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Sneak-A-Peek Back to School open houses start next week

Back to School Bash will be held for middle and high school students from 6-8 p.m., Monday. The annual Sneak-A-Peek at Crittenden Elementary will be next Thursday, Aug. 2. CCES students should attend from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., if their last names start with the letters A-L. For last names starting with letters M-Z, students should attend between 7-8 p.m.

Non-partisan election deadline

The deadline to file candidacy for November's non-partisan elections is 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 14. Applications are available at the Crittenden County Clerk's office. All six non-partisan Marion City Council seats will be up for election in November.

Circuit Clerk's office to close

Due to furloughs and rescheduling of hours due to furloughs, Crittenden Circuit Court Clerk's office will be closed Aug. 6, Aug. 11, Sept. 4 and Sept. 8. The clerk's office will also be closed Sept. 1 and Sept. 3 for the Labor Day holiday.

Hospital close to new OR deal

Crittenden Health Systems officials say it's close to completing a deal that would restart work on a new operating room. Contractor problems stalled the project late last year. The hospital has also had to find new financing, which it recently acquired from CFSB Bank in Benton. See page 4.

Meetings & More

- ✓ Want to reserve a pavilion at Marion-Crittenden County Park for a special event? Call Marion Tourism Department at 965-5015.
- ✓ To get a campsite at River View Park (Dam 50), call Marion Tourism Department at 965-5015 or stop by the tourism center on Main Street. Sites are obtained on a first-come, first-served basis.

ON THE WEB Press Online Poll

This week's Web poll at The Press Online asked readers to answer the following question: **"Do you like the new county fair format with inflatables instead of a carnival?"**

Here is what 397 respondents said:

Yes 50 (12%)
No 271 (68%)
I'll wait to see 66 (16%)
Need more info 10 (2%)

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Suspect waives extradition; may face more charges here

STAFF REPORT

The woman arrested in Fort Smith, Ark., last week driving the car belonging to a Marion man has waived extradition proceedings and will be brought back to Marion before Aug. 7 to possibly face additional charges.

Cindy L. Hutchinson, 50, of Marion has not been officially charged, but is wanted in connection with a death investigation of 89-year-old Jim Roberts, who was found dead on July 16 at his East Depot Street home. Police say Hutchinson was driving his car when she was arrested on a marijuana charge in Fort Smith, Ark., last week.

Hutchinson was also

charged with receiving stolen property (the vehicle) in Arkansas; however, authorities there dropped both charges when she waived extradition proceedings during a court hearing at 1:30 p.m., Monday.

Neighbors suspicious about Hutchinson alerted police early last week that something appeared wrong at Roberts' home when he didn't come out all day long



Hutchinson

and wouldn't answer the door. Late on the evening of Monday, July 16, officers were dispatched to his house and went inside after a relative who had a key to the door was called to help.

Inside, police say Roberts was found dead. They say he'd been beaten and stabbed.

Neighbors said Hutchinson had moved in with Roberts about a week and half before he was found dead. They were suspicious of her from the start.

Hutchinson has a lengthy criminal history in Kentucky and California, and police say she's also wanted in Arizona.



Terry Bunnell, chairman of the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation, told investors and local leaders last week that the financially-troubled group has a solid plan for recovery. Pictured in the background is Jeremy Wheeler, the economic development group's education director who was recently named executive director, when Stan Hoover retired.

Economic development corporation sees low turnout at annual meeting

STAFF REPORT

Financial recovery assistance is something the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation has provided for local manufacturers over the past 15 or so years. Now, the group is itself trying to overcome a fiscal hardship. With investors and interest waning, the group drew just 22 people to last week's annual meeting and nine of those were directors or staff. Attendance was down, but new CCEDC chairman Terry Bunnell said there's a plan for moving forward.

Among its new programs is a fast-track permitting process that will help businesses get started with CCEDC help. Bunnell described it as one-stop shopping for startup companies. Better promotion of itself and its work in the community, a workforce readiness program and an industrial roundtable are all part of the plan.

The roundtable discussions will promote conversation between the economic development group, local leaders and executives from existing indus-



Gareth Hardin (left) was recognized for serving seven years as chairman of the economic development corporation. He stepped down recently and Terry Bunnell (right) was elected chairman.

try. The idea, Bunnell said, is to develop stronger lines of communication.

The CCEDC announced earlier this summer that it was struggling financially. Last week, Bunnell said the group has \$25,440 in cash and debt of about \$200,000, which is a loan for the north industrial park. The property could be valued at up to \$500,000, Bunnell said.

The economic development group had 58 investors during its last fiscal year. They contributed \$50,000. Of those financial stakeholders, the City of Marion, Crittenden County government and Farmers Bank pay a combined \$30,000. The balance comes from private investors, including local businesses and individuals.

"We spent more than \$50,000 last year," Bunnell said.

A drive to attract more shareholders and a plan to get existing ones to give more is on the group's agenda.

"We're also lowering expenses," Bunnell said.

A \$115,000 spending plan was presented to the board of directors a couple of months ago, but Bunnell said that budget is being retooled.

"We're taking it back to \$75,000. We need to raise that to pay expenses," Bunnell told those attending last week's annual meeting.

Wheeler declared a similar theme, stating that in 19 days

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These young ladies are among those who will vie for the title of Miss Crittenden County during Tuesday's fair pageant at Fohs Hall. They are (from left) Zoe Black, Elizabeth Brown and Jessica Tinsley. Other contestants will include Jenna Copeland, Emily Owen, Amber Wright and Ashlee Collins.



NEXT WEEK - TUESDAY

Register 4-H Exhibits at Extension office, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Beauty Pageant Fohs Hall, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

Youth Poultry and Rabbit Show, 9 a.m.
Youth Pet Show, 2 p.m.
Family Night - Free Admission, fairgrounds open at 6 p.m.
Sponsored by: Conrad's, Farmers Bank and Marion Tourism
Cornhole Tournament Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
Free Family Movie, 8:15 p.m., "Davey Crockett and the River Pirates"

THURSDAY, AUG. 2

Goat weigh-in, 8 - 9:30 a.m.
Sheep weigh-in, 9:30 a.m.
Youth goat and sheep shows, 9:30 a.m.
Fairgrounds open, 6 p.m.
Lawnmower derby/4-wheeler barrel racing, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 3

Hog weigh-in, 8 a.m.
Check-out 4-H exhibits at Extension office, 9 - 10:30 a.m.
Beef weigh-in and show, 9:30 a.m.
Fairgrounds open, 6 p.m.
Concert featuring Ridin' Shotgun, 6:30 p.m.
Tractor and Truck pulls Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 4

Fairgrounds open, 6 p.m.
Concert featuring Ridin' Shotgun, 6:30 p.m.
Demolition Derby Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.

ADMISSION PRICES

Tuesday: \$8 for ages 16-up, \$5 for ages 6-15, 5-under free
Wednesday: Free admission for everyone
Thursday-Saturday: \$10 16-up, \$7 ages 6-15, 5-under free

Lions Club says cost, complaints among reasons to scrap carnival

Crittenden County Lions Club spent a great deal of time deciding whether to scrap the carnival from the annual county fair, says Zac Greenwell, club president.

The fair starts Tuesday with its normal slate of feature events, but with a new look on side attractions. Instead of traditional amusement park rides, there will be inflatables and games for youngsters.

In the past, Greenwell said, Lions Club members have received complaints about the carnival, including its cost, safety conditions, inappropriate behavior by carnival workers and games that seemed to con people out of their money.

"Every year, we spent a great deal of time to address these concerns with the carnival company and our relationship with them deteriorated," Greenwell said. "After last year's fair, they did not contact us to renew the contract."

Due to the time and location of Crittenden County's fair, the Lions were unable secure another carnival provider.

"In preparing for this fair, the consensus of the club was to do what we could to keep a family fair atmosphere and address the cost and other concerns by providing the inflatable attrac-

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Free Food Distribution Day is Friday at the Crittenden County Assistance Center. The Crittenden County Food Bank will distribute food from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m. Distribution is behind the former Health Department building.

Technology investments should be KY priority

Wireless technology is changing the way we live and work. Today, there are more wireless connections than there are people in the United States. What used to be merely a convenient way to make and receive phone calls changed drastically when the smart phone integrated wireless and Internet technologies.

Wireless broadband is a key driver of productivity across every segment of our economy and this technology has a lot more potential.

The wireless industry consists of three basic components – devices, applications and the network. New devices and



applications seem to come out daily and require more and more network capacity. If the network is not upgraded to handle the increased data demand, calls may be dropped, downloads will take longer and even basic access can be affected. This is a problem that we are experiencing now in towns

in my district, from Marion to Princeton.

People want mobile broadband technology. They want to use their smart phones, tablets and applications without their service bogging down. Consumers want Facebook to load quickly, YouTube videos to play without stopping and games to run without delays. Businesses need to be able to utilize new laborsaving and service-increasing applications. Whether it is 3G, 4G, or whatever the next “G” speed is, network capacity must keep up with the new devices and applications.

To build the wireless network that Kentucky needs requires a

huge and continuous investment. AT&T alone has invested over \$600 million in three years to improve its Kentucky network. But that is not enough. We need more towers, more upgrades and more capacity. This is especially true in the rural areas that still have 2G service.

Kentucky cannot afford to lag behind other states. Rural areas cannot afford to lag behind urban areas. Wireless broadband is a critical infrastructure and is essential for job growth in this state.

The telecommunications industry wants to update Kentucky's telecommunication laws to attract capital investments by large com-

munications providers and the companies who depend on wireless infrastructure to do business. The challenge we face is balancing the needs of the telecommunications industry and broadband users with those of consumers who have not embraced wireless technology.

I look forward to working toward that middle ground to produce legislation in the 2013 session that will address the needs of Kentucky consumers and those of the telecommunication industry. My hope is that we will be able to work together to move Kentucky forward and bring advanced technology to every part of the state.

Marion doing very well, but could be doing better

By most measures, things are pretty good in Marion and Crittenden County these days. The unemployment rate is below the national average, several of our larger work places (Par 4, Liberty Tire, Invensys Rail, etc.) are hiring, quite a few new commercial buildings went up over the past year, and most of our restaurants and retail stores are reporting brisk business.

Additionally, we have an exceptionally strong church community, a solid and progressive school system, and abundant outdoor recreation opportunities and facilities. Although we lack direct access to a four-lane highway — simply put, Marion is not the easiest place on the map to get to — we sure do seem to host a good



number of out-of-town visitors any given day of the year.

So, what's missing?

What are some things that could be added to the mix of services and activities our community has to offer, that would cement our sense of place and pride?

I can think of one right off the bat: a modern and reasonably priced hotel. Our factories, as well as the local airport, the hospital, and even this city government

have people in from other places on business nearly every single day. Regrettably, few of these visitors spend the night in Crittenden County because of the dearth of available lodging. They find it more convenient just to check in with one of the national hotel chains located down the road at Kuttawa. Even though there are actually quite a few rooming options in Marion, without the “flagship” lodging option of a chain hotel, we are not perceived to have much in the way of overnight hospitality. My friends in the local business community tell me often that they could keep such a hotel booked on a regular basis.

Something else we need is a considerable expansion of our local housing stock. We

frequently hear the comment at City Hall, “I would like to move to Marion, but I can't find a place.” At a glance, our housing mix seems okay. While we are mostly living in owner-occupied single family homes, we do have two apartment complexes, over 150 mobile homes and dozens of rental home properties.

However, the age and condition of our housing units — especially those available for rent — are fast becoming a concern. A subdivision or two of new homes, perhaps in the vicinity of City-County Park, would be a welcome addition to Marion and Crittenden County.

A third thing on my list is perhaps the most likely to come about in the near future. When fluorspar mining

left the county way back in the early part of the 20th century, Crittenden lost its home-based mineral industry. Oh sure, a ton or two of coal was mined in the years thereafter, but nothing to equal the influence that spar once had in Marion. To regain those glory years of fluorspar mining would have an almost untold impact on the local community.

For many years, I've thought that was possible since demand for the mineral is high and Crittenden is one of the few places on earth where it exists. Now, it appears that other conditions are coming about to spark a renewed interest in Crittenden County fluorspar.

As reported in a recent

edition of this newspaper, at least one company is actively drilling for, and testing the quality of, local fluorspar for possible industrial use. We should all be hopeful that their endeavors are fruitful and that other companies follow their lead.

Anyone reading this column could likely name other things they would like to see in Marion.

