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North Main lane restriction starts

A contractor for the City of Marion has a lane restriction on U.S. 60/North Main Street in Crittenden County.

This lane restriction is for the construction of a new storm drain along the west-bound/southbound lane between Second Avenue and Fords Ferry Road in the Curve-Inn area of Marion.

Motorists can expect to encounter one lane traffic with alternating flow controlled by flaggers in this work zone. Some minor delays are possible, particularly during peak travel times.

Court rules: Sen. Ridley stays put

The Kentucky Supreme Court last week blocked implementation of newly drawn boundaries for state legislative districts. In a two-page order issued a few hours



Ridley

after hearing oral arguments in the case Friday morning, the state's highest court upheld Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd's ruling that this year's redistricting was unconstitutional.

The court said districts enacted in 2002 will remain in place, meaning Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) will remain a Senate District 4 lawmaker until 2015, representing Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Union, Webster and Henderson counties instead of urban Lexington which was called for in redistricting legislation.

Meeting

A request for a Zoning Map Amendment for property located at 400 E. Depot St., has been filed with the Marion Planning Commission. A public hearing will be held at 5 p.m., on March 8 before the commission at city hall. For further information, contact the Marion Planning and Zoning Coordinator at 965-2266.

Correction

Due to a reporting error, the caption under a front-page photo last week incorrectly identified an individual speaking with Gov. Steve Beshear. The name should have read Joyce Winters Claghorn. We apologize for the error.

What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked: "How do you feel about the county's proposed one-percent occupational tax?"

- A third of voters like the idea. The 309 voters said:
- **Good plan, 40 (12%)**
 - **Probably fairest tax, 63 (20%)**
 - **Will remember at polls, 150 (48%)**
 - **Need info more, 56 (18%)**

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GOVERNMENT

Rural water district proposes 5 percent rate hike

Increase, if approved, would be across-the-board

STAFF REPORT

Rural residents in both Crittenden and Livingston counties could soon be paying more to fill their bathtubs.

On Monday, Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board of Directors gave the nod to a five-percent across-the-board water rate increase. However, the requested bump must first be approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), a process that could take a while, said

Ronnie Slayden, water district superintendent.

"We're looking at months down the road," he said.

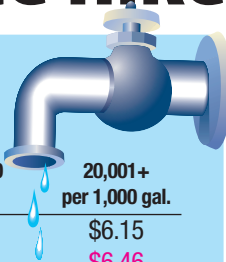
The increase, if approved by the PSC, would affect residential, commercial, bulk and wholesale rates. Slayden said the rate hike would be the first for residential customers since February 2006 and the first for wholesale customers — other water districts — since November

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Crittenden-Livingston Water District proposed five percent rate increase*

RESIDENTIAL	Min. 1,000 gal.	1,001-10,000 per 1,000 gal.	10,001-20,000 per 1,000 gal.	20,001+ per 1,000 gal.
Current	\$16.00	\$9.10	\$7.80	\$6.15
Proposed	\$16.80	\$9.65	\$8.19	\$6.46
COMMERCIAL	Min. 15,000 gal.	15,001-20,000 per 1,000 gal.	20,001+ per 1,000 gal.	
Current	\$136.90	\$7.80	\$6.15	
Proposed	\$143.74	\$8.19	\$6.46	

*Rates are before taxes. Proposed rates must first be approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.



Raptor rescue

Bald eagle saved after being struck by car



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Officer Josh Hudson with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife (right) secures an injured bald eagle Friday as Crittenden County Deputy Sheriff Greg Rushing helps deposit the raptor in a box for transport and rescue. Below, besides a broken wing, the raptor suffered deep wounds hidden below its feathers.

Once recovered, bird will be released here

By **DARYL K. TABOR**

MANAGING EDITOR

BE 12-30. It's not a very glamorous name, but she makes up for it in her beauty and majesty.

"She" is a mature bald eagle struck by a vehicle last week in northwest Crittenden County. Despite some pretty grievous wounds, the raptor is expected to fully recover and return to the wild, perhaps even before the end of March.

The large, 11.5 pound bird of prey suffered a broken wing and some pretty severe "road rash" in the collision said Eileen Wicker, a volunteer with Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky, Inc., (RROKI). The eagle was transported there after the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife (KDFW) took possession of it. The rescued raptor is identified at RROKI only as BE 12-30 — indicating the 30th raptor of 2012 rescued, a bald eagle.



"It was a clean break to the ulna that should heal well," Wicker said, adding that it might take as few as

three weeks to mend.

However, more serious wounds could lead to infection and slow the healing process, or even endanger the bird's life.

"The skin was ripped off, creating three serious wounds," Wicker explained. "The vet says they will most likely get infected."

Those wounds were stitched by RROKI volunteer veterinarian Dr. Robin Sheldon at Pets Plus Veterinary Care Center in Louisville and antibiotics as well as a pain killer were immediately administered. With the quick attention, Wicker gives the eagle a hefty 99 percent chance of survival.

That doesn't make the process any easier, however.

"Bald eagles are hard and expensive to treat," Wicker said. "They bite, and to give medicine, you're going to

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CRIME

Girl says she was fondled by man

STAFF REPORT

A Marion man on conditional discharge from prison for a previous sex-crime conviction has been arrested for allegedly locking an 11-year-old girl in a camping trailer and fondling her.

Lawrence Allen Davidson, 34, of Marion is alleged to have lured an 11-year-old girl into a camper parked near a family member's address by offering her and her six-year-old brother a "treat."

Once inside, court records say he rubbed the girl's breasts and crotch with his hands and kissed the her on the mouth with "his mouth and tongue." When the child tried to leave the camper, the police report says Davidson locked the door with himself and the girl inside.

According to a relative — who is not being identified in the newspaper in order to protect the victim's identity — Davidson allowed the boy to leave the camper, but kept the girl inside.

The pull-behind-type camper was parked near a relative's home and Davidson had been residing there for about three months. There was no running water at the camper, but the relative had allowed Davidson to use an extension cord from her house to the camper for power.

After the girl's father found out about what had allegedly happened, he confronted Davidson at the camper and "beat him up," according to a relative. Jail photographs of Davidson show him with a black eye and bruises on his forehead.

The incident happened on Feb. 12 in the North Weldon Street area near Veteran's

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Davidson

Sex-crime conviction in alleged offender's criminal history

ECONOMY

Besides gas prices, things seem better for local businesses

STAFF REPORT

Although the local economy is starting to churn just a little, there's still a gurgling sound looming over the otherwise optimistic outlook of some.

That reverberation is nearly \$4-a-gallon gasoline, but the din still cannot drown out the joyful noise being made by a collection of voices from Crittenden County merchants and business-people. They say that other than fuel prices, things are indeed picking up.

Demand for higher-end housing is growing, say real estate professionals. However, there's a shortage of listings. Well-financed buyers, who have been on the fringe, waiting and watching, are now actively seeking homes and undeveloped property. And while there's some instinctive bargain shopping, local real estate agents are encouraged by the number of potential buyers.

When demand outstretches supply,

prices are certain to climb, said Robert Kirby at Bluegrass Realty.

Kirby says most people don't want to sell in the winter because it's tough to move during inclement weather. He predicts that listings will pick up in the coming month or two. This year's mild winter has helped keep the real estate market fairly vibrant during the traditionally dormant period.

"We've had a pretty good winter, when you compare it to the last three

or four," Kirby added. "Usually it's just dead in the winter and the phones don't even ring. This time, we've had a little activity."

Kirby thinks the local economy is rebounding, and it's a good time to buy because interest rates are very low and some loans require less than five percent down payment.

Nationally, trends show that sales

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Redistricting, expanded gaming likely dead

As most of us expected, last Friday afternoon the Kentucky Supreme Court upheld a lower court's ruling that the General Assembly's redistricting plan (House Bill 1) passed last month was unconstitutional because it split too many counties. The court's ruling included direction that this year's election cycle could be conducted using the "old" districts as they existed before HB 1. Thus, my District 4 seat will be contested in Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, and McCracken counties as has been the case since 1993, and Sen. Dorsey Ridley will continue to represent Caldwell, Crittenden and Livingston Counties until, and if, his Senate district changes in the next redistricting plan. I do not see the governor calling a special session as there is no reason that we cannot do a new plan in the 2013 regular session.

Not only has redistricting



been "put to rest" for the session, but another bill that was the focal point of interest and much controversy is likewise, in my firm opinion, finished for the year, and probably longer, though I suspect it will raise its divisive head in future years.

That issue in its simplest form (though it's hard to say there is anything simple about it) is whether or not to put the question of expanded gambling in the form of casinos on the ballot as a constitutional amendment and let the voters of Kentucky decide. The question of where, how many, what is a casino, what hap-

pens to the proceeds, local control of the process, etc., all come into play and make it anything but simple to even frame in a question.

In any case, I am confident the issue is dead for now as last Thursday the Senate voted down 16-21 a bill to put the question directly to voters. The 16 "yes" votes included a bi-partisan 10 Democrats and six Republicans. The bill, SB 151, was sponsored by state Sen. Damon Thayer, a Republican from Georgetown and had the support of Gov. Beshear. The 16 yeses were far from the 23, or 60 percent, needed to pass. Many say the vote might have been closer if a supporter who was out-of-state had been present and another member or two might have voted with him, but still the vote would have almost certainly fallen short.

I do not expect any attempt to revive this issue in the House, and if a serious attempt was made, I am rel-

atively certain it would not pass. So, the many of you who have made phone calls and sent e-mails, overwhelmingly in opposition, can stop...or not if you like. I am always happy to hear from my constituents.

Among other legislation of interest progressing this past week was the issue of cervical cancer. Kentucky ranks among 11 states — mostly in the South and Southeast — with the highest rates of cervical cancer in the nation over the past five years. Since cervical cancer is commonly caused by a strain of the sexually-transmitted human papillomavirus (HPV), the House took action this week urging young people to be vaccinated against HPV. House Resolution 80 encourages parents to become more knowledgeable about the issue and recommends that girls age nine through 26 and boys age 11 through 26 receive the HPV vaccine. Since HR 80 is a simple res-

olution, it does not carry the force of law, but it does allow House members a "bully pulpit" to collectively draw attention to the vaccine's benefits.

A bill to combat the growing problem of copper theft — which is estimated to be \$1 billion each year in the U.S. — passed out of the House Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee. HB 390 would make the theft of copper and other valuable metals less lucrative in Kentucky by preventing metal recyclers from making immediate cash payments to the sellers. Instead, anyone selling copper and metals would now be mailed a check after they showed proof of ownership of the materials. At a press conference on HB 390, representatives from the metal industry, law enforcement and businesses which have been victimized by copper were solidly in support of this legislation.

And finally, this past week, several pieces of legislation concerning agriculture were approved. One would create a task force to study how we can improve access to farm-fresh products in urban areas while another recognized Feb. 19-25 as Food Checkout Week, which highlights the fact that no other country spends a lower percentage of income on food than ours. The House also put its support behind a resolution urging federal officials to include tobacco among the products being promoted in a proposed trade agreement between the United States and several Pacific Rim countries.

(Rep. Cherry Princeton Democrat serving House District 4. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of McCracken County in Frankfort. His column appears regularly when the Kentucky General Assembly is in session.)

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Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton) can be reached by e-mail at mike.cherry@lrc.ky.gov and Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) at dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

Gaming amendment only fair to make ballot

It looked so promising this year. He came out of the gate better than in any of his past five races, taking the lead on the back straight-away as it looked like he might be headed for the roses. But the thoroughbred began to stumble in the home stretch, coming up several lengths short on the Kentucky Senate floor.

Of course, I'm talking about expanding gaming in Kentucky that would allow casino-style gambling at Bluegrass State horse tracks in order to help them compete with states offering casinos and sewing equine industry incentives aimed at dethroning Kentucky as the horse capital of the world.

This year, Gov. Steve Beshear rode his expanding gaming horse like never before, straight out of the gate pushing for a referendum to let the people of the commonwealth decide on a constitutional amendment that would allow gambling to help our signature horse industry compete with other states. Now in his fifth year as governor of the commonwealth, Beshear had learned to avoid stumbling out of the gate by shoving expanding gaming down our throats without a statewide referendum.

It was a valiant effort, with the governor using his riding crop to gain strong bipartisan support from Republican Senate Majority Leader Damon Thayer as he entered the home stretch. Thayer, head of the Senate State and Local Government Committee, cleared Beshear's proposition (Senate Bill 151) and sent it to the Senate floor. It looked as if it were headed for victory down the homestretch.

But in the end, Beshear's gaming proposal — which simply asked legislators to allow the people of Kentucky to decide on expanded casino-style gaming — was hemmed in against the rail by the rest of the field (mostly Senate Republicans) only to suffer its most disappointing defeat since Gov. Beshear first donned his derby for the grueling, annual race.

SB 151, supported by Democratic Sen. Dorsey Ridley of Henderson, would have finally given Kentuckians the right to decide whether expanded gaming was right for the state. But it died on the senate floor last Thursday 21-16. It needed 23 votes to pass,



falling seven lengths shy.

Legislators gave several reasons for opposing the measure, the most passionate of which were that gambling preys on those who can least afford to do so. This moral high ground is admirable, save Kentucky already allows gambling at horse tracks and at the convenience store lottery outlet.

What SB 151 offered was democracy, a chance for voters to finally decide who wins at the track. After November, the expanded gaming proposal could have been retired to pasture as the stud that helped save a cottage industry in the commonwealth or recycled as dogfood or glue. As it stands, the pony is likely to be lined up at the gate with other legislation once again in 2013. But its racing colors are beginning to fade from the number of races it has run.

While moral stands knocked down a referendum on expanding gaming to help the equine industry in Kentucky — which has fallen behind in the race as top livestock product in the commonwealth to a two-legged bird (poultry) — gambling continues in the Bluegrass State.

And much more is done just out of state, feeding the coffers in Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia, Ohio, Mississippi and nearby Mississippi.

If morality is going to be used as a basis to deny voters the right to choose the fate of expanded gambling and the horse industry in Kentucky, then it is time to look at doing away with our lottery and current betting on the ponies at the track.

A horse cannot run in both directions at once. Its fate should finally be decided by more than 138 men and women in the Kentucky General Assembly.

Just as any hopeful Cub fan may be heard muttering in September, "Wait 'til next year."

(Tabor is the managing editor of The Crittenden Press. His column appears regularly in this newspaper.)

