



'Cat Fever

Marion Bobcats continue surging and remain in first place in the Ohio Valley Collegiate Baseball League. See Sports page 6.

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Holiday Fireworks displays in area

Here is a list of fireworks displays in the area this weekend. They start at dark or around 9 p.m. Dycusburg's event will include a live band at 6 p.m., at the riverfront. Faith Pentecostal in Salem will start its pre-fireworks program at 7:30 p.m., and Deer Creek will have a meal starting at 6 p.m., at the church.

Carrsville, Saturday
Eddy Creek, Saturday
Tolu, Saturday
Salem Pentecostal, Saturday
Kentucky Dam, Sunday
Deer Creek, Sunday
Dycusburg, Monday

Museum extends hours in July

The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum will be staying open extended hours through July. It will be open every Monday except July 4. The fluorspar heritage museum's hours are 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Trash dumping daily at center

Starting this week, the Crittenden County Convenience Center, where residents may dispose of household garbage, will be open 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., daily, except for Sundays. Anyone caught dumping after hours will be prosecuted, says Jailer Rick Riley, who manages the center.

Monday closings

The Crittenden County Courthouse, local banks and The Crittenden Press are among public offices and businesses closed Monday in observance of Independence Day. Several offices in the courthouse will also be closed on Saturday. Next week's Crittenden Press will be printed on a normal schedule. The advertising deadline is 5 p.m., Friday.

Meetings & More

✓ Want to reserve a pavilion at Marion-Crittenden County Park for a special event? Call Marion Tourism Commission at 965-5015.

ON THE WEB Press Online Poll

This week's Web poll at The Press Online asked readers to answer the following question: **"Marion Bobcats are off to a first-place start. How do you think they will finish?"** Here is what 188 respondents said:

First Place 95 (50%)
Second Place 38 (20%)
Third Place 17 (9%)
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Stakes getting higher in ambulance debate

STAFF REPORT

The stakes are getting a bit higher in a four-month impasse over what to do about the local ambulance service.

Crittenden Health Systems, which operates the 24-hour ambulance service, has said it needs cash, and lots of it, to continue operating the service. It has asked Crittenden Fiscal Court for \$90,000 in the fiscal year starting Friday; yet so far has specified no particular amount for the following years. Figures ranging from \$300,000 to \$450,000 have been discussed by hospital directors.

Meanwhile, county officials have deliberated the issue – once at a joint meeting with the hospital board and twice in fiscal court meetings. So far, magistrates have agreed to nothing, but have begun the process of ap-

plying for an ambulance grant, equivalent in value to \$90,000.

In his June state-of-the-hospital report to magistrates, Crittenden Health Systems CEO Jim Christensen wrote that if the grant doesn't come through, he hopes the county can come up with another source of funding "before CHS is fiscally forced to turn over the service due to a lack of funds with which to operate."

Christensen told the fiscal court during its regular meeting last week that the hospital had lost \$44,000 in May, according to projections.

"On the year, if not for the ambulance, the hospital would be quite (financially) healthy," Christensen said.

Crittenden Hospital, which operated at a deficit last year, says the ambulance is largely the reason its

losing money. EMS has lost at least \$383,000 in each of the past three years and it's projected to be \$335,000 in the hole at the end of this fiscal year in October, according to CHS figures. The service is budgeted to spend about \$716,000 this year and take in \$395,000 in fees, hospital officials have said.

At the direction of the court, Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson researched the process for implementing an ambulance or emergency services tax. She reported her findings last week in a four-page memorandum and oral presentation to the court. Johnson said the county could indeed create a new taxing district that would operate much like the ones for the library and health department. The tax could not exceed 10 cents per \$100

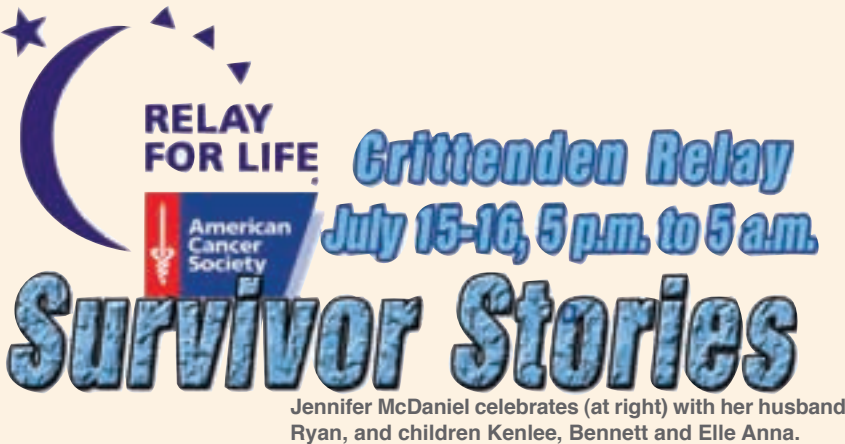
of assessed property value, she said.

Johnson said such a taxing district could be created by ordinance, but her report detailed more precisely a form by which the county could create a taxing district through a petition that would require signatures from at least 25 percent of the registered voters who have voted in the past four elections.

Johnson said Kentucky law does not mandate counties to provide an ambulance service, but once a county creates a district to levy a tax or a board to provide oversight for the service, it then creates liability for providing EMS.

Magistrate Glenn Underdown said he thinks the county should subsidize the ambulance service, but

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Jennifer McDaniel celebrates (at right) with her husband Ryan, and children Kenlee, Bennett and Elle Anna.

McDaniel finds light in cancer darkness

BY JENNA HAUGEN
PRESS REPORTER

For Jennifer McDaniel, her mother was an inspiration and testament that you can be diagnosed with cancer and live through it.

McDaniel, a 35-year-old mother of three, was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2010. She was no stranger to the disease. Her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother were all diagnosed with cancer. That is why she made a point to get a yearly mammogram, all of which showed no sign of cancer until just over a year ago. When she noticed the right side of her breast had caved in one night, she knew that something was wrong. The following day, another mammogram still missed four large tumors present in her body.

Relying on the experience of her mother's battle against cancer, McDaniel decided to visit Arlington Cancer Center in Texas. She was diagnosed on a Monday and began intensive chemotherapy treatment on Friday.

The hardest part of being a cancer patient for McDaniel was juggling the demands of treatment with being a mom. While she had to be away for extended periods of time to get chemotherapy, she still tried to make a point to be at home for important milestones in her children's lives. McDaniel cherished being able to see her now seven year-old daughter head off to her first day of second grade. Her children's strength and faith that their mom would live through her battle with cancer is what

pushed her through the darkest days of treatment.

That hope of light at the end of the tunnel is the reason the American Cancer Society is inspired to host its Relay events at night. When someone is diagnosed with cancer, life can seem so dark. But with dawn, there is hope again. The sun rises and survivors have a whole new chance to live their lives.

McDaniel is taking the opportunity she has been given to cherish every moment. What may have seemed like a mundane task, McDaniel has approached with new vigor. She is thankful to enjoy little blessings like getting to be at her son, Bennett's, first T-ball practice and getting back to being a regular mother and not the mom with cancer. She is happy to see her children relaxing and getting to be kids again.

Her husband, Ryan, has been by her side and a blessing throughout her treatment.

"He took care of everything from the kids to cleaning and outside work. I never had to wonder. I know he will always be there for me," she said.

McDaniel is also thankful for living in this community. While she had a wonderful support group in Texas, she believes that "home is just home" and there is nothing quite like being here. She is amazed by the outpouring of support and love from others in the community including fundraising to help pay uncovered medical expenses, raising awareness through a "pink out" held by the football team and the assistance in helping move when she



was first diagnosed. She appreciates the "way the community wraps up around you."

McDaniel's priorities have changed since being diagnosed.

"It's not about material things. They won't fix a situation. You have to rely on faith. To know that you still have a lot left to do," she said.

Being both a caretaker and a cancer patient, McDaniel says it is most important for others to be educated.

"Ignorance is not bliss. The more knowledge you have the better your chances are for survival."

She also says it is important to cut yourself a break. Those around you may recognize your strength, but McDaniel says, it is important to not be too hard on yourself, "you are not going to do everything perfectly and that is okay."

Her family has grown stronger by this motto. "It is important when you are sad to cry, when you are angry to scream, and when you are happy to laugh. And finally, pray," she said.

While still undergoing weekly maintenance chemotherapy and another surgery for reconstruction in the future, McDaniel is looking forward to the three-year mark when she can say she has been cured. Already half way there, she takes time each night, alongside her children, to thank God for the miracle and to be thankful for the doctors, nurses and support group that helped her through the darkness.

Streets, sidewalks among projects city thinks will create more smiles

BY JENNA HAUGEN
PRESS REPORTER

Marion City Council has approved several projects which will change the face of town, including street repaving, sidewalk improvements and the rezoning of city property.

Additionally, Marion Planning Commission has recommended that the City Council work with the state to designate Country Club Drive and Industrial Drive as a truck route.

Street Repaving

City Administrator Mark Bryant is looking at what he calls a "Smiles per

Mile" ratio when considering roads in the city which will be repaved this summer. The city receives state funding between \$50,000 and \$60,000 annually for municipal aid projects. Additional funds from savings will also be used to fund projects.

"We looked at the number of driveways and access points that emanated from the street, and the nature of the road. We consider what is reasonable given the budget of the municipal aid fund and decide which streets to pave from there," Bryant said.

Marion City Council has approved the

resurfacing of three streets, the first to be repaved is Moore Street from the intersection of Gum to the intersection of Depot. This is an important cut-through for residents of Marion to access the courthouse and city hall, according to Bryant.

Blackburn Street from Gum to Elm streets will also be resurfaced. The city has completed utility work and made several patches to the street in the past few years and has an obligation to smooth out the road from the damage

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Projects in Marion

Street Projects

Moore Street
Blackburn Street
Travis Street

Sidewalk Projects

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Ford's Ferry Road

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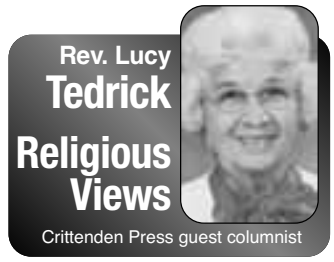
Careful, or we'll be under one-world rule

John Quincy Adams, on July 4, 1837, spoke these words: "Why is it that, next to the birthday of the Savior of the world, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day? ... Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth. That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity, and gave to the world the first irrevocable pledge of the fulfillment of the prophecies announced directly from Heaven at the birth of the Savior and predicted by the greatest of the Hebrew prophets 600 years before?"

