 p.m.	
Jan. 12 - Girls v. Webster, 7:30 p.m.	
Jan. 15 - Boys v. Lyon, 6 p.m.	
Jan. 15 - Girls v. Lyon, 7:30 p.m.	

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for rent

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animals

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ADOPTING A PET from Crittenden County's Animal Shelter gives an animal a second shot at life. Animals can now be seen online at crittendenshelter.blogspot.com. The shelter holds animals from Crittenden, Lyon and Livingston counties, so be sure to check with the shelter online or at 965-3376 for your lost or missing pet. (nc)

free

Free five-year-old female Bordie Collie and one-year-old male Border Collie. Call 988-3129 after 6 p.m. (1t-27)

wanted

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Wanted: 4-ft. tiller for small tractor. Call 704-2779. (2t-28-p)

personals

As of Oct. 21, 2009, I, Stephanie Brown, am not responsible for anyone's debts but my own. (2t-27-p)

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legal

Notice is hereby given that the Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for a one-year contract for the removal of snow and/or the removal of storm debris. All bids must be submitted to the County Judge Executive's Office by 9 a.m., Jan. 19, 2010, at which time bids will be opened at the regular Fiscal Court meeting. All bids must include documentation of proof of Workers Compensation Insurance in compliance with State law, proof of liability insurance of \$1,000,000 in coverage or of a sufficient amount to cover any loss. Bids should also include size of equipment and hourly rate. Any questions regarding the specifications or this Notice, contact Fred Brown, County Judge Executive, 965-5251. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

(1t-27-c)

I, Madeline Henderson, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court, Marion, KY do certify that the following has filed Final Accounting: Elizabeth Todd of 207 Harmon Dr., Marion, KY 42064 and Perry Sanders of 693 Emory Stevens Rd., Marion, KY 42064, co-administrators of Elizabeth Stevens, deceased. The foregoing is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on January 27, 2010. All persons having exceptions to said Settlements are to file same at once.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CASE NO. 09-CI-00095

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER

POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF

AUGUST 1, 2007 MASTR ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2007-HE2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SERIES 2007-HE2

PLAINTIFF V.

MARION D. BINKLEY DEFENDANTS A/K/A MARION DOUGLAS BINKLEY

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THE PEOPLES BANK COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, CITY OF MARION NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an Order of Default Judgment, Summary Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on December 10, 2009, I will on Friday, January 22, 2010 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit:) Property Description: 413 Fords Ferry Rd., Marion, Kentucky 42064

Parcel Number: 070-10-01-003.00 EXHIBIT A : LEGAL DESCRIPTION Parcel Tract 1

A certain small tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, now within the City limits of Marion on the Northwest side of the Fords Ferry Road and Bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a stake on the west side of the Marion Fords Ferry Road and being 45 feet north of Luther Hackney's stone corner, a new corner; thence with a new division line N 60 1/4 W 140 feet to a stake, a new corner being 45 feet north of Hackney's line; thence with another new division line N 16 E 110 feet to an iron pipe, a new corner; thence with another new division line S 70 1/2 E 140 feet to an iron pipe on the west side of the Marion Fords Road, another new corner; thence with said road S 17 1/4 W 135 feet to the beginning, containing 0.39 acre, more or less, by survey. As surveyed by Billy J. May, Surveyor, on November 24, 1969, and his registration number is KLS 878. ALSO a certain small tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, now within the city limits of Marion on the northwest side of the Fords Ferry Road and bounded and described as follows: The strip of land herein conveyed fronts on the Marion Fords Ferry Road for 20 feet and runs back Westward for 140 feet, and adjoining and lying South of the lot sold by first party to second parties on November 25, 1969 as recorded in Deed Book 107 at page 217 in the Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office. Being the same property conveyed to Marion Douglas Binkley, and his wife, Norma Jean Binkley, for their joint lives with the remainder to the survivor, from Roger W. Adams, and his wife, Shirley J. Adams, by Deed dated May 11, 1977, and recorded May 14, 1977 of Record in Deed Book 124, page 590, Crittenden County Clerk's Records, and being

known as 413 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, KY 42064. Subsequently, Norma Jean Binkley died on July 5, 2003, thus Marion Douglas Binkley became the sole vested title-holder by right of survivorship.