After a pause in legislative work on Feb. 20 in observance of President's Day, the General Assembly reconvened on the following day to begin the second, busiest half of the legislative session.

This week was proclaimed "Kentucky Saves Week" with several thrift-related activities planned by the Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions. The purpose of the celebration was to highlight the need for household savings, budgeting and fiscal stability.

We in the legislature understand those principles are just as important at the state level, as well. That is why we always strive for fiscal responsibility, especially when it comes to government borrowing. During a week when we encouraged households to save, we took steps to do the same in Frankfort by approving (by a 34-2 vote) a measure Feb. 22 that would put a cap on the portion of the state's debt supported by the general fund.

Senate Bill 1 would restrict the legislature to appropriating no more than six percent of general fund revenues to bonded indebtedness. This is a level generally accepted as the standard by bond rating agencies, as well as a threshold the legislature has historically attempted to operate within.

Supporters of the measure say setting the limit in statute will provide an additional safeguard against high debt levels in the future, as well as make it easier to prioritize critical programs and services when determining budget allocations.

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Where is the public outcry for America?

The greatest civilization known to man is swiftly disappearing and where is the wholesale outcry?

The definition of civilization is a state of human society brought under civil laws which are equal to all. A civilization marked by a high level of intellectual, technological, cultural and social development.

Any student of ancient and modern history knows the civilization hewn out of the American wilderness is the greatest ever known to man since the Garden of Eden. The present recipients of such God-given and hard-earned privileges are not showing appreciation or ability of retaining it because of their failure to responsibly maintain it.

In the last century, America enjoyed such freedom, opportunities, wealth and growth in all aspects of life for the betterment of mankind, and look at our caregiving of these blessings.

When America was becoming great, her people refused to let rogues become their leaders for very long. Parents had control over local schools, and people cared about their community.

Ministers would expose evil in politicians and even sinners had some fear of God. Now, we have become a nation of baby murders heading toward 75 million since 1973. And since the Bible and school prayer



were outlawed by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1962 and 1963, America has seen a 694-percent increase in violent crime after it had been decreasing for decades before then.

The top discipline problems in public schools in 1940 were talking, chewing gum, not putting paper in the waste paper basket, making noise, running in the halls and getting out of turn in line.

After the Supreme Court banned God from schools, the top discipline problems became — by 1982 — rape, robbery, assault, burglary, arson, bombings, murder, suicide, vandalism, absenteeism, extortion, drug pushing, drug abuse, alcoholism, gang wars, pregnancy, abortion, venereal diseases, homosexuality and AIDS.

American was once known as the most educated nation on earth and now we are swiftly moving toward the bottom. Why? Because we let enemies of America call the shots. Where are the outcries?

We let atheists, communists and America-haters

tell us we cannot pray at public functions and can't have any expression of Christianity in any public places. They have even passed a hate crime bill so ministers cannot preach the Bible's truth about the sin of abortion, shacking up, homosexuality, or expose the sins of leaders and people out to destroy us. Where is the outcry?

Now, we've sat back and let evil politicians pass same-sex marriage laws in this nation similar to what brought Sodom and Gomorrah to heaps of burning coals, destroying that once great civilization.

People will put up with media outlets that stiffen any exposure of these evils and still read them or watch them. Where is the moral backbone of once great America?

Now there is a cry for polygamy — one man having multiple wives. This is an animal practice of akin to one bull breeding a herd of cows. It destroys civilization! Where is the national outcry?

To bring it closer to home, where is Crittenden County's outcry? Where are letters to the editor in The Press? Where is the outcry against wicked politicians who tell lies and anything they think people want to hear so they can stay in power and draw their big salaries, perks and pensions at all our expense?

Will America ever rise up

en masse or are there still enough moral-minded and country-loving people left to rise up?

Thank God for all those who have raised up and have been dubbed TEA Party. They stood up and cried out against being Taxed Enough Already and are doing something about it. There still aren't enough to overcome enemies in our midst who care only for themselves and want the working taxpayers to support them. Where do they think the government gets money it buy their votes with?

One caller to a radio talk show was asked where did she get her welfare check from, and she said, "Obama." When asked where did Obama get his money, she said she did not know. Remember, people like this vote! No wonder we are in trouble!

That has been the enemy's plan all along — dumb us down, lead us as sheep to slaughter, control us, make us their slaves and they take the spoils, leaving us ruined. History is repeating itself, and even history of this past century.

Speak up good people while you still can and let your voice be heard while there is hope.

(Rev. Tedrick is a Marion minister. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper. Her column appears in this newspaper regularly.)

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Marion Main Street gets Kentucky Designated Community recognition

STAFF REPORT

There's been a great deal of development on Marion's Main Street, and certainly more to come. And, the program that carries its name has recently been recognized for its continued good work.

Marion Main Street, Inc., the community organization founded in the early 1990s, received last month its 2012 Kentucky Designated Community recognition.

Susan Alexander, director of Marion Main Street, says it's a nice feather in the community's cap, plus other benefits include qualification for grants and aid, if and when such offerings become available.

"The qualification process has become a good bit more rigid," she said. "That's a trickle-down effect from the National Main Street organization."

Each year, Main Street groups across the commonwealth put together a portfolio that includes data and vital information from the local organization, outlining its design, organizational qualities, fundraising and promotional program.

Marion was a designated Main Street community in 2011 and even before that, but with the new criteria,



Marion Main Street, Inc., last month received its 2012 Kentucky Designated Community Recognition. Pictured above are Main Street hairperson Sarah Ford (seated) and (from left) Main Street Director Susan Alexander holding Braelyn Merrill and board members Joyce Travis and Patti Merrill.

Alexander was extremely proud of this year's recognition. She said many other larger towns with greater budgets were excluded from

the recognition.

Marion's Main Street program has an annual budget of just \$15,000. Sara Ford is chairperson of Marion Main

Street. Other members are Caroline Keiffer, Frank Pierce, Donnetta Travis, Emily Shelby, Joyce Travis and Patti Merrill.

EAGLE

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get bit every single time."

Wicker said her husband equates a bite to the finger to smashing a hammer on the same finger.

The eagle will remain at RROKI, the only certified care facility of raptors — eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, buzzards, etc. — in the commonwealth, until it is well enough to be released right where it was recovered in Crittenden County. However, Wicker warned there is a chance that the bird may not be releasable if its wounds do not heal properly.

Good Samaritan

On late Friday afternoon, the bird, flying low over Ky. 365 near Baker Church, struck the front of an SUV driven by Joseph Parish of Marion. Realizing he had struck a bald eagle and that it was still alive, Parish called local authorities and the KDFW to report the accident. The raptor, with its signature white plumage on its head and tail, lay in the tall grass about 10 feet from the shoulder of the road. Parish stayed until authorities arrived to begin the process of rescuing the bird.

"He did the right thing," Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Greg Rushing said of Parish's decision to wait for authorities.

It is not illegal to leave the scene after striking a raptor, even America's national symbol, but it's generally the best practice to call local authorities, a KDFW spokesman said.

Arriving to find the raptor addled, but still alive, Rushing also contacted KDFW to pick up the bird for transfer to a proper care facility. Using a blanket dropped off by a passing Henderson emergency medical services crew, KDFW Officer Josh Hudson covered the wary bird armed with razor sharp talons and a powerful beak and wrapped it up before carefully placing it in a box with Rushing's assistance. Hudson then transported the bird to Eddyville where it was intercepted up by a RROKI volunteer.

Eagles growing territories

The bald eagle, once listed as endangered, was even taken off the threatened list in 2007. Despite, the raptor remains protected by law and to intentionally kill or possess the bird is illegal. In fact, it is illegal to possess any bird of prey from an eagle to a vulture.

Though not 100 percent certain on the sex of the eagle, Wicker said by the bird's large size it is most likely a female.

"She's a big girl," she said.

Both male and female bald eagles attain their white plumage at maturity — three to five years — but females grow to be larger, anywhere from seven to 14 pounds as compared to five to just over eight pounds for males. The injured bird had been banded by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Maryland, and though an exact age was not certain, Wicker said the raptor was



A volunteer with Raptor Recovery of Kentucky, Inc., is careful to protect their hands and arms from the razor sharp talons of bird BE 12-30, the identification of the bald eagle injured in a collision with a vehicle last Friday in northwest Crittenden County.

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Livingston gets grant for trails

STAFF REPORT

Livingston County will be on the receiving end of a portion of more than \$1.85 million in grants to local communities to develop and maintain recreational trails across the commonwealth in the current fiscal year.

The fiscal court there will receive a grant in the amount of \$19,197 for the second phase of the Livingston County Park Trail Project.

The money in federal grant dollars will go to 38 applicants for hiking, biking, horseback riding and other types of trails as part of the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program.

"Developing Kentucky trails is instrumental in increasing overall adventure tourism," First Lady Jan Beshear said in a statement.



Capitol drop-in

A small group of Crittenden County officials visited Frankfort and Crittenden County's representation in the Kentucky legislature last week. Pictured on Capitol Hill last Thursday are (from left) Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson), Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander, Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. Board Chairman Terry Bunnell, Crittenden Health Systems CEO Jim Christensen and Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton).

LRC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Men arrested in Hampton for meth

STAFF REPORT

Livingston County authorities made two arrests last week in connection with serious drug charges. Three juveniles found at the home where the arrests were made were released to relatives of the jailed suspects.

Kenneth Murray, 31, and Jamie Bryan, 35, were arrested at their Hampton residence last Thursday evening by the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. According to reports, the sheriff's department and Pennyryle Narcotics Task Force members went to the residence to execute an arrest warrant that evening on Murray on the charge of making a false statement regarding a prescription order, report or record.

Upon taking Murray into custody, the report states, officers were made aware of marijuana inside the home. After obtaining a search war-

rant, authorities located an even bigger find, ingredients and materials used for the manufacture of methamphetamine.

"Some of the items were hidden in an air vent under the trailer while other items were located in plain view within the residence," the report read. "Deputies located a considerable amount of methamphetamine in the finished stage in several locations within the residence. It appeared that the actual methamphetamine was being manufactured inside of the residence."

Authorities also located several firearms from the home in close proximity to the meth.

Three juveniles at the home were removed and released to the custody of relatives. The Cabinet for Families and Children will be assisting the investigation to determine

Detention center prisoner count

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

CLASSIFICATION	MALE	FEMALE
Federal	1	0
State	95	10
Crittenden	7	2
Other	2	0
Gender total	107	12
Total population:	117	

whether the children were exposed to methamphetamine and the products used to manufacture the drug.

Murray and Bryan were each charged with manufacturing methamphetamine; possession of a controlled substance, first degree; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; and controlled substance en-

dangerment to a child.

Both individuals were lodged in the McCracken County Jail.

This is the third methamphetamine lab that has been located and an arrest made in a little over a month in Livingston County.

According to The Associated Press, methamphetamine lab seizures rose nationally again in 2011, further evidence the powerfully addictive and dangerous drug is maintaining a tight grip on the nation's heartland, according to an AP survey of the nation's top meth-producing states.

Missouri regained the top national spot for lab seizures in 2011 with 2,096, The AP confirmed through the survey that Tennessee was second with 1,687, followed by Indiana with 1,437, Kentucky with 1,188 and Oklahoma with 902.

Illinois man enters Alford plea just before trial

STAFF REPORT

Just before a jury was to be seated in Crittenden Circuit Court drug trial Friday, the defendant, Willard C. Brewer, 55, of Metropolis, Ill., entered into a plea agreement, averting trial.

Brewer entered an Alford plea, which means he admits there is enough evidence to convict him, but he does not admit guilt. The plea – based on a 1970 case North Carolina vs. Alford is fairly common – has a similar effect as pleading guilty.

Brewer was caught in an

undercover drug operation by the Pennyryle Area Narcotics Task Force and the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department. In April 2010, he arrived at a home in rural Crittenden County – with another suspect, Charles S. Scott, who had previously pleaded guilty – ostensibly to cook methamphetamine.

With help from a cooperating witness, police had set up surveillance equipment at a mobile home near Elizabethtown Landing and were anticipating the suspects' arrival where they planned to video-

tape the actual manufacturing process. Instead, the two suspects showed up earlier than expected and police had to move in and make the arrest in order to protect their informant and other investigators at the scene.

Police records say Brewer had in his vehicle at least three ingredients used in making meth. Those were fertilizer, lye and lithium batteries. Investigators also found meth in a pipe in the suspect's vehicle.

Court records indicate that Brewer has previously been convicted of making methamphetamine in Illinois.

His plea agreement last week included the commonwealth dropping a persistent felony offender charge and re-

ducing second-offense complicity to manufacture meth to complicity to first-offense manufacturing. Brewer pleaded guilty to that charge and complicity to possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Brewer will be formally sentenced on March 8 by Judge Rene Williams. Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell is recommending five years on the possession of meth charge, 10 years on the manufacturing charge and 12 months on the paraphernalia charge. The prosecutor's recommendation is that all sentences run concurrently for a total of 10 years. Court records also say the commonwealth will not oppose probation.

CRIME

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Park. The relative said the family had gotten home from church and the two children were playing in the back yard near the camper. She described Lawrence as "very intoxicated" when the incident allegedly happened.

Davidson, who has an extensive criminal record, is listed on the state's sex offender registry, which says he is a 20-year registrant on supervised release. Chip McIntyre with the Kentucky Department of Probation and Parole confirmed that Davidson was being supervised as part of a routine conditional discharge for sex offenders.

Davidson pleaded guilty in Crittenden Circuit Court on April 14, 2011 to one count of third-degree rape, stemming from a 2009 indictment. The original indictment included two counts of sodomy, two counts of third-degree rape and a charge for being a persistent felony offender. Some were dropped in return for his guilty plea. The case was based on charges brought by Kentucky State Police on Aug. 27, 2010, accusing Davidson of sodomy and rape of a 14-year-old girl during 2007 and 2008.

On April 14, 2011, Davidson was ordered to serve one year in prison on the rape

charge for which he pleaded guilty, and another year for second-degree escape. The two sentences were to run consecutively for a full two years in prison. However, Davidson was credited for time served of 237 days on the rape conviction. Therefore, he completed the rape sentence Aug. 17, 2011 and was released from prison while his attorney appeals the escape conviction.

The escape charges stem from Davidson's failure to report to the Crittenden County Detention Center to serve weekend incarceration for a previous misdemeanor conviction in Crittenden District Court. He was believed to have left the area, residing in Bells, Tenn., for a time.