Please feel free to contact me any time with ideas, opinions or suggestions on this or any other matter you would like the city government to address.

My office number is 965-2266 and my email is mbryant@marionky.gov. You can also follow us on Twitter @marionkygov and at Facebook.com/MarionKentucky.

What the naked emperor exposed to his subjects

The Naked Emperor exposed his true nature. He had been fooled to believe his person was covered by a suit of fabulous invisible clothes suited for his station in life, but when he paraded before his subjects all they saw was his naked body.

The opening paragraph of a commentary in the July 12 edition of The Crittenden Press by a new writer was a prime example of this sad deception.

The paragraph began; "With all the recent talk of anti-Biblical presidents and other doomsday rhetoric" all referencing my reporting of released public documents on the anti-biblical decisions of only one president, not "presidents," that president being Obama.

Under the pretence of pleasing a group to cause division by turning one people of one line of thought against another line of thought, the real mind set was exposed that has been fostered by the hate America, hate conservative professors who are too dumb to stop and ask themselves when they do make America



like the rest of the world, where will their big salaries come from?

These young aspirants that want to be accepted by their bone head professors need to do what the likes of my mindset do, study the end results of the part of the world they want us to be like.

Take the facts of the Soviet Union or Hitler's Germany. When both of these governments seized power, the first ones they slaughtered were the ones that went against their own country to get them in power, and after these the sick, mentally retarded and nonproductive were gotten rid of.

The next in line are what I wish I could get through the minds of these misguided professors, as the next in

line to be slaughtered were the university professors.

Let all doubters go to Google, type in Occupation of Poland 1939-45 on Wikipedia and read the following:

"Abolition of secondary and higher education. As part of wider efforts to destroy Polish culture, the Germans closed or destroyed universities, schools, museums, libraries and scientific laboratories. Many university professors, along with teachers, lawyers, intellectuals and other members of the Polish elite, were arrested and executed. They demolished hundreds of monuments to national heroes. To prevent the birth of a new generation of educated Poles, German officials decreed that Polish children's schooling end after a few years of elementary education."

According to Wikipedia, Himmler wrote a memorandum in May 1940 saying "The sole goal of this schooling is to teach them simple arithmetic, nothing above the number 500; writing one's name; and the doctrine that it is divine law to obey the Germans. . . . I do not think that reading is desirable."

Next go to "The Katyn Controversy; The Killing Fields." This happened at the Katyn Forest 12 miles west of Smolensk, Russia, April-May 1940. This massacre was ordered by Stalin's own hand signature.

"Those who died at Katyn included an admiral, two generals, 24 colonels, 79 lieutenant colonels, 258 majors, 654 captains, 17 naval captains, 3,420 NCOs, seven chaplains, three landowners, a prince, 43 officials, 85 privates, and 131 refugees. Also among the dead were 20 university professors; 300 physicians; several hundred lawyers, engineers, and teachers; and more than 100 writers and journalists as well as about 200 pilots. It was their social status that landed them in front of NKVD execution squads...part of Stalin's long-range effort to prevent the resurgence of an independent Poland."

Don't we know the America and religious haters would also not want a resurgence of an independent America? Now if a comeback denies these facts, we will then know who is in the know, and who is still being played by people who want power over puppets.

It is understanding that young people just out of college these days have not lived much of the real world, and many know very little about ancient world or even American history, and many even less of the Bible and its record of complimentary history.

Religious freedom is under attack in America everywhere. There is a Mr. Salman in Phoenix in jail for 60 days and charged \$12,180 (that is 12 thousand) and a three-year probation for holding Bible studies in his home, with the city hiding behind city ordinances made by man. Other cities have been taken to court for the same violation of first amendment rights.

Those that are up to par on all this information, and

versed in real news, instead of the ultra and deceitful destructive slant on the real news that most of the media outlets put out any more, realize that when anyone cares enough to stand in the gap and warn people of the real doomsday, they will not call it rhetoric, nor try to destroy the messenger but will try to help facilitate the message.

Thank God we aren't yet as bad as it was when Jesus, Paul and 20 million Christians were murdered during pagan rule the first 300 years of the church, or when 60 million more were killed during the Roman Church for the next 1260 years.

The beginning was not to kill all of them, just make them adhere to the powerful men's rules. Killing came later for those who would not bend, burn or recant.

Love to all, even disparagers.

Rev. Tedrick is a Marion minister. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you to all supporters

Dear Editor,

The second annual Livingston and Crittenden County Charity Golf Scramble to benefit the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch held on June 23 with Livingston County Sheriff Bobby Davidson and Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent hosting the event, was a huge success.

We send our sincere thanks to sheriffs Davidson and Agent as well as to the Livingston and Crittenden County sheriffs' offices and to all those donating gifts, sponsoring holes and helping out. Your support and the help of this event ensures we continue to reach Ken-

tucky's youth in a positive manner.

The ranch provides a week-long camp experience to boys and girls between the ages of eight and 11 from throughout Kentucky who could not otherwise afford to go to camp. We strive to redirect the lives of these children, to build their self-esteem, moral character and teach them to have respect for themselves, others and law enforcement professionals.

For more information about the camping program, feel free to contact us at (270)-362-8660. Thanks again for an outstanding event. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's tournament.

Jerry Wagner
Executive Director
Ewing, Ky.

Fight for smaller government

Dear Editor,

Freedom verses socialism, the direction of our country now falls on the backs of every legal voter in America. With the Supreme Court upholding Obama's health care law, there's never been a more important time for a reawakening of the American people. It's time that "We the People" step up to the plate and say enough. This is a critical time for America and it may possibly be the last chance we'll have to take back control of government for the people, by the people and with the consent of the people.

I know you're probably asking what or how can little old me do

this? The answer is simple: Don't be afraid to become active in your community. Don't be shy about contacting your representatives at the state and federal level, call them or write them to let them know that you agree or disagree with the actions they take on your behalf. Unless you stay in touch with all your representatives they can only assume you approve of their actions. Another important difference you can make in this upcoming election is to not expect that going to the voting booth is the only obligation you have or that it's enough. Talk with your family, your neighbors and members of your church, before long you may find their concerns about where our nation is headed may be the same as yours.

If you find someone that says

they're not interested, then ask them if they know about dictators and if they would like living under one? You could also mention that our current administration is negotiating with the United Nations a treaty that will limit your second amendment right, the right to keep and bear arms. Just look at New York City Mayor Bloomberg, who took control of the amount of salt one may consume and now he has turned his sights on fountain drinks. Now "are you thinking or are you laughing?"

I'm ending on a quote by Ronald Regan: "There are no easy answers but there are simple answers. We must have the courage to do what we know is morally right."

Paula Gatewood
Marion, Ky.

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Marion City Council normally convenes in regular session at Marion City Hall at 6 p.m., on the third Monday of each month



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Government: www.marionky.gov
Tourism: www.marionkentucky.us

WHO WE ARE



Mattoon



Brenda Buskirk

Originally from Bartlesville, Okla. Brenda Buskirk is familiar with summer heat waves.

“The great thing about Kentucky is at nighttime it cools off. In Oklahoma it doesn’t,” Buskirk said. “It’s hot and it stays hot.”

The heat keeps her busy as she tends to the needs of the animals on her farm in Mattoon. In addition to three horses, Buskirk has around 100 head of sheep. Four Maremma Sheepdogs keep watch over the large herd.

“They are good herding dogs and

very protective of the sheep and farm,” Buskirk said. “If they don’t know you, you wouldn’t want to approach them.”

Close friends Raymond Mast and Moses Beachy also keep watch and help out on the farm. From bush hogging to cutting fire wood for winter, the neighbors help Buskirk with a variety of chores.

“Pastureland is low with the drought. You have to feed with hay and minerals,” she said.

Buskirk said the farm was experiencing soil erosion. To reinvigorate

the land, friends Kevin, Dustin and Landon Ray of Ray Farms and Kyle Baird of Baird Farms helped correct erosion problems and improve soil conditions. Many acres are now being used for row crops.

Buskirk has a degree in child development from Murray State University. She has worked as a day care director and has taught in both private and Christian schools in Tennessee and Alabama.

Family responsibilities eventually brought her back to Crittenden County and her parents’ farm. Her

mother passed away in 2011 and her father moved back to Oklahoma. Buskirk says she enjoys farming and loves Crittenden County and the country way of life.

“I truly love the country,” she said. “You just don’t take that out of someone.”

Who We Are is a regular feature in The Crittenden Press, focusing on people in our community.



Three Marion mail carriers were recently honored for their service and Officer in Charge Troy Utley (front) has been reassigned. Pictured in back are (from left) Charlotte Nesbitt, who has served more than 30 years at the Marion Post Office; Randy Belt, who received a 30-year service pin; and Kenny Conger, who has 30 years of military and postal service combined.



Anthony Brooks

BY JOHN WALKER
PRESS REPORTER

New postmaster Anthony Brooks started his job at the Marion Post Office last week.

He is the first postmaster to serve in Marion since July 2011, when former postmaster Barry Chandler was re-assigned to another post office. Since that time, Troy Utley has been working as the officer in charge in Marion. Utley has now been reassigned to a supervisory role in Mayfield.

Brooks is no stranger to the postal service. He has been working for the United States Postal Service in some capacity for the past 19 years.

He has seen all sorts of cities and post offices in his career with the USPS, but really enjoys working in smaller towns when he gets the chance.

“I like having the interaction with the public,” Brooks said. “I like being more hands-on – more hands-on with the customers or even getting out into the community.”

Brooks has worked in Marion before when the office was short staffed. He enjoys the community atmosphere.

Currently, Brooks is commuting each day from Clay in Webster County. He hasn’t de-

cided whether to move here or not.

“That is something I will definitely have to talk to my wife about when the time comes,” Brooks said.

Outside of the post office, Brooks plays guitar both at home and with the praise band at First Baptist Church of Clay.

Before coming to Marion, Brooks was postmaster at Sturgis. Before that, he was a carrier in Evansville, Madisonville and served four years in the United States Marine Corps as a diesel mechanic. That stint came right out of high school. During his time in the military, Brooks participated in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

As a carrier, he aspired to the position of postmaster. In his time working at the post office, Brooks has seen many changes, but did not comment on the current budget cuts and restructuring happening across the country.

“Those decisions are way over my head,” Brooks said. “I only see a small part of what is going on. That is what I am focused on.”

Brooks is originally from Webster County. He resides there with his wife, Yovette. They have three children together, Tommy, 25, Kendra, 22, and Charles, 19.

Marion postal carriers honored for service; postmaster assigned

County working to update radios to FCC’s new narrow-band system

BY JOHN WALKER
PRESS REPORTER

County officials are preparing to switch local emergency agencies’ radio frequencies over to the new required narrow-band system.

The new system is a way for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to make room for more frequencies across the spectrum. The deadline to switch over to narrow banding is Jan. 1.

Marion City Councilman and Rescue Squad Chief Donnie Arflack is one of those spearheading this move, making sure the county and city are on task before the deadline. The county fiscal court will be paying for software needed to reprogram radios, which is provided by radio manufacturers, such as Motorola and Kenwood. Cost of the software will be about \$2,500. It is a much better deal, according to Arflack,

than paying more than \$10,000 for someone else to do the work.

“We are hoping to get this finished in the next month,” Arflack said.

The system does not plan to create new frequencies, he said, instead it will make room on existing frequencies.

According to the FCC, the current model is too crowded and needs to be re-worked to allow or more users. Its website explains, “This will allow creation of additional channels within the same spectrum, thereby supporting more users.”

Arflack said the new system will take time, but it will help with current space issues.

“By doing what they call narrow banding, they are going to double the amount of available frequencies,” Arflack said.

Any radio that has been bought in the past five years will be required to switch

over to narrow banding. Older radios are not capable of making the switch. Every individual radio will have to be updated in order to be on the narrow banding frequency.

There will be some cost to the county to replace old radios used by volunteer firemen and other first responders.

“Modern radios are computerized, so we really just have to reprogram them,” Arflack said. “Since we are buying the software, we can reprogram our own radios. We will buy the license for the frequencies by the end of next month and then we can start going through each radio, which will take a while.”

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said he is grateful for Arflack’s volunteering to update to narrow banding. Only radios used by vital emergency services will be updated by the county.