The United States of America is the only nation established by Christian

people, upon Biblical principles and dedicated to the purpose of religious liberty. This is true of America's earliest true history.

On Nov. 11, 1620, America's forebears established a written covenant with God when they penned The Mayflower Compact. It states in part: "In the name of God, Amen.... Having undertaken, for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and Honour of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the Presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid; And by Virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient



for the General good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience."

As has been aforementioned by others, the sentiments and statements of America's founders make it clear that this nation has enjoyed a love and appreciation for the rights and freedoms recognized in natural law that is unique in the annals of human history. No other people have such a heritage.

Many people say America's founders would be shocked to see how their posterity would be denied their religious freedoms to pray in schools, or place Nativity scenes or the 10 Commandments on public property, especially after

they had paid so terrible a price to purchase our liberties.

This is doubtful, as the founders were guided in their minds and hearts by God who educated them and led them to establish a form of government unique in all history and in line with God's natural laws.

We see these envisioned in especially two statements a couple of them made. As Benjamin Franklin was leaving the Constitution Convention Hall in 1787 a lady asked:, "Well Doctor, what have we got?" His answer: "A Republic Madam, if you can keep it."

A Republic is a government run by a set of laws. A Democracy is run by majority rule, usually becoming a mob rule and leadership becoming despots or brutal dictators.

The Founders also could see into the future knowing the degree fallen man could degenerate into what ever the Devil wanted if they did not follow God.

This is evident in the mind of President John Adams when he said on March 11, 1798 when addressing the military, "We have no government with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled (uncontrolled) by morality and religion. Greed, ambition, revenge... would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Greed, false religions, unchecked and unconstitutional mob control of political power is selling us out to Satan, coming to us in the garb of political correctness, socialism, globalism, one-world government and order, and communism.

It is an established fact, if we lose our sovereignty (American controlled) to the globalization and one-world government, we lose our freedom of religion, speech,

travel, individual freedom to work at what we want to, go to the school we want to go to, make as much money as we want and we lose our protection against foreign court decisions and all other decisions and freedoms and much, much more.

Do you want the United Nations and rouge nations of the world calling our shots and reducing all of us to their level of life, concepts, laws and morals?

If not, then please help us pray that God will send a great spiritual revival and save millions of our electorates so we can elect people who follow God's Word and not just profess to, regardless of their political labels.

May God save America!

Rev. Tedrick is a Marion minister. She shares her views weekly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.

Born free is one thing, understanding it is another

All across our country, Americans are getting ready for the Fourth of July holiday. Celebrating the birthday of the United States fills us with a renewed sense of patriotism. We put out flags and wave them all across our neighborhoods, humbled by what Old Glory represents. Not only does it deserve our love and respect, it reminds us that our country is still "one nation under God."

Sadly, there are those inside our own country who would disagree. We have to be mindful of their tactics and be vigilant to keep them from eroding the rights we hold so dear. Even though we don't always agree with our laws and sometimes get sick and tired of politics, we realize it's still the best place in the world to live. Every day, people from around the world flock to our borders hoping to make it their home, too. According to Green Card statistics, approximately 1.3 million im-



migrants come to America every year.

Without a doubt, Americans have every reason to celebrate. We are free! We experience that freedom every day of our lives. For instance, just last week, when I learned I would be writing a guest column for the paper, I asked the editor a question, "What do you want me to write about?"

"Anything you want to," he replied.

How wonderful it is to live in a country where we are free to say what we want! Our Founding Fathers knew how important freedom of speech would be to a growing, thriving nation.

On July 3, 1776, one of the Declaration of Independ-

ence signers, John Adams, expressed what the day meant to him. In a letter to his wife, Abigail, he said it would be "the most memorable epoch in the history of America." He envisioned the day would be celebrated by generations to come with "solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty," as well as with "pomp and parade." His dreams are still being carried out on the day we call Independence Day.

But, throughout history, freedom has come with a great price. Many of our ancestors risked their lives to come to America. Although details are vague, one such story has a personal interest to me. Passed down to my husband by his grandmother, the story of his great-great grandfather sailing from France to America would meet with a tragic ending. He and his wife died in the crowded ship, but his infant son survived. He was taken in by a family who taught him how to work on a

farm for his keep. The boy grew up in America, realizing his father's dream.

Today, people just like that young man come to our shores, willing to follow all the legal steps to become a rightful citizen. If they go through the proper channels, we welcome them to our great country with the same opportunities we enjoy.

The process isn't easy. According to Woman's Day magazine July 2011 issue, there are four requirements screened applicants have to complete before becoming a naturalized citizen: 1) They have to be able to read, 2) They have to know how to write, and 3) They have to be able to speak English. But, that's not all. They each have to pass a 10-question civics test picked from 100 questions they have studied. Since I kept up with current events and had studied American history in school, I thought it would be a breeze. I was wrong!

Just for fun, cover up the

answers at the bottom and give it a try.

1. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?
2. How many Amendments does the Constitution have?
3. How many voting members are in the House of Representatives?
4. In what month do we vote for President?
5. Who is currently the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court?
6. Who is currently the Speaker of the House of Representatives?
7. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?
8. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
9. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States?
10. In what war was President Eisenhower a general?

Hope you did better than I did!

My lack of knowledge challenged me to brush up on the things I should know

about my country. Since I was born in America, it wasn't a requirement, but I look at it this way: If a person from another country has to know these things to qualify, I should know them too. What better time to start than on the nation's 235th birthday!

Answers: 1) Speech/religion/assembly/press/petition the government; 2) 27; 3) 435 4) November; 5) John Roberts; 6) John Boehner; 7) The flag and the United States; 8) Thomas Jefferson; 9) Mississippi, Missouri; 10) World War II.

For a complete list of questions, go to <http://immigration.findlaw.com>.

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks for 4-H can help

To the Editor:

A great big thank you goes out to all those who donated aluminum cans to the Crittenden County 4-H.

Thanks to our generous donations, we collected more than 200 pounds of cans and the proceeds from the sale of these provided enough funds to enable the 4-H Council to sponsor a full camp scholarship. We appreciate the council members who came out and helped and everyone who came by and dropped off cans, whether it was one small bag or several large bags. They all added up and made for a very successful day.

Also, a very special thank you to Farmers Bank for donating the use of their parking lot as a collection site. Thanks again to everyone who participated in this event and showed his or her support for the 4-H youth of Crittenden County.

Carolyn Belt
and 4-H Council
Marion, Ky.

Mineral museum thanks sponsors, other helpers

To the Editor:

The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum Board of Directors and staff would like to thank those of you who attended the sixth annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show with digs. We would like to thank our show sponsors: Rogers Group and Farmer's Bank and Trust Company, and the following people and businesses that made this year's show a success:

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Thanks again to all those who helped make this year's show possible. And, please forgive us if you helped and we left your name off the list, just know your help was greatly appreciated.

Tina Walker
Marion, Ky.

Soccer group says thanks to everyone who helped

To the Editor:

The Crittenden Youth Soccer Association would like to thank all of the spring team sponsors and all of its donors who made the Spring Soccer Jamboree a huge success.

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Shana Geary
Marion, Ky.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the courthouse open on Saturday? Yes. Most offices are open a half-day Saturday except during holiday weekends. The PVA and judge-executive's office, however, are closed on Saturday.

When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open? Monday through Friday from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m., to noon. It is closed only on Sunday.

Do I have to have a dog license? Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Ricky Winders (965-3376) at the animal shelter on U.S. 60 East.



Students win awards at youth seminar

Five Crittenden County High School students excelled at the Kentucky Youth Seminar held on the University of Kentucky campus June 22-24. Students were accompanied to the seminar by CCHS history teacher Kim Vince. Students competed throughout the week in different competitions and Will Hayes received the top award, a \$1,200 scholarship which can be used at the university of his choice. The Cooperative Spirit Award was won by Dominique LaPlante. Hayes' cooperative board case placed first, while Nikki Conger earned second and Elliott Day won second. Cash awards are presented to board case winners. In addition to competitive events, the students attended workshops on how to succeed in college, the college adventure and finding cash for college. Students were selected for the state program after advancing from the local American Private Enterprise System Program held in April. Nancy Hunt from the Crittenden County Extension Service has coordinated the local program for eight years. Charlie Hunt, who has served as the local board case coach said, "This year we had 30 great students in the local program and had wonderful discussion sessions. I knew the ones going to state would do a good job and they did. We met prior to the seminar for a study session and it paid off." Local students selected to attend the National Institute on Cooperative Education to be held at Purdue University July 23-27 include Hayes, Day and LaPlante. Matt Pendrick was selected as alternate. Pictured are (front from left) Conger and LaPlante; (back) Hayes, Day and Pendrick.

Local artist captures precious moments

BY JENNA HAUGEN
PRESS REPORTER

As artist Sharon Linn exited the horse show ring, she witnessed a little girl kiss the muzzle of a chestnut colored horse. She quickly picked up her camera and caught the precious moment on film. Being at the right place at the right time has been an inspiration for Linn. She takes advantage of the moments she witnesses by using her passion, drive and talent to capture those moments in snapshots, drawings and paintings.

Linn has always been infatuated with horses. Ever since she was able to hold a pencil she has rendered the equine's distinctive spirit in her artwork. Her horsemanship has given her a unique perspective of the subjects of her paintings, many times using her own horses as models.

"I am always creating or planning a new painting. Every place I am I see beauty and want to capture it either with my camera, by pencil or by brush," Linn said.

Linn attended Fairmont State College with the intention of becoming an art teacher but her life took a different path. She has worked with FEMA as a supervisor for monitors. She assisted with the recovery efforts after Hurricanes Katrina, Ike and Rita ensuring that agencies are following local, state and federal regulations.

She moved to Crittenden

County from West Virginia for the serene and peaceful landscape that Kentucky offers. In particular, she enjoys the many opportunities to see her favorite subjects, horses.

When the ice storm hit Crittenden County, she requested to come back home and assist with the recovery process here. Linn is now employed at Salem Springlake Nursing Home where she is the Human Resources Director.