Davidson's record includes at least 39 convictions dating back to 1995 for a variety of crimes ranging from multiple DUIs to trafficking in marijuana, theft, receiving stolen property, criminal trespassing, terroristic threatening and assault. Court documents show him being charged previously with at least nine felonies prior to the rape conviction last year.

Davidson is being held in Crittenden County Detention Center on a \$10,000 cash bond. He was arraigned last week in Crittenden District Court and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for yesterday.

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WHO WE ARE



Dale Sherer

Who We Are is a new feature found inside The Crittenden Press weekly. In it, we give you a chance to get to know your neighbors a little better.

Nearly a year ago, the place where Dale Sherer, 38, of Tolu stood last Thursday fastening a vice to the rear of a flatbed truck was under several feet of water. In fact, Sherer, his wife and children; his brother; and his mom were all forced from their Water Street homes due to the Ohio River flooding that reached its peak in May 2011.

As the water gradually rose, Sherer and his family went to bed with the river lapping at their front door. However, around midnight one day, the river began creeping up through the floor-

boards. "We had to abandon ship," Sherer said.

The water rose to almost two feet inside his mobile home, destroying it and its contents. But Sherer made the best of a bad situation, fishing the Ohio River from his porch. After being forced from his home, he spent a week straight sleeping in his truck at the edge of the high water about 50 yards from where his mobile home sat. The children lived with family, but Sherer remained close to what was left of his property.

Sherer, his mom and his brother, all

living in separate mobile homes in the same Water Street area, lost their residences to the flooding, but last week, you could hardly tell from the recovery they had made.

As Sherer, who grew up in the river community, was recalling last year's flood, he was prepping for the upcoming mowing season on an unseasonably warm February day. He cuts grass for a living, from Tolu to Paducah.

"If it's about a dollar to be made, I'll do it," he said. "I need all the business I can get."

With the warm winter, he hopes to begin his business early this month, perhaps. However, gas prices rising close to \$4 per gallon may force him to charge as much as \$5 more on some of the larger grounds he mows.

Wearing short sleeves and hands soiled by a day's hard work on a rare 70-degree day February, perhaps the oddest sight at Sherer's home was not the spring-like weather, but Bear, a cat with 24 toes tipped with razor-sharp claws. For those keeping score at home, that's an extra toe per foot.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

LEDBETTER AUCTION RESULTS FROM USDA MARKET NEWS

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012

KDOA-USDA Market News

Livingston County Livestock Auction

Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed upon arrival)

Receipts: 649 Head

Compared to last week: Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 3.00 higher. Feeder steers 1.00-2.00 lower. Feeder heifers 3.00-4.00 lower.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	800-1200	1123	74.00-83.50	78.26
1	800-1200	1070	61.00	61.00 LD
11	1200-1600	1315	76.50-83.50	79.96
3	1200-1600	1245	85.00-90.00	87.41 HD
1	1200-1600	1505	67.50	67.50 LD
3	1600-2000	1853	85.00-91.50	88.99 HD

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
19	800-1200	1013	65.00-74.50	68.88
2	1200-1600	1310	73.50-74.50	73.98

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	700-800	765	53.00-61.00	57.13
4	800-1200	981	55.00-63.50	59.98
1	800-1200	665	55.00	55.00

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	1500-3000	1931	98.50-106.50	102.76

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	1000-1500	1275	88.50-91.00	89.29
2	1000-1500	1208	83.50-84.50	84.04 LD
4	1500-3000	1799	85.50-93.50	89.48
1	1500-3000	1575	85.00	85.00 LD

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	200-300	277	212.00-224.00	219.47
27	300-400	351	200.00-208.00	204.68
41	400-500	446	189.00-204.00	191.48
26	500-600	538	173.00-183.00	179.17
12	600-700	616	153.00-164.00	161.07
1	800-900	800	130.00	130.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-300	256	160.00-185.00	176.65
16	400-500	457	178.00-188.00	181.59

500-600

540

160.00-170.00

164.38

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600-700

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140.00-150.00

144.97

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-300	240	186.00-188.00	187.04
38	300-400	358	177.00-193.00	185.31
54	400-500	441	170.00-184.00	175.33
31	500-600	544	146.00-165.00	153.22
14	600-700	623	137.00-149.00	143.28
2	700-800	705	117.00	117.00
2	800-900	812	108.00	108.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-300	265	180.00-185.00	182.22
13	300-400	368	161.00-175.00	167.73
24	400-500	475	142.00-169.00	160.06
23	500-600	566	131.00-146.00	141.64
9	600-700	661	129.00-136.00	131.78

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
15	300-400	377	190.00-202.00	194.86
34	400-500	442	180.00-194.00	188.17
12	500-600	549	164.00-179.00	172.20
4	600-700	608	149.00-153.00	151.23
3	700-800	720	136.00-144.00	138.63
2	900-1000	925	104.00	104.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-400	365	170.00-184.00	177.29
4	400-500	470	160.00-178.00	172.06
8	500-600	561	156.00-160.00	157.85
5	600-700	666	130.00-139.00	136.35
1	700-800	745	131.00	131.00

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Builder James Penn and his crew of Rusty Miniard and Steve Lynn get ready for another pour of concrete recently. This winter's mild weather has allowed construction to proceed and move ahead of schedule.

BETTER

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of previously owned homes rose last month to where sales figures were in May 2010. That's partly because prices remain depressed and interest rates are at or below three percent for short-term mortgages.

"I don't have a single farm listing right now," said Darin Tabor of Homestead Realty, pointing to a shortage of property owners willing to sell in what's been a depressed market.

Tabor says appraisal values are creeping back up, a good sign that sellers may soon be ready to jump into the game.

Jim Defreitas at Belt Auc-

tion Realty says undeveloped property such as hunting land that spiked to nearly \$2,000 a few years ago is now selling at upwards of \$1,500 again. Income-producing acreage is fetching higher dollars, he said.

There are a number of area homes for sale in the \$50,000 range and lower, but higher-end housing is scarce, real estate agents say.

The broader economy is also showing signs of being reenergized.

Todd Riley at Riley Tool and Machine in Marion and Chad Thomas of T&T Concrete say their work has been steady to higher than normal through the winter.

"We're probably up 50

percent from last winter," Thomas said, pointing to good weather as the primary reason.

"It's tough to pour concrete in the cold," he said.

With mild temperatures and little precipitation during January and February, contractors have been making headway on a number of projects, including construction of a new fire station, work on a new convenience stor in town and installation of a new water line on Main Street.

Riley also attributes much of his late-winter increase to unseasonal weather.

"We've had a lot more walk-ins and most of that

are farmers getting an early jump on things," Riley said.

Gov. Steve Beshear, here a couple of weeks ago for a ceremonial groundbreaking for a new four-lane U.S. 641 south of town, said sales tax receipts are on the increase in Kentucky, a sign the economy is improving. General Motors, in bankruptcy in 2009, reported record profit of more than \$7 billion last year and the Dow Jones is creeping back up to around 13,000. Both signs of a strengthening economic outlook.

Six employers were searching to hire new workers in last week's issue of The Crittenden Press, an increase over recent months.

WATER

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2004.

Bulk water is obtained at various stations throughout the two counties.

For illustration, for a residential customer who uses 4,000 gallons, the proposed bump in rates would amount to a little more than a couple of dollars a month. For commercial users, the minimum rate will jump almost \$7 per month.

Slayden said any increase is a long overdue, considering the rising costs to operate the water district or any business or household.

"All you've got to do is reach out there and grab something, and you've paid more than a five-percent increase," he said of prices compared to the last change in residential rates six years ago. "It just takes more to

operate."

If approved, the minimum water charges for residents, which includes the first 1,000 gallons of water used, will go from \$16 to \$16.80. From there, up to 10,000 gallons, each 1,000 gallons will go from \$9.10 to \$9.56. Up to 20,000 gallons used, the rate goes from \$7.80 per 1,000 gallons to \$8.19. Beyond that, every 1,000 gallons to pass through the meter will rise from \$6.15 to \$6.46.

The base rate for commercial users, which includes a 15,000 gallon minimum, would go from \$136.90 to \$143.74. From that, up to 20,000 gallons used, each 1,000 gallons would move from \$7.80 to \$8.19. Like residential, anything beyond 20,000 gallons metered would run from \$6.15 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.46.

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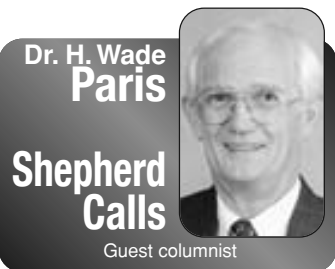
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God says, ‘remember me’

In 1958, some friends, Ralph and Pauline Lewter, gave us a barber pole. Yes, that is an unusual gift; but their neighbor manufactured the poles and gave one to them. When Ralph and Pauline learned my wife's father was a barber, they gave it to us to pass on to him.

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Now I've had many projects requiring years of preparation – a Hoosier cabinet 20 years, a grandfather clock 27 years – but this project is the



king. I kept it, stored it, and repaired it over a period of 53 years. Upon installation in our newly remodeled basement, I turned it on and excitedly told my wife, "Find the Lewters' phone number; let's call and tell them. Better yet, we will send them a picture." She went to the internet to locate them since we long ago lost contact. We were disappointed they are no longer alive. That figures, for they were many years our senior. A 53-year endeavor and the people with whom I most wanted to share are no longer available to hear about it. Now I am asking, "What is

God telling me through this? What are the lessons to be learned?" I would like to think God applauds my persistence; it is so easy to give up, to quit. Many times the pole was in the way, and I thought of getting rid of it.

The pole shames me for my neglect to keep up with friends. I wish we had stayed in touch with the Lewters. They were dear friends. Perhaps they would have liked to know we still had their unusual present and remembered them. From now on, we will be reminded of them whenever we come downstairs and see their gift.

Most of us need reminders. Realizing this, God has given us many reminders of His presence – a beautiful sunrise or sunset, a barren shade tree turning spring green, the roar of the ocean, a clap of thunder, and even a service of communion. In all of these God says, "Remember Me."

Church notes

■ Salem Baptist Church will have an indoor yard sale from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday in the Baptist Christian Life Center at the end of College Street in Salem.

■ The Rowland Cemetery Board of Trustees will host its quarterly meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday in the cemetery office.

■ Sturgis General Baptist Church will have its homecoming at 1:30 p.m., Sunday. Featured singers will be The Wilson Family from Hatfield, Ind.

■ Howard "Bunny" Jones of Austin, Texas will be preaching at 11 a.m., Sunday at Miracle Word Church in Salem.

■ Main Street Missionary Baptist Church will have revival at 11 a.m., and 6 p.m., Sunday and 7 p.m., March 5-9. Evangelist will be Bro. Bob Jones.

■ Deer Creek Baptist Church will show the movie, "Courageous," at 6 p.m., Sunday. Filled with action-packed police drama, "Courageous" is the latest film from the makers of "Facing the Giants" and "Fireproof." For more information, please call the church at 965-2220.

■ St. William Catholic Church will have its Lenten Fish Fries from 5-7 p.m., March 9 and March 23 in the parish hall. Cost is \$8 for all you can eat fish, hushpuppies, potatoes, slaw, dessert and drink.

■ Unity General Baptist Church will host the gospel group, New Heritage, at 6 p.m., March 18. The church will also have revival at 7 p.m., March 19-23. Bro. Nicky Winders will be the evangelist.

■ The Marion Baptist Family Life Center's weight room and walking track will be open 5-8 p.m., Mondays, 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., Thursdays and 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturdays.

■ Marion Baptist Church will have AWANA for children ages two through fifth grade at 5:45 p.m., Sunday night along with several special classes that begin at 6:30 p.m.

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society receives award of excellence

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society has received the Thomas D. Clark Award of Excellence, given annually by the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS), for outstanding achievement by a museum or historical group. This award is the most prestigious award given to a group by the KHS.

Along with the award, the society's publication, "The History of the Fredonia Valley," has been a best seller, and there are very few copies available from the third reprint.

The beautifully bound hardback book is 552 pages and has 1,750 photographs, over 200 family histories, approximately 10,000 names and includes historical accounts of the Fredonia Valley from the 1780s through 2010. It in-

cludes an area within a six-mile radius around Fredonia, including parts of Caldwell, Crittenden and Lyon counties.

Some of the interesting articles in the book are the story of how two towns side by side, Kelsey and Fredonia, became one, how the once booming town had several passenger trains per day, how Fredonia got its name, stories about the ice caves, the orphan train, the spar mines, plus plats of the town, histories of our churches, schools, homes, farms and much more. Cost of the book is \$50. If interested in a copy, please email Pam Faughn at pamfaughn@att.net, or call 545-3215. Other book committee members can also be contacted at any time. Those members are Linda Bennett,

Nicky Baker, Angela Blair, Martha Bynum, Ann Kimmel, Denny Brasher or Don Boone.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is encouraged to attend the next meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center Cafeteria in Fredonia.

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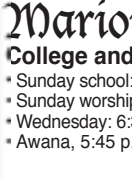
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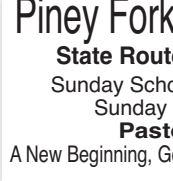
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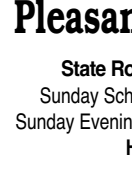
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The Press OBITUARIES

Sullenger

Debra Gail Sullenger, 56, of Villa Park, Ill., died Monday, Jan. 23, 2012.

She worked for ConWay Freight in Melrose Park, Ill.

Sullenger is survived by three siblings, Sandy Sullenger, Valerie and husband Rick Lineberry and Ken Sullenger; one uncle, Doug Sullenger; three aunts, Betty Sullenger, Louise Hinkebein and Virginia Wallace; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anna Sue Denison Sullenger and Guy Sullenger.

There was a memorial service Saturday at First Baptist Church in Fredonia.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Gideons International, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

Lane

Minnie May Lane, 80, of Marion died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 at Regional Medical Center in Madisonville.

She was of the Baptist faith.

Lane is survived by one daughter, Barbara Lane of Marion; two sons, James Lane and Kenneth Adamson, both of Marion; one sister, Gracie Wyatt of Jeffersonville, Ind.; two grandchildren, Dekota and Allen Adamson, both of Marion; several step-children, step grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Earl Henry Adamson; second husband, Louie Alfred Lane; one son, Earl Wayne Adamson; one daughter, Janice Sue Lane; two step-children; two brothers; three sisters; and her parents, Jim Blaine and Ida May Riley.