Crittenden County Public Library director Regina Merrick teaches an ongoing class on computer technology. Participants learn basic functions of computer programs and applications. The class runs through the end of this month, but a new one will begin in August. There are only seven spots available. Anyone wishing to pre-register should contact the library at 965-3354. Pictured during a recent class are (counter-clockwise around table) Merrick, Ann Blackburn, Jim Blackburn, Dianne York, Nancy Jackson, Naoma Jennings, Ruby Baker and Barbara Steele.

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New addition

Hospital gears up to restart building project

BY JOHN WALKER
PRESS REPORTER

Crittenden Health Systems is gearing back up to begin work on renovation and expansion of its surgical suite.

Completion of the renovation and new operating room was delayed after complications arose with a previous contractor last year. Now, the hospital is working to secure a new, \$4.13 million loan from Community Financial Services Bank (CFSB). The loan will be for \$1.5 million more than the original estimate to build the operating room of \$2.63 million two years ago.

Wade Berry, chairman of the board of directors at CHS, said the new surgical addition is behind schedule, but that has not deterred the hospital's efforts.

Work is expected to begin next week with contractor Ray Black and Sons of Paducah getting the bid. Completion is expected by April 1, 2013.

The project is approximately 16 months behind schedule as a result of previous contractor issues and a matter with the surety bond company backing the contractor's work. Hospital officials are still hopeful they can recover damages from the original contract, but those legal matters could take months or years to clear up.

Berry said the hospital is in need of this addition in order to continue providing quality surgical operations at CHS.

"The existing surgical suite is too small to optimally meet the current and future needs of the physicians in the operating room," Berry said. "The latest technologies and monitors and anesthesia equipment combined with the surgeon and nurses leave little space to maneuver around the surgical table during procedures."

He also said that the current OR is the oldest segment of the hospital's original building, and over the course of about 30 years various codes for hospitals have evolved to include measures that require updates. Although the current area is safe, he said, the added technology has outpaced functioning abilities of the original utilities.

The addition is also expected to bring an increase in staff by creating 3-5 positions in orthopedic and urologic cases and more surgical patients. Berry said the hospital will need additional anesthesia services, nurses and technologists to meet the anticipated demand.

The project is not expected to bring too much disturbance to the hospital's campus. Berry said much of the impact from construction has already been addressed through earlier work.

"The parking lot space lost due to construction material storage has been addressed and employees at CHS have adjusted to the crowded outcomes in a very thoughtful and orderly manner and need to be commended for temporarily sacrificing their parking spaces," Berry said. "Altered delivery flows and the temporary closure of the heliport have been an inconvenience but have also been matched with alternative routes and sites most convenient to patient needs and safety patterns. The Marion Airport has served as the temporary CHS heliport quite well."

Berry also said stage two pass through, from new construction to the renovation area, in late fall will require additional barriers and specific precautions to ensure patient safety and infection control. Plans call for completion of work in the surgical area with all utilities and equipment operable and prepared for surgery before work on renovation of the existing area can begin. He said this last stage of construction will be the most challenging.

A public display showing blueprints and plans of the expansion and renovation project can be seen at CHS.

State unveils new license plates



BY JOHN WALKER
PRESS REPORTER

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet released a new set of license plates last week. There are five new plates in all, which will go to help their respective organizations.

The Natures Finest plates have three new designs, one with a cardinal, Kentucky's state bird, another with a bobcat and a third with viceroy butterflies, the state insect, flying around a goldenrod, the state flower.

All proceeds for these three will go to the Kentucky Heritage Land and Conservation Fund. There is also a new I Support Veterans plate, which will go to support the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs. The fifth new plate is Just For Kids, which goes to support the Kosair Children's Hospital.



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To freeze or can summer’s harvest?

Soon, many vegetables and fruits will be ready for harvesting, and many gardeners will have more produce than they can readily eat. Those who want to preserve fresh, summer foods for later consumption will consider either freezing or canning the harvest. But is one way of preservation better than the other? The answer depends on the type of food you want to preserve.

If proper techniques and correct temperatures are used, frozen foods retain greater amounts of their vitamin content, natural color, flavor and texture.

Freezing foods preserves them by stopping or slowing the growth of microorganisms that cause food-borne illnesses and spoilage.

Freezing is perhaps the easiest food preservation method, but not all foods freeze well. Some vegetables with high water content are not well suited for use as raw vegetables after freezing, but

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work well as ingredients in cooked dishes, like soups. Green, leafy vegetables like lettuce, cabbage and celery can become limp and watery. They may also develop an oxidized flavor when frozen. Foods containing eggs or milk may separate water from solids or become tough, frothy or watery depending on the other ingredients. Freezing fried foods can cause them to lose their crispness and become soggy.

Like freezing, canning, when done correctly, can stop the growth of microorganisms that cause food-borne illnesses and spoilage. Canning is a safe and cost-effective way to preserve

foods. Many fruits and vegetables begin losing their nutritive value once harvested, so it’s best to can foods at the peak of freshness. This is usually within six to 12 hours after harvesting or purchasing from a farmers market.

You should know the acidity of the food you are canning. Foods high in acid can be prepared in a boiling water canner while low-acid foods must be preserved using a pressure canner to minimize food-borne illnesses.

If you’re canning for the first time or have previous experience but want to can a new food, check that the food has recommended canning guidelines from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These guidelines can be found in USDA’s Complete Guide to Home Canning available online at http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html. Do not can foods lacking

USDA guidelines, as the absence of guidelines for a particular food is likely due to a safety or quality concern.

The amount of freezer space or access to canning supplies and equipment are additional factors to consider when choosing the best way to preserve fresh summer produce. As food consumers become more familiar with food preservation, the question of freezing or canning becomes a choice based on taste, food preferences, convenience and available resources.

The University of Kentucky offers extension publications on the correct way to freeze and can foods. The local office loans pressure canners, water bath canners, dehydrators, and a food strainer for three day periods. For more information on food preservation, contact the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at 965-5236.



Watkins-Hill

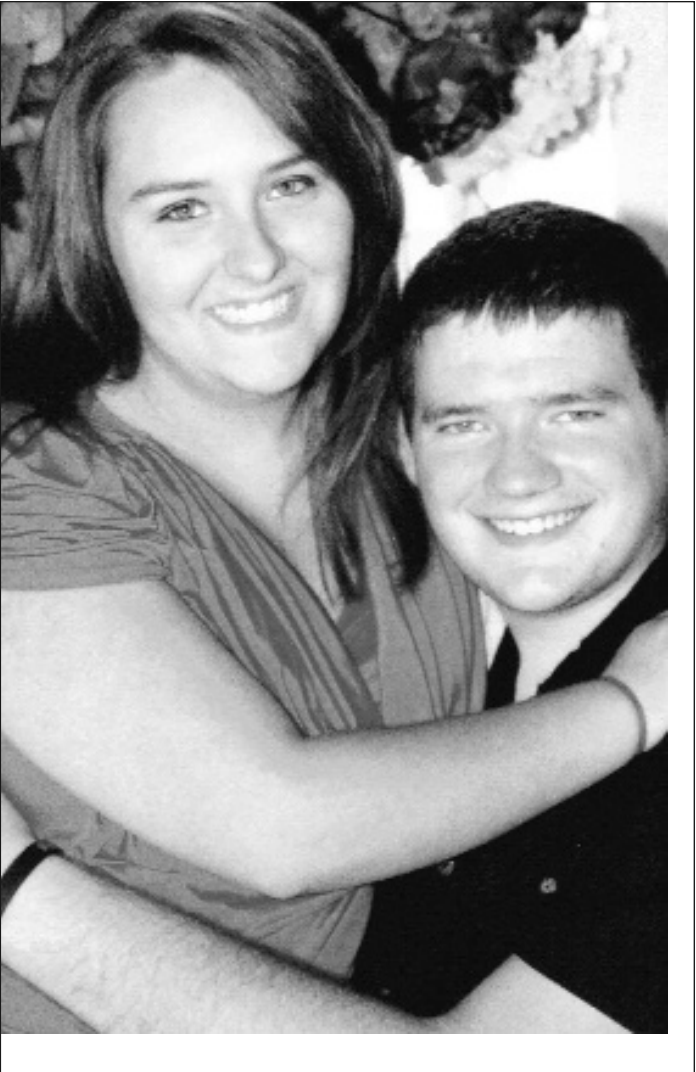
Dr. and Mrs. Don Watkins of Paducah announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Julia Ann Watkins, to Joshua Franklin Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill of Marion.

Watkins was homeschooled until college where she graduated from Belhaven University in Jackson, Miss., with a bachelor of arts degree in violin performance. She is employed as a violin and piano private instructor. She is also employed as a swim instructor

at the Paducah Athletic Club and a member of the Paducah Symphony Orchestra.

Hill is a graduate of Crittenden County High School and is employed by the Kentucky State Penitentiary. He also plays guitar and composes music for a local band with his fiancée.

A wedding held in September is planned in Marion, officiated by the bride’s father. The couple will reside in Ledbetter.



Haney-Dawdy

Gary and Jill Haney of Salem announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Donetta Haney, to Anthony Dawdy, son of William Dawdy, Jr., and Debora Dawdy, both of Marshall County.

Haney is the granddaughter of the late Roy Keith Wadlington of Salem and Betty Welsh of Salem and the late Donnie Ramage and Joan Ramage of Smithland.

She is a 2011 graduate of Livingston Central High School and is attending WKCTC in Paducah. She is

employed at Wal-Mart in Benton.

Dawdy is the grandson of William Dawdy, Sr., and Georgiann Dawdy of White Hall, Ill., and the late Natalie Bruce and Glenn Bruce of Connecticut.

He is a 2011 graduate of Marshall County High School and is attending NADC in Nashville.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 3 p.m., Aug. 25 at Lola Pentecostal Church. A reception will follow at the Livingston County Exhibit Hall in Smithland.

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Bus 066	E. Fortune	County wide handicap
Bus 9707	T. Pennington	Wilson Farm Rd., Sugar Grove Church, Old Shady Grove, Belleville Manor Apts., Kevil St., Towery, Cave Springs Hwy. 654 S.
Bus 1110	T. Alexander	Hwy. 60 West to Salem, Levias, Love Cemetery Rd., Eagle Mine Rd.,
Bus 1111	L. Schneckloth	East Bellville to and including Cherry St., N. College to First St., Greenwood Heights
Bus 9916	C. Ladd	Old Morganfield Road, North Main Street from Royal Inn to Industrial Drive on South Main Street (Marion)
Bus 9917	T. Fitzgerald	Midday
Bus 2018	R. Towery/ L. Schneckloth	Preschool/headstart town students only; AM/PM/MIDDAY
Bus 2019	T. Fitzgerald	Freedom Church Rd., N. Weldon St., N. Yandell St., Old Salem Rd.
Bus 9421	L. Robinson	Midday
Bus 0523	L. Williamson	Chapel Hill Rd., Crayne Cem. Rd., Hwy. 641 from Railroad Ave. to Caldwell Co. line, Nipper Rd., Harris Rd
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Bus 0130	R. Orr	Hwy. 60 East from Creekside Apts. to Union Co. line
Bus 0931	E. Myrick	Guy Hodge Rd., Ford’s Ferry Rd., Hwy. 60 from CCHS to and including S. Weldon St. , Brown School
Bus 0932	B. Peek	Hwy. 855 S., Hwy. 902, Dycusburg, Hwy. 70, Hwy. 641 from Railroad Ave. to Coleman Rd., Joyce Rd.
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Bus 0739	M. McConnell	Hwy. 365 (Baker Rd.), Hwy. 654 N. (Weston Rd.), Cotton Patch Rd, Mt. Zion Rd., Baker Hollow Rd.
Bus 0742	L. Robinson	Hwy. 723, Hwy. 838, Deer Creek Church Rd., Claude Belt Rd., Watson Cemetery Rd., Lewis Croft Rd.
Bus 0244	R. Winders	91 N. Hwy. 135 to. 1668, Watson, Brookcliff, Arlene, Hickory Hills, Donald Winders Rd., O.B. McDaniel Rd., Willard Easley Rd.

**This list does not include all roads and streets.*



Alexander, Barnes attend summer workshop

Susan Alexander (left), President-elect and Peggy Barnes, State President of GFWC-Kentucky Women’s Clubs paused for a picture at the summer workshop held in Lexington July 13-14. Members from across the state attended the event planned by Barnes and Alexander to orient clubs on programs and projects for the next two years. Nancy Hunt, president of Woman’s Club of Marion, represented the local club.

Registration open for senior games

STAFF REPORT
Murray will host the 2012 Kentucky Senior Games Oct. 3-7.