Tract 2

A certain tract of parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky,

and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the west end of a chain link fence, being the north-west corner of a lot conveyed to Anthony and Nancy Rustin in November, 1969, now owned by Doug Binkley, said point being 170 feet west of the center of the Marion-Fords Ferry Road near the north city limits; thence with said Binkley's west line S 16 E 130 feet to a stake, corner to same and being 25 feet north of Pat Jameson's fence; thence with a new division line and parallel to Jameson's line N 60 1/4 W 118 feet to a stake, a new corner; thence with another new division line N 22 E 111 feet to an iron pipe, a new corner; thence with another new division line S 70 1/2 E 103 feet to the beginning, containing 0.31 acres, more or less, by survey of Billy J. May, LS 878, dated August 26, 1978. The acreage indicated in this legal description is solely for the purpose of identifying said tract and is not to be construed as to insuring the quantity of land. Being the same property conveyed to Marion Douglas Binkley, and his wife, Norma Jean Binkley, for their joint lives with remainder in fee simple to the survivor of them from Rebecca Fritts, a widow, by Deed dated August 30, 1978, recorded September 02, 1978, Deed Book 129, page 190, Crittenden County Clerk's Records, and being known as 413 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, KY 42064. Subsequently, Norma Jean Binkley died on July 5, 2003, thus Marion Douglas Binkley became the sole vested title-holder by right of survivorship. Property Address (for Informational Purposes Only): 413 Ford Ferry Road, Marion, KY 42064 Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements. The description provided herein was provided by the parties and is contained in the Judgment and Order of Sale.

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

2. The Purchaser shall be required to assume and pay any ad valorem taxes and all taxes assessed against said property by any City, State, County or any school district which are due and payable at any time during the year 2010 or thereafter. Said sale shall be made subject to: all easements, covenants and restrictions of record; assessments for public improvements; and any facts which an inspection and accurate survey may disclose. Said property shall be sold with

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3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on December 12, 2009 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendant, Marion D. Binkley for the sum of \$142,750.20 plus interest at the rate of 5.625 % per annum from February 1, 2009 until paid, and for all late fees and assessments, advancements for protection of the property including but not limited to taxes and insurance, escrow advances, and court costs expended herein, including a reasonable attorney fee.

Dated this 18th day

December , 2009.

Alan C. Stout
 Master Commissioner,
 Crittenden Circuit Court
 P.O. Box 81
 Marion, KY 42064
 (270) 965-4600
 Facsimile: (270) 965-4848
 (3t-29-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

09-CI-00091

KENTUCKY HOUSING

CORPORATION PLAINTIFF

V. KENNETH L. OWEN

DEFENDANTS

CARMEN J. OWEN

PEOPLES BANK

OF MARION, KENTUCKY

CITY OF MARION,

COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on December 08, 2009, I will on Friday, January 22, 2010 at the hour of 09:30 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit:) Parcel No: 061-00-00-035.00 Address: 2109 Sulphur Spring Cemetery Rd., Marion, KY

Legal Description:

TRACT NO. 1

BEGINNING at an iron pin on the east side of and 20 ft. from the center of the Sulphur Springs Cemetery Road, corner to McKinney and being N. 35 deg. 44 min. E. 305.82 ft. from the center of the junction of the Mexico Road and Sulphur Springs Cemetery Road and being at approximate Kentucky coordinates (south zone) N. 337.500 ft. E. 1,313.300 ft.; thence with the meanders of the east side of the road N. 24 deg. 09 min. E. 93.05 ft., N. 31 deg. 10 min. E. 104.08 ft., N. 37 deg. 52 min. E. 152.85 ft., N. 46 deg. 11 min. E. 100.66 ft., N. 59 deg. 06 min. E. 100.15 ft. to a point on the east side of the road, corner to Tract 2; thence leaving the road and with the west line of Tract 2 S. 18 deg. 30 min. E. 251.83 ft. to a post in Rushing's line; thence with his line S. 31 deg. 19 min. W. 416.88 ft. to an iron pin, in McKinney's line; thence with his line N. 49 deg. 19 min. W. 272.57 ft. to the beginning containing 2.98 acres by survey by Billy J. May, L. S. 878 on September 6, 1996 and revised September

ber 11, 1996 and identified as T-1 on the plat of said survey.

TRACT No. 2

BEGINNING at a point on the east side of and 20 feet from the center of Sulphur Springs Cemetery Road, being the northern most corner of T-1; thence with the east side of the road N. 57 deg. 53 min. E. 65.56 ft., and N. 48 deg. 45 min. E. 68.68 ft., to an iron pin, corner to Rushing; thence along or near an existing fence and with Rushing's lines S. 44 deg. 41 min. E. 202.80 ft. to an iron pin, S. 44 deg. 11 min. W. 243.69 ft. to a post, corner to T-1; thence with the east line of T-1 N. 18 deg. 30 min. W. 251.83 ft. to the beginning containing 0.93 acre by survey by Billy J. May, on September 6, 1996 and revised September 11, 1996 and identified as T-1 on the plat of said survey. Being the same property conveyed to Kenneth L. Owen and Carmen J. Owen by deed dated September 13, 1996 and recorded in Deed Book 175, Page 616 in the 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.

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

2. The Purchaser shall be required to assume and pay any ad valorem taxes and all taxes assessed against said property by any City, State, County or any school district taxes assessed against said property by any City, State, County or any school district which are due and payable at any time during the year 2010 or thereafter. Said sale shall be made subject to: all easements, covenants and restrictions of record; assessments for public improvements; and any facts which an inspection and accurate survey may disclose. Said property shall be sold with the improvements thereon "as is".

3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on December 08, 2009 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendant, Carmen J. Owen for the sum of \$30,594.33 plus interest at the rate of 5.75 % as of March 1, 2008, taxes, insurance, miscellaneous expenses, attorney's fees and for court costs expended herein.

Dated this 29th day of

December , 2009.

ALAN C. STOUT
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Area News Briefs

Florida woman is charged with theft

A Florida woman visiting Marion for the holidays landed in the Crittenden County Detention Center after she was caught allegedly taking money from her hosts and knives from Family Butcher Shop.

Kaylie Lancaster, 23, of Chieffland, Fla., was arrested by Crittenden County Deputy Greg Rushing on New Year's Eve following a brief investigation. According to police reports, Lancaster confessed to taking about \$95 from the people she was visiting and three knives from a gift shop at Family Butcher Shop in the Amish community.

The woman was lodged in jail and was to appear in District Court Wednesday.

Couple donates land to fire department

A Princeton woman and her husband have donated a piece of land adjacent to the Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department to the fire station.

Jamie and Charles Gilkey deeded 1.15 acres to the fire department on Dec. 29. Jamie Gilkey is the daughter of longtime community advocate and local political activist Mary Hubbard.

Hubbard died last year. Hubbard had also donated the original land on which the fire station was built several years ago and she served on the department's first board of directors as secretary.

Fire department member Dan Wood said the L-shaped parcel of land will provide a larger parking area, which will be especially beneficial during the station's annual deer hunters' breakfast. The breakfast is the department's major fundraiser each fall. An old barn that exists on the property will be torn down.



Movies to Go closed at Darben Plaza

Movies to Go, a home video rental store at Darben Plaza in Marion, has apparently gone out of business. A sign on the door says it is closed as of Jan. 1. Attempts to contact the local owners were unsuccessful.