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

Belt

Donnie Belt, 59, Marion died Monday, Feb. 27, 2012 at his residence.

He is survived by one daughter, Angela Nelson of Marion; one sister, Mary Ann Wheeler of Marion; one half-sister, Elizabeth Millikan of Marion; two nieces, Michelle Dickerson and Crissy Williams, both of Marion; and two great-nieces, Emma and Bella Williams, both of Marion.

Belt was preceded in death by his parents, Frazier and Mary Cathryn Kirk Belt; and one half-brother, Gary Leon Hughes.

Graveside funeral services were Wednesday in Maplevue Cemetery.

Myers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Belt

Thomas

Joan Love Thomas, 80, of Marion died at Crittenden Health Systems Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012.

Joan was a charter member of Emmanuel Baptist church in Greenwood Heights where she served actively in the WMU program.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years John Ed Thomas of Marion; two children, Wade Thomas and Estie Thomas, both of Marion; four grandchildren, Jonathan and wife Magen McMackin, Lynise McMackin, Kennett McMackin and Garrett and wife Courtney McMackin; three great-grandchildren, Paige, Bentlee and Kadynce; and three cousins, Peggy Deen, Charles Love and Donald Love.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Julian and Estelle Pogue Love.

Graveside services were Sunday at Love Cemetery with Bro. Dennis Winn officiating.

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Man seeks to relocate graves at old cemetery

STAFF REPORT

Last week, Crittenden Fiscal Court was approached by a local property owner looking to relocate five apparently abandoned gravesites in an area he plans to put into farm production this spring.

Bobby Grogran, whose farm is near the Cumberland River, has asked permission to move the sites marked "Buntun" to Dycusburg cemetery at his own expense. Kentucky law allows landowners with "abandoned" cemeteries on their property to request relocation of the graves. The law defines abandonment as "left untended for a period of 10 years proceeding the date

of the resolution for removal."

The cemetery rests atop a steep hill. Local historian Brenda Underdown said there are only two stones that are standing at the cemetery, the oldest for Rev. J. W. Buntun, who died Jan. 4, 1892. Some are believed to have been buried there as long ago as the 1840s.

On Feb. 21, the fiscal court granted Grogran's request and adopted a resolution allowing the removal. However, anyone having an interest in the matter is asked to address their comments or concerns before April 20 to Grogran's attorney, Bart Frazer in Marion.

50 years ago, last man put to death by execution before moratorium buried in Crayne

STAFF REPORT

It was 50 years ago this Friday that Kelley Moss' life ended in Kentucky's electric chair at the state penitentiary in Eddyville. Though the murder for which he was convicted and sentenced to death occurred in Henderson, Moss is buried right here in Crittenden County.

He had strong family ties to the area in his youth, and his body was put to rest in Crayne Cemetery after his March 2, 1962 execution for brutally beating his 74-year-old step-father, Charles Abbott, to death five years prior.

Moss, in his mid-40s at the time, had run afoul of the law most of his life and had been in and out of jails. In fact, he had been released from prison just six weeks prior to the November 1957 slaying in Henderson. According to Frank Boyett's Feb. 25 column in The Henderson Gleaner, "Police launched an immediate search for Moss and discovered him in the outhouse of a church in Robards the next day."

Moss was remorseful, according to Boyett.

"We had a little fight but I certainly didn't intend to kill him," The Gleaner reported a sobbing Moss as saying at the time of his arrest. "This is the worst thing I have ever had happen to me. This means a long term for me."

Fewer than five years later, he would be dead, the last capital punishment to be carried out in Kentucky prior to the U.S. Supreme Court's moratorium on the death

penalty from 1972 to 1976. Only one execution has been carried out in the commonwealth since Moss', Harold McQueen in 1997.

James Tabor of Marion, who worked for Tucker Funeral Home here at the time of Moss' execution, was charged with picking up the body at an Eddyville funeral home where Moss had been embalmed.

Moss was a big man, said Tabor,

"Well over six feet tall and topping 220 pounds," according to The Gleaner's report.

The funeral was held at the church near Moss' final resting place in Crayne, where a simple marker reads," Kelley Moss, 1913-1962."

Tabor, who helped bury Moss after the funeral, recalls his mother as being somewhat overridden with emotion at the ceremony. While going down to view her son's corpse, he said Edna Abbott cried out, "Bert Combs, you did this."

Combs was governor at the time of Moss' execution and failed to grant clemency to the convicted killer.

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Williamson

Lila D. Williams, 57, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, after a brief battle with cancer.

She was a member of the Union Millwright Local 1080 and enjoyed doing projects around her home and spending time with her family.

Williams is survived by her father, Lloyd C. Williams of Salem; four brothers, Ricky and wife Candy Williams of Tennessee, Wesley and wife Diane Williams of Georgia, and Allen Williams of Florida; two sisters, Peggy Ralph of Kentucky and Margaret Tinsley of Salem; five children, Shawna S. and husband Tim Day of Indianapolis, Tiffany F. and husband Jose Pena of Merrillville, Ind., Lawrence E. Davis III of Missouri, Katherine I. Davis of Rockville, Ind., and Gregory A. and wife Melissa Davis of Mt. Carmel, Ill.; 18 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Thelma Louis; step-mother, Ada Mae Williams; and one sister, Linda L. Nelson.

Funeral services were Friday at Gilbert Funeral Home, with pastor Gary Underwood of First General Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Repton Cemetery in Marion.

Melton

Thelma G. Melton, 91, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.

She attended church at Marion General Baptist Church.

Melton is survived by one daughter, Barbara Morse of Diamond; one son, Jessie Melton of Marion; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and three half-sisters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.B. Melton, and two grandsons.

Services were Wednesday at Melton Funeral Home in Providence, officiated by Bro. Jackie Brantley. Burial was in Shady Grove Cemetery.

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Tyner

Alberta G. Wright Tyner, 84, of Tolu died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 at her home.

She was a well-known Avon representative and a member of Tolu United Methodist Church.

Tyner is survived by one daughter, Rebecca Tyner and husband Herschel G. Belt of Marion; one sister, Mary Lee and husband Lloyd Brazell, Jr., of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul W. Tyner; two sisters, Nanette Wright and May Walker; three brothers, Bennett F. Wright, Andy Wright and Noble Wright; and her parents, James T. and Mamie Lee Cline Wright.

Funeral services were Tuesday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors with the Rev. Jim Porter and Dr. Brent Brantley officiating. Burial was in Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of memorial contributions to any of the following: Tolu United Methodist Church, Crittenden County Humane Society or Tolu Fire Department, c/o Boyd Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 26, Salem, KY 42078.

Condolences may also be online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

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To Joe, Barbara and Bill Myers at Myers Funeral Home, thank you so much for helping us through this difficult process. It is at times like these, that we realize how blessed we are to live in this community.

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Sept. 19, 1895
One of Crittenden's oldest citizens joins the silent majority

Mr. Robert W. Foster, one of the old landmarks of the county, died at his home at Hurricane Sept. 14, at noon. Mr. Foster had been a citizen of the county 43 years, and during his active life he was well known through this section of the state.

R.W. Foster was born in Oldham County, Ky., Sept. 7, 1817, and was a son of A.G. and Lucy (Duerson) Foster. His parents came to Kentucky at an early day, his parents died soon afterward, the father died in 1832, and the mother in 1826; a brother and sister survive him, Anthony M. Foster, of Missouri, and Mrs. Susan Threlkeld.

At the age of 15, Mr. Foster began life for himself. He served four years as an apprentice to a house joiner, and afterward worked at the trade for five years.

Mr. Foster came to Crittenden County in 1852, and settled on a portion of the land he owned at his death. He has been one of the most successful farmers in the part of the state, and at his death owned one of the finest farms in the county. He was also postmaster at the Hurricane post office for several years. He was never married and for years his widowed sister, Mrs. Threlkeld, has kept house for him.

For some years he had been afflicted and his afflictions were such that kept him away from the active walks of men. He was a man of strong individuality and no man ever met and forgot him. He had a high sense of honor, splendid natural mental abilities and an incomparable energy that was slow to yield to the great enemy of mankind.

As a citizen and man, he always ranked among the best of the country and his life is no small part of the history of the county.

He had a lovely home overlooking the valley of the Ohio and there surrounded by all that was needed to bring comfort to his declining years. He passed peacefully away on Sept. 14, 1895 and is buried in Maplevue Cemetery. His sister, Susannah F. Threlkeld, is buried next to him.

July 1896
One of the oldest and best known citizens in the county

On Friday July 24, 1896, Phineas C. Barnett, surrounded by relatives and friends at his home near Tolu, passed peacefully away, after a long and useful life.

For several weeks he had been gradually giving away to the demands of nature as expressed by John when he said, "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like a shock of corn cometh in his season."

Though 87 years old, Mr. Barnett's mind was clear up to the last, and he viewed the approaching end like the philosopher he was. He was one of the few persons who knew how to be old, and who accepted the infirmities of age with greater complacency than most men accept the trivial affairs of robust manhood.

Mr. Barnett was one of the most active industrious men of his day and generation and as a result of this, coupled with his sagacity, he was successful in gathering a handsome competency,



PHOTO PROVIDED
Above is Robert W. Foster, the early postmaster of the Hurricane Post Office.

and whenever a friend stood in need, an appeal to him was not in vain. The portals of no man's heart ever stood wider open nor more continually ajar for his friends than did those of this man, whose name is interwoven with the material prosperity of his county.

He was well and truly a "diamond in the rough," and those who knew him best appreciated him most.

His remains were placed to rest in the family burying ground on his farm. A large concourse of friends gathered to pay the last tribute of respect, and to honor his memory. Mr. John Wolfe, who was a warm friend and a great admirer of the deceased, delivered an appropriate and touching address at the grave, paying a high tribute to the life and character of the rugged, honest, warmhearted old man.

P.C. Barnett was born in Warren County, Ky., Feb. 16, 1809. P.C. Barnett moved with the family from Kentucky to Missouri, where he remained until he was 17 years old when he returned to his native county, and a little later he entered Cumberland College at Princeton.

In 1835 he came to what is now Crittenden County, and settled on the farm where he spent the last 60 years of his life. He had a love of fine horses and had several of these on his farm. In 1831 he was united in marriage to Miss Jeanetta Threlkeld with whom he lived happily until her death in 1875. Four children survive Mr. Barnett, James C. Barnett, who now lives in Texas. Col. T. T. Barnett and William Barnett, both prominent farmers of this county and Mrs. Sallie Miles, who has resided with her father since the death of her husband. The old Barnett-Miles Cemetery is located outside of Tolu on property now owned by the May family. It is on a hillside off of the Monroe Wesmoland Rd. On a visit to the cemetery a few years ago, it was found that the cemetery had most all been destroyed by cattle over the years. All the stones had been knocked down and some were missing. Jeanette M. Barnett's stone was down and broken but still legible, but P. C. Barnett's stone was not located.

Nov. 9, 1903
A pioneer citizen

Mr. James Hickman Walker is one of the oldest and best-known residents of Crittenden County, and he is one of the very few men now living who has been connected with the affairs of the county since its organization 60 odd years ago.

He was born on a farm near Tolu Nov. 14, 1827 and spent his early life on a farm. As a young man he became associated with the government of the county. He was appointed deputy sheriff of the county for three years and four months, beginning in 1851.

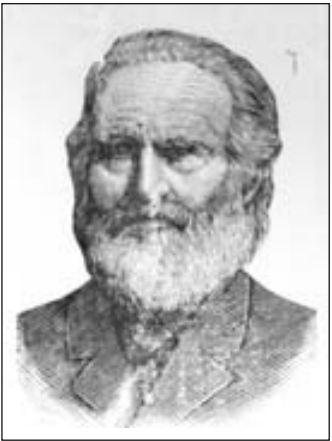


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Above is Phineas C. Barnett, a prominent farmer in the Tolu area.



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Above is James Hickman Walker, the sheriff of Crittenden County in 1851.

He was elected sheriff in 1854, and re-elected in 1856, serving as sheriff from Jan. 1, 1855 to Jan. 1, 1859. He was deputy U.S. Marshal in 1860, and census enumerator in 1860, taking the census of half of the county. He was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1862 and serving in this office until 1874. In 1870, Judge Cissell appointed him Trustee of the jury fund, and he served until 1879 when he was appointed Master Commissioner.

He was a splendid official, and served in each office with credit to himself and the people who elected him, and he is a lifelong Democrat.

Mr. Walker has a wonderful memory, and until some years ago knew every man in Crittenden County. He can recall the names and faces of hundreds of people unknown to the present generation and relates incidents that occurred many years ago. He rarely forgets a date and knows more regarding the history of the county than any living man.

He was acquainted with many notable Kentuckians of "the days long gone," and can associate their names with pleasant and interesting incidents, and is thoroughly familiar with the history of Kentucky from its early days until the present time.

Mr. Walker is one of the most interesting characters in Marion; one of the old landmarks of Crittenden, and when the history of the county is written his name will occupy a place of honor and prominence.

James Hickman Walker died June 16, 1906 at the age of 79. He is buried at Maplevue Cemetery with his wife, Hortense Gregory Walker. His obituary said that he was one of the most interesting characters of local life. He possessed a wonderful memory and could call up names and faces of people prominent in local history, long since dead and unknown to the present generation at the time. His knowledge of historical events was wonderful in its scope.

The passing of the old men and women who have long lived among us naturally bring a feeling of sadness to nearly every heart. So long they lived and so closely have they been identified with the history of the town and county that with their departure it seems that some fixture, some vital portion of the community has been swept away, never to be replaced. And so it has.

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Destination matrimony

Hodges choose Jamaican resort for nuptials

BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

For Robert and Jodi Hodge, standing on a beach with the sounds of waves crashing in the background was the perfect setting for their destination wedding in St. James, Jamaica.

After meeting in February 2009, the two immediately hit it off and started hanging out as often as they could. Then, on the afternoon of July 17, 2010, while visiting the bluff in Weston Cemetery overlooking the Ohio River, Robert dropped to one knee and proposed.

"I just started crying. We had kind of talked about it for a while but I just wasn't expecting it to happen that day," Jodi said. "It was a very nice surprise."

"Even though she didn't know I was going to do it, I took her up there so I could propose," Robert said. "I wanted it to be romantic."