Linn's list of recognitions at art shows is expansive. Her drawing, "Sugar and Candy" received the Canvas Room Award at the 76th Woman's Club Annual Art Show-Contest held in Paducah. Her artwork titled "Braids" received the Over All Choice Award at the Kentucky Dam Village Annual Art Show held in Marshall County with "Joe's Team" earning Best of Show for Kentucky's Most Authentic artwork.

Linn's work has been published in The Paducah Sun newspaper and the March 2007 edition of the Quilter's Newsletter Magazine.

Linn comes from a family of artists. Her mom, Janet Linn, was one of her biggest inspirations, encouraging creativity in Linn throughout her childhood, "I come from an artistic and very creative family. It has just been a way of life for me. As I say, it is in my blood and I don't know any other way."



Above, Sharon Linn stands next to her painting, "Montana." Linn has won several awards and recognition at art shows.

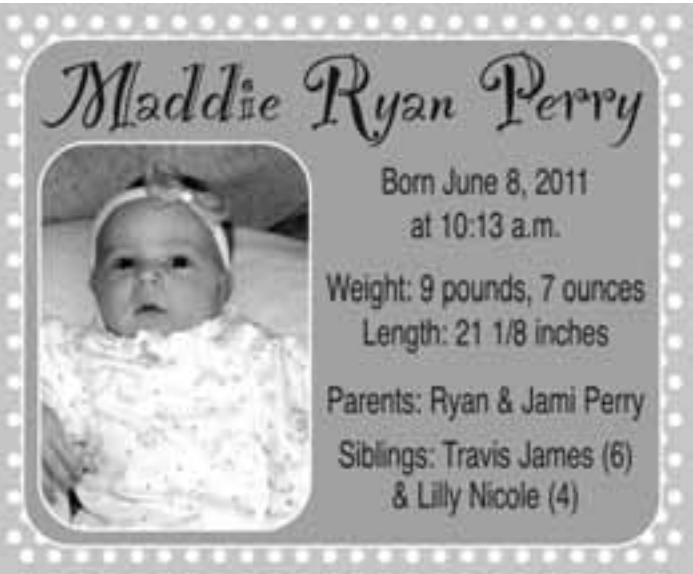
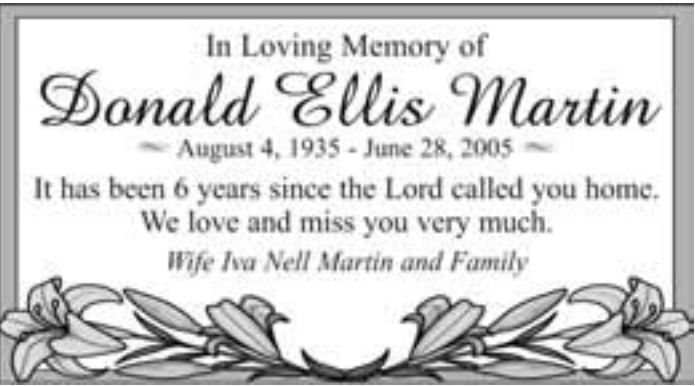


Pictured above are (front from left) Pam Enoch, Terri Hart and Melinda Gipson; (back) Garry Gerard and Jeff Black.

City employees recognized for years of service

City employees were recognized for their years of service to Marion at the City Council meeting on June 20. Employees, who received plaques to commemorate their employ-

ment milestones, were Pam Enoch, City Clerk, for 10 years of service; Terri Hart, Planning and Zoning Coordinator, for five years of service; and Melinda Gipson, City Treasurer, for 20 years with the City of Marion. Garry Gerard, Maintenance Foreman, has been with the city for 10 years; and Jeff Black has worked at the water plant for five years.



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Obituaries

Thomas

Sarah E. Thomas, 32, of Salem died Saturday, June 20, 2011. She was the daughter of R a y m o n d "Ricky" and Pattie Sawchick Price and was preceded in death by her biological father, Randy Reynolds.



Surviving are three children, Christopher Marshall of Salem, Amandalynn Thomas of Lone Oak and Hunter Barton of Paducah; two sisters, Lisa Russell and January English, both of Paducah; uncle and aunt, Scott and Teresa Price of Marion; an aunt, Diana Peek of Marion; grandmother, Carol Hardin of Lola; two nieces; two nephews; a grand-nephew and numerous cousins in western Kentucky.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 2 at Creekside Baptist Church in Crittenden County near Salem with Rev. Roger Hollo-man officiating.

Myers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sexton

Willia Jean Sexton, 75, of the Joy community died Friday, June 24, 2011 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, David Franklin Sexton; three sons, Keaven Sexton of Paducah, Greg Sexton of Ledbetter and Wesley Sexton of Joy; a daughter, Debbie Wright of Marion; seven grandchildren, Daren Sexton, Adam Wright, Nichole Sexton, Christa Edmonds, David A. Sexton, Adrianna Sexton and Zayn Sexton; a brother, Gary Ivy of Illinois and a sister, Janice Ivy of Salem.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Ronald Sexton; a brother, Defas Ivy; and her parents, James and Tressie Curnel Ivy.

Funeral services were Tuesday at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors with Bro. Tim Fouts officiating. Burial was at New Union Cemetery.

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Thompson

Samuel David Thompson, 87, of Marion died Saturday, June 23, 2011 at Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a retired auto parts manager, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Presbyter- i a n Church at Tracy C i t y , Tenn.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank P. and Lula Bennett Thompson.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Lou Thompson of Marion; a son, Phillip S. Thompson of Augusta, Ga.; a daughter, Shirley Ann Thompson of East Ridge, Tenn.; two brothers, Bobby Frank Thompson and Jack Thompson, both of Tracy City, Tenn.; a sister, Ann Page of Chattanooga, Tenn.; four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were Sunday, June 26 at Rushing Cemetery in Crittenden County. Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Edwards

Melody R. Edwards, 53, of Marion died Saturday, June 25 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

Surviving are two daughters, Joanna Peters and Jennifer Gray, both of Princeton; three grandchildren, Victoria Gray, Kristen Gray and Sara Gray; three brothers, Jimmy Edwards of Marion, Frank Cole of Dycusburg and Joe Cole of Louisville; three sisters, Mary Travis and Dena Sunderland of Marion and Lisa Cole of Dycusburg; and step-father, Joe Cole of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother Jimmy Edwards and Mildred Wood Edwards Cole.

Graveside services were Tuesday, June 28 at Cedar Hill Cemetery with Rev. James Gray officiating. Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton was in charge of arrangements.

ObamaCare may mandate it
County reviews insurance plan

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County is once again looking at whether it can afford to provide insurance for its employees. Fiscal court members heard a proposal from an insurance agent during last week's regular meeting.

Charlie McElaya of Peel and Holland Insurance Co., presented various options but centered on a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) plan with Kentucky Association of Counties as the insurance provider.

Crittenden has 79 employees, but only 48 said they would be interested in signing up for a county health insurance plan.

HRA's work somewhat like cafeteria plans in that covered workers are given a debit card to pay for part of their deductible. The insurance coverage will include a high deductible, probably around \$3,000, but the employer would pay up half of that, based on a scenario discussed last week. The insurance would cost \$249 a month for the employee, \$523 for employee and spouse, \$449 for employee and child or \$798 for a family plan.

Based on the census of county workers, the monthly premium would be \$17,612 or \$211,344 a year. Under the proposed HRA plan, the county would also be liable for up to \$72,000 in deductible expense.

After the meeting, Judge-

Executive Perry Newcom said he doesn't anticipate making a move to provide insurance this calendar year. However, the Obama Healthcare Plan may make it somewhat mandatory by 2013.

"We have two years to figure out what we're going to be able to do," Newcom said.

He envisions a plan similar to the one discussed last week, but with the county and its employees sharing in the cost of the premium and the deductible equally. That would cost the county about \$170,000 based on figures discussed at the meeting.

Right now, Newcom says the county does not have that kind of money available in its general fund. The hospital is wanting a few hundred thousand dollars to offset losses by the ambulance service and there are many other demands on the county's limited revenue, the judge said.

"The biggest problem is our expenses just keep going up and revenue is flat," he said.

The county's largest source of local tax revenue is from ad valorem property taxes. The real estate tax rate has varied between 11 and 12 cents per \$100 of assessed property value for about 15 years.



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Church picnics brought a time of worship, merriment

The old-fashioned church picnics and homecomings were a much anticipated event. Besides the blessings one gets from attending these religious services, I believe the visiting with old friends and family that come to these special functions are also just as important. Another big event looked forward to by all were the basket dinners that were provided by the attending ladies. Dinner would be served on the ground and then later the wooden tables were built beneath the nearby shade trees and the basket meals would be spread on these long tables. In all these old articles, the meal would always be mentioned on how good and plentiful it would be.

July 8, 1921
Cumberland Presbyterian Sunday school enjoys a picnic
On Tuesday evening, Bob Elkin's big truck, together with several automobiles, got busy and gathered up the Cumberland Presbyterians of the town and took them to Uncle Iva Hughes' Spring near Harrison trestle for a picnic given under the auspices of the Marion Cumberland Presbyterian Sunday school.

They began gathering on the ground about 5 p.m., and kept coming until near 7 p.m., and it seemed that everybody brought a paper sack or some other form of packaging with something delicious inside.

The little folks and Walter McConnell kicked all the mud out of the swimming hole, the big girls put in time horseback (muleback) riding and W. Lamb and "Ye Scribe" erected a horizontal bar and passed an ordinance that everybody had to chin the pole before he got his super.

Daniel Jasper Travis was the champion of chinning the bar after chinning the pole 14 times. It was good as any picture show to watch Jeff Asher's face while he was making it over twice.

In due time and just at the right time of day, the good women called us to supper and such a supper it was. There is not enough space to enumerate the variety of good eats but suffice it to say that there was something plenty to satisfy any appetite or taste.

After the repast the young people assembled and made the woods ring with such songs like "My Old Kentucky Home," "The Star Spangled Banner" and many others. I never saw a more enjoyable occasion.

The ages of the children ranged from six months to 79 years. Uncle Eli Nunn was the oldest at 79. I am sure that it can safely be said that everyone there really enjoyed the whole affair.

A Sunday school picnic. Did it do any good? Was there any religion in it? Yes. The favorable communicative side of the human life is sociality. If we win the world for Christ, the world must know there is joy, peace and happiness in the Christian religion.