Athletes age 50 and over are encouraged to participate in the events. The games are for those who love competition, serious athletes or those who simply enjoy staying fit. The National Senior Games Association sanctions the Kentucky Senior Games.

The multi-sport format allows athletes to compete in a 5K, archery, badminton, basketball, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, pickleball, a racewalk, racquetball, shuffleboard, softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field and volleyball. Participants will also be able to enjoy special events such as a fun day, dance and the

opening ceremony.

Registration for the games is now open; the deadline to sign up is Aug. 31.

"Hosting the Kentucky Senior Games will be a community-wide effort and we are excited to have visitors from all over the state here in Murray," Erin Carrico, executive director of the Murray Convention and Visitors Bu-

reau said,


The registration packet is available online at kyseiniorgames.com or contact the Murray Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1.800.651.1603 or Stephanie Butler at stephaniebutler@tourmurray.com for more information.



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U.S. Bankruptcy Judges Alan C. Stout (left) and Jerry A. Brown (both Crittenden County natives) recently attended the Federal Judicial Center's training for bankruptcy judges in Charleston, S.C.



Doom-Worley

David and Desiree' Morrow and James and Julia Doom announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jeslyn Dawn, to David Allen Worley, son of Carlton and Shirley Worley.

Doom is a 2011 graduate of Livingston Central High

School.

Worley is a 2010 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

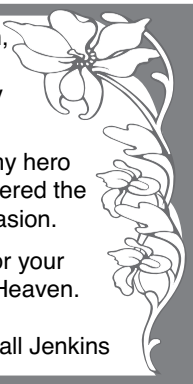
Wedding vows will be exchanged at 11 a.m., Aug. 4 at the home of the groom and bride-elect in Crayne.


From the moment of the news of his death, wonderful memories of the times we spent together rolled through my mind. He was my mentor and my favorite cousin.

I remember him as muscles of steel and my hero of World War II. He once told me that he entered the fighting of WWII the day after the D-Day invasion.

I salute you Houston Kirk and thank you for your service in the Army of the USA. See you in Heaven.

Robert Marshall Jenkins






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

Community Spotlight

National Commander to visit Marion VFW

On Aug. 1, newly elected National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars John E. Hamilton, will be making a visit to the Marion VFW Post 12022. The visit is open to the public and will be from 2:30-3:30 p.m.



Hamilton

From United States Marine to Professional Wrestler to a small business owner to Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America, Hamilton's journey seems like a strange route, but that is how

Hamilton has been able to get where he is now.

Graduating with honors from the Georgia Military Institute in 1967, Hamilton went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps from 1968-1970, including a tour in Vietnam. He also worked as a professional wrestler throughout the United States and the world for 15 years, known by his stage name as Johnny Montana, (also known as "Dr. Death") along with other names and identities.

Hamilton is a member of the Military Order of the Cootie, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and Marine Corps League. He joined the VFW in 1974 at Post 7909 In Jacksonville, Fla., where he maintains his life membership. He resides in St. Augustine, Fla.

Weldon graduates from Murray State

Stephanie Weldon of Marion graduated from Murray State University May 12. She received her master's degree in education of moderate to severe disabilities. She is the wife of Jason Weldon.



Weldon

Bill Cunningham speaks at conference

Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham was the keynote speaker at the opening session of the Southern States Correctional Association's 2012 annual conference in Lexington on July 15. The Southern States Correctional Association has approximately 1,200 members from 14 states representing virtually every type of corrections agency. SSCA has become a dynamic force in

the field of corrections, offering its members an opportunity for networking with the best corrections personnel in the country.

Justice Cunningham spoke to the group about the four major characteristics of a good correctional employee – respect, pride, commitment and a positive attitude. He suggested that every correctional officer's creed should be the words of George Bernard Shaw, "If you have some respect for people as they are, you can be more effective in helping them to become better than they are." Having lived and worked in such close proximity to the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville, Justice Cunningham has a very personal knowledge of the challenges correctional employees face each and every day.

Justice Cunningham represents the 1st Supreme Court District and lives in Lyon County. Before being elected to the state's highest court in 2006, he served as a circuit court judge for 15 years. He also served as a prosecutor from 1976 to 1988.

Fall registration under way at WKCTC

STAFF REPORT

Fall registration is under way for the fall semester which begins Aug. 13 at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. Students are encouraged to apply online at westkentucky.kctcs.edu/Admissions.

Orientation for all new fall 2012 students will be from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Friday.

Named one of the top five community colleges in 2011 by the Aspen Institute, WKCTC offers more than 400

associate degree, diploma and certificate options in 48 academic and technical programs. In addition, WKCTC's Accessible College Education is flexible and convenient, designed with working adults in mind. Students can jump

start their careers and earn credit for prior learning or work experience or earn a degree by taking classes one night a week on online.

For more information, contact the WKCTC Admissions Office at 270-534-3264.

ThePressCALENDAR

Thursday, July 26

- Substitute teacher orientation and training in the Crittenden County School District will be offered at the Rocket Arena conference room from 6-8:30 p.m., today (Thursday). Only one session is required. A make-up training will be offered 6-8:30 p.m., Aug. 13. Regulations require at least 60 hours college credit to be eligible to substitute teach.

Saturday, July 28

- A Flashlight Reading Night will be held at 8 p.m., Saturday at Marion's City-County Park. The event is coordinated by the Little Caesar Rodney Foundation, headed by David Drennan of Marion. Participants are encouraged to bring flashlights, a good book

and lawn chairs.

Monday, July 30

- Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 4 p.m., Monday in the teachers' conference room at CCHS.
- There will be a parent information meeting at 7 p.m., Monday for incoming freshmen and juniors at Crittenden County High School concerning a trip to Washington, D.C. The meeting will be held in the high school library in conjunction with the Back to School Bash.

Upcoming

- Marion's American Legion Ellis B. Ordway Post No. 111 will meet at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 6 in the Fohs Hall basement meeting room. All members are urged to attend.

Ongoing

- Free vegetables are available at Main Street Farmers Market from 9-11 a.m., Fridays. This is produce from the Victory Garden, sponsored by local churches and headed by Life in Christ Church.
- The Caldwell and Lyon County Grief Support Group is held at 2 p.m., every Monday in the Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association building in Princeton. It offers an educated and trained Christian grief counselor who can guide a person through the initial stages of grief and beyond after the loss of a loved one. The group is open to everyone and there is no charge. For more information or directions, call Carma Lee Chandler at 365-6578. If unable

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The family of Herman Reed would like to thank everyone for the food, phone calls, flowers, cards and most of all the prayers during the loss of our husband, dad and grandfather.

A special thank you to the staff of Myers Funeral Home for their kindness and help during this difficult time and to Bro. Jim Porter for the wonderful service.

We feel he would have been very proud of the way things were handled. Please continue to remember us during this difficult time.

Kathleen Reed (wife),
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The family of J.D. Orr would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the kindness and expressions of love given to us during our loss.

Thank you for the food, flowers, prayers, donations, visits and especially the stories that everyone told us, which are cherished memories of who we have lost.

Finally a special thank you to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom for lowering the flags at the court house to half mast in his honor.

May God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Cheryl, Jason, Shelley & Jarrod Singleton

Happy 21st Birthday

Joey Martin

—July 9, 1991 - December 8, 2007—

Joey, I think of you every day. I wish you were here. We love and miss you very much.

Grandmother Iva Nell Martin & Family

Thank You

The family of Ronnie Davidson would like to thank our friends and relatives for the special condolences, phone calls, flowers and visits during a time of loss. Also, thanks to Rev. Jerry Thurman and the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home. Last but not least we would like to thank his neighbors and Ruth Ann Farmer, his speical neighbor, that checked on him so often. May God bless each of you is our prayer.

Randy & Billie Davidson,
Crystal Engler & Children

Allie & Ella Welcome Their Sister

Isabel Laken Geary



Ken and Shana Wheeler Geary, along with siblings Alexandria and Ella Geary of Marion, announce the birth of their daughter and sister, Isabel Laken Geary, born June, 18, 2012 at Deaconess Women's Center in Evansville, IN. Isabel weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 ½ in. long.

Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Martha Wheeler of Madisonville and Jerry and Linda Scarbrough of Symsonia.

Paternal grandparents are Larry & Karen Geary of Hanson.

Maternal great-grandparents are Al and Virginia Zimmer of Cincinnati, OH and Helen Hunt of Marion the late Syvan Hunt.

Paternal great-grandparents are James and Minnie Lou Geary of Echols, KY and the late W.T. and Louise Woodruff.

The family of Phillip Belt would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, visits, calls, flowers, food, gifts and words of comfort during Phillip's illness and our loss.

We would especially like to thank Dr. Yazigi and the Livingston Hospital staff for their special care and treatment during Phillip's illness.

Thanks also to Bro. Jimmy Porter and Bro. Wayne Winters for their words of comfort and encouragement during the funeral and to members of Hurricane Church for the wonderful meal after the funeral.

We also want to thank the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for their kindness and for taking care of everything the way we requested.

Again, we really do appreciate the acts of kindness shown to us. May God bless each of you is our prayer.

Peggy
Anne Rae & Family
Dot & Family

History tells of non summer, drought of 1936

The weather is the most talked about subject in our county right now, myself included. Lets take a look back at some other weather that occurred many years ago including another drought that hit our county in 1936.

Have you ever heard of the year without a summer? I recently ran across this article about that long ago time that is still brought up occasionally in conversation. Perhaps you have never read about this summer in 1816, so I thought you might enjoy reading about it. The article was published in The Crittenden Press in 1978.

1816

The Year Without A Summer

If you think the weather is bad now, you should have seen the summer of 1816. It wasn't much to look at. The truth is it was canceled due to bad weather.

Eighteen-sixteen is legendary in the annals of weather. Old timers still sit around the potbellied stoves in country stores and talk about it, the way their grandpaps told it. It has been called the year without a summer. It has also been called "poverty year" and "eighteen hundred and froze-to-death."

From May through September, an unprecedented series of cold spells chilled the northeastern United States and adjoining Canadian provinces, causing a backward spring, a cold summer and an early fall.

There was heavy snow in June and frost even in July and August. All across the Northeast, farmers' crops were repeatedly killed by the



cold, raising the specter of widespread famine.

The amazing weather of 1816 is well documented in the diaries and memoirs of those who endured it. Benjamin Harrison, a farmer in Bennington, Vt., termed it "the most gloomy and extraordinary weather ever seen." Chauncey Jerome of Plymouth, Conn., writing in 1860, recalled "I well remember the 7th of June. . . dressed throughout with thick woolen clothes and an overcoat on. My hands got so cold that I was obligated to lay down my tools and put on a pair of mittens – on the 10th of June, my wife brought in some clothes that had been spread on the ground the night before, which were frozen still as in winter. On the 4th of July, I saw several men pitching quilts in the middle of the day with thick overcoats on, and the sun shining bright at the time."

Since relatively few settlers had yet crossed the Mississippi, most of our weather observations for 1816 came from the eastern United States, particularly the Northeast, where there was a tradition of weather watching.

The best observations available were made at Williamstown in the north-

western corner of Massachusetts.

April and May in 1816 were both cold months over the Northeast, with frost retarding spring planting. Flowers were late in blooming and many fruit trees did not blossom until the end of May only to have their budding leaves and blossoms killed by a hard frost which also destroyed corn and other plants.

Warm weather finally came to all parts of the Northeast during the first few days of June. Farmers forgot the frost of May and began replanting their crops. But even as they labored, a cold front was approaching that would bring disaster.

Following the frontal passage, temperatures fell dramatically under the onslaught of arctic air. At noon on June 5, the temperature at Williamsburg was 83 degrees. By 7 a.m., on the 6th it had dropped 45 degrees, the highest temperature recorded for the day.

From June 6 to 9, severe frost occurred every night from Canada to Virginia. Ice was reported near Philadelphia, and every green herb was killed, and vegetables of every description very much injured. In northern Vermont, the ice was an inch thick on standing water while elsewhere in the state icicles were seen a foot long, corn and other vegetables were killed to the ground, and upon the high lands the leaves of trees withered and fell off.

The people that lived during this time probably did not know what had caused

their year without a summer, but with one Google search on the internet for the Summer of 1816, comes up the information: Why there was no summer in 1816. The explosion of Mount Tambora that took place in 1815 was so intense that the ash cloud reached the earth's stratosphere, which enabled it to be carried to other parts of the world. Because it takes time for the ash to circulate, it didn't drastically affect weather patterns in distant places, such as the Northern Hemisphere, until 1816. The dust in the atmosphere caused less sunlight to pass through, thus causing unseasonably cold temperatures. It is interesting to note that the crop failure in New England caused farmers to move westward. This mass migration shifted the nation's farming industry away from the eastern part of the nation.