With this being the second



Robert and Jodi Hodge exchanged their wedding vows on a beach in St. James, Jamaica where they had a traditional Jamaican wedding.

wedding for both, the couple tossed around several ideas on how they should plan their wedding. Both had traditional weddings before and after several discussions, they decided to exchange vows on a beach.

"We knew that we just

wanted to be barefoot on a beach somewhere," Jodi said. "We wanted to have a laid-back and relaxing wedding without the complications of having to organize, plan and everything else that is needed for weddings. We just wanted it to be easy."

Once it was decided that their vows would be beach-side, Jodi started searching online for the ideal get-away. After tossing around several locations like Florida, Jodi found an all-inclusive resort

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Although it rained on their wedding day, their reverend told them that in Jamaica, rain on the day of a wedding is considered a high blessing.

Mundys celebrate wedding, birthday on the beach

BY ALLISON EVANS
ASSISTANT EDITOR

There was no stress. No rush. And no disappointment on Butch and Stephanie Mundy's wedding day. Just a relaxing day in the sun with sand between their toes followed by a private exchange of personally-prepared vows.

The simple 15-minute ceremony on Navarre Beach, Fla., was the perfect choice for the couple, who met in 1999 while both were employed at Livingston Hospital. Stephanie as an RN and Butch as a lab technician.

Coincidentally, a wedding coordinator recommended through the Navarre Beach Chamber of Commerce was herself a nurse and the photographer was a lab technician.

In 2001, Navarre Beach, on the Gulf Coast just east of Pensacola, was an underdeveloped coastal town. It wasn't commercialized, and didn't have many restaurants or tourist attractions, which made it the ideal location for the Mundy's private nuptials.

They traveled to Florida alone, married in front of a half dozen strangers after spending the day on the beach. The wedding coordinator arranged for a justice of the peace, photographer and videographer. The coordinator also took Stephanie to have her hair done and to buy flowers before returning beachside for the late-afternoon wedding.

"There was no rush and no stress, and it cost less than \$1,000 aside from our accommodations," Stephanie said.

The Mundys were pleased with their decision for a destination wedding but acknowledge they're not for everyone.

For Butch and Stephanie, it was ideal.

"I don't know if I would have done it if I hadn't already had a church wedding," said Stephanie, whose first husband, Joey Easley, died in a car accident several years earlier.

She left the decision for a destination wedding up to Butch, who agreed it was the

right thing to do since his mother was in poor health and his father was battling cancer.

"The stress of the wedding takes away from the happiness of getting married," Butch said.

"We just showed up with something to wear," Stephanie said. "The worst part of it was his parents not being there."

While their families were back in Kentucky, Stephanie's sister, Stacy Summers, arranged for the wedding coordinator to prepare a gift basket to be delivered after the ceremony. Although there wasn't a magnificent cake or an elaborate reception, Butch made up for it with a birthday celebration for his bride the day after the wedding. Candles in Hostess cupcakes along with festive decorations were waiting after a day on the beach. It was their ideal way to celebrate their marriage and her 29th birthday.



Butch and Stephanie Mundy still believe their destination wedding to Navarre Beach, Fla., was the most appropriate decision for their personal circumstances.

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Do-it-yourself weddings easily accomplished

Those thinking about tying the knot in the months to come may be discouraged by how expensive weddings can be. But with a little ingenuity and a hands-on approach, couples can have a wedding that is inexpensive and memorable at the same time.

According to CostofWedding.com, on average, U.S. couples spend \$26,542 for their weddings. Weddingbells magazine states that the average cost for a wedding in Canada is \$23,330, up from \$20,129 in 2010. These amounts do not include the cost for an engagement ring or wedding bands. With such a high price tag, some couples may wonder if they can afford their dream wedding or if there are ways to cut costs. Having a backyard, DIY wedding can be the answer.

Although some may envision a backyard wedding with picnic benches and Dad at the grill, it can be a much classier affair than that. Smart couples are realizing that the money they would normally spend on a big wedding at an outside venue can be put to better use, either through buying a new home

or fixing up one they may already own. Furthermore, for couples who are picky about details, having a DIY event ensures that they can control the details and have them as personal as they would like.

Getting Started

A DIY wedding is one that will take much more work than simply hiring vendors and leaving the details to them. But the money saved with sweat equity can be substantial. A well-planned wedding is the best start.

Grab a notebook and start making lists of all the things you will need:

- location
- tables and chairs
- linens
- food
- silverware and glassware
- invitations
- photography
- music
- officiant
- centerpieces and other decor
- cake or dessert
- lighting
- attire
- flowers

Work in advance

Many items necessary for a

wedding can be bought in advance. Some couples find that purchasing low-cost items at discount stores turns out to be less expensive than renting. For example, inexpensive glasses and silverware can be bought at dollar stores or chains like Ikea. Later on these items can be kept, sold or even donated to shelters.

Tablecloths don't have to be the traditional kind. It may be less expensive to purchase pieces of fabric from a fabric store and dressing them up oneself. Candles can be stockpiled relatively easy and provide a very affordable means of ambient light. Plan out centerpiece ideas and figure out which components can be bought and stored. Then items can be assembled at leisure. Wedding stationery is one thing that will have to be bought well in advance so there will be time enough to printout save-the-dates, invitations and response cards, as well as mail them.

An informal wedding may mean couples can get simple attire. Buying off the rack may mean a smaller price tag

for gowns. Gentleman may be able to fare with sportcoats and slacks. Purchase wardrobe essentials several months in advance to be sure there will be time for alterations, if necessary.

Enlist the help of family and friends to get many of the tasks completed. Upon asking, many couples find there are members of the family who have skills in certain areas, which can be tapped for the wedding. There may be a gourmet chef, a disc jockey, a photographer or even someone who can officiate the vows. Having these people on board means a great reduction in costs.

Readying the venue

Because couples will be doing the work themselves, it's best to start several days in advance of the wedding (weather permitting). Be sure the grounds are well groomed and landscaped. Ensure there are no tripping hazards and that there is a sturdy surface for placing tables or creating a dance floor.

It may pay to ask an electrician or someone who dabbles in electric work to help

string some lights to better illuminate the area, especially for when the sun goes down.

Set up the tables and chairs to finalize placement the day before. Figure out where the ceremony will take place. A small arbor can mark the area and make a nice photo backdrop. Dress the tables with linens and settings the morning of the wedding.

One splurge couples may want to make is hiring a waitstaff to help set up food service areas, serve as bartenders and clear away dishes and other messes. This way the bride and groom can mingle with guests.

Other tips and tricks

Here are some other ways to save money on DIY weddings.

- Fruit is less expensive than flowers for centerpieces.
- Include postcard re-

sponse cards in wedding invites. The postage is less, and you don't have to spend money on an extra envelope.

■ Be sure to check with your town if you need a permit or variance for having so many cars parked by the house in the event of a backyard wedding. Otherwise you could be facing a fine.

■ Many different foods can be cooked in advance and frozen instead of hiring a catering service.

■ Consider favors that also double as table centerpieces.

■ Bouquets can easily be made with store-bought flowers, some floral tape and decorative ribbon.

■ Restrict the bar to wine and beer, and you'll save money on expensive liquors.

A DIY wedding can be a fun, memorable event that costs a couple a fraction of what it would be to have it held at an expensive location.

Money-merging requires honesty, planning

Among the many decisions newlyweds must make, deciding how to combine their incomes and share financial decision-making is at the forefront. Even in single-income households, individual assets and debts are typically merged, requiring couples to work together to determine their financial future. Here are some strategies for a successful money merger.

■ Honesty is the best policy. Along with trust and honesty, open communication about finances is important in building a strong marriage. Without these components, it's difficult to work together as a team toward common financial goals. Each person needs to be aware of any assets or outstanding debts belonging to their spouse. It's okay for couples to have separate accounts so long as there are no secret accounts. Having joint checking, sav-

ings and credit card accounts creates transparency and requires couples to communicate clearly and work together.

■ Make a plan. Create a budget that you can stick to that realistically reflects future spending. Decide who is going to have primary responsibility for writing checks or how you're going to share them. Set a time to sit down together every month when it's time to pay bills to talk about current and future spending so you're on the same page. Agree on discretionary spending and saving after bills and expenses have been paid.

■ Balance the bills. More often than not, couples merging their finances have different incomes and amounts of accumulated debt. Couples need to agree on how much each person should contribute to the household and

how past debts are to be paid off. There are countless ways to determine how finances are shared, but the important thing is that you and your

partner are clear about each others' expectations when it comes to spending and saving.



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Couples considering a song that's a little different and speaks to them but won't necessarily offend the wedding purists in attendance, might want to consider the following tunes:

- "All I Want is You" (U2)
- "Crash" (Dave Matthews Band)
- "Crazy for You" (Adele)
- "For You I Will" (Monica)
- "Here Without You" (3 Doors Down)
- "Kiss Me" (Sixpence None the Richer)
- "I'll Stand by You" (The Pretenders)
- "Love Song" (The Cure)
- "No One" (Alicia Keys)
- "Nothing Compares to You" (Sinéad O'Connor)
- "Suga Suga" (Baby Bash)

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Plan ahead to preserve your wedding dress

By LISA FLAM
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
After Barbara Hart's wedding in 1989, her mom took care of the dirty work.

She had Hart's 1950s lace gown repaired, cleaned and preserved, boxed up and ready for another bride in the family. It was late last year, though, when Hart's niece, who was considering wearing the gown, opened the box, only to learn it held the wrong dress.

"It was very upsetting to me. It's all this connection to your younger life. A connection to my mother, to a moment in time," said Hart, 50, of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., whose mother has since died. "You're just losing the thread of this connection."

So much thought goes into selecting a wedding gown, but once the celebration is over, the dress begins to fade into the background. Experts say that right after the wedding, however, is precisely the time to make sure everything is in order so your dress is pristine if you want to wear it again for an anniversary, have it made

into a christening gown, or hand it down to a daughter or other loved one.

Hart doesn't know what instructions her mother was given about opening or not opening the box, and the dry cleaner that worked on it has since changed hands.

"My advice is that people should open the box and inspect it, and make sure they have the right dress and it's properly done at the time," said Hart, a lawyer.

Mix-ups are more common than you might think. Hart said an acquaintance of hers heard her story and opened her box to find a different dress too.

"The problem of the wrong dress is endemic in the industry," said Sally Conant, executive director of the Association of Wedding Gown Specialists. "Ask to inspect your dress."

A preservationist for 20 years, Conant said the wrong-dress-in-the-box scenario happens less frequently now because most preservations are done in boxes that aren't sealed, though some still are.

Conant, of Orange, Conn., said she packs the dress in front of the bride. Many gown specialists now feel it's OK for people to open the box later, she said; it won't void the guarantee against yellowing.

"It's fun for them to see it again," she said, "and they like to reassure themselves."

The association, which has members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Ecuador, requires gowns to be preserved in acid-free boxes.

Margaret's Cleaners, a member in La Jolla, Calif., packs the gowns in chests with acid-free tissue and wraps the gowns in unbleached muslin. The box is put into a muslin bag to keep out environmental debris. The boxes aren't sealed, and white gloves are provided so oil from your hands won't mar the fabric.

"We want our brides to be able to open the box and examine it every couple of years" in case any yellow spots start to show, says bridal director Jan Bohn.

Methods that involve shrink-wrapping or vacuum-

sealing the boxes, which then must remain closed, are not recommended by Conant and Heather Levine, fashion editor of TheKnot.com. "Vacuum-packing your gown can cause permanent wrinkles, or trap moisture," which can cause mildew, Levine said.

Cleaning the dress soon after the wedding is key to preventing discoloration and fabric damage.

At Margaret's, each gown is evaluated to determine how it should be cleaned, Bohn said. Her business has seven methods.

Cleaners remove blemishes that are visible (the most common is floor dirt) and invisible (usually perspiration, or sugar from Champagne, soda or frosting).

"If you do nothing, they will oxidize in a couple years," Bohn said. "You'll start seeing small yellow or brown marks, and then they grow and get bigger and they can damage the material."

Conant estimates that 80 percent of gowns have invisible stains, which cleaners find with special lights. "A lot of

times people will think they didn't spill anything," she said. "But a friend throws her arms around you and in her hand is a glass of wine ..."

Levine urges brides who want to save their gown to use a gown specialist, or a local dry cleaner that handles at least 100 wedding gowns a year.

"You can't just go to the dry cleaner on the corner," she said. "On a day-to-day basis, most dry cleaners aren't working with silk organza and heavy beading."

The Knot puts the national average cost of cleaning and preserving a wedding gown at \$200 to \$400; Conant at \$250 to \$300. Bohn says her services start at \$325 and have reached \$1,000. It depends on how much damage has been done, how the dress is constructed and what it's made of, Bohn said.

Conant estimates that 25 percent of brides preserve their gowns, while many resell them. Brides spent an average \$1,099 on gowns last year, according to Levine.

Wedding planner Barbara

Wallace says one-third to one-half of her high-end clients have their gowns preserved. "By the time you've spent \$5,000 or \$10,000 or more, it seems silly not to spend that few extra dollars to keep it nice," said Wallace, of Corona del Mar, Calif.

Some dresses may be lost to the post-wedding trash-the-dress phenomenon, which has brides donning their gowns to wade into the ocean or frolic in the mud for the camera. But even with a trashing, most gowns can still be saved. "If it's not silk, we can return it to almost like new," Conant says.

For many women, though, the sentimental attachment to the gown is strong. Hart recalls that her mother hoped Hart would have a daughter who would wear the now-missing lace dress. That daughter, now 9, was sad to learn the gown was gone.

"My daughter's face just fell," Hart said. "It's very sad to me because ... I'm not able to live out a dream my mother had for me."

Cake toppers add a personal touch to any wedding

By HILLARY SPEED
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The only part of a wedding cake that doesn't get eaten, preserved in the freezer, or smudged across a bride or groom's face is the cake topper. Why not make it something worth saving?

From wooden figurines to monogrammed eggs in a nest to teacups from Grandma's china cabinet, cake toppers at weddings have become more personalized.

Increasingly, couples are working with artists to design the perfect cake topper, unique to them.

"The cake topper is one of the few things that will be part of the wedding that the couple will take home afterward and maybe display in their house," said Portland, Ore.-based artist Hilary Pfeifer, who designs customized cake toppers.

"It's not just a plastic topper that they use for that day; it becomes an icon in their house afterward," she said.

Pfeifer sells her cake toppers out of her online shop, Bunny with a Toolbelt (www.bunny-withatoolbelt.com). The figurines are made of reclaimed wood and painted with acrylic. They are typically animals, and often are customized to fit a couple's taste and interest.