According to news reports, many national video chains such as Blockbuster are closing stores, too, as viewers move toward renting and buying movies from Internet sources, including live streaming.

Fires do damage to Marion home and trailer in Mattoon

A mobile home in Mattoon was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. Crittenden County and Mattoon volunteer fire departments were dispatched to the blaze on Ky. 654 North, but the trailer was a loss by the time they arrived. A neighbor saw the flames and reported the fire. The residents of the mobile home were out of town at the time. Firemen were on the scene for more than two hours.

Just before that blaze started, Crittenden firemen were sent to a chimney fire at Hillside Grocery in the Amish community on Ky. 91 North. They quickly extinguished that blaze.

Marion Fire Department responded to a blaze at 803 North Weldon Street in the early morning hours Sunday after a log rolled out of the fire place and

Mediacom may lose KBSI

Mediacom and television stations operated by Sinclair Broadcasting Group, including Fox 23 KBSI, reached a last-minute temporary truce last week, which has kept the Fox station on the air for a few more days. However, the temporary truce ends at midnight Friday and unless something changes, Mediacom will lose the Fox 23 station, which carries many national and regional sporting events and a popular 9 p.m., newscast produced in Paducah by the WPSD Local 6 news team.

In Marion, the Fox 23 station is found on cable channel 10. There is another Fox affiliate on channel 7 in the local Mediacom lineup. It's unclear how much variation there is the programming on each channel, but regional sports package are likely to vary.

Sinclair Broadcasting Group, which owns Fox

23 KBSI, MNT and WDKA, has been in a deadlock with Mediacom for weeks over a retransmission agreement for 22 stations in 12 markets.

The prospect of stations disappearing from cable systems around the country has caught the attention of congressional leaders, according to MediaWeek.com. The disagreement between the companies is based on pricing for rebroadcast Fox stations. It could affect 4 million households nationwide.

Time Warner and Fox were also involved in a similar price dispute, but those companies reached an agreement on New Year's Day.

The temporary stay between Sinclair and Mediacom prevented viewers from missing any bowl football games.

ignited the wooden floor. The blaze was at the Larry Simpkins home. Firefighters were able to get it stopped without major damage.

New Years quiet in Crittenden & Marion

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent and his deputies had a quiet holiday as did Marion City Police. Officers worked some minor accidents over the holiday period and made one arrest for DUI in the city Sunday.

Otherwise it was very quiet, said Deputy Greg Rushing.

Kentucky State Police, local deputies and fish and wildlife conducted a traffic check on Dam 50 Road during the holiday period, but no arrests were made.

County schools may get funds through new Race program

Crittenden County School Board is hopefully waiting to see if Kentucky receives the Race to the Top funding, which could bring the school up to \$250,000 to be distributed over a four-year period.

To be eligible for the money, should Kentucky receive it, any school district interested must sign the Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding, which states the district will comply with all of the new responsibilities including sharing programs that were created using Race to the Top funds, participate in evaluations conducted by the Kentucky Department of Education or the U.S. Department of Education and be responsive to KDE or USDE requests for information, among other items.

KDE also pledges to work closely with the participating school districts to help them to comply.

"Any school district that signs the memorandum is in," Superintendent Rachel Yarbrough said during the Dec. 22 school board meeting. "The state takes care of the competition to get the grant."

The grant and the changes it requires the district to make is closely tied to Senate Bill 1, which is changing the way students are being tested.

If Kentucky isn't awarded the funding, there will be no money to implement the mandates of Senate Bill 1, but the changes of Senate Bill 1 will still be a requirement for all Kentucky school districts.

alignment and Closure initiative that was introduced in 2005.

The regional population around Fort Knox is expected to increase by 11,500 because of the realignment, military officials have said.