Here's a look at the drought of 1936 in our county.

July 10, 1936 Heat wave

Kentucky is scorching beneath a record breaking heat wave. The thermometer reading in Marion ranged from 94 to 106 indoors and the highest outdoor record was 110. (Note it said indoors.)

July 31, 1936

Drought relief in the county

The Rural Rehabilitation office has been delegated the responsibility of taking applications for Emergency Feed loans for drought stricken farmers of Crittenden and Livingston counties. Feed loans will be made

for maintenance of livestock including work stock, milk, cows, poultry, hogs and sheep.

July 31, 1936 Shower strikes city Tuesday afternoon

The first rainfall in many days visited the city Tuesday afternoon and was of short duration. Rain was not general over the county. The showers fell within a radius of approximately a mile and went no farther north than Winlow Park.

The crops in the county are damaged irreparably and few observers believe that these could be saved even in the face of sufficient rainfall. One farmer of long experience in hill land is responsible for the statement that the ground is not so devoid of moisture to cause the searing and burning of the growing crops but the damage has been caused by the hot sun and the winds that have parched the portions above the surface of the soil.

A customary sight is that of wagons loaded with barrels hauling water for the use of families who have exhausted their supply and in some cases this haul is several miles in length. Many wells and streams have dried up that have never dried up before.

Aug. 21, 1936

Excessive heat continues

The abnormal high temperature continues without abatement throughout the entire state with all time high records being set daily. In addition to the heat, the dry period continues with meteorologists forecasting local showers with no moderation of weather.

Sept. 4, 1936

Rain shatters heat drought waves

Rain Saturday morning, Tuesday and Wednesday was of material benefit to farmers of Crittenden and surrounding counties. The rainfall was general and steady and will aid in preparing ground for fall and winter planting. The downfall of Tuesday and Wednesday was the first of any consequence in two months and was estimated at one inch.

Temperatures were greatly reduced, ranging from 100 degrees and better in several places, all time record reports, to the 60s and 70s. The rain of Saturday forced the mercury down to 87 at 10 a.m, while the day before at the same hour a reading of 94 was shown.

The past month was the most severe and trying for many years, normal temperatures were reported for the initial 10 days but the heat had become record breaking by the 15th. During the remainder, record after record for temperatures was surpassed when the heat wave was finally broken by the showers of the past Saturday.

The section is still short of average rainfall but meteorologists were of the opinion that no dire need would be experienced for the remainder of the year with no severity as that of the past two months.

That was the weather for the summer of 1936, it sounds very familiar to what we are experiencing this year, as to the drought and excessive heat. I guess we have set another weather record for this summer and

Rebel preachers jailed based on pro-slavery views

Submitted by Berry Craig

On this date in 1862, a pair of Presbyterian preachers was lodged in the Newport Barracks on charges of disloyalty.



Craig

Union authorities arrested the pastors, the Rev. Thomas A. Hoyt of Louisville and the Rev. James H. Brooks of St. Louis, in Cincinnati and jailed them after searching "their persons and baggage," according to Lewis and Richard Collins' History of Kentucky.

Hoyt and Brooks were snared in a statewide dragnet of Rebel sympathizing parsons. Before the Civil War, Protestant churches

split into Northern, anti-slavery and Southern, pro-slavery branches.

Kentucky didn't secede, but it was a slave state. Hence, almost all Kentucky churches affiliated with the Southern denominations.

Like their counterparts in Confederate states, a number of Kentucky pastors were outspokenly pro-slavery and pro-secession. Union civilian and military officers considered them traitors. (In the Confederacy, pro-Union and anti-slavery pastors were also deemed

disloyal and punished with arrest or exile.)

Joining Hoyt and Brooks in captivity were the Revs. S.D. Baldwin, R. Ford and E.D. Elliott, all from Union-occupied Nashville. The Yankees accused them of treason and shipped them through Kentucky to Camp Chase, Ohio, the old history book says.

"Rev.

Thomas J. Fisher, the celebrated Baptist 'revival preacher,'" was arrested for disloyalty in Campbell County and carted off to



Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge

Newport Barracks, too. The Rev. W.H. Hopson of the Christian Church in Lexington wound up behind bars in Louisville, according to History of Kentucky.

The dragnet didn't just entangle men of the cloth. Well-known Southern-sympathizing politicians and others were rounded up in advance of the Aug. 4 elections for state and local officials, says the old history book.

Meanwhile, on June 22, Union officials had halted publication of two Louisville religious papers – Rev. Stuart Robinson's True Presbyterian and Rev. Charles Y. Duncan's The Baptist Recorder on the grounds that the sheets were treasonous. (The Confederates also suppressed pro-Union papers.)

Robinson, pastor of

Louisville's Second Presbyterian Church, had a bitter rival in Presbyterian ranks, the Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge of Danville, an ardent Unionist and friend of President Abraham Lincoln.

Though a slave owner, Breckinridge turned against the South's peculiar institution and was one of the first Kentucky Republicans. Like his denomination and home state, Breckinridge's family was divided over the war. Two of his sons were Rebel officers, and two others were Union officers.

Breckinridge was a fierce critic of Robertson and other pro-Confederate pastors, according to The Civil War and Readjustment in Kentucky by E. Merton Coulter. Breckinridge denounced "ministers, pretending to be horrified at every mention of political affairs by professing

Christians; while they are themselves at the same time, such turbulent traitors, that the peace of society requires their own incarceration," according to Coulter.

Berry Craig is a professor of history at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah and is the author of True Tales of Old-Time Kentucky Politics: Bombast, Bourbon and Burgo, Hidden History of Kentucky in the Civil War, Hidden History of Kentucky Soldiers and Hidden History of Western Kentucky. The books are being sold to raise money for scholarships at WKCTC. They are available by contacting Craig by phone at (270) 534-3270 or by email at berry.craig@kctcs.edu.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

NEWS FROM 1962

■ Miss Janet Vick, a 1961 graduate of Livingston Central High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Vick of Tiline, graduated from Draughon's Business College in Paducah. She accepted a position in the offices of the Citizen's Bank and Trust Com-

pany in Paducah. She specialized in secretarial science and accounting.

■ Mrs. R.P. Davidson was presented a 20-year service pin in honor of her retirement. The pin, with four diamonds each representing five years of service and a lifetime membership and pin from Telephone Pioneers of Kentucky, was presented by O.B. Stivers, Owensboro District Traffic Manager.

■ Crittenden County was represented at the electric class sponsored by the Kentucky Inter-Industry Farm Electric Council at the FFA Leadership Training Center. Lawrence Hall, KU Company farm service advisor, demonstrated during the class the principles of wiring a switch to John Cochran, a member of the Crittenden County High

School FFA.


■ J. Harold Brown was elected commander of Area A of the Kentucky American Legion at the State Convention in Paducah. Brown was a former District Commander and a former commander of Logan Clark Post 217 in Burna. Mrs. J. Harold Brown was elected as historian of the American Legion Auxiliary. She had served as department chaplain.

■ Airman Basic Elliott E. Jackson, Jr., was reassigned to the United States Air Force technical training course for radar operators at Keesler, Mo.

NEWS FROM 1987

■ Three local nurses, Brenda Hunt from Crittenden Health Systems and Ann Day and Donna Williams from Livingston Hospital and Health Services, attended a state training session sponsored by the Kentucky affiliate of the American Diabetes Association in Louisville. The training session included development of local diabetes chapters.

■ Three Marion Babe Ruth baseball players were named to the Three Rivers 13-year-old all-star team which played in a tournament in Owensboro.



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Yandells head Revival of the Valley

STAFF REPORT

Revival in the Valley will be held Thursday (tonight) through Saturday, at the American Legion ballpark in Fredonia. Evangelist Van Yandell says there is a definite need for revival.

"We know America needs a revival. If we can say there is one singular purpose to the revival, it would be to reach people for Jesus Christ. To win the lost," Yandell said.

He also hopes to build up local churches of all denominations. Yandell and his wife, Marjorie, formed Intentional Innovative Community Evangelism, or IICE.

"We are Southern Baptist missionaries. This (Revival in the Valley) is an activity of IICE Ministries and of local Southern Baptist churches in the Fredonia area," he said.

Yandell said organization of the event happened quickly. It took less than 24 hours to set the dates and secure the location.

"Everything has just fallen into place. It's obvious that God has taken care of it."

Worship music begins at 7:45 p.m., followed by a message that begins at 8:15 p.m.

Yandell said Jerrell White will lead a congregational song each night to start out the service.

Thursday (today), the music of Bill Allen will be followed by speaker Rich Gardner of Walnut Grove Baptist Church. Friday, Mike Hite and Lori Scott will sing, followed by speaker Van Yandell. On Saturday, the music of Ron Yontz and Vickie Gray will be followed by speaker Carlton Binkley of New Bethel Baptist Church.

Yandell said the entire event is being organized by volunteers.

"One thing that we don't plan to do, we do not plan to pass a collection plate," he

emphasized. "We're going to set some buckets around and if anybody wants to help out with expenses they can."

Yandell expresses his gratitude to the American Legion for the use of the ballpark.

"We would like for people to come out and bring their lawn chairs. We would like for people to come out and hear some Christian music and a Bible message."

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Church notes

- The annual Rosebud Cemetery Association meeting will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday at Rosebud Methodist Church.
- Sister Diane McClure of Paducah will be ministering Sunday at Miracle Word Church located at 100 W. Main Street in Salem.
- A household shower will be held from 2-4 p.m., Sunday for Daniel Wright and Codie Hoot at New Union Church in Lola. The couple is registered at Wal-Mart and Bed, Bath and Beyond.
- The summer Family Life Center basketball schedule at Marion Baptist Church is as follows: middle school, 9-11:30 a.m.; FLC closed for lunch, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; high school 12:30 - 3 p.m.; and elementary age can come anytime as long as they're accompanied by an adult.
- Main Street Missionary Baptist Church at 718 S. Main St., will be having a benefit yard sale from 8 a.m - 4 p.m., Aug. 2-3, and 8 a.m - 12 p.m., Aug. 4. All proceeds will go to the telethon in honor of Reese Adams.
- The Repton Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting Aug. 4, following a potluck lunch held at noon. Everyone is invited.

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The Press OBITUARIES

West

Loretta West, 79, of Marion died Sunday, July 22, 2012 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem.



West

West was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Willie Thomas West of Marion; daughter, Ann Clark of Henderson; three sons, Sonny West, Wayne West and Greg West, all of Marion; 11 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jessie and Annie Maraman Blackwell.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 25 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in the Rosebud Cemetery.

Kirk

Maurie Houston Kirk, 90, of Crayne died Thursday, July 19, 2012. Kirk was a retired Chrysler employee, a farmer, an election clerk, a member of the Crayne Community Church, and a combat veteran of World War II who received both the Purple Heart and the Silver Star.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Kirk; two children, John and wife Patricia Kirk and Mauri Renee and husband Robin Eady, and four grandchildren, Matthew Systo, Mauri Systo, Sam Kirk and Rachel Kirk.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Allie and Vera Kirk of Crayne; and a grandson, John B. Kirk.

Services were held at Myers Funeral Home Monday, July 23. Interment followed at Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.



Kirk

Perryman

Nell Perryman, 84, of Marion died July 17, 2012 at Crittenden Health Systems.

She was a homemaker and a member of Crayne Presbyterian Church.

Perryman is survived by her husband, Oliver Perryman of Marion; daughter, Jan Perryman of Evansville, Ind; sons, Joe Perryman of Lake Station, Ind., and Jon Perryman of Evansville, Ind.; a sister, Betty Sue Clayton of Evansville, Ind.; three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Narlene Stallion Boyd.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 20, 2012 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in the Crayne Cemetery.

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Lynn

J. W. Lynn, 80, of Owensboro died Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the V.A. Nursing Home in Hanson as a result of Alzheimers Disease.

He was born in 1932 in Sheridan to the late Ollie and Della Gerding Lynn. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and retired after 30 years from Alcoa Aluminum in Newburgh, Ind. He was of the Christian faith.