Pfeifer's creations have run the gamut from colorful elephants for a circus-themed wedding, to a pair of robots with a robot dog, to a duck bride and groom wearing Converse sneakers.

She has made cake-topper alligators, deer, squirrels, giraffes, flamingos, turtles, penguins, monsters, space monkeys, flying pigs and more. Often they are turned into sports mascots.

"Having customers bring you ideas is great," Pfeifer said. "It takes me places I wouldn't have gone on my own."

Another artist who has worked with brides and grooms to customize cake toppers is Heather Ward-Migner, based in Asheville, N.C. Through her online store, Star House (www.urastarhouse.com), Ward-Migner sells a variety of figurines made of local poplar wood that are then cut, burned and painted with watercolors to create specific images.

Her cake toppers have included couples on double bicycles, pairs of love birds, and a bride and groom in a yellow canoe.

Typically, her wooden characters are based on a photograph, and closely resemble the actual couple — a far cry from the standardized cake toppers of yore.

The effort that goes into creating such a personal memento contributes to its ultimate staying power.

"I love thinking about how 100 years from now some bohemian college students might have their grandparents' cake toppers displayed in their apartment," Ward-Migner said.

The customization of wedding cake toppers is still a niche trend, but one that has been growing, according to Anja Winikka, senior editor at TheKnot.com.

"Your wedding cake as a whole is such a great way to add your own personality, and it's a great way to make a statement at your wedding without going over the top," Winikka said. "The cake topper falls into that category as well."

She has seen various handcrafted toppers recently. Love birds are a popular choice, she said, including options made out of felt, fabric, wood or other materials.

Winikka has also seen the vintage craze enter the wedding-cake-topper arena. Couples are repurposing their parents' and grandparents'

cake toppers as their own.

You can also creatively use trinkets from your grandparents or tiny teacups from their china cabinet as your cake topper, she suggested.

In the case of a cake or cupcake tower that isn't suited to having a topper, the bridal couple can turn the entire cake table into a sort of display area

with mementos or figurines that add personality, Winikka said.

"I've definitely noticed that when a normal person thinks of a wedding cake topper, they think of the plastic bride and groom," said wedding planner Laura Auer, whose company is about to plan its 300th wedding.



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Tips for great-looking engagement photos

Newly engaged couples choose to capture the occasion in photos that they can cherish. Often, one of these photos is used as an announcement to family and friends and might even be published in the newspaper.

Engagement photos may be part of a package negotiated with the photographer who will be covering the wedding day. Some couples enlist the help of a friend or a budding photographer to capture an engagement shot. The average cost of engagement photos can range from \$200 to \$500. Some couples opt to use a photographer who might specialize in other areas (i.e. fashion models) but

may want to break into the wedding biz because of how lucrative it can be. Costs may be negotiated as a result.

When shopping around for a photographer, there are certain things couples should keep in mind. The first and most important is selecting a photographer you can relate to. If you don't feel a connection with the photographer, he or she will have trouble coaxing the shots that will produce the best results. He or she should also be a professional and have some experience working with posing couples. This way the photos don't look stiff or contrived. Here are some other tips that can lead

to great photos.

- Find a photographer who fits your style. If you're a quirky couple, go with a quirky photographer. If you're reserved and a follow-the-book type of couple, then select a more traditional photographer. Some photographers out there forget that this is your moment and want to impart their idea of what you want. Make sure he or she takes your ideas into consideration.
- Select one who is open to different shoot locations and brainstorming. Some of the best photos occur in natural settings, where things aren't entirely planned. If a photographer simply works out of a stu-

dio, you may want to select one who has more free reign with different locales.

- Choose your location wisely. Certain locations will stand out in your minds because they are visually stunning or are special places where you have spent moments as a couple. By choosing a place that offers a personal connection, there's a good chance you'll appreciate the photos in the long run. Also, be open to the fact that unplanned stops may offer a great background for the image. Be open to the unexpected.
- Try random poses and some candid shots. Although

you might have a vision of the perfect photo in your mind, experimenting with different ideas can sometimes lead to a great photo you really love. Expect to take your share of kissing, nose-touching and portrait shots. But some fun poses, such as running or jumping (or rolling around on a beach full of waves) can produce candid shots that are truly masterpieces. Remember, sometimes photographers will pose you in positions that seem a bit awkward, but this is to get the best lines of the body and flattering images.

- Choose clothing that fits the mood. If time and budget allows, have several different

wardrobe changes so that you can see which outfits work and which ones don't. A formal outfit, comfortable street clothes, something beachy or clothing that fits with your interests (such as polo or baseball) can make for interesting engagement photos. Avoid clothing that is too trendy or busy, which may take away from the actual images in the long run. Plus, you don't want to look back at these photos in the future and say, "What was I thinking?" Avoid matchy-matchy, though. If you are dressed alike, you may appear to be trying too hard. It's the individual personalities you want to shine through. .

Couples avoid exhaustion, delay honeymoon trip

BY HILLARY SPEED
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

My wedding was perfect: a miraculous, 52-degree day during an otherwise freezing Boston winter. Friends and family smiling. A gorgeous dress. A tasty cake. Blue-tinted hydrangeas flown in from Japan. And the storybook, love-at-first-sight romance at the center of it all.

There isn't a thing I would change about that day; it's the honeymoon I'd do over.

Specifically, I'd do it at another time.

Couples planning a wedding face obvious pressure to go on a honeymoon immediately after the tying of the knot. They want to seize the moment and indulge in a romantic, intimate vacation while still riding the wave of wedding euphoria. They want, as we thought we did, to escape the obligations of family and friends by running off to a tropical island far, far away.

To which I say: Reconsider. Delay that postnuptial vacation.

A belated honeymoon is the No. 1 piece of advice that Carley Roney, editor in chief of TheKnot.com, offers engaged couples.

"You should never leave the morning after," said Roney, who delayed her own honeymoon. "You want to have that time with your friends and family, because so often people are coming from far and wide, and then you disappear."

Couples should still plan the honeymoon in advance, Roney said, but book it for five or six months after the wedding. That gives them a chance to "double-dip": They can be around friends, siblings and parents during the next-day playback, when everybody is still happy and willing to dissect the event as many times as you want. Then you get to relive the passion of your wedding day

a few months later, when you go on your honeymoon.

Also, following the joy of a wedding with a trip can diminish the excitement of being on vacation.

"Sometimes after that total drama and excitement, the honeymoon can be like, 'Do I really have the energy?' It can be a bit of a downer in comparison," Roney said.

According to a study by TheKnot.com and The Wedding Channel in 2010, 80 percent of marrying couples take a honeymoon, and eight out of 10 of them leave right away.

For us, that felt too soon.

Exhausted from the festivities on Jan. 1, our big day, my husband and I crashed at a Boston hotel, barely able to process the whirlwind we had just experienced. We passed on the champagne, passed on the chocolate-covered strawberries, passed on the yada yada yada and simply collapsed into a deep slumber, already feeling like an "old married couple."

Four hours later, we rose with the sun to jet off to Mexico, far from all the family and friends we had barely had enough time with the day before.

We flew to Cancun, waded through customs for more than an hour, then hitched a ride with a car service to a port, where we waited for a ferry to take us to Isla Mujeres. Once there, we hailed a taxi to our not particularly luxurious B&B. All before lunch.

Distant were the memories of the festivities just one day before. While many of our loved ones gathered at my parents' house, we couldn't even find Internet access to let them know we had arrived safely.

I finally found a patch of shoddy wireless the next day that lasted just long enough for a quick view of the first

wedding photos that friends had uploaded to Facebook. My husband and I huddled over my too-small iPhone, soaking up those first shots of our magical day.

For most of the 19th century, the word "honeymoon," or "honey-lunacy," referred not to a trip, but to the period of time after the wedding when a couple was still swallowed up by love.

"The honeymoon was said to last one month, after which tenderness would wane like 'the changing moon,'" according to scholar Barbara Penner, who wrote "Newlyweds on Tour: Honeymooning in Nineteenth-Century America" (University of New Hampshire Press, 2009).

"A post-wedding trip was referred to as a wedding journey, bridal tour or nuptial tour, while a honeymoon denoted a generic period of newlywed bliss," she said.

As the tradition evolved, it began to be seen as the first opportunity for a new couple to be alone and to share sleeping quarters.

But these days, many couples are less desperate for time alone. The rarer opportunity may be those few extra days with far-flung cousins, grandparents and friends.

And most couples have jobs with limited time off, and have already spent many a paycheck on the wedding itself. By returning to work for a few extra months, you could perhaps earn a more extravagant vacation, or take one with less guilt.

Our honeymoon suffered from overzealous budgeting. Thinking about spending money on a trip in addition to the wedding, even though we didn't pay for most of it, was almost too much for our frugal minds to bear. We cut costs everywhere we could, and it showed.

I recommend the delayed honeymoon.

Tips for trying on wedding gowns

Many brides-to-be look forward to the day when they visit a bridal salon and are able to try on gowns for the first time. There are certain tips that can make the day go much more smoothly and potentially reduce the amount of time it may take to find the perfect gown.

- Wear a supportive, well constructed strapless bra or corset in your correct size. If you will be wearing a petticoat, also have the right size available.
- Go without face makeup when trying on gowns so they remain clean.
- Try to wear your hair similar to the style you have in mind for your wedding.
- Note that the size of the wedding gown you will wear is typically one to two sizes larger than your day-to-day clothes. Proper measurements can be matched to designers' size charts.
- It's best to limit the number of people with whom you

shop to 1 or 2 trusted friends or family members. An entourage can be confusing.

- It's always better to order

a slightly larger gown and leave room for alterations if you are between sizes.

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Can there be too much white at a wedding?

By **SAMANTHA CRITCHELL**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Of course, white is the traditional color for brides, but many of them are surrounding themselves with white way beyond a head-to-toe look. It's more like left to right and floor to ceiling, and everything in between.

"I do love an all-white wedding," gushes fashion designer Amsale Abera, who uses her first name as her label. "I think it can be very beautiful."

But, in the next breath, Abera says the look leaves room for error, with white-wearing bridesmaids and flower girls, white flowers, white tablecloths and white candles all potentially stealing the bride's thunder. "You don't want to need to wear the veil the whole day just to be identified as the bride," she says.

It takes a woman with a strong personality and sense of self to remain the belle of the ball, and she needs to embrace little tools to help her shine – things like a beaded waistband on her gown or choosing a dress that's just a slightly different shade of white than everyone else's, adds celebrity wedding planner David Tutera.

Kate Middleton pulled it off at the big British royal wedding, Tutera said, but even so, her sister, Pippa Middleton, got her fair share of attention in her white cowl-neck gown.

"I think the royal wedding will have an influence on brides for years, even decades, to come, and Pippa Middleton's white Alexander McQueen bridesmaid dress will most certainly be credited with sparking a trend," says Darcy Miller, editorial director of Martha Stewart Weddings. She notes, however, that it's a longtime tradition in Britain to have the wedding party wear white.

"It's very striking," Miller adds, noting that Beyonce and Kim Kardashian also opted for the color – or non-color – scheme.

Miller says the look is sophisticated, too – but more versatile than one might think. "The classic look of an all-white wedding is thought of as very traditional, but the clean, sophisticated palette can easily be transformed for modern venues so it is suitable for all types of brides. Whether you are getting married on the beach, at a country club, at a ski lodge or on a city rooftop, the look will

translate, so you really can't go wrong."

Tutera, who hosts WeTV's "My Fair Wedding," still isn't fully sold. When white is done right, there's nothing better, he says, but there's still more of a chance that something could go wrong.

There are hundreds of shades of white, from bright, blueish diamond white to a creamy, more yellowed eggshell white, he notes. The color scheme of the wedding should all be in the same family, although not 100 percent matching, either.

Abera encourages the warmer, richer shades, perhaps the eggshell, ivory or champagne. "That metallic white – that's not flattering to almost anybody. A more natural white has a more pearl feel to it, it's not harsh. I'd stay away from a harsh white, especially in the daytime, which will just look brighter and brighter."

Seems like a lot of detail for a bride to keep track of, but Manhattan-based photographer Christian Oth says the results can be worth it.

"It's an established fact that brides look great in white – it might even be why they do it! When you have a bunch of bridesmaids all dressed in

white, that's a beautiful visual thing," Oth says.

He'd much rather see the parade of white coming at him than the bridal parties of a few decades ago, with the bridesmaids in pouffy-sleeve, fuchsia dresses and the groomsmen wearing ties to match. "Those typical bridesmaids' dresses are very hard to photograph well," Oth adds.

And the different shades of white that are apparent to the naked eye probably won't show up in pictures, he says.

Still, a little hint of contrast color does work well; Oth suggests white floral bouquets that have visible green stems.

Miller agrees that it's the small details that are key with an all-white wedding. Fabrics and textures will create the depth, she says.

She ticks off suggestions, including bouquets of white peonies paired with a cluster of dahlias, white orchids and snowberry branches, tied with satin and lace.

She likes white flowers on the table, but also suggests whitewashed papier-mâché fruit piled on a cake stand and trimmed with silver millinery leaves.

White works on the menu if

you serve hors d'oeuvres during the cocktail hour made with seafood such as scallops, yellowtail or crabmeat; veggies like cauliflower and parsnips; and even pasta.

The one place a bride and groom shouldn't see white – unless they specifically request it – is in the crowd, the experts say, with Miller saying the "common consensus" is that only the bride, or

bridal party, wears white unless the invitation says otherwise.

Tutera says he recently worked with a bride for a year to find her perfect gown, but was upstaged by a guest. "This guest wore all white. She stood out like a sore thumb. You had to ask: What was that guest thinking?"

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in Jamaica that offered packages designed specifically for weddings that included everything from a wedding planner to a photographer at a great price.

"Once we received the information we requested in the mail and looked it over, we decided that the resort was perfect," Jodi said. "It was beautiful and offered so many different things that we could do while we were there."

Setting the wedding date for July 20, 2010, the couple arrived in St. James, Jamaica on July 16 and was immediately overcome by the island country's exquisite beauty and the friendliness of the locals.

"There was always someone nearby that would help you with whatever you needed," Robert said. "The resort's staff members, the locals, they were all so nice. We met a lot of great people while we were there."

During the days that led up to their wedding, both Robert and Jodi used that time to relax and enjoy their surroundings, which included exploring the island in Kawasaki mules and meeting other couples who had chosen the same location either for their wedding or honeymoon.