"The transformation of Fort Knox will be most evident in 2010 as the majority of our new units and organizations move here," Col. Rick Schwartz said in a statement. "I refer to (2010) as our big inhale, as we grow with new commands and continue to be the home for most of the Armor School for another year."

The Human Resource Center of Excellence is 90 percent complete, with carpet and drywall work still left to be done, according to the Army. It is scheduled to open in the summer. Human Resources and Accessions Command workers will arrive next year from Virginia, Missouri and Indiana.

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, which has about 3,400 personnel, will be at full strength by spring, The News-Enterprise in Elizabethtown reported. More than 75 percent of the troops have arrived at Fort Knox and construction related to the brigade is finished.

Crittenden residents charged at Walmart

Three Crittenden County residents face robbery charges after a Princeton police investigation at Walmart Tuesday night, Jan. 29, according to a report by the Princeton Times Leader newspaper.

John R. Valle, 33, Jerry L. Pruitt, 40, and Tamatha G. Cowser, 28, all of Marion, were taken into custody and jailed after Princeton police officers responded to a theft complaint at Walmart.

Assistant Chief R.L. Howton told the Princeton newspaper that the incident began as an attempt by the trio to steal two Sony television sets, which had a combined value of \$896.

Valle, allegedly pushing the TVs in a shopping cart, displayed an old Walmart receipt as he attempted to leave the store.

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County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Nov. 2009	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2008	
Statewide	2,066,282	1,857,263	209,019	10.1%	10.7%	6.7%	
MCCRACKEN	31,703	28,909	2,794	8.8%	9.2%	6.2%	
CALDWELL	6,730	6,084	646	9.6%	10.5%	6.6%	
CHRISTIAN	29,769	26,143	3,626	12.2%	12.6%	8.5%	
CRITTENDEN	4,014	3,608	406	10.1%	10.8%	7.5%	
HOPKINS	22,713	20,642	2,071	9.1%	9.9%	7.1%	
LIVINGSTON	4,849	4,408	441	9.1%	9.5%	5.9%	
LYON	3,324	2,938	386	11.6%	12.2%	8.1%	
TRIGG	6,648	5,590	1,058	15.9%	15.3%	9.2%	
HENDERSON	23,325	20,873	2,452	10.5%	10.3%	7.9%	
MCLEAN	4,610	4,203	407	8.8%	10.4%	7.4%	
UNION	7,724	6,937	787	10.2%	11.2%	9.4%	
WEBSTER	6,601	5,955	646	9.8%	10.2%	7.3%	

who died in a similar explosion at the Darby Mine in Kentucky. In 2007, 67 miners died, including six who were killed in the collapse of the Crandall Canyon mine in Utah.

Coal states, including Kentucky, reacted by revamping their mine safety laws, and Congress toughened federal rules that brought a variety of advances. Among the improvements are caches of oxygen stashed in underground mines in case miners are trapped, refuge chambers to provide shelter in emergencies, and a communications system to allow underground miners to talk with colleagues on the surface.

Mine safety advocate Tony Oppeward, who has successfully lobbied to triple the number of mine inspections conducted in Kentucky, said mining remains a dangerous occupation.

"Everyone who's involved in mine safety has to be extremely vigilant," he said. "There's very small margin for error in coal mining. The smallest mistake can cost a miner his life."

Bank changes hours, closing on Saturdays

Farmers Bank has changed its operating hours, which means more hours of service, but its main office and branch lobbies are no longer open on Saturday mornings. Branch drive-throughs are now open 8 a.m., until noon on Saturdays. The changes went into effect Saturday.

The bank has three locations, two in Marion and one in Salem. Bankers at all locations are opening earlier and staying later weekdays, including Wednesday, a traditional early-off day. Lobbies are now open 8:30 a.m., until 4 p.m., and drive-throughs 8 until 4:30 Monday through Thursday. Lobbies are open until 5 on Friday and drive-throughs until 5:30. Cumulatively, the banks three locations

are now open 18½ more hours each week.