June 28, 1940
Bells Mines Homecoming
The hillside at historic Bells Mines was covered with the largest homecoming crowd in its history last Sunday. Almost everyone who should possess sentiment



Pictured above is a scene of a Chapel Hill Homecoming many years ago. Note the long wooden tables built beneath the trees in the yard and the food that covered them. A much anticipated part of the day.

for a day at Bells Mines appeared, as did a number of friends and many strangers. Estimate of the crowd ranged from 1,000 to 1,200.

The forenoon was occupied by the children's program, which is tradition, and a few impromptu speeches by those who just "couldn't hold themselves in."

The Cave Springs choir under direction of Virgil Drennan was one of the features and placed the day in a position to be long remembered. Guthrie Travis brought several groups from Webster County to add more enjoyment to the day.

Stamps-Braxter Melody Boys, well known radio artists, and well known to local audiences, entertained during the afternoon hours. The building was crowded during the entire performance and at no time during the day was there more than standing room in the church.

An old timer in discussing the day said "speaking of loaves and fishes; at noon there was enough delicious basket dinners to feed a large part of Uncle Sam's army. Two long tables were completely covered besides the number of groups throughout the grounds who couldn't find room for their baskets at the tables."

From a survey there were representatives from Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Florida and Michigan and not to mention the hundreds from Kentucky. All sur-



Pictured above is the Hebron Church of many years ago. It was the home of many a joyful gathering of neighbors, family and friends for their yearly homecoming in June.

rounding counties were represented and a large portion of all churches in Crittenden were present. Many Union County churches were represented and eight preachers, all of whom could have delivered a wonderful sermon if given the opportunity, enjoyed the day.

May 27, 1938
Homecoming At Hebron Sunday, June 3

The folk who have gone back home to Hebron for the last several years on the first Sunday in June will go back home this year as usual but there will be no church home there. The church was destroyed by fire a month or so ago.

But the annul homecoming will be held at Hebron this year, as usual. If it is fair weather, the meeting will be held out in the open under the shade of the trees. If it should rain, the meeting will be held in the school building. Following the usual custom, a basket dinner will be served at noon. The afternoon will be given to singing and music.

It has been mentioned that the folks at Hebron will celebrate homecoming this year without a church home but we'll venture to say that next year will tell a different story. Hebron is located in one of the most substantial farming sections of the county. The community has always been a leader in the county. From this community have come some of the county's best known people, the Wathens, the Walkers, the Daughtreys, the Easleys, the Cooks, the Franklins, the Alvises, the Belts, the Beards, the Greens, the Flannarys and others who have helped to build the church and the community and the county.

June 7, 1940
Hebron Church dedicated last Sunday morning

The Hebron Methodist Church was dedicated last Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. The church was presented to Rev. Spears for the



The old Bells Mines Church that was located in the northern part of our county. The site of the large gatherings for Homecoming and Children's Day each year in June.

church but now a resident of Evansville and a member of an Evansville Methodist church sang. The afternoon program was given to the homecoming program with singing and visiting with neighbors and friends.

August 8, 1955
Chapel Hill Church's 150th Anniversary

The Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church will celebrate the 150th year of its founding and its annual homecoming with a week-long program of special events beginning with services on Sunday, Aug. 21.

The Rev. John D. Reese, III, of Montgomery, Ala., will deliver a special sesquicentennial address at 2 p.m. Events preceding his address will include Sunday school services and morning worship. A basket dinner will be served during the noon hour.

The redecorated sanctuary will be dedicated by T. Morton McMillan, student minister, during the afternoon service. The church was first organized at Bethany Presbyterian Church on Crooked Creek in 1803. In 1845, Marion became the county seat of Crittenden County and the congregation moved to the site of the old cemetery in Marion, where they built a brick building. A group of 67 members seceded in 1881 and in 1883 the new church was reorganized and named Chapel Hill.

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For the night round, tees will be moved up for both men and women. The tournament is limited to 33 paid entries.

Call 704-0370 or 704-0616 for more information.

FOOTBALL

Rocket Youth Camp

The Crittenden County Rocket football coaching staff is conducting the Rocket youth football camp July 11-13. The cost is \$30 and open to anyone age 6-15. Registration is from 8:30-11:30 a.m., on the first day at Rocket Arena.

You may pre-register by picking up forms from The Crittenden Press or NAPA Auto Parts and return the completed forms to Coach Al Starnes at the Board of Education office.

HIGH SCHOOL

Dead Period

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association's (KHSAA) annual "dead period" took effect last week. With the fixed dates of June 25 through July 9, all high school sports activities must cease during this two-week time period.

Former Rocket transfers to Division II

BY CHRIS HARDESTY

PRESS SPORTS WRITER

After pitching at Rend Lake College in Ina, Ill., last season, former Rocket pitcher Alex Wood is taking his talents to Division II University of Indianapolis next season.

Wood was also added as a pitcher to the Marion Bobcats earlier this week.

After helping lead the Rockets to a pair of consecutive Fifth District titles in 2008 and 2009, the right-hander redshirted his freshman season at Rend Lake due to an elbow injury.

During a pitching showcase last year, allowing four-year schools the chance to scout sophomores while playing junior college, Wood caught the attention of the University of Indianapolis coaching staff during an intersquad scrimmage.

Wood said the outing went so well that Rend Lake coach Tony Etnier believed he was already good enough to pitch at the Div II level.

"They said I was gonna have to come in and earn my position, Wood said of Indianapolis. "If I worked hard there would be a place for me,"

After starting the season strong with the Warriors last spring, "Woody" as he was known in high school, began to suffer shoulder tendinitis.

Despite playing injured, Wood pitched in seven games, accumulated 37.2 innings, allowed 31 runs, with 27 of them earned. He struck out 21 and walked 15, while finishing with a 3-4 record and 6.45 ERA.

"I started out really strong. I'm rehabbing this summer and getting stronger," he said.

While having the option of returning to the Warriors since he redshirted his freshman season, Woody simply believed he was ready to go to the next level.

"I feel like Indianapolis is going to be a good fit and I am ready to go," he said.

Wood pitched two perfect games in high school and knows he could not have attained the Division II level by himself.

He credits Etnier and Rend Lake assistant Larry Bosik for their help in Ina and appreciates all they did for him.

Wood said he is rehabbing, weightlifting and running this summer a total of three or four hours every day.

Other schools who came and scouted him and that he considered transferring to included Murray State, Delta State and the University of Southern Indiana.

Three Rockets playing Legion

BY CHRIS HARDESTY
PRESS SPORTS WRITER

Crittenden County Rocket baseball players Travis Gilbert and Brenden Phillips are honing their skills this summer for the Calvert City Post 236 American Legion team.

While playing with a young team consisting of several 14 and 15-year olds, they have already faced some squads which have players from 17 to 19-years old. In fact, they have gone up against some American Legion teams already consisting of a few college players.

Facing that tough schedule has produced a current 1-5 record, but third-year Calvert City Post 236 coach Scott Matlock has been impressed with the contributions of the duo from Marion.

"Both of them have great character," said Matlock, who also coaches the Heath Pirates high school baseball team.

In a 7-6 victory over the Bardwell Bats, Gilbert pitched a complete game and currently owns a 1-0 record with a low ERA of 2.93.

The Post 236 coach commended Gilbert for his arm strength and ability to command his pitches.

"He's actually one of my go to pitchers," said Matlock.



Crittenden County Rocket baseball player Brendan Phillips hits a grand slam as a member of the Calvert City Post 236 American Legion squad.

While he would like to see Gilbert improve his hitting, the skipper realizes they have been facing tough competition. As he does for the Rockets, Gilbert plays shortstop when not on the mound.

While Phillips is currently hitting .280 as the starting catcher, the

Calvert City coach beamed about a grand slam he crushed in a loss to the Bardwell Bats, who they have already played twice.

He may also have something else in mind for the sophomore catcher as the summer progresses.

"I have a tendency to let my

catcher come out from behind the plate and close a game," he said, referring to an idea he has considered of letting Phillips serve as one of the squad's closers.

He would like to see Phillips improve his skill of blocking the ball behind the plate, but nonetheless is happy with what the Rocket sophomores have brought to the team.

"They've got some learning to do, but so do all of my players" Matlock said.

Other American Legion teams Calvert has lost to include Marshall, Metropolis, Ill., and Mayfield.

In a game that was rained out last Sunday, he had planned to start Gilbert on the hill against Owensboro, who he described as one of the best American Legion teams in the state.

Another tough foe they will face next weekend is Metcalfe County, which consists of some collegiate players.

Rocket sophomore Taylor Champion is also playing for the Post 236 team. While battling for playing time against a veteran third baseman, Matlock believes he will help out as the summer progresses.

Local youth earns Rookie of the Year honors in rodeo

STAFF REPORT

Kyle Myatt of Marion was named the 2011 Rookie of the Year for the Kentucky High School Rodeo Association. Myatt, an upcoming sophomore, competed in calf roping and team roping. He was crowned the Champion Team Roping Header and placed tenth in the calf roping competition. Myatt is the son of Kevin and Kim Myatt.

Lane Shelley, also of Marion, was the Reserve Champion Team Roping Heeler for the KHSRA. He also competed in calf roping, placing fifth in the state. Shelley is an upcoming junior in high school. He is the son of Kenneth Shelley and Marsha Burkeen and Scott and Dusty Mullen.

The state finals were held on June 17-18 in Liberty, Ky. Both Myatt and Shelley qualified for the High School National Finals Rodeo in team roping. The finals will be held in Gillette, Wyo. July 17-24.

Myatt's horse, Dude, was recog-

nized as Horse of the Year in the KHSRA. The horse received the honor for accumulating the most points in various events in which Myatt competed.

"Dude is an all-around horse. He will do anything that you want him to do," Myatt said.

Dude is no stranger to the honor of Horse of the Year, receiving the same recognition last year in the Kentucky Junior Rodeo Association. He received a brand new halter to recognize his status.

"I really enjoyed winning the buckles, but the coolest part of the weekend was having my horse receive this honor," Myatt said.

While the horse is the "boss of the field," according to Myatt, he will soon have a new boss. Myatt's sister, Kelsi, plans to add another skill to the horse's repertoire by heeling on the back of the outstanding horse.



Kyle Myatt (center) and Lane Shelley pose with Myatt's horse of the year, Dude.

Rain manages to halt Bobcats advance

STAFF REPORT

The story of the week for the Bobcats has been rain. Rain, rain and more rain.

Five attempts at Ohio Valley League action were postponed during the last week due to soggy weather. In fact, since June 17, Marion has had seven days off. When the Bobcats were able to take the field, however, they dropped two of three.