"The whole thing was just stress-free," Robert said. "We were able to fully relax, knowing everything was taken care of."

"There weren't any last minute details that needed to be finalized or worry over seating arrangements," Jodi added. "We wanted our wedding to be about just us and it was, in every way possible."

Despite the light rain that fell on their wedding day, the couple exchanged their vows during a traditional Jamaican wedding ceremony on the beach. Their minister,

which Robert likened to the actor Morgan Freeman, told them that in Jamaica, rain on a wedding day was a high blessing.

"Hearing that just made our moment even more special," Jodi said. "Everything that was done during the wedding, like feeding each other cake, had symbolism. It was interesting."

Other wedding traditions that were incorporated into the couple's ceremony included running into the ocean in their wedding apparel, and then jumping into

a pool.

"It was a lot of fun," Robert said. "If we had a choice of doing this again or a more traditional wedding, we'd do this again in a heartbeat."

Married now for one year, the couple resides in Marion with their combined five children, Hannah Peek, 18; Chloe Maxfield, 10; Kiley Hodge, 9; Reagan Hodge, 7 and Zoey Hodge, 3. If there would be any changes that the couple would have made during the wedding, Jodi said it would be having the girls

Surprising wedding facts

According to TheKnot.com, the unofficial experts on all things weddings, there are some things that may surprise the average person about weddings across the country. Here are some facts to consider.

■ Weddings in Iowa and Nebraska are the biggest, averaging 200 guests.

■ The average engagement ring costs more than \$5,800.

■ Most brides have one do-it-yourself element, such as favors or escort cards.

■ "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" and "Lady in Red" are the two most popular first dance songs (even though 87 percent of brides wear white).

■ Only 19 percent of couples rely on a wedding planner.

■ Ancient Romans broke a cake over the bride's head to symbolize fertility. Today, brides must be fortunate to have only a little cake smashed in their faces!

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CCHS students get a glimpse of reality with Distracted Driving presentation

BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

It was a grim setting Tuesday morning when Crittenden County High School students filed into an unusually dark Rocket Arena for a Distracted Driving assembly presented by the Future Business Leaders of America.

Combined with the adjusted Ghost Out program, select students disappeared during first and second periods and were laid to rest during the assembly after a simulation of being in a wreck, caused by distracted driving. The presentation helps to point out the dangers and consequences of driving while distracted, according to FBLA advisor Amy Hardin.

"It's an important message to get to these students because I think that sometimes we're all guilty of being distracted while we drive and we don't realize the heavy consequences that something like that can have," Hardin said. "For a lot of students, their cell phones are an extension of their arms so it's important to tell them that calls or text messaging can wait until they've parked.

"Presentations like this have been done before on drinking and driving but I think it's important to really



PHOTO BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
Jake Tinsley, above, plays one of the victims during Tuesday's Distracted Driving assembly presented by FBLA. As the Grim Reaper extinguishes his candle, Deputy Sheriff Greg Rushing and Brad Gilbert of Gilbert Funeral Home, prepare to lay him to rest.

express just how dangerous it can be to drive and become distracted by adjusting the radio or talking to a friend or even trying to send a simple text message."

During the assembly, students were shown a short, fictional video made by FBLA students that followed a car full of students wreck-

ing due to the driver texting. It then shows the course of events that follow, ending with the driver's funeral.

"Without the help of several of our community members, we wouldn't have been able to do this," Hardin said. "Gilbert Funeral Home brought in a casket for us to use and members of the

Sheriff's Department, EMTs and paramedics were all on hand to help with the presentation. We appreciate it so much."

FBLA members handed out 500 green rubber thumb bands that can be worn around the thumb to help remind students not to text and drive.



Gardner

Richard and Amanda Gardner will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a reception from 7-9 p.m., March 10 at Fohs Hall.

The former Amanda Davis and Richard Gardner were married on March 13, 1987 at Honea Path, S.C., with Bro. James Dyer officiating.

Witnesses were Rhonda Davis and Travis Gardner.

The couple have two children. They are Richard Blake and Ron Grant Gardner, both of Marion.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the reception.

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- Don't smoke

Resources: AARP. (2010). Heart Health Linked to How the Brain Ages. American Heart Association, American Stroke Association, and the Alzheimer's Association. (2011). What's Good for Your Heart is Good for Your Brain.

Births

Rudd

Andy Rudd and Crystal Davidson Engler of Paducah announce the birth of a daughter, Maggie Faith, Jan. 31 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield. Maggie weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces and was 21½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Randy and Billie Jean Davidson of Paducah. Great-grandparents are the late Pete and Maggie Davidson and Sallie Croft of Marion.

Paternal grandparents are John and Kathie Rudd and Mary Rudd of Benton.

Maggie Faith was named after her grandmother Maggie Helen (Moore) Davidson, who was named after her grandmother, Maggie (Long) Hunt.

Clelland

Thomas and Casey Clelland announce the birth of a son, Thomas "Trey" Wayne III, Feb. 14 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah. Trey weighed eight pounds, nine ounces and was 19¼ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Paul Jepson III of Henderson and Bobby and Kristi Conditt of Marion. Maternal great-grandparents are Jean Jepsen of Sturgis and Marie Conditt of Marion.

Paternal grandparents are Thomas and Pam Clelland of Oxnard, Calif., and J.T. and Tracey Hoffman of Graham, Texas. Paternal great-grandparents are Nina McCormick of Allen Park, Mich. and James and Jenny Hoffman of Forth Worth, Texas.

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Thursday, March 1

■ Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation will host a fireside chat entitled Hitler and the Artists at 7 p.m., Thursday in the Nunn Room at Fohs Hall. Local artist and art historian Kathleen Guess will share information and lead discussion about artwork produced in Germany during the Nazi regime and discuss the Nazi's looting art, where it is now, their "degenerative" art shows, how many artists fled and came to America and how others stayed. The event is free and light refreshments will be served.

Friday, March 2

■ A Crushin' Cancer benefit for Brad Walton will be held from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Friday at Double Take Salon. A pork chop sandwich, chips and cookies will be \$5. All proceeds will go to Brad and Rochelle Walton. For more information, call Natalie Parish at 871-1383.

Saturday, March 3

■ A genealogy workshop presented by Gen. John Caldwell and Lt. Robert Howson Hooe, will be held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday at the George Coon Public Library in Princeton. Cost is \$5 at the door, \$8 prepaid by Friday for lunch to be included. For more information, call Betty Ralph at 365-5888 or Della Cates at 639-5684. The workshop is open to everyone.

■ The Crittenden County Animal Shelter will be passing out 100 spay/neuter vouchers from 8 a.m. - noon, Saturday to the residents of Crittenden and Livingston counties. Vouchers are \$25 and are good for dogs or cats of either gender and are good for 90 days. There are six participating veterinarians to choose from. For more information, call the shelter at 969-1054.

Ongoing

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

- Monetary donations to assist

Brad and Rochelle Walton of Marion continue to be accepted at Louise's Flowers, where Rochelle is employed. Brad Walton, 31, was diagnosed last month with colon cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy in Harrisburg, Ill. For more information, contact Teena York at 965-2749.

■ AARP Tax Aide Program is provided each Wednesday at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Tax counselors will be on hand from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., to assist local individuals in filing their tax returns. This free service is for seniors or anyone considered low to moderate income level. Services will be provided each Wednesday through April 11. Please make an appointment by calling 704-2160. Walk-ins accepted, but appointments preferred.

Upcoming

■ There will be a St. Patrick's Day Dance to benefit Marion-Crittenden County Park. The event will be held starting at 7:30 p.m., with a live band, Reflection, from 8 p.m., to midnight March 17 at Marion Country Club. Cost is \$30 couple or \$15 single. Tickets may be purchased at the door. There will be finger food and soft drinks available. For more information, call Allen Lynn 965-5154 or Tony O'Neal 965-5452.

■ A shamrock shuffle Zumbathon will be held from 10-11:30 a.m., March 17 in the Crittenden County High School multipurpose room. Cost for the event is \$10 or a new pair of tennis shoes. The first 50 people will receive a free t-shirt. All proceeds raised will go to the Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet program. To find out more on how to be a partner or to donate to the program, call Jerri Hovey-Brown at 704-3425 or Holly White at 965-3525.

■ The Marion Ed-Tech Center will offer Elements of Underground Mining April 9 to May 3. Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m.-noon and Thursday from 8 a.m.-noon, at Madisonville Community College. Only 12 seats are available.



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CCES February Rocket Role Models



Rocket Role models for third through fifth grades at Crittenden County Elementary include (front from left) Amanda Estes, Mary Holeman, Douglas Ford, Kaden Tidwell, Lera Adams, Leah Fritts, Quinn Templeton; (middle) Alex Belt, Cassie Starrett, Harley Wesley, Anzie Gobin, Josh Thompson, Courtney Hall, Justis Duncan; (back) RheaVynn Tabor, Charity Wolosonowich, Stephen Madden, Nelson Jennings and Elizabeth Corley. Not pictured: Ally Newman, Charity Conyer, Jennifer Bricken, Chase Day, Jacob Kurtz, Dakota Lanham and Haily DiMaggio.



Rocket Role models for kindergarten through second grades include (front from left) Alex Conner, Marissa Stollenburg, Allie Beard, Chase Conyer, Bryanna Dunning, Brystin Dunning; (middle) Erica Darnell, Chloe Weathers, Olyvia Lanham, Jazmyn Lineberry, Lexie Wesmolan, Jack Reddick, Jacob Hoover, Gavin Peek, Dylan Yates; (back) Hayden Jones, Tucker Sharp, Joshua Norris, Samantha Tinsley, Caleb Robison, Jalyynn Hackney and Jacey Butts. Not pictured: Callie Dempsey and Nicholas Pendley.

Salem Garden Club tours historic home

Submitted by Janet Hughes

Spring is right around the corner, if not already here, according to early bulbs already in bloom. Because of the mild winter, the crocuses bloomed in January and early daffodils are sticking their heads through the soil. We have even noticed the stella de ore day lily taking a peek. That's exciting and scary for the gardener. If you think back to April of 2007 the same thing happened then and a hard freeze damaged the potential blooms of the bulbs. Several people lost young Japanese maples that year because of the freeze. So don't get your hopes up too early because Mother Nature may change her mind and pull an April Fool's prank on everyone.

Some people get carried away when trimming shrubs in the spring. A good rule of thumb is not to trim spring blooming shrubs until after they bloom. The exception is the knock-out rose bush. You need to trim these in January or February before they start putting out new growth and this year they appear to be early with their new buds.

When it comes to the older hydrangeas that have pink and blue blooms, take caution. They like to bloom on their old wood. Do not trim unless you need to take out dead branches. By September, they have already set their new buds for next year's blooms. The newer variety of hydrangeas, such as endless summer's Annabelle or lime-



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Pictured are Nancy Tabor (front), Pat Tolley, Caroline Howard, Jessi Kitchens, Janet Hughes; (second row) Susan Tharp, Shannon Riley, Sue Jennings; (back) Pam Buijk, Beverly Wallace, Beverly Hearell, Hazel Croft and Linda Padon.

light, can be trimmed every other year in the fall.

Spring is the time to trim back ornamental grasses such as monkey grass, maiden hair and pampas grass.

You can gain information on the do's and don'ts of gardening on the internet but the best way is by talking to local gardeners on what works best in our area. Salem

Garden Club members share tips and get lots of ideas from the home and garden tours in the area. Now is the time to join the Salem Garden Club. So much has been accomplished in the past four years. Members are ready to slow down and smell the roses. Private home and garden tours are on the schedule for this summer.

Thanks to Don and Nancy

Tabor, The Salem Garden Club recently got to tour their historic home in the Mexico community. The garden club also enjoyed looking through the photo album of the entire restoration from the beginning to the end.

If you are interested in joining the Salem Garden Club, please call Janet Hughes at 988-3835.

KSP scholarship application deadline is April 1

NEWS RELEASE

The Kentucky State Police are now accepting applications from Kentucky high school seniors who are interested in qualifying for \$1,000 scholarships that can be used for education expenses beginning in the fall of 2012. To be considered, students must complete and submit all application materials, which

are available on the KSP website at www.kentuckytastatepolice.org, by April 1.

"The Trooper Island Scholarship Fund is an outgrowth of our summer camp for underprivileged children, which has been in operation for 45 years," says KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer. "Although it is aimed at those who attended Trooper Island

Camp as a youngster, the program is open to all graduating seniors in Kentucky who plan to attend a college or technical/vocational school this fall."

This is the second year that KSP has offered this financial aid. In 2011, Amber Nicole Turner, of Barren County High School, and Devon Wharton, of Trigg County

High School, each received \$1,000 scholarships. Both registered to attend Western Kentucky University.

Financial contributions, payable to the Trooper Island Scholarship Fund, can be sent to Kentucky State Police Public Affairs Branch, 919 Versailles Road, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. For more information, call (502) 782-1780.

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Thank you again,
The family of Lena Inez Hunt Belt



Boy Scouts visit state capitol

Boy Scout Pack 30 visited the state's capitol where they were given a tour of the capitol building, the military museum, Daniel Boone's grave site and visited State Rep. Mike Cherry. The trip was the second annual Boy Scout Day at the capitol in Frankfort. Pictured are (front from left) Jordan Urbanowski, Holden Cooksey, Quinn Templeton, Jimmy Newland, Noah Campbell; (back) Zach Weathers, Seth Millikan, Hannah Cooksey, B.J. Daugherty and Jimmy Crider.

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Our Little Monkey is Turning 1!

Happy Birthday
Reece
on Feb. 26th
Love,
Daddy, Mommy & Carly

Son of Jamie & Kayla Travis

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

Community Spotlight

Two students perform with Purchase Players

Two Crittenden County High School students performed with the Mayfield Purchase Players.

Ellen Merrick and Daniel Patton both had roles in Rogers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" where Merrick played Aunt Eller, a principle role in the teen production and Patton played Joe, one of the farmers in the male chorus.

The Purchase Players have been in existence for over 30 years as a community theatre organization, and this year is boasting the largest orchestra pit, with nine musicians, in the company's history, with Regina Merrick, also of Marion, playing keyboard..

Students accepted to Union College

Two students have been accepted to attend Union College this fall. Those students are Amanda Owen and Madison Travis, both of Marion.

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Fireside Chat

Hitler and the Artists

Thursday, March 1 at 7 p.m.