Lynn

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Doris Gennell Hodge Lynn; two children, Sandra Lynn Workman of Nashville, Tenn., and Randall and wife Carolyn Lynn of Owensboro; four grandchildren; Alexandria Lynn of Lexington, Preston Lynn and Matthew Lynn of Owensboro and Jessica Workman of Nashville; two step grandsons; Ryan and wife Heidi Davis and Adam and wife Amanda Davis and three step great-grandchildren; a sister, LaVina Jones of Big Sandy, Tenn., several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters; Anna May Case and Phyllis Ray Higgins.

Services were Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at James H. Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial was at Deer Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Crittenden County. The family requests expressions of sympathy be made to the Western KY Veterans Center.



Roberts

Leonard E. "Jim" Roberts, 89, of Marion died at his home Monday, July 16, 2012. He was a World War II veteran and participated in the Battle Of The Bulge and liberation of the Broken Wall Concentration Camp. He was also a member of Repton Baptist Church.

Roberts is survived by two sisters; Virginia L. Swager of Murray, and Blondell Behreadt of Henderson; and three grandchildren.

Roberts was preceded in death by his parents, George and Allean Roberts; son, Harlan Roberts; two brothers, Glen and Austin Roberts; one sister, Corene Brantley; two wives Mary Roberts and Ronella Ordway Roberts.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 21, 2012 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery.



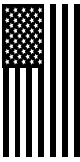
Shaffer

Anthony "Tony" D. Shaffer of Zanesville, Ohio, died Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at The Morrison House Hospice in Zanesville.

He was a retired colonel of the United States Army.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn A. Richardson of Zanesville, Ohio; four sons, two brothers, Tim Shaffer of Gilbert, S.C., and Tom Shaffer of Worthington, Ohio; his mother, Karen J. Snyder Shaffer of Marion, Ohio, and father, Donald W. Shaffer of Washington, Ill.

Mass and burial were Saturday, July 14, 2012, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church with Father Jordan Turano as celebrant. Burial was Monday, July 16, at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Zanesville.



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Eco study shows hospital impact

BY JOHN WALKER
PRESS REPORTER

A new economic impact report has been released detailing the impact of healthcare institutions for all 120 counties in Kentucky. The report on Crittenden County shows an expanding industry with an impact of over \$35 million.

The office of Rural Health and the Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky sponsored the study.

According to the study, "Overall, the healthcare sector generates approximately \$35,355,949 in sales, \$14,752,899 in labor income, and 439 jobs within Crittenden County."

Alison Davis, executive director of the Community and Economic Initiative of Kentucky, said results for Crittenden County look better than many other rural counties across the state. She said it is important to remember healthcare does not just support itself, but helps create other jobs in the local economy.

"There is a direct impact and indirect impact," Davis said. "Healthcare in Crittenden County employs around 352 people. But it creates around 439 jobs. That's 80 more jobs in the community as an indirect result of having doctors and nurses in the area."

Davis said those jobs include workers at the local grocery stores or even teachers. She said many people only see the healthcare and health improvement aspect of having a local hospital.

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8:30 am Registration and Light Breakfast

9:00 am - 11:15 pm Session 1

- 9:40 When I Look In the Mirror I Still See Hair
- 10:35 I'm Not Proud, I'm Just Good

11:15 am - 12:00pm Lunch

- 11:25 Lunch Breakout Sessions for Pastors, Worship Leaders & Other Staff

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Session 2

- 12:40 Your Momma's Got A Servant's Heart
- 1:45 Closing Remarks

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LIVESTOCK REPORT

AREA REPORTS WEEKLY BY USDA MARKET NEWS

LIVINGSTON COUNTY - Ledbetter
Tuesday, July 24, 2012
KDOA-USDA Market News
Livingston County Livestock Ledbetter Ky. (Cattle Weighed at time of Sale)
Receipts: 781 head.
Compared to last week: Slaughter cows mostly steady. Feeder steers under 400 lbs 3.00-5.00 lower, over 400 lbs 6.00-8.00 higher. Feeder heifers under 400 lbs 2.00-4.00 lower, over 400 lbs 2.00-8.00 higher.
Slaughter Cows: %Lean Weight Avg-Dress High-Dress Lo-Dress
Breaker 75-80 1085-1655 85.00-73.00 74.00-76.00 82.00-64.00
Bonar 80-85 880-1450 61.00-88.00 71.00 57.00-80.00
Lean 85-90 735-1090 56.00-61.00 52.00
Slaughter Bulls: YG: Weight Avg-Dress High-Dress Lo-Dress
1 1950-1985 101.00-104.00
2 1210-2530 88.00-93.00 83.50-85.00
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
9 200-300 258 161.00-170.00 165.60
4 300-400 332 157.00-161.00 159.50
6 400-500 452 144.00-157.00 146.30
26 500-600 534 132.00-141.00 138.23
24 600-700 642 129.00-137.00 133.85
17 700-800 717 135.00 135.00
13 800-900 808 127.00 127.00
4 900-1000 975 101.00 101.00
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
3 300-400 375 133.00-140.00 135.30
15 400-500 453 124.00-140.00 135.09
3 500-600 542 129.00-131.00 130.30
3 700-800 770 104.00-124.00 117.51
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
6 200-300 247 139.00-146.00 142.65
28 300-400 347 132.00-141.00 136.04
60 400-500 450 124.00-142.00 133.31
44 500-600 541 122.50-134.50 127.53
30 600-700 650 114.00-124.50 122.74
15 700-800 760 115.00-120.00 117.63
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
5 200-300 263 130.00-136.00 131.14
19 300-400 366 120.00-131.00 125.77
11 400-500 430 115.00-123.00 119.49
16 500-600 540 100.00-122.50 112.13
8 600-700 631 100.00-111.00 106.90
1 700-800 775 97.00 97.00
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
17 300-400 365 140.00-157.00 146.30
32 400-500 450 130.00-141.00 135.66
22 500-600 551 122.00-132.00 126.99
9 600-700 612 119.00-125.00 121.22
3 700-800 710 110.00 110.00
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
12 300-400 355 120.00-130.00 123.34
14 400-500 451 119.00-129.00 125.40
12 500-600 563 102.00-120.00 115.41
4 600-700 654 101.00-114.00 108.28
Stock Cows: Not enough to test.
Stock Cow/Calif Pairs: Cows 2 to 7 years with calves at side 710.00-1375.00 per head.
Baby Calves: Beef Breeds: 120.00-160.00 per head.

■ Recent rains may have upped nitrate levels Silage is option, but concerns grow

BY JASON TRAVIS
PRESS REPORTER

As the exceptional drought conditions in the region intensify, farmers are extremely cautious about their crops and livestock. Some parts of the region received some measurable rain while other areas have remained dry.

Shane Bogle is the Caldwell County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources. According to the latest information on nitrate levels in corn, he said the rain some areas received may actually have increased concerns.

"Multiple tests last week showed high nitrate levels. This is the case

across the region. Most areas received some amounts of rain which caused the plants to pull nitrogen from the ground into the plant. Caution is needed to utilize this for feed," Bogle said. "The ensiling process will make most high nitrate samples safe to feed after a three- to four-week wait. Green chop or direct feeding is not recommended."

Crittenden County resident Travis Sosh received good news about low nitrate levels on the samples he had tested. Sosh planted 250 acres of corn this spring.

"So far what I have tested has been okay. I've got some more that I'm going to test to make sure," Sosh

said.

Currently, his plans are to make silage out of at least 30 acres of his crop.

The loss of pastureland and decreasing water levels are also major concerns. Carol Hendrix has been in the cattle business for 50 years. He says the current drought recalls memories of the dry conditions in 1952 and 1953.

"It's a pretty sad situation for everybody, but sometimes that happens. I just hope it's not two years in a row. Most farmers can survive one year pretty good. But two years in a row is a lot more difficult," Hendrix said. "Several farmers have some



Ag specialists say the rain some areas received recently may actually have increased concerns with nitrate levels in corn.

(hay) left from last year since we had a mild winter. But it probably won't be enough to do folks. A lot of people are looking to buy hay, but it's hard to find."

KDFWR officials are seeking animals believed infected with EHD

BY JOHN WALKER
PRESS REPORTER

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is looking to the public for help in locating deer suffering from a disease that's prevalent in warm weather.

Epizootic hemorrhagic disease, or EHD, can be fatal to deer, but humans are not at risk of catching it. It has been found every year in white-tailed deer across the southeastern U.S. since 1966.

Mark Marraccini, department of fish and wildlife spokesperson, said the conditions are just right for the disease to spread.

"With the heat and the drought we are probably going to see this disease spread throughout a large part of the deer population," Marraccini said.



The disease spreads through a fly that carries EHD from host to host. This is not usually a problem in cooler years because deer population stay more spread out. But in hot summers with drought, the small streams and watering holes dry up, which brings many deer to one source of water,

like a pond or river. With many deer congregated in one place it is just a matter of time before the disease spreads, creating a larger scale infection.

Marraccini said Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is not looking to treat the disease.

"Basically we are looking for infected populations so our biologists can go out and find out where it is," Marraccini said. "The disease will take its natural course and some deer will die off. But we want to be on the front end of finding out where exactly this is taking place."

Symptoms of the disease include a loss of appetite, excessive drool and a loss of fear for humans.

The Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study Group tracks outbreaks of the disease. Fish and Wildlife

officials say the public can help by reporting the locations of sick animals that often gather around farm ponds and water. To allow

the agency to gather samples from live animals, report sightings by calling (800) 858-1549 or emailing info.center@ky.gov.

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Rinse and Return Program is back; plans are to collect 1 million pounds

BY JASON TRAVIS
PRESS REPORTER

Crittenden County Agriculture Rinse and Return Program will be held from 8-10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 15 at the fairgrounds. It is a voluntary, cooperative program coordinated through Crittenden County Extension Service and sponsored by Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Agri-Business Association of Kentucky (ABAK). Other partners include Farm Bureau, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and local conservation districts.

Rinse and Return Program began in 1991. In that first year, three participating counties gathered 10,000 pounds of material. According to KDA field technicians, they believe they can achieve one million pounds this year.

Since its inception, the program has collected 956,503 pounds of pesticide containers with more than 100 counties participating.

To ensure containers are properly rinsed, the following guidelines have been established.

1. For pressure rinsing, first remove the cover from the container. Empty the pesticide into the spray tank and let the container drain for 30 seconds. Continue holding the container upside down over the sprayer tank opening so rinsate will run into the sprayer tank. Next, insert the pressure-rinse nozzle by puncturing the bottom of the pesticide container. Rinse for the length of time recommended by the manufacturer, which is generally 30 seconds or more.

2. Triple rinsing involves removing the cover from the container. Empty the pesticide into the spray tank and let the container drain for 30 seconds. Next, fill the container 10 to 20 percent full of water or rinse solution. Secure the cover on the container. Swirl the container to thoroughly rinse all inside surfaces. Remove the cover from the container. Add the rinsate from the container to the sprayer tank and let drain for 30 seconds or more. Repeat these steps at least two more times. Finally, puncture the container.

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BASEBALL
MARION BOBCATS
PLAYOFFS - Tuesday, July 24 at Marion Bobcats vs. Owensboro
(results unavailable at press time)

REGULAR SEASON RESULTS
FRIDAY
Marion 6, Owensboro 5
Marion ended a five-game losing streak Friday and secured a home game to start the 2012 Ohio Valley League postseason with a 6-5 win over Owensboro at Guess Field.
Derek Hannah doubled the game-winning RBI with a two-run double in the bottom of the sixth inning, breaking a 4-4 tie. The Oilers threatened a comeback in the final frame of the game, putting up a run off reliever Eli Nickell until he shut the door on the visiting team for his first save of the evening. The win gave Marion a fourth-place finish in the five-team league. The Bobcats were scheduled to host last-place Owensboro in Tuesday's first round of the Ohio Valley Collegiate Baseball League Tournament.
SATURDAY
Hoppers 8, Bobcats 3 (Game 1)
Hoppers 8, Bobcats 3 (Game 2)
The Bobcats dropped both ends of a twin bill Saturday against Hoptown by the twin scores of 8-3. The losses left Marion with its fewest wins (15) and worst winning percentage (.375) in the team's five-year history. The club finished with a 15-25 record.

FOOTBALL
Signs at Rocket Stadium
Groups or businesses interested in purchasing a sign advertisement at Rocket Stadium for the upcoming football season can call coach Al Starnes at 965-3525. Cost is \$200 for first year, and \$50 for each subsequent year.