Despite the rough patch, it hasn't put a damper on the Bobcats' fortunes. At press time, Marion (10-5, 11-5 overall) maintained a first-place cushion of 2.5 games over Tradewater and had just signed a native to the roster. Crittenden County High School graduate Alex Wood was added to the pitching staff earlier this week. Wood graduated in 2009 and comes to the Bobcats from Rend Lake College. However, he recently signed to play ball with the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds.

Back on the field, Marion has six rainouts to make up – four with Tradewater and two with Owensboro – but only two have been scheduled. The Bobcats' new schedule will be updated at Marionbobs.com as games are reset.

What is known is Owensboro and former Bobcats manager Steve Fowler come calling tonight (Thursday). The Oilers and their new manager arrive at Gordon Blue Guess Field for a 7:05 p.m., start to kick off a two-game series. Marion SmallMart will have a special giveaway for fans.

The second game will also be a



Above, Bobcats' first baseman Caleb Eickhoff attempts to tag a Fulton County baserunner in last week's action.

home date, beginning at the same time on Friday, with Main Street Italian Grill giving away to all fans in attendance a half-order of breadsticks if a designated Owensboro batter strikes out.

Fulton, the only team with which Marion has not had a postponement, ends the four-game homestand with a Saturday contest. Fans will get 10 percent off any purchase at Bowtanicals if a predetermined Railroader strikes out at the plate.

The Bobcats then hit the road for games at Fulton and Owensboro on Sunday and Monday, respectively, before returning to host the Pirates next Wednesday at 7:05 p.m.

Marion 2, Fulton 1

Results of a two-game set with Fulton on Tuesday and Wednesday were not available at press time, but the Bobcats dropped back-to-back games last week for the first time before rebounding last Friday with a win in a 2-1 pitchers' duel with Fulton. In the win, Andrew Edwards became the fourth Bobcat pitcher to tally two wins on the season. Matt Vollenwieder also picked up his eighth save to tie manager Kyle Medley's all-time record.

Fulton 9, Marion 3

Last Thursday, Fulton handed Marion its worst loss of the season and the second in as many nights with a 9-3 win in Guess Field. Joey Xavier, however, went 3-for-4 with an RBI and run scored. Garret

Hunt took the loss, but only three of the seven runs he gave up were earned.


Owensboro 2, Marion 0

The day before, Todd Brazell pitched masterfully in a seven-inning, complete-game affair at Owensboro, but could do no better than a loss. Brazell allowed two runs on six hits, but his offense managed only two hits in the

Standings as of Monday night

Ohio Valley League standings						
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L
Marion	10	5	.667	0.0	11	5
Tradewater	8	8	.500	2.5	8	8
Owensboro	7	9	.438	3.5	7	9
Fulton	7	10	.412	4.0	7	10

California native's bat helping Bobcats remain in first

**Xavier**

Although being a long way from his hometown of Selma, Calif., Marion Bobcat DH Joey Xavier is making the transition easy, especially with his hot hitting.

Xavier has hit safely in all nine games he has appeared in this summer and is currently 13-for-40 for a solid .325 batting average.

"I'm seeing the ball pretty well right now. I try not to worry about my average," said Xavier.

The sophomore from the College of Sequoias in California said he began playing the sport he loves when he was first able to walk.

While a first baseman and outfielder back at his college out west, Xavier has no qualms about filling the DH role he has been in as a Bobcat.

"I'll play wherever Coach Medley needs me," he said.

Despite enduring six rainouts as of last Sunday, Xavier is tickled

with the 11-5 start to the year which has put them in first place in the Ohio Valley Summer League.

"It's good to be on top. We've just gotta keep it rolling," he said.

After St. Catharine College located in St. Catharine, Ky., recruited one of Xavier's college teammates in Calif., they started to recruit Xavier to attend there as well.

Another common thread is that St. Catherine coach Terry Davis also coached Medley at that school.

Off to their best start in their four-year existence, the DH had high praise for the Bobcat coaching staff for instilling the right mind-set in the team.

"They really work hard for us," he said.

Despite being on the other side of the United States. from his hometown this summer, Xavier loves the laid back lifestyle Marion has to offer.

"I'm from a small community so it's good to be in a small town he," he said.



Upcoming Games

All home games start at 7:05 p.m.

Today OWENSBORO
July 1 OWENSBORO
July 2 FULTON
July 3 at Fulton
July 4 at Owensboro
July 6 TRADEWATER

Outdoors & Agriculture

World Games has positive impact on Kentucky

The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games has had a positive impact on Kentucky's economy. Gov. Steve Beshear said Monday that the event held last fall at the Kentucky Horse Park had an economic impact of \$201.5 million. The World Equestrian Games were held Sept. 25 through Oct. 10, 2010, the first time the international event had been held outside of Europe. The games are composed of eight events – dressage, driving, endurance, eventing, jumping, para dressage, reining and vaulting. The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet and the Alltech World Equestrian Games Foundation reported more than 400,000 spectators at the events. The economic impact included \$128.2 million spent at the horse park, hotels, restaurants, shopping centers and retail outlets. More than \$55 million was spent on tickets, food, souvenirs and other items.

Conservation officer on leave in light of charges

A western Kentucky fish and wildlife officer has been placed on administrative leave with pay while the state investigates charges against him of public intoxication and endangering the welfare of a minor. The uniform citation says 33-year-old Bradley W. Lowe of Murray was arrested by University of Kentucky police in Lexington early last Thursday at a bar, the Murray Ledger & Times reports. Officer David Duncan said Lowe allegedly identified himself as a federal officer to gain entry to the bar for himself and his 15-year-old daughter. A call seeking comment last week to a number listed to a Bradley W. Lowe in Murray was not immediately returned. Lowe was released on bond after his arraignment last week.

County committee nominations open July 15

Farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers have until Aug. 1, to nominate eligible candidates to serve on local Farm Service Agency county committees, announced John McCauley, State Executive Director, of the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). "County committees play a vital role in the administration of federal farm programs and the positive effect they have on rural communities," said McCauley. FSA county committees make decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs, disaster programs, employing county executive directors and other significant agricultural issues. A complete list of eligibility requirements is posted online at /www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa_ccelections_2011.pdf. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. All nomination forms for the 2011 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1. The county committee nomination period begins June 15. Voting takes place in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 4. The final day to return voted ballots to the local USDA Service Center is Dec. 5. Newly elected county committee members take office Jan. 2. For more information about FSA county committees, call 988-2180.



FFA members make memories at annual camp

During the week of June 20-24, 326 FFA members and advisors attended camp at the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center in Hardinsburg, Ky. Of the 326 members and advisors, the Crittenden County FFA Chapter was represented by nine members and one advisor. Throughout the week, campers participated in various activities, ranging from officer classes to special interest classes. Each FFA member also competed in different sports events to raise their team's scores. Crittenden County members who attended FFA camp were Stacia Snow, Corey Bruns, Cortni Head, Kelsey Pierce, Daniel Patton, Matt Berry, Paige Hicks, Faith Sitar and Kaylin McConnell. "Camp was a very fun experience," McConnell said. She encourages anyone who is in FFA to go in the future because classes are very interesting and fun, not to mention, "you get to meet new people and will have memories that you will never forget."



FFA members participate in a team building exercise on the ropes course at camp (at top). Pictured are (from left) Stacia Snow, Cortni Head, Matt Berry, Kaylin McConnell, Daniel Patton, Kelsey Pierce and Corey Bruns. FFA Members (directly above) pose for pictures for the chapter scrapbook. They are (front from left) Matt Berry, Corey Bruns, Daniel Patton, Kaylin McConnell, (back) Kelsey Pierce, Faith Sitar, Cortni Head, Paige Hicks and Stacia Snow.

Boating safety is important at peak claims period

Kentucky has more than 90,000 miles of river and lake shoreline and, as a result, has more miles of navigable water than any other state in the union except Alaska. With that much water to be enjoyed, Kentucky's seemingly innumerable lakes and rivers attract thousands of people to recreational boating each summer. As this year's boating season is now well under way, Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) urges boaters, swimmers, fishers and skiers heading into the July Fourth holiday weekend to be keenly aware of their surroundings and exercise caution when in the water. A historical look through KFB Insurance claims data reveals that June and July

are the peak months for boating accident occurrences. The two top reasons for KFB's boating accident claims – collisions and upsets or overturns – are commonly associated with driver error. More than half, or \$3.3 million worth, of the \$6 million that KFB Insurance paid out for 1,620 boating accident claims during the last five years came from those two categories alone. "Taking shortcuts with boating safety can be risky business," said Randy Chrisman, Chair of KFB's Safety & Rural Health Advisory Committee. According to the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC), 70 percent of recreational boating accidents are caused by operator factors. The U.S. Coast Guard supports this fact and advises that collision with another vessel or object can frequently be avoided by posting a lookout to help navigate around obstacles, knowing and following the nautical rules of navigation, and slowing down when in unfamiliar waters or maneuvering in close-quarter situations, such as approaching or leaving a dock. It is additionally important to remember that operating a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is not only illegal in all states and a violation of federal law, but it is also extremely dangerous. The NSBC says that

a boater with a blood alcohol content of .08 (equivalent to a 180-pound male consuming five beers in one hour is 10 times more likely to die in a boating accident than a boater with a zero blood alcohol level. Fortunately for KFB policy-holders, most boating accidents submitted as insurance claims have not resulted in bodily harm (just 1.4 percent), but it is advisable to recognize that accidents with injuries do happen. Keeping a few simple pieces of equipment, such as life jackets, on board can help lessen the effect of an accident when and if it occurs.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

MARION & LIVINGSTON REPORTS WEEKLY BY -USDA MARKET NEWS

LIVINGSTON LIVESTOCK
Tuesday, June 28, 2011. KDAA-USDA Market News
Livingston County Livestock, Leebetter Auction (cattle weighed at time of sale).
Receipts: 578 Head
Compared to last week: Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower, Slaughter bulls 2.00-4.00 higher, Feeder steers 5.00-8.00 higher, Feeder heifers 2.00-4.00 higher.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
19 800-1200 1068 65.00-72.00 68.41
3 800-1200 1127 74.00-78.00 75.69 HD
24 1200-1600 1352 66.00-72.00 68.99
2 1200-1600 1408 75.00-76.00 75.53 HD
5 1200-1600 1333 63.00-65.00 63.99 LD
1 1600-2000 1665 71.00 71.00