The bank also offers several 24-hour banking options, including online banking and bill pay, telephone banking and mobile phone banking.

Jobless rates trend downward in fall

Unemployment rates rose in all 120 Kentucky counties between November 2008 and November 2009, but locally they've fallen in Crittenden and all surrounding counties from October to November 2009, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Fayette County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth in November at 7.1 percent. It was followed by Calloway County at 7.5 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 21.1 percent. Trigg County at 15.9 percent is the highest in the area.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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building a modern, multi-bay fire department.

The issue had been fairly controversial with some city officials and residents objecting to the location. However, nearly all firemen signed a document endorsing the spot.

The city bought the two lots for \$130,000 and will tear down a structure located on one. The new station will likely be built in early 2010.

8. A hail and wind storm pummelled Crayne and the surrounding area in August. It was the fourth significant weather event of the year for Crittenden County and came 10 years after a tornado nearly wiped Crayne off the map. Although Crayne was the epicenter of the local damage, widespread problems were reported.

Hail pierced holes in the sides of homes and rooftops and winds ripped off siding and ceilings, creating huge insurance claims in the area.

9. Local land values plummeted in 2009 after peaking the previous year at around \$2,000 an acre. An auction in the summer of 2009 indicated that undeveloped real estate was fetching less than \$1,000 an acre. However, those figures quickly rebounded and by the fall land values were back up to about \$1,500 an acre on the average, according to local real estate agents. One large tract just across the county line near Fredonia sold for more than \$2,300 an acre in early December, an indication that property values may have truly rebounded.

10. In one of the biggest land deals in local history, Kimball International closed on selling nearly 12,000 acres in Crittenden and Union counties early in 2009. Purchasers included Forestland Group LLC of Chapel Hill, N.C., Don Hines of Caseyville and M&K Woodlands of Sturgis.

It was initially reported that Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources would lease about 6,800 acres of the property sold to Forestland Group, however, more than eight months later, that deal has not come to fruition.

Although our staff picked these as the top news stories of last year, there were many other significant events. Here are some others that deserve honorable mention:

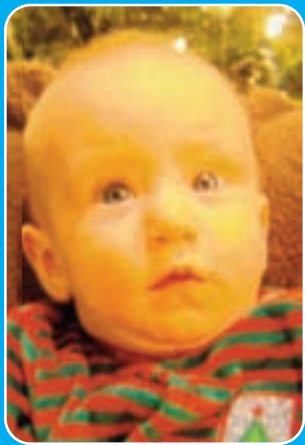
- Dam 50 Recreation Area improvements continued through grants and donated labor. The improvements included camper pads, electricity, water and sewer, bathrooms, playground equipment, pavilions, picnic tables, grills and more.
- Farmers Bank named Wade Berry to replace longtime president Gareth Hardin effective in 2010.
- Indiana resident Daniel David Rust drowned in the Ohio after his boat capsized April 1. Searchers looked for days before finding the fisherman's body.
- The City of Marion installed free wireless Internet which is made available at most local restaurants and along Main Street.
- Community Christmas revealed the spirit of giving as nearly \$40,000 was raised to benefit children and families in the community.

- Crittenden County Board of Education settled a civil suit regarding bad concrete at Rocket Arena. The school system received about \$93,000 in damages from the concrete provider and contractors.
- The Crittenden County Lions Club Exhibit Hall at the fairgrounds was dedicated and renamed in honor of longtime fair chairman Jim Hatfield. He was later presented the Lions Club International Lifetime Achievement Award, the first Crittenden Countian to earn the honor.
- Crittenden County native Brad Hart was named the University of Kentucky's Scholar-Athlete of the Year in May. Hart completed his career as a longsnapper at UK, having played on three teams that appeared in post-season bowl games.
- The Rocket football team advanced to the Class A state quarterfinals only to lose by three points to Mayfield, a state finalist.
- Flash flooding left 20 area roads impassable in May.
- The deaths of Dr. R.V. Bharne and District Judge Tommy Simpson were also among the sadder stories of 2009.