Little League sign up
Registration for Junior Pro Football (third through sixth grade) will be Monday at the middle school's Back to School Bash and Thursday, Aug. 2 at the elementary school's Sneak-A-Peek. Cost is \$50. Final registration deadline is Saturday, Aug. 11, the first day of practice. Contact Chad Mott at 704-1458 or Donny Beverly at 704-1973 for more information.

Flag football registration
Registration for the fall youth flag football season will be held Thursday, Aug. 2 at the elementary school's at Sneak-A-Peek. Boys and girls from kindergarten through second grade are eligible. Player evaluations will be at 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 11 at Rocket Stadium. The first game will be Aug. 25. Games will be played each Saturday morning at Rocket Stadium for six weeks. For more information, contact Michele Reddick at 875-8276.

Middle school practice
Anyone interested in playing Crittenden County Middle School football should report to practice at 6 p.m., Monday. Players should have their KHSAA-approved physical examination prior to practice. For more information, contact Donnie Phillips at 625-1875.

BASEBALL
League pool parties
Post-season pool parties have been scheduled for the youth baseball and softball leagues. The pool parties will be held from 6-8 p.m., at Marion Country Club. The schedule is as follows:
Today (Thursday)
T-Ball and Co-ed Rookie
Monday
Rookie League
Wednesday, Aug. 1
Minor and Major leagues

FAIR GAMES
Cornhole tournament
Crittenden County Lions Club will host a cornhole (bag toss) tournament as part of this year's county fair. The tournament will be held Wednesday, Aug. 1 starting at 7 p.m., at the fairgrounds. Cost is \$20 per team and businesses can sponsor their own teams. The format is double-elimination and cash prizes will be paid to the top three places. First place gets \$100. For more information, call Ronnie Heady at 704-2038 or Jeff Ellis at 704-3234.

OUTDOORS
LBL quota deer hunts
Applications for the 2012 Quota Deer Hunts at Land Between the Lakes may be submitted through July 31 online at www.lbl.org or by phone at 924-2065. The application fee is \$5 online, or \$7 by phone. Deer harvested on LBL are bonus deer and do not count toward statewide bag limits.

Fresh oval surface coming this fall

Grant will help pay for pavement to make track repairs

BY JOHN WALKER
PRESS REPORTER
City of Marion has acquired funds through a grant to resurface the oval running track at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The track is currently in disrepair, which is preventing the Crittenden County High School track team from hosting meets.
The grant comes from the Land-Water Conservation Fund, a federal fund administered by the state.

Total grant funds are \$30,000, with a matching amount of \$15,000 from Marion Tourism Department. The city will be laying asphalt to resurface the track and painting new stripes for running lanes.
City Administrator Mark Bryant said the city will put out an invitation for bids on the project this week with hopes of having it finished this fall.
"Unfortunately that is not the only work we need to get done over in that area," Bryant said. "We need to finish a drainage project before we start working on the track. Hopefully we can have the track done by October at the latest."
Bryant said the schools will have

first priority over the track when it is completed. They use it for home meets and practices.
Angela Starnes, coach of Crittenden County's track team, said she is delighted to hear the city is repaving the track.
"This is going to make such a big difference," Starnes said. "And not just locally. We can use this track to host other schools from smaller counties who don't have a track."
Starnes said there are students on the team who have never experienced a home meet, and this will be a big change for them. The track has been in disrepair for several years.
"Track is a good sport for the community," Starnes said. "It is a

sport anyone who can run can participate in. What is really surprising is how much interest we still have in the sport without having a track. The interest is still great and we are having a positive effect on those kids who want to come out."
Track and field is a spring sport, so Starnes says having the work done this fall will not disrupt her squad's workouts.
Anyone wanting to join the track team can sign up in December. Starnes said the team starts winter conditioning at that time, with regular practices starting in mid-February. Track is open to anyone in grades 7-12.



Jake Tinsley (above) and Dalton Shoulders scored a 10-pound Asian carp on a bowfishing expedition at Caney Creek near Tolu last week. Tinsley is at full draw while Shoulders shines his headlamp on a fish during the hunt.

Crittenden County's Rookie League All Stars (8-under) completed post-season play last weekend at Eddyville with a second-place finish in the Lyon County Summer Bash. The Rocket all stars were 8-5 during post-season play. Pictured are (front from left) Seth Blackburn, Landon Crider, Evan Belt, Jack Reddick, Sammy Impastato, Tyler Belt, (second row) Hayden Jones, Brian Nelson, Maddox Carlson, Benjamin Evans, Luke Crider, (back) coaches Aaron Belt, Chris Evans and Kevin Carlson.



All-Star Trophies



The Fredonia White Sox co-ed baseball team held its awards ceremony recently. Pictured are (front from left) Sara Jones, Kyle Castiller, Noah Lynch, Cat Bishop, Mary Holeman, Christa McMackin, (back) scorekeeper Amy Hardin, assistant coach James Hardin, scorekeeper Michelle Jones, assistant coach Robert Jones, Rick Binkley, coach Angeline Bishop and team MVP Jared Lundy. Not pictured: Jessica Jones, Mitchell Joyce, Jesse Joyce, Cameron Stollenburg, Ryan Turner, Faith Turner and Seth Peek.



Softball Honorees
Crittenden County Lady Rocket fast-pitch softball players were recently recognized for earning All Fifth District honors. Those players were (from left) McKenzie Hewitt, Chelsea Oliver and Emily Owen with coach Bristyn Prowell. The team held its annual awards ceremony recently and those who received special recognition are listed at right.

LADY ROCKETS
SOFTBALL AWARDS
Most Valuable Player
Emily Owen
Offensive Player Award
Chelsea Oliver
Defensive Player Award
McKenzie Hewitt
Most Improved Award
Whitney Williams
JV Most Valuable Player
Cassidy Moss
Coaches Awards
Danielle Byarley & Khyla Moss
Senior Awards
Emily Owen, Taylor Keister and Jessica Tinsley



Seniors Taylor Keister and Jessica Tinsley were honored by the softball team, each getting a framed jersey from coach Bristyn Prowell. Not pictured: Emily Owen.



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The Crittenden County 8-under all-star softball team finished second place at the Trigg County Summer Swat last weekend. Pictured are (front from left) Jessie Potter, Riley Smith, Macie Hunt, Kalli Champion, (middle row) Chandler Moss, Isabella Minton, Nahla Callaway, Matthia Long, Lilly Perryman, Jada Hayes, (back) coaches Chad Perryman and Jason Champion. Not pictured: Kate Keller and coach Stephen Smith.

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Area News and Information

Farm vehicles are given new, separate regs for one escort

Overweight and large farm vehicles now have their own regulation separate from the overweight commercial truck regulation, lawmakers were told last week in a meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation.

The division was made to simplify farm vehicle requirements and make them easier to understand, Ann D'Angelo, of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, said. Minor changes were also made to the regulation to comply with laws passed during the most recent legislative session, she said.

House Bill 518, passed during the 2012 legislative session, requires only one escort vehicle when transporting farm vehicles more than 12 feet wide. The law specifies only a lead vehicle must be present on two-lane highways. Only a trail vehicle is required on four-lane roads. Previously two escort vehicles were needed any time an overdimensional vehicle was on the road.

Other changes to the regulation affect farm vehicle lighting and signage, Rick Taylor, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Deputy Commissioner, said. The changes are more lenient and flexible for farmers, but still maintain highway safety, he said.

According to Tom Zawacki, commissioner of the state's Department of Vehicle Regulation, the change in regulation came after months of work by many different parties.

"It's a great example of teamwork and a win-win for everyone," he said.

In an effort to raise awareness of traffic safety laws and encourage safe driving habits, the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is partnering with state and local law enforcement on the "Blue Lights Across the Bluegrass" campaign throughout the rest of July.

"We are concerned with our current highway fatality numbers," said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Mike Hancock. "The year started with a reduction, but beginning in May, our fatalities began a dramatic increase."

In Crittenden County, Sheriff Wayne Agent said traffic accidents are up. Already there have been more than 50 this year, including one fatal accident a couple of weeks ago.

In Kentucky, there had been 414 highway fatalities as of Sunday – 34 more than at the same time last year. Over half of those killed were not wearing seat belts. Twenty-four percent involved a distracted driver, 16 percent involved an impaired driver, and over half of those killed in motorcycle crashes were not wearing a helmet.

"With the lack of winter weather, more people have been traveling our roadways, which might explain the fatality increase," said KOHS Director Bill Bell. "However, it does not explain why people are not making safe decisions when they get behind the wheel."

Statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) indicate that seat belts, when worn correctly, reduce the risk of fatalities by 45 percent for front-seat vehicle occupants, and by 60 percent for pickup truck, SUV and minivan occupants. Also according to NHTSA, regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect against and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

"Seat belts clearly save lives, but unfortunately too many motorists still need a tough reminder of our law,"

KENTUCKY Highway Fatalities	
1999	729
2000	823
2001	843
2002	915
2003	931
2004	964
2005	985
2006	913
2007	864
2008	826
2009	791
2010	760
2011	721
2012*	414
*To date	

Police Department Activity - JUNE 2012

Here is an activity report for the Marion Police Department reflecting information from last month. Source: Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

Category	June 2011	June 2012
Miles Patrolled/Driven	2,706	3,101
Criminal Investigations	10	24
Domestic Violence Calls	7	14
Felony Arrests	0	1
Misdemeanor Arrests	15	16
Non-Criminal Arrests	9	16
DUIs	1	1
Criminal Summonses Issued	5	3
Traffic Citations Issued	57	33
Traffic Warnings	21	11
Parking Tickets	2	0
Traffic Accidents Investigated	2	7
Security Checks & Alarms	76	52
Calls for Service or Complaints	384	290
Other Citations	n/a	37

said Hancock.

While officers will patrol all roadways in their designated city or county, a special emphasis will be placed on the areas where the majority of crashes have occurred.

"Law enforcement will be out in force, citing anyone committing traffic violations," said Bell. "Whether you drive a car or motorcycle, you must obey the law."

There were 721 fatalities on Kentucky roadways in 2011, including 576 people in motor vehicles. Of those, 58 percent were not buckled up and 16 percent involved an impaired driver.

Judge refuses bond reduction

Crittenden District Judge Daniel Heady last Wednesday denied a bond reduction request by a local man accused of taking jewelry and pills from relatives.

Judge Heady also found probable cause following a brief preliminary hearing to send Michael K. Clark's felony case to the August term of the grand jury.

Clark, 39, of Marion was charged with second-degree burglary, theft of a controlled substance and theft by unlawful taking for a July 2 incident at his aunt and uncle's home.

Marion Policeman Jerry Parker testified last week that he and Deputy Don Perry answered a complaint at a residence on Leland Court. Their investigation led to the discovery of jewelry and pills believed to have been taken from the relative's home by the suspect.

Parker said a partially burned Lortab prescription drug bottle and four rings were discovered during the investigation.

Public Defender Paul Sysol asked the judge to reduce Clark's bond from \$5,000 cash to 10 percent or \$500 cash. However, the judge denied the request, instead telling the suspect that he could not be released on a lesser bond until he checks into a rehabilitation center.

Undercover buy lands two in jail for trafficking

A local man and woman were arrested last week after a co-operating witness purchased drugs from the man, then he snitched on his source.

Shawn Belt, 41, of Maxwell Street allegedly sold 20 Lortabs to a person working with law enforcement last Wednesday. According to a press release from the Pennyriple Area Narcotics Task Force, Belt sold the pills to the informant on the parking lot of Conrad's Grocery Store just after 5:30 p.m. Following the purchase, Belt was stopped and Officer Robbie Kirk found the money used in the transaction on the suspect. The money had been marked by police before the deal was made.

Belt was charged with one count of second-degree trafficking controlled substance (second offense). Belt was already on felony probation for a previous trafficking charge, the task force agent said. The second-offense charge carries a punishment of 5-10 years in prison, if the suspect is convicted.

After his arrest, Belt revealed that his source of narcotics was Deborah J. Marshall, 63, who resides at 712 Travis Street in Marion. Det. Kirk and Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal went to her residence to question Marshall. Accord-

ing to the task force news release, Marshall admitted to selling 20 hydrocodone pills to Belt.

Kirk said Marshall admitted that she had sold drugs to Belt multiple other times, too.

Marshall was charged with second-degree trafficking in controlled substance (first offense), which carries a punishment of up to five years in prison, if convicted.

Both Belt and Marshall were lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

The investigation was carried out jointly by the Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force and the Marion City Police Department.