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
3 700-800 775 61.00-63.00 62.36
22 800-1200 1016 59.00-67.50 62.59
1 800-1200 950 72.00 72.00 HD
4 800-1200 1080 57.00-61.00 59.05 LD
9 1200-1600 1293 61.00-66.00 63.45
1 1200-1600 1250 68.00 68.00 HD

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
3 700-800 773 52.00-58.00 55.66
1 700-800 775 41.00 41.00 LD
11 800-1200 935 50.00-58.00 54.88
2 800-1200 882 39.00-47.00 43.12 LD

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
2 1500-3000 1952 90.00-98.50 93.36
1 1500-3000 1950 102.00 102.00 HD

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
4 1000-1500 1346 83.00-85.00 84.00
3 1500-3000 1878 86.00-89.50 87.06
1 1500-3000 1780 79.00 79.00 LD

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 3
1 1000-1500 1305 78.00 78.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
2 100-200 172 162.50-173.00 168.13
3 200-300 225 158.00-170.00 162.86
4 300-400 348 151.00-155.00 153.72
7 400-500 418 141.00-150.00 146.71
26 500-600 542 134.00-144.00 137.41
25 600-700 644 128.00-138.00 135.39
4 700-800 702 131.00 131.00
1 900-1000 960 100.00 100.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
3 200-300 263 135.00-143.00 139.75
5 300-400 354 141.00-145.00 144.00
6 400-500 482 120.00-138.00 132.32
5 500-600 535 129.00-130.00 129.81
3 600-700 683 123.00-126.00 125.03
1 700-800 750 114.00 114.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 200-300 220 155.00 155.00
21 300-400 343 135.00-145.00 139.42
44 400-500 444 129.00-140.00 135.49
33 500-600 533 124.00-138.00 129.73
11 600-700 628 117.00-124.00 119.54
4 700-800 724 112.00-119.00 114.00
5 800-900 855 106.00-112.00 108.25

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
9 300-400 349 124.00-133.00 130.43
6 400-500 450 110.00-123.00 121.64
14 500-600 547 106.00-124.00 119.45
7 600-700 671 109.00-112.00 111.29
1 700-800 720 104.00 104.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2
2 300-400 338 140.00-147.00 143.79
29 400-500 467 134.00-144.00 138.78
18 500-600 545 125.00-138.00 130.39
16 600-700 618 120.00-126.00 123.42
8 700-800 732 104.00-113.00 107.31
1 800-900 860 92.00 92.00

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USDA unveils new dietary plan, icon to help eat healthy

The MyPlate icon, with a plate, fork and drinking glass, simplifies the message for healthy eating. The plate is divided into four unequal sections – vegetables and fruits fill the left half, and grains and protein fill the right. The glass represents dairy products. The straightforward visual makes the recommendations for eating different food groups clear.

The new, simplified dietary plan from the U. S. Department of Agriculture and Department of Health and Human Services covers balancing calories, in-



creasing certain foods (fruits, vegetables, whole grains) and decreasing others (items with high sodium, solid fats, added sugar and sugary drinks). The message also covers eating the

correct number of calories and increasing activity.

Here are highlights of the new MyPlate suggestions:

Build a healthy plate. Make half of your plate fruits and vegetables. Switch to skim or one percent milk. Make a minimum of half of your grains whole grain. Vary protein choices, eating seafood twice a week and eating more beans, a natural source of protein and fiber.

Cut back on foods high in solid fats, added sugars and salt. Choose foods with little or

no added sugar, opting for water, fruits for dessert, and 100 percent fruit juice over sugary options. Watch sodium levels in foods. Eat fewer foods with a lot of solid fats, choosing lean meats and oils, and limiting snack foods (cakes, cookies, ice cream, hot dogs, sausages) that contain solid fats.

Eat the right number of calories. Staying within your calorie limit can help you maintain a healthy weight. Enjoy your food, but eat less. Cook at home so you are in control of

your food. Choose lower calorie menu options when eating out. Write down what you eat so you can really keep track of calories.

Be physically active. The health benefits of physical activity increase as you spend more time being active, so start by doing what you can, for at least 10 minutes at a time.

Read food labels. The Nutrition Facts label can help you quickly and easily make smart food choices. Check calories, and choose foods with lower calories, saturated fat, trans fat

and sodium. Note the serving size of the nutrition analysis. The nutrition analysis is based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Check for added sugars, which come under various names. Food ingredients are listed in order of percentage by weight, so foods with sugars at or near the beginning of the list should be limited.

For more information, visit <http://www.choosemyplate.gov> or contact the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at 965-5236 or email me at nancy.hunt@uky.edu.

Crittenden residents shed pounds by staying active

BY JENNA HAUGEN
PRESS REPORTER

Crittenden County did not fare well in a recent ranking of Kentucky counties conducted by the Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) project, a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. Residents of Crittenden County rank higher than the state average of poor health days at 28 percent measured by individuals' self-reports of a poor state of health. Additionally, 31 percent of the adult population is considered obese, having a body mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 according to the health rankings.



Brenda Stamper finds her groove during zumba. She's lost a total of 97 pounds.



Keely Walker has lost 50 pounds while working out at Full Body Fitness Studio.

and she found it hard to enjoy life. That is when she told herself that she "was worthy" and changed her outlook on life.

Walker had never been physically active in her life. She spent a great deal of time

sitting in front of the television, rarely getting any exercise. She was 50 pounds heavier than her current weight and she knew that she had to do something. "I didn't want to be overweight all of my

life," she said.

Stamper learned that the most precious gift in her life was excellent health. Her motto became, "Don't live to eat, eat healthy to live."

She matched healthy eating

with a more physically active lifestyle. Stamper spends Tuesday and Thursday nights participating in Zumba Fitness held in the middle school multi-purpose room. She enjoys the hour long cardio class moving to music and strengthening her muscles from the inside out. Referring to zumba, she says "it is the most exciting, fun workout I have ever been involved with. The fellowship and laughter with the other ladies is tremendous."

Walker also enjoys the support group that working out with others provides. She started working out at Full Body Fitness last January and has since shaved 49 inches off of her figure.

"You see all walks of life working out from very physically fit to overweight and all those body shapes in between. It's great to see them working out. You think if they can do it, then I can do it too. It is a great support system," Walker said.

Her twin daughters are what motivate Walker to continue working out. She recalls fondly the day her daughter raced out of her room donning her workout gear which included a pink tutu and stated "When I get older, I am going to go exercise like mommy."

The statement reminded her of the importance of being ac-

tive and healthy, noting that the benefits always outweigh the costs. "If you can suffer through the temporary pain, the rewards are phenomenal," Walker stated.

When she wanted to give up, Walker looked to her trainer, Serena Dickerson, for support. "She loves what she does and has a passion for helping others become healthy," Walker said.

Stamper's motivation for success is others who are excited about fitness. She enjoys reading health and fitness magazines, learning about healthy lifestyles and sharing tips with others. She said it is important to "start an exercise regimen today. It is never too late to start. Take one day at a time."

Stamper has lost 92 pounds since her healthy living began and she knows her journey is ongoing. She stated, "I am a work in progress. As a grandmother of three, I plan on being the fittest Nana a grandchild can ever have."

Stamper's hope is that others will embrace fitness and healthy eating with a desire and hunger to live better. Her advice for others starting off on a weight loss journey is to remember "there is nothing that tastes as good as healthy feels."

Where in the world is...
The Crittenden Press

Alivia Parrent of Marion, her sister Briana Parrent and cousins took a trip to St. Louis on June 10-12, to visit the St. Louis Zoo. Pictured are (from left) Paulena Ballew, Sofia Ballew, Matt Parrent, Alivia Parrent and Briana Parrent.

Community calendar

Friday, July 1

- Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary will have a bake sale from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Friday in the hospital's front lobby.

Saturday, July 2

- Tolu Day will start at 2 p.m., Saturday and feature the second annual ice cream blowout, washers, corn hole, horse shoes and more. Concessions will be sold throughout the day. For more information, call Darla Madden at 965-0876 or Ann DeBoe at 965-2294.

Monday, July 4

- Dycusburg Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a 4th of July celebration on Monday. A live band will begin at 6 p.m., followed by fireworks after dark on the riverfront. Raffles will also be part of the festivity, along with a bake sale, cold drinks and light-up novelties for children. If anyone is interested in making a donation to the auxiliary, call 556-3580 or 988-2467.

Tuesday, July 5

- 4-H camp will be held July 5-8

at the West Kentucky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs. For more info, call 965-5236.

Wednesday, July 6

- Churches of Crittenden County and the American Legion Post #111 will conduct the annual patriotic service held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday in the Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center. Marion Native Ltc. John Watson (retired) will be the featured speaker.

Ongoing

- The 2011 Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season will be by request only for retired federal employees. Paper copies of health plan brochures will not be mailed to Federal Employees Health Benefits Program members but instead will be available online at www.opm.gov/insure/healthplan/info/index.asp.

Upcoming

- A basket making class for a two-pie basket will be offered from 8 a.m. - noon, July 11-12. The basket can be viewed at the

Extension Office located at 1534 US 60 East. Judith Manley will be the instructor and the class will be held at the Marion EdTech Center. Fee for the class is \$50. An equipment list will be given when registering. Class size is limited in order for the instructor to have ample time to assist each participant. Register by calling 965-5236.

- The Extension office will have a diabetes support group at 10 a.m., July 15 with Crissy Carter, a registered dietician. She will discuss carbohydrate counting and meal planning. The class is free and is open to anyone who has Type 2 diabetes or cares for someone who does. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

- A free hands-on food preservation class will be taught at the Extension office from 9 a.m. -3 p.m., July 18. The morning session will include using a pressure canner and water-bath canner. In the afternoon, the focus will be on freezing and

drying foods. Participants can choose to attend all day or half a day. A minimum of 10 participants is required for class to be held. Pre-register by calling the Extension office at 965-5236.

- The Extension Service and the Crittenden County Extension Homemakers coordinate the Open Division fair exhibits which include crafts, textiles, photography, baked goods, canned vegetables, jams, jellies and preserves. Open division classes are for all ages and open to the public. Entries will be accepted from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., July 25 in the meeting room of the Crittenden County Public Library. Exhibits will be open for viewing from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., July 26. Exhibit check-out is from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., July 27. For further information on classes to be offered contact the Extension office. There will not be Open Division Fresh Fruits and Vegetables exhibits this year.