2009 Babies



Davis Adrian Brown
Born August 11 to Jason & Jerri Brown



Miles Landon Asbridge
Born July 6 to Bill & Kim Asbridge



Abigail Paige Achord
Born November 19 to Chad & Paula Achord



Colt Matthew Belt
Born March 19 to Matt & Vickie Belt



Katie Rae Allsbury
Born December 16 to Kassie Kelly & Allen Allsbury



Caden Ryan Blazina
Born July 3 to Lee & LeAnn Blazina



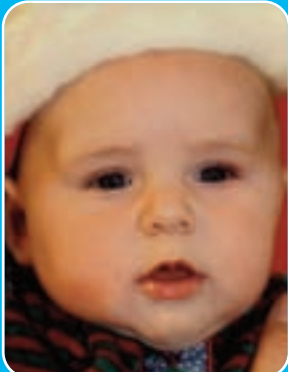
Amelya Grace Brown
Born January 8 to Michael & Sheena Brown



Brady Floyd Dayberry
Born March 25 to Adam & Heather Dayberry



Lila Brooke Curnel
Born September 28 to Jason & Carrie Curnel



Trapper Burton Haire
Born August 5 to Roger & Jeretta Haire



Layken Annison Gilchrist
Born February 14 to Jim & Alison Gilchrist



Kendra LeeAnn Guess
Born August 30 to Ronnie & Kim Guess



Alexander Eugene Hewitt
Born October 13 to Amber & Mitchell Hewitt



Olivia Hinchee
Born January 29 to Phillip & Lauren Hinchee



Anthony Cole Hunt
Born May 31 to Jamie Hunt & Kayla Miniard



Braelyn June Merrill
Born September 4 to Patti & Lester Merrill



Jude Elijah Hutchens
Born February 5 to Joshua Caleb & Stacy Leigh (Browning) Hutchens



Swade Ty Jackson
Born January 8 to Jordan & Alma Jackson



Katherine Macy Munson
Born October 29 granddaughter of Harry & Evelyn Fuller



Dawson Clay Johnson
Born October 22 to Lee Ann & Nicholas Johnson



Morgan Kirklin Piper
Born January 23 to Troy & Brittany Piper



Maeson Jolie and Logan Andrew Martin
Born February 20 to Heath & Yvette Martin



Autumn Rayne Ritter
Born February 23 to Wesley & Summer Ritter



Luke Wesley Kitchens
Born June 19 to Wes & Kerri Kitchens



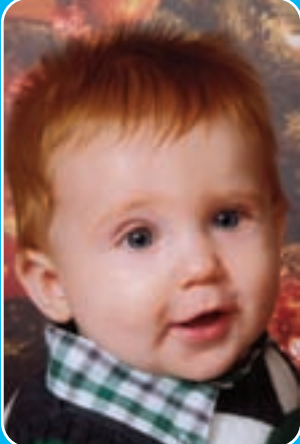
Anna Marie Selph
Born July 1 to Jake & Jody Selph



Davis Edward Perryman
Born January 24 to Chad & Kelly Perryman



Marlee Kay Sosh
Born October 27 to Travis Sosh & Jenny Patton



Jake Allen Rich
Born April 22 to Joey & Chrystal Rich



Miles Logan Rushing
Born August 9 to Josh & Sheena Rushing



Caylee Brooke Tinsley
Born April 3 to Brandon Tinsley & Erica Church



Brody James Samuel
Born June 24 to Jada Williams & Brad Samuel



Maddie Joshelle Watson
Born March 20 to Jimmy Wayne & Courtney Watson



Avery Jace Thompson
Born July 6 to Sean & Brittany Thompson



Lillian Sue "Lilly" Wilcox
Born December 10 to Keith & Suzette Wilcox