Water district will save time with drive-by meter system

Crittenden-Livingston Water District will be installing new radio-controlled water meters across Crittenden County in coming weeks. The meters are a new way to collect data from customers' meters.

Instead of retrieving data manually, district employees will pick up the signal from the property meter as they drive by in a vehicle. Information from the meter goes straight into an onboard computer system, according to District Superintendent Ronnie Slayden.

He said the new automated system will allow the district to read its meters in two days. It currently takes about three weeks. Slayden said the time saved in collecting meter data from customers will allow the district to cut eight overtime hours. It will also lead to one transfer of an employee from reading meters to working at the water plant.

Meters should be delivered to the water district sometime this week and employees will begin installing them immediately.

The district is preparing to install 1,640 new units across Crittenden County. Currently the district serves around 3,400 customers.

"We will install them everywhere except along U.S. 60 from Salem to Marion and the areas near Tolu and Sheridan," Slayden said. "Those areas will stay on the normal system."

Slayden said the new meters will also allow the district to print records to show day-to-day and even hour-to-hour usage of water.

The overall cost of the project is around \$300,000. Slayden said customers should not expect any differences in their meters.

Slayden said the district wants to install radio meters to all of its customers, but will have to wait for the funds to become available.

DeFreitas named to appeal board

Crittenden County Fiscal Court appointed Jim DeFreitas to serve on the Tax Appeal Board. The board reviews complaints and evaluates the Property Valuation Authority.

DeFreitas said he was surprised the court wants him to be on the board, but will do his best to represent all sides in the position.

"They don't have many disputes," DeFreitas said. "But this will give me the opportunity to learn about the process and about how we settle those disputes that do happen from time to time."

DeFreitas, who starts this week, said he can see the disputes from all sides of the matter, which will help him in his decision-making process.

"I am a landowner and pay taxes like everyone else," DeFreitas said. "I feel like I need to be involved somehow. I will have a lot of input because I think I understand the process from both sides."

The Tax Appeal Board is made up of three appointees. The city, the county judge-executive and the fiscal court are each allowed to pick one person to serve.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said DeFreitas is a good pick for the board because he brings a background and expertise that will be helpful when trying to solve disputes. DeFreitas is a local real estate agent.

"The state recommends putting local appraisers on the board," Newcom said. "It is good to have someone who is familiar with real estate and up-to-date on current property values."

DeFreitas will be working on the board with Karen Ordway, a former circuit clerk deputy, and Barrett Belt, a banker.

Governor orders emergency regs for prescriptions

Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear has signed emergency regulations that require doctors to meet tougher prescription standards in an effort to stop drug abuse.

The rules, which were given to state boards that oversee the medical industry on Friday, were presented to lawmakers Monday and will remain in effect until permanent regulations are adopted.

The Courier-Journal reports that under the order, pain clinics will be more regulated and

doctors are required to use the state's prescription drug tracking system.

Some physicians have raised concerns that the order exceeds the original goal of a bill passed by lawmakers, but Beshear said in a statement that his office worked diligently to make sure the emergency regulations match the intent of the bill.

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Reward offered in concession stand burglary

Police are asking for help in solving a second break-in in less than two weeks at the Marion-Crittenden County Park concession stand.

Sometime between 5 p.m., Sunday and Monday afternoon, intruders ripped off metal sheeting and broke a glass window to gain entrance to the concession stand.

Taken were several cases of soft drinks, baseballs, softballs, snacks, candy and some equipment. Value of items taken was close to \$1,000.

Crittenden County Tipline is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible. Callers may remain anonymous. Call 965-3000 or the Marion Police Department at 965-3500.

CCEDC

Continued from page 1 as behind the wheel, he and assistant Ashley Thomas, had found ways to cut about \$7,000 from spending.

"I look forward to the challenges ahead," Wheeler

U.S. 641 closed temporarily due to gas leak

Workers moving utility lines for the new U.S. 641 highway accidentally broke a natural gas line Tuesday morning, causing some traffic delays south of Marion.

An Atmos Energy gas line was damaged by a backhoe and was leaking for a short time. Due to safety concerns, U.S. 641 was temporarily closed between Coleman Road and Norman Road.

Crews will continue working in the area, moving utility lines to make way for a connector to the new highway, which is currently under construction between Marion and Fredonia.

Ed Jones office collecting supplies for school year

Marion's Edward Jones office is serving as a collection point for anyone interested in donating school supplies to Crittenden Elementary School students.

Supplies will be accepted at the office on East Bellville Street through Tuesday. Pencils, paper, notebooks, glue, etc., will be accepted and given to CCES students.

said. "I think God gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason. I promise to listen to what you're saying."

Wheeler expressed his eagerness to establish renewed dialogue with industry and local leaders.

FAIR

Continued from page 1 tions at no additional charge," Greenwell explained.

If the fair draws the same number of people this year as it did last year, Greenwell says the Lions Club could not afford to hire another carnival company. Instead, the group sought out sponsors to provide a free family night on Wednesday. Conrad's Food Store, Farmers Bank & Trust and Marion Tourism Department pitched in to cover the cost of providing free admission to everyone on Wednesday.

"These sponsors really stepped up to add to the value of the fair this year," Greenwell said. "This will allow a night of free family entertainment, which will in-

clude an outdoor movie "Davey Crocket and the River Pirates" and access to all inflatable attractions."

The Lions say there will be plenty of food for sale, games to play and a corn hole tournament. Games will be operated by community organizations such as Marion Bobcats and the Crittenden County Drug Coalition. The only cost a family will incur on Wednesday is for food, games and entry fee if they participate in the corn hole tournament. Cash prizes will be awarded for the winners of the tournament.

"We have increased the paycheck for our truck and tractor pull and demolition derby to ensure that we have a good show on Friday and Saturday," Greenwell said. "We have added four-

wheeler barrel races to our lawn mower derby on Thursday night to make sure there is plenty of entertainment."

Greenwell said the Lions Club understands that some people are disappointed about not having a traditional carnival.

"If the response we receive is to return to a carnival, we will certainly make every effort to make that happen in the future," he added.

Greenwell and the Lions are optimistic that the community will find that the fair format will be more family-friendly and a better value this year.

"Also the current year format provides an opportunity for many charitable groups to have fundraisers that would be prohibited by a contract with a carnival company," Greenwell added.

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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that on July 11, 2012, Diane Adams of 315 Red Road, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed Administratrix of Ricky Joe Adams, deceased, whose address was Crittenden County Ky. Rebecca J. Johnson Attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administratrix before the 11th day of January, 2013 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All person indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court
Madeline Henderson, Clerk
(1t-04-c)

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that on July 18, 2012 Teresa Fritts of 2044 Indian Hills Trail, Eddyville, Ky 42038 was appointed Executrix with will annexed of Richard Davis Croft, deceased, whose address was 6860 US Highway 60 W., Marion, Ky. 42064. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Executrix with will annexed on or before the 18th day of January, 2013 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

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Notice is hereby given that on July 18, 2012 Randy M. Davidson of 3 Park Place, Paducah, Ky 42003 was appointed administrator of Ronald Davidson, deceased, who address was 340 W. Depot St., Marion, Ky. 42064. Hon. Robert B. Frazer, P.O. Box 361, Marion, Ky. 42064 Attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same properly proven as required by law to the administrator before the 18th day of January, 2013 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

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INVITATION TO BID
RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS: The City of Marion will receive bids for the West Elm Street Sidewalk Improvements - Phase 1 project until 2:30 p.m. (local time) on August 16, 2012 in the Marion City Hall, 217 S. Main Street Marion, KY 42064 at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
PROJECT: The project consists of the construction of approximately 1700 linear feet of concrete sidewalk along the north side of West Elm Street from the Crittenden County High School to Weldon Street, as well as the construction of one pedestrian bridge.
OBTAINING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Plans and Specifications are on file at the following locations:
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Copies of Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, Florence & Hutcheson, Inc. A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit will be required for each set of documents obtained.
BID SECURITY: A satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.
OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any informalities in the bidding. The Owner, upon making a determination to award, shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Owner.
FEDERAL AID FUNDING: This project will be funded in part by a Federal Grant administered through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Office of Local Programs. All bidders shall comply with the President's Executive Order 11246 as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. Equal Employment Opportunity in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act, Contract Work Hours Standard Act, and the 41 CFR 60-4, in regard to affirmative action, to assure equal opportunity to females and minorities and will apply the time tables and goal set forth in 41 CFR 60-4. The bidder will make positive efforts to use small, minority, women owned and disadvantaged businesses and a specific goal of 4% has been established for this project. The bidder will also be required to comply with the Buy American Provisions of 23 CFR 635.410.

Drought Stricken Farmers

Without forage or water, cattlemen brace for greater selloff in August

BY JOHN WALKER
PRESS REPORTER

Crittenden County farmers are feeling the heat this summer. Many cattle farmers are selling off their stock early in the season, with several citing the lack of rain and hay as the cause.

West Kentucky Livestock Market in Marion reports an increase in sales this summer. Operators say farmers are trying to sell their cattle while prices are still high.

Ricky Blaunk, a cattle hand at the market, has worked with livestock for the past 18 years and has never seen farmers come to sell this early.

"We are seeing calves and smaller cattle much earlier than we would in a normal season," Blaunk said. "There are some farmers who are going all the way to Louisville just to get hay. This drought is affecting everyone. Usually we don't see people going into the hay market until the first frost."

Blaunk said the disappointing corn crop and dying forage is driving cattle farmers to make tough decisions on what to do about their investment.

Jason Curnel, manager of West Kentucky Livestock, has recognized an increase in the number of cattle passing through the market. Open just once a month, the market moves about 130 head at average sale. That number could increase significantly at the next market if the drought continues, Curnel said.

Jim Vaughan, of Chandler and Vaughan Cattle and Livestock in Marion, said the hay shortage is not the only problem many farmers are facing.

"A lot of the decision of whether to sell or not is based on how much water we have," Vaughan said. "If these ponds don't last much longer, there is going to be a very big sell off next month."

Vaughan has seen more calves being sold in July than in normal years. That is an indication prices are going to drop considerably, but will spike this winter, he said.

His hay bale count went from 459 in 2011 down to 125 this year. He said the farm is trying to curtail how much hay it uses by rotating pastures.

Unless there is a change in current weather, Vaughan may have to sell off a good portion of his farm's herd in August.

Local farmer Don Herrin sees things the same way. After a long, hot June, he hopes to make it through the rest of the summer with what little resources he has left.

"The hay market is down about 50 to 60 percent," Herrin said. "I have some of my own left over from last year, but that isn't going to last too much longer."

Herrin is trying to avoid an early sell off of his herd, but that will depend on how long his water holds out.

"In the hottest days, cattle were drinking around 2,000 gallons a day," Herrin said. "But my pond is almost dried up and unless we get some rain I don't know what we'll do. It's a long time between now and next April."

Agriculture Commissioner James Comer expressed his concern for Kentucky's livestock producers and corn growers and is cautioning them to take steps to prevent

potential losses. Comer said that drought-stricken corn silage could contain toxic levels of nitrogen. If fed to livestock, this corn silage could be fatal.

"I am not going to sugarcoat the severity of this situation," Comer said. "I am very concerned for all our producers and their families."

The Kentucky field office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service reported as of Sunday, 72 percent of Kentucky's corn crop and 76 percent of its pastures were rated poor or very poor. Comer said some corn stalks aren't producing ears, which has led many growers, especially those in western Kentucky, to consider chopping their corn into silage to salvage some value.

"Feeding silage can help livestock producers who need to feed their animals because their pastures are suffering from the dry weather," Comer said. "But producers should be careful about feeding corn silage until they have determined that the nitrogen content is at an acceptable level."

The University of Kentucky Agricultural Weather Center stated last week that western Kentucky is experiencing an extreme hydrological drought while central and eastern Kentucky are both in severe drought.

Western Kentucky would need more than 16 inches of rain to end the drought. Because it does not appear that this drought will abate anytime soon, Comer urges farmers who have federal crop insurance to check in with their adjusters before making any major decisions.



Don Herrin's farm northeast of Marion is brown and dry and his ponds are receding to mere puddles. Herrin (top right photo and inset gazing over his pond) says the cattle market may be overrun with livestock in the coming weeks as farmers make some tough decisions based on the weather and its effects. Meanwhile, Steve Baker (right) and Jason Curnel (below) say it's already apparent that many cattlemen have sold their stock earlier than normal. The West Kentucky Livestock Market in Marion has seen an uptick in volume, but anticipates more head if the drought doesn't break very soon.

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