Births

Ryan and Jami Perry of Princeton announce the birth of a daughter, Maddie Ryan, June 8 at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. Maddie weighed nine pounds, seven ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Kevin and Deborah Dutton and Jat and Melissa Tabor, all of Marion. Great-grandparents are Sue Boone of Marion and the late Marion Boone, Robbie Tabor of Marion and the late Hollis Tabor and Rev. James Boone of Marion.

Paternal grandparents are Pat and Janis Perry of Princeton. Great-grandparents are Margaret Bell of Eddyville and the late Athal Bell and Ronnie Green of Dycusburg and the late Kittye Green.

Maddie has two older siblings, Travis James, 6, and Lilly Nicole, 4.

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Cohabitation before marriage is a dumb trend

The 2010 statistics on marriage in America are in, and they are not good. The number of couples living together without marriage is at an all time high. In fact, for the first time in American history unwed couples living together outnumber married couples. Rightfully, it is big news, for both religious and secular media have reported it. Often, especially in the secular media, these facts are reported matter of factly without opinion. Fortunately, The Shepherd Calls can voice an opinion.

The common argument for cohabitation is "to determine if two people are compatible and suited for marriage to each other." Multiple studies done by groups with no axe to grind



Dr. H. Wade Paris
Shepherd Calls
Guest columnist

report this approach does not work. Couples who marry after cohabitation have a higher divorce rate than those who do not live together prior to marriage. In addition, the length of commitment in cohabitation is significantly less than for married couples. In other words, the relationships in cohabitation dissolve more quickly than marriages.

This trend causes me to assume many have had bad experiences with marriage – either their own or that of their parents. This makes me sad. You see, my parents had a good, fulfilling marriage. Of course, it was not perfect; but the marriage of my mother and father was a good example for me and provided a healthy environment for my growth. My own marriage of 55 years has been so fulfilling I can't imagine anyone not desiring to be married.

Why do couples settle for bronze when they could have the gold medal? Have we grown so frightened by commitment that we can't make this finest of all commitments? One guy I knew said, "Signing that marriage license doesn't make me more committed. I am just as committed to her (his live in) as you are to your wife." Shortly thereafter, she left him to "live in" with someone else; obviously, the commitment was not mutual.

In our society people who

fail to understand right and wrong can sometimes understand smart and dumb. I realize my opinion is slanted, but this new trend is dumb. Unfortunately, like many other dumb trends, we won't realize the enormity of this "dumbness" for many years, perhaps

a generation from now. Next Monday the United States of America will be 235 years old. One can only imagine what our country will become in the next 200 years if this trend continues.

Dear God, help us, please.

Churchnotes

- Deer Creek Baptist Church will host its annual Freedom Celebration on Sunday. A meal will be served at 6 p.m., followed by games and a fireworks display at dark. For more information about these two events, please call 965-2220 and leave a message.
- The annual Faith and Freedom fellowship will be held at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at Faith Church in Salem. The program will include veteran recognition and a patriotic drama. Fireworks will be on display after dark.
- Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church on U.S. 506 will host its homecoming on July 10. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m., followed by morning worship service at 11 a.m., with Bro. Daniel Hopkins. A lunch will follow at noon and The Stone Family will bring the afternoon singing beginning at 1:30. Everyone is invited.
- Marion Church of Christ will have its Vacation Bible School, The Mystery of Christ, from 1-3 p.m., July 18-20. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m., and will be held at the church next to the CCHS annex on Elm Street. For more information, call 965-9450.

Benefit for fire victims


A benefit and shower will be held for Vietnam veteran D.L. Glore and wife Dale of Lola who lost their home to a fire on Nov. 27. The benefit will be held at 6 p.m., July 7 at the American Legion Post 217 in Burna. All community members and veterans are invited.

Items needed are lamps, dishes, mixing bowls, bakeware, silverware, dish towels, dish clothes, bath towels and other kitchen items.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Marion High will host annual reunion Saturday at MCC

The annual Marion High School all-class reunion will be held Saturday, July 2 at Marion Country Club. Social hour begins at 3 p.m., and a catered dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Cost is \$20. Reservations are not necessary. For more information, call Allen Franklin 554-0553 or 210-0454.



Police plan more road checks during 4th of July holiday

City and state police and the sheriff's department will be conducting safety road checks this weekend during the Fourth of July holiday. Officers conducted road checks in the county last weekend, too. Road checks will be on U.S. 641 and U.S. 60, and perhaps elsewhere. The checks will

begin after dark, weather permitting.

Local man is facing 3rd burglary charge

A local man charged with two previous burglary attempts, one in Marion and one in Bowling Green, is now charged with another alleged burglary of a Marion home. Benjamin Joe Williams, 37, of North Yandell Street was arraigned last week in Crittenden District Court on a charge of second-degree burglary for his alleged role in a Feb. 28 burglary on Old Morganfield Road. According to court records, the homeowner was awakened in the night by a voice coming from his kitchen. The homeowner got out of bed and saw someone driving away from the home in a white Dodge Durango, which Williams is known to operate. The homeowner later discovered a camcorder missing. Police say they have other reasons to believe Williams was at the scene. Williams faces additional pending charges for allegedly, unlawfully entering the home of County Clerk Carolyn Byford

in Marion and a alleged burglary in Bowling Green, where he had been sent for a court-ordered rehabilitation.

Eddyville man gets one-year for threat

Charles Eugene Williams of Eddyville pleaded guilty last week to harassing a witness of a court proceeding. Williams, 46, is the father of one of the men allegedly involved in a February armed robbery at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The father was charged with intimidating a participant in the legal process after he threatened a confidential informant at the Crittenden County Courthouse on Feb. 16 when his son and three other suspects were in District Court for arraignment. The confidential informant – who had been involved in the park incident – was also in the courtroom. Witnesses told authorities about the incident and a warrant was issued for the father. He was arrested the following day. The case was heard by the Crittenden County Grand Jury earlier this month, which reduced the charges from a Class D felony to a Class A misdemeanor and

sent it back to District Court. It was in front of District Judge Daniel Heady last week that Williams entered his plea in return for a 12-month sentence. He received credit for five days served after his arrest last winter and the balance of the jail time was probated for two years.

Deputy says there are synthetic drugs throughout area

Local law enforcement officers say synthetic drugs are becoming a real issue in Kentucky and even in Marion. Deputy Greg Rushing held a seminar at a local church earlier this month and is planning others for later in the year to help residents understand what synthetic drugs are and how dangerous they can be. "It's bad stuff," Rushing said. He is warning parents to be on the lookout because the drugs

are apparently attractive to teenagers. "It gets them high," Rushing said. "It's like synthetic methamphetamine with similar side-effects. It produces a high heart rate, elevated blood pressure, paranoia, hallucinations and suicidal tendencies." A new Kentucky law went into effect in March, banning synthetic drugs that often are falsely marked as bath salts or plant food. They can be found on sale at convenience stores. Rushing said most Kentucky stores no longer stock the items, but it's known that many local users are traveling to Tennessee where prohibition laws on such drugs lag behind Kentucky. Clarksville seems to be a city where the drug is readily available at stores, Rushing



said. Rushing said use of these types of drugs is increasing rapidly and hospitals are treating more and more individuals with symptoms related to their use. "Nationwide, in 2009 there were no cases reported at hospitals," Rushing said. "By 2010, there were 200 plus cases reported at hospitals of people coming with symptoms of using these drugs. This year, there have already been 639 cases reported at medical facilities." Rushing said some common names for the products are Arctic Blast, Bloom, Blue Magic, Cloud 10, Cloud 10 Ultra, Cotton Cloud, Gold Rush, Ivory Fresh, Lady Bubbles, Lunar Wave, White China, Tranquility, Scarface, Red Dove, Pure White, White Horse, White Knight, White Rush, Wicked X and Zoom.

STREETS

Continued from page 1 caused by service laterals cut across the pavement. An initial proposal to the council was to repave Leland Avenue and Leland Court. However, Atmos Energy's intent to replace a pipe on the road tabled the city's plans. Instead, Travis Street from North Maple to North Weldon made the list to be repaved. The stretch of Travis Street is 980 feet and the estimated cost of resurfacing it is \$24,000. "Travis Street has heavy deterioration and needs to be repaved," Bryant said. Once a bid has been received and a contractor hired, the projects will move swiftly. Residents along the streets will be notified concerning the dates and times of repaving. The city hopes to have the resurfacing completed by the end of the summer. Sidewalk Repair In addition to the new streets, the city plans to replace the sidewalks along North Main from Second Street to Fords Ferry Road. The new sidewalk will run along the north side of Main Street. City officials will consider the possibility of combining the sidewalk project with the waterline project that has already been approved. "The bid came in far under the expected amount for the waterline project, so it is possible that the new sidewalks can be included in the funds attained for the water project," Bryant said. The project will not only address the crumbling walkways, it will also improve the drainage issues that are prevalent on North

Main Street. Councilman Darrin Tabor requested that the drainage issues be addressed with the installation of the new sidewalks. Truck Route Trucks entering Marion frequently use Country Club Drive and Industrial Drive as a go between from U.S. 60 and U.S. 641. The Planning Commission has recommended to the city that the route be designated a truck route. If the city and state approve, the state will take over maintenance of the road. Gary Baulos who serves on the Planning Commission suggested the change after seeing the heavy amount of traffic that travels in front of the hospital and the high school. "It seemed to make sense to me that we would direct traffic through the industrial area of town and avoid the more congested areas," Baulos said. The change will be made in hopes of alleviating some of the heavy traffic at the stoplight where the two highways intersect. Baulos said he often has to back up his vehicle to accommodate trucks turning at the intersection of U.S. 60 and 641. Rezoning A lot located at 208 West Mound Park received approval from the City Council to be rezoned as residential with a mobile home overlay. The city previously condemned the house that was located on the property and tore it down. Marion Planning Commission recommended the lot be rezoned as it was not adequate for a single family home. "This property is adjacent to a mobile home park, so the addition of a mobile home overlay will make this property useable and in character with the surrounding area," said Terri Hart, planning and zoning coordinator.

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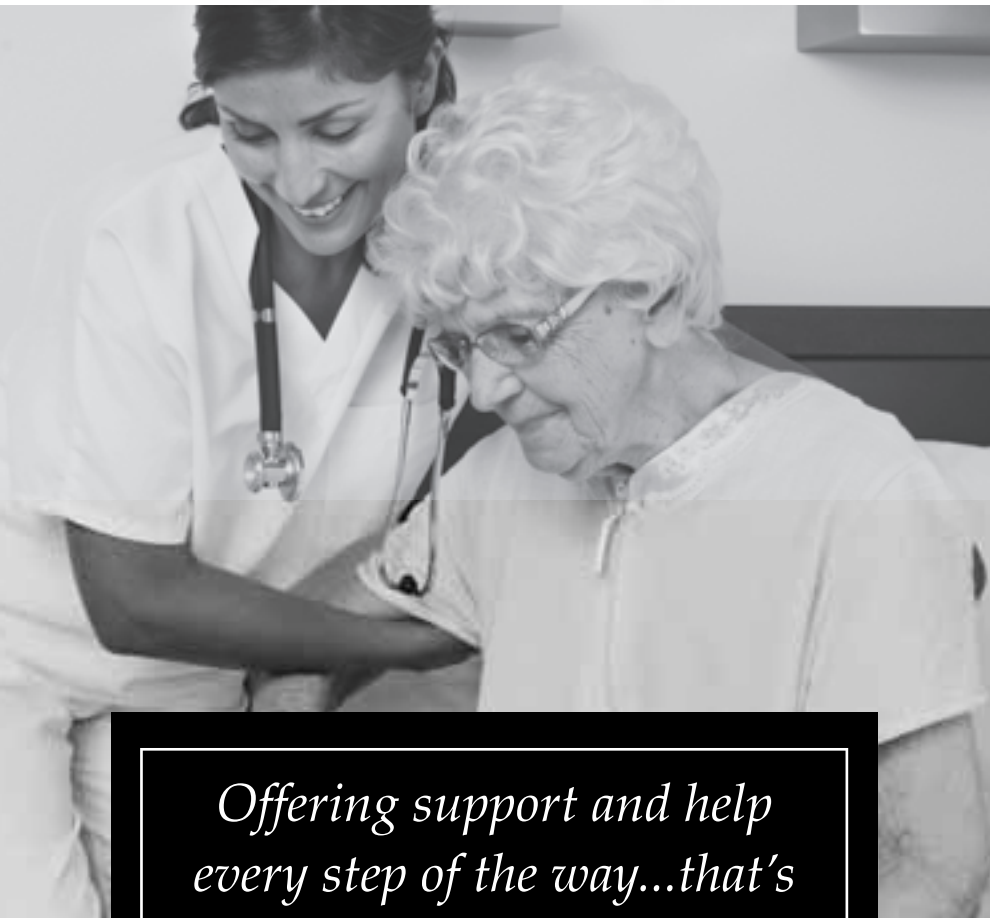
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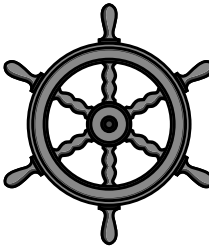
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Thurs., Fri., and Sat. 120 Oak Hill Dr., Marion. Lots of household items, tools, 2 like new 26" bicycles, TV stand, lots of miscellaneous items. (1t-52-p)
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notices
Public Notice
Notice is hereby given that Grogan Properties, LLC, 4422 U.S. 51 South, Arlington, KY 42021, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to place fill in the Cumberland River Floodplain for construction of a barge loading facility. The property is located in Crittenden County two miles northwest of Dycusburg, KY adjacent to the Cumberland River. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 200 Fair Oaks, 4th Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410. (2t-53-c)
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE NON-COAL MINERAL
Pursuant to Application Number 028-9406

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Grogan Properties, LLC, 4422 U.S. 51 South, Arlington, KY 42021 intends to apply for a non-coal surface mining permit (Limestone) affecting 304 acres located 2 miles northwest of Dycusburg in Crittenden County, Kentucky. The proposed operation is approximately 1.2 miles west from the junction of Gorman Pond Road and Paddy's Bluff Road and adjacent to the Cumberland River. The latitude is N 37o 11' 06.81". The longitude is W 88o 11' 58.90". The proposed operation is located on the Dycusburg, KY U.S.G.S. 7 ½ minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the open pit method of mining. The surface area is owned by Grogan Properties, LLC. The operation is accessed from Paddy's Bluff Road. The application will be on file for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Frankfort Office, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation & Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, within 15 days of the date of this advertisement and briefly summarize the issues to be raised at the conference. (1t-52-c)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR KENERGY CORP.
CASE NO. 2011-00035
A public hearing will be held at 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Thursday, July 7, 2011, in Hearing Room 1 of the Kentucky Public Service Commission's offices at 211 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY, for the purpose of examining Kenergy's application for an adjustment in existing rates and for the cross-examination of witnesses of Kenergy and intervenors.

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Bid Notice
INVITATION TO BID
The City of Marion is accepting sealed bids for street resurfacing until 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 8, 2011. All bids must be clearly marked, "Street Resurfacing Bid," and be addressed to: City Administrator, 217 South Main Street, Marion, KY 42064. The bids shall be opened and read aloud at this date and time. The streets on the City's 2011 Paving List are as follows:
•Travis Street, from the intersection with North Maple Street to the intersection with North Weldon Street, a distance of approximately 980 linear feet.
• Moore Street, from the intersection with West Gum Street (US 60) to the intersection with West Depot Street, a distance of approximately 890 linear feet.
• Blackburn Street, from the intersection with West Gum Street (US 60) to the intersection with West Elm Street, a distance of approximately 520 linear feet.
Travis Street shall be paved from curb to curb; Moore Street and Blackburn Street shall be paved from gutter to gutter. New pavement shall be installed at a one-inch (1") thickness of bituminous concrete hot-mix, placed, compacted and rolled. All materials used on this project shall meet specifications of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Kentucky Revised Statutes, and the City of Marion. A performance bond in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price will be required of the successful bidder for the faithful performance of the contract. The City of Marion reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) consecutive calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Questions shall be addressed to Mark Bryant, City Administrator, 217 South Main Street, Marion, KY 42064 (270-965-5313) or by email to mbryant@marionky.gov. The City of Marion is a Equal Employment Opportunity organization. (1t-52-c)

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Scout Relief

Marion’s Boy Scouts Troop 30 carried out groceries at Conrad’s and Food Giant last month to raise money for the local Red Cross, which helped recent flood victims. Pictured are troop members presenting a check to Geraldine Shouse, director of the Lakeland Crittenden County Red Cross Chapter. Pictured are Jake Urbanowski presenting the check, Benny Tucker, Carsen Easley, Warren Martin, Colton Poindexter and Geraldine Shouse.

Lt. Col. Watson is keynote speaker for July 6 service

Churches of Crittenden County and the Ellis B. Ordway American Legion Post 111 will host the annual Community Patriotic Service next week. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 6 at the Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center. Marion native Lt. Col. John Watson (retired) will be the featured speaker. Watson is a graduate of Crittenden County High School and



Watson

Murray State University. He received his commission through the MSU ROTC program and served continuously in the military until his retirement two years ago. Watson, 44, served six duty tours in Iraq and Aghanistan as an officer with a heavy arms division. He is the son of Buddy Watson of Marion and the late Mary Jane Watson. Next week’s service will include music and other patriotic ceremonies. Area churches are encouraged to incorporate the event into their normal Wednesday services.

AMBULANCE

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thinks it prudent to exhaust all options before considering a tax.
"Taxing districts have a bad name," Underdown said. Magistrate Jeff Ellis questioned Johnson whether the county, through an ambulance service district, could contract with private service providers other than the hospital. She said yes.
After the meeting, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said at this point, the county has no means by which to pay that kind of money and he doesn't like the idea of a new tax. Yet, he said the county "has a moral obligation to provide emergency medical services."
Newcom said the county currently has no way of generating hundreds of thousands of dollars without raising property taxes. He wants to explore other options, such as cutting costs at EMS in order to make it more efficient, and look for other sources of revenue.

County officials say they plan to look more closely at what other counties are doing to fund their ambulance services.

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Tourism drops AM radio broadcast

BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER
Magic WMJL's 1500-AM channel may be mute after Thursday due to a recent decision by Marion Tourism to pull its community programming from the frequency.
Tourism Director Michele Edwards announced the decision last week at a city council meeting, explaining that after going over financial figures, the committee decided the money used to lease the AM channel would be better used elsewhere.
Marion Tourism has used the AM channel for its pre-recorded loop of community tourism information since 2006. It broadcasts information about things happening in Marion and directions to various businesses. Originally, the plan was proposed to include both city and county governments in the purchasing of the airtime, but Edwards said that it never really worked out.

"Five years ago, we thought that it would be a great thing to keep the AM channel for our community so that we could broadcast local happenings and breaking news," Edwards said. "It just didn't work."
After a \$3,000 set-up fee in 2006, Marion Tourism has paid \$750 every month for the lease. Looking at recent ratings, Edwards said tourism leaders noticed that it wasn't adding up – the cost-per-listener was too high.
"Our numbers weren't that great so we started brainstorming on what we could do about it," Edwards said. "Before we decided to completely pull the programming, we approached the station, asking for a lower cost, but it wasn't possible. That's when we started thinking of another route to take that would still provide Marion and county residents with information."
That idea came in the form of in-

stalling a phone message system that would allow a person to call a number and listen to a recording similar to the one that has been looped on the radio station.
"We're still researching it, but that's the direction that we'd like to take," Edwards said. "We think it would cost less to do that, therefore allowing us to redirect funds in the upcoming budget for other projects like buying more trash cans and benches."
As for the AM channel, WMJL owner Barbara Myers said there are no plans at this time to replace the programming with original content.
"We don't know what we're going to do right now with it," Myers said. "It'll either stay stagnant until someone comes along and wants to use it, or we'll use it to play whatever's on FM or get rid of it. But I hate to see it go, it's been such a great community asset."

Mom charged when children found on road

STAFF REPORT
Marion police have charged a local woman with two counts of endangering the welfare of a child after her two sons, ages four and five, were allegedly found walking unattended on Chapel Hill Road Monday morning at 8:30 a.m.
According to police reports, Nicki C. Sullivan, 26, was charged after the children were taken to the Cabinet for Families and Children and the mother was located asleep in her home on Brookcliff Street.
A motorist had called police and reported the two boys walking alone on the busy road near the intersection of Moore Street.
The boys have now been returned to their mother, who is cited to district court on July 27.

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