In the Nunn Room at Fohs Hall.

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She will discuss the Nazi's looting art, where it is now, their "degenerative" art shows, how many artists fled and came to America and how others stayed.

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BASKETBALL

'Cats 1, Murray State 12

Associated Press Top 25

Murray State moved up two places after finishing its regular season with just one loss. The Racers open OVC Tournament play Friday in Nashville.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Prvs
1.	Kentucky (63)	28-1	1,623	1
2.	Syracuse (2)	29-1	1,562	2
3.	Kansas	24-5	1,459	4
4.	Duke	25-4	1,409	5
5.	Michigan St.	24-5	1,372	6
6.	North Carolina	25-4	1,314	7
7.	Missouri	25-4	1,253	3
8.	Marquette	24-5	1,150	10
9.	Baylor	24-5	1,055	13
10.	Ohio St.	23-6	1,036	8
11.	Georgetown	21-6	906	9
12.	Murray St.	28-1	885	14
13.	Michigan	21-8	766	11
14.	Wisconsin	21-8	764	16
15.	Wichita St.	26-4	754	19
16.	Florida	22-7	638	12
17.	UNLV	24-6	531	21
18.	Indiana	22-7	444	23
19.	Louisville	22-7	426	17
20.	Notre Dame	20-9	357	20
21.	San Diego St.	22-6	304	24
22.	Florida St.	19-9	252	15
23.	Temple	22-6	158	22
24.	Virginia	21-7	142	25
25.	Creighton	25-5	140	—

OUTDOORS

Upcoming seasons

Crow	Jan. 4-Feb. 29
Youth Turkey	April 7-8
Spring Turkey	April 14 - May 6
Spring Squirrel	May 19 - June 15
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round

Hunter education class

There will be a one-day, KDFWR-certified hunter education course offered Saturday, March 10 at Pleasant Valley Archery Club two miles south of Providence on Ky. 293. Class starts at 8 a.m. For more information, call Darrell Hill at 667-2283.

TRACK & FIELD

Rib-eye sandwich sale

Crittenden County High School track and field booster club will be selling rib-eye sandwiches from 9 a.m., to 2 p.m., Saturday on the Farmers Market lot on Main Street.

SOFTBALL

8-u tryouts March 10

An 8-under girls' travel softball team is organizing in Crittenden County. Coaches will be Jason Champion and Randy Hayes. Tryouts are at 9 a.m., March 10 at the Marion-Crittenden County Park. Proof of age is required. For more information, call 704-0475, 704-5256 or 965-4677.

12-u tryouts Saturday

A 12-under girls' travel softball team is organizing in Crittenden County. Tryouts are at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Marion-Crittenden County Park. In case of bad weather, tryouts will be at CCMS gym. Proof of age is required. For more information, call Tony Perryman 339-6632, Misty Champion 704-3311, Pam Collins 965-3216.

BASEBALL

Registration now open

Registration for youth baseball and softball leagues is now ongoing. Registration forms went out in Crittenden Elementary School students' Friday folders last week. A form is also printed in this issue of the newspaper and forms are available at The Crittenden Press office. Forms should be mailed with payment to Dugout Club, PO Box 5, Marion, KY 42064 by March 17 to avoid penalty. There will be a skills assessment on Saturday, March 17 at Crittenden County Middle School gym. Players may also bring their registration and fee on the day of the assessment. Registration closes on April 14.

Paid umpires wanted

Crittenden County Dugout Club is seeking qualified individuals age 15 or older to umpire youth baseball and softball games this spring and summer. Umpires can earn \$20 to \$25 per game. Contact Mike Hamilton at 704-0283.

SOCCER

Youth league sign up

Registration for Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association's spring leagues will be held from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, March 8 at Dairy Queen.

Georgia preacher wins buck contest

STAFF REPORT

For the second straight year, Crittenden County's Big Buck Contest winner has come off a Tolu farm known as the Rackerson Ranch operated by part-time Crittenden Countian Robby Sowash.

This year's winner was Renny Ryder, a minister from McCaysville, Ga., who often hunts on the Rackerson Ranch. Ryder earned \$1,000 cash from the contest which is sponsored by Hodge's Sports and Apparel and Marion Tourism Commission.

The winner is judged from entries by a cumulative score derived by adding the buck's weight, inside spread and number of points.

Ryder emailed an interesting account of his hunt. Here is his story as told in his own words:

This successful deer story for 2011 season really starts in the 2010 season. I am an avid bowhunter and I love to prep for the hunt. I like to start immediately after one season ends, shooting 30 to 50 arrows a day, tuning, planning, scouting, setting stands, moving stands, planning hunts, seeing the hunt in my mind over and over and the list goes on.

You see your shot hundreds of times in your mind, breathing right, drawing smooth, anchoring the same, release with a smooth followthrough. I believe most bowhunters consider this as much a part of the hunting experience as the actual hunt.

The story begins on Wednesday,



Renny Ryder won the Big Buck Contest with this whopping mainframe 10-point buck.

Oct. 27, 2010. I have been hunting for three days. I have had two close encounters with 160-plus-inch deer, but not able to release an arrow. I had passed on several 140 and 150 class deer. My sights had been set on a 160-plus, and not less, for five years.

Robby and I had been watching a mid 160s 10-point coming through a pinch point every evening for a few days out of bow range from the stand we had hanging. There was a pile of dirt about 10 feet high that had grown up with tall weeds for a ground blind, but

the wind had not been right until that evening.

So, I made my move to the dirt pile. The buck came in like clock work. I made my shot at 35 yards, what I thought was a little forward, but still a good shot. The deer made a loop back through the cut cornfield, going down about three times before getting into the woods out of sight. I waited until the next morning to go after him, but we had an unexpected rain shower just after midnight. The next morning, after several hours of looking, we never found the deer. I was sick for months, having wounded a deer and not retrieving it. This had never happened to me, after a lifetime of hunting and many harvests. My boasting of never leaving my game had come to an end.

Fast-forward to Oct. 19, 2011. After three days of hunting, I had passed on a huge eight, a 150-plus buck. Also, I'd had a wild encounter with a 170-class 10-point, seconds from getting a 25-yard shot and a tree limb fell hitting the deer and spooking him to 80 yards. But on this third day, I went back to the dirt pile where I had shot the buck the previous year. Only this year, we had hung a stand. Just before dark, this deer came in, a great 10-pointer, but I thought that I would pass until I put my binoculars on him. It was then, I saw all the junk, split G-4, and more. He comes to 22 yards and I make a great shot. The deer bolts, circling the same route as last year's deer.

I began to have flashbacks, no

way, not again! He goes down, not moving. I am watching. A minute goes by, still not moving. I hang my bow and I am shaking all over, my knees are weak, so I sit down, trying to settle myself. After a couple of minutes, I look up toward my deer, 80 yards away and he is standing and begins walking toward the treeline. My joy and excitement immediately are replaced with this sick, gut wrenching feeling.

Not again!

I can't take this Lord. Do I have to wait another night, another sleepless night? Yep!

The next morning, we found my deer 15 yards into the woods. He was a mainframe 10 pointer with a split G-4 and G-2 with lots of junk on the base, putting the gross B&C score at 183 inches.


Three days later, I get a phone call from the taxidermist, "Hey Renny, I just caped your deer. I thought you said you shot this deer with a striker broadhead and it had passed through. I just removed six inches of shaft with a Shuttle T-Lock broadhead in his left lung and a tumor grown around it."

In 2010, I had shot that same broadhead with Victory shafts, the same as what was found inside the buck I had just taken.


You are kidding me, I thought. I have shot the same deer twice in two different seasons, only he was bigger this year.

Thank You Lord for the answered prayer and removing that sick feeling of losing something.


ALL FIFTH-DISTRICT



Bailey Brown
Season Stats
16.1 ppg / 5.1 rpg



Thomas Scott
Season Stats
15.5 ppg / 6.3 rpg



Devin Clark
Season Stats
8.1 ppg / 10.1 rpg

5th District Boys' Tournament

AT LYON COUNTY

First Round Results

Livingston Central 56, Crittenden 49
Lyon County 84, Trigg County 81

Championship Game

Livingston Central 58, Lyon County 55

5th District Girls' Tournament

First Round Results

Livingston Central 61, Crittenden 32
Lyon County 55, Trigg County 40

Championship Game

Livingston Central 58, Lyon County 43

2nd Region Girls' Tournament

First Round Matchups at Christian County

Livingston Central 66, University Heights 58
Lyon County vs. Henderson County, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Livingston plays Webster County, Friday, 6 p.m.

2nd Region Boys' Tournament

First Round Matchups at Madisonville

Lyon County vs. Madisonville, Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Livingston Central vs. Henderson County, Thursday, 6 p.m.



Crittenden County's Torey Baker (pictured above) is currently hitting .245 for the Lindsey Wilson College softball team. Baker, a sophomore at the Columbia, Ky., school, where she is starting first baseman for the junior varsity team. The club's record is 4-4. Baker is pictured during a game a last week at St. Catherine's College. Lindsey Wilson won the game 9-3. Baker is a 4.0 student majoring in education and math.

Rocket basketball hosts youth action




Six teams from Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon, Livingston and Marshall counties participated in a day-long third- and fourth-grade basketball tournament Saturday at the Crittenden County Middle School gym. Proceeds from the event helped fund the Crittenden County Youth Boys Basketball Program. Pictured are (in top action photo) Crittenden's Erik O'Leary with the basketball and teammates Tyler Boone and Braxton Winders in the background. Crittenden finished third in the tournament. One of two Marshall County teams was second and Caldwell County won the tournament. Caldwell was coached by Crittenden County native Ryan Perry, whose son plays on the team. The champions are pictured (at bottom, from left) Riley Skinner, Tate VanHooser, Tripp Branch, Jackson Wilson, Jackson Shoulders, Travis Perry and Garrett Rudolph. Crittenden County's O'Leary finished second in a three-point shooting contest associated with the event.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY DUGOUT CLUB

2012 Youth Baseball / Softball Registration Form

For Official Use:

☐ Fee ☐ Check ☐ Cash

☐ Late Sign Up

Check # _____ Initials: _____

Registration form must be received by March 17, 2012 with a \$25.00 fee *per child* and a copy of Birth Certificate for the player (*fee for T-ball is \$20 per child*). We want everyone to play, if you cannot afford the full registration fee, talk to a board member at registration. Registration after March 17 carries a \$15 penalty. Registration closes April 14. Skills assessment is 9 a.m., to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 17 at Crittenden County Middle School gymnasium.

NOTE: Parents must agree to work in the concession stand to receive this reduced price. Please complete the following:

☐ I agree to work 2 two-hour sessions (per child in the program) in the concession stand during the season.

☐ I will not work in the concession stand (if you chose not to work, your fee will be \$20 extra per child, maximum \$40)

NOTICE:

1. The cutoff for age grouping for Baseball is a player turning a year older before **May 1st**

2. The cutoff for age grouping for Softball is a player turning a year older before **January 1st**

3. All Leagues with the exception of T-Ball & Co-ed rookie will have away games.

4. With the exception of T-ball and Co-ed rookie league, boys must play baseball and girls must play softball.

T-Ball League	<input type="checkbox"/> (age 4 Boys & Girls) <i>must be 4 before May 1st</i>
Co-ed Rookie	<input type="checkbox"/> (ages 5-6 Boys & Girls) <i>must be 5 before May 1st</i>
Boys Baseball (Check One)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rookie (7-8) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor (9-10) <input type="checkbox"/> Major (11-12)
	(Pitching Machine) (Live Arm)
Girls Softball (Check One)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rookie (7-8) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor (9-10) <input type="checkbox"/> Major (11-12) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (13-16)
	(Pitching Machine) (Live Arm)

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Player Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Last Team to Play for: _____ Year Played: _____

Shirt Size: (*NOTE: Shirt size should be one size larger then normally worn*)

Check One: ☐6/8 ☐10/12 ☐14/16 ☐Adult S ☐Adult M ☐Adult L ☐Adult XL ☐Adult XXL ☐Other: _____

Do you want to: ☐ Coach ☐ Umpire ☐ League Commissioner ☐ Other: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR TREATMENT:

I herby give my consent for any treatment as provided by his/her coach or other adult escort in case of an injury or illness while participating in any practice, game, or other league activity sanctioned by the Crittenden County Dugout Club. I understand that this is to prevent undue delay in treatment. Furthermore, I agree to allow my child to be taken to a licensed physician and/or their designee in the case of an emergency. I will list my allergies and/or pre-existing physical conditions that need to be noted before treatment. (use back if needed)

Allergies: _____ Pre-existing Conditions: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Player covered Under Insurance Policy: ☐ Yes ☐ No

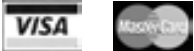
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Signature: _____ Relationship: _____ Date: _____

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employment

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Wanted: Salesperson with electri-cal/plumbing/hardware experi-ence; salesperson with chemical/seed experience. Send Resume to: Akridge Farm Supply, PO Box 175 Fredonia, KY 42411. (2t-35-c)

Par 4 Plastics is accepting re-sumes for Process Engineers, Process Technicians, Tooling En-gineers, Tooling Technicians and Maintenance Technicians. In-jection molding experience is pre-ferred. Please send resume and qualifications to: Human Re-sources, Par4 Plastics, Inc. 351 In-dustrial Dr., Marion, KY 42064. (1t-35-c)

The Crittenden County Board of Education invites you to submit sealed bids for the 2013 yearbook and school pictures. Bids will be received at: Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion KY 42064. Please submit sealed bids until March 15th, 2012, 2:00 PM CSD, at which time they will be opened. Any interested party may attend, however, no immediate decisions will be made. Please contact Vanessa Shewcraft for specifica-tions or questions at 270.965.2281, extension 2600 or email to: HYPERLINK "mailto:brent.highfil@crittenden.ky schools.us" vanessa.shewcraft @crittenden.kyschools.us . (1t-35-c)

River's Bend Retirement Commu-nity is currently looking for LPN's to fill the evening position 2-10 and the weekend position, 12 hours. Weekend employees also get va-cation, sick time, and are eligible for benefits. Please contact Kim Shoulders at 300 Beech St. Kut-tawa, KY or call at 270-388-2868 ext 212. (1t-35-c)

Part time position available at Bowtanicals Florist and Gift Shop, Marion, Ky. Applicant must be cre-ative, open to learning and sched-ule flexible. Please fax resume to 270.965.2059. (2t-35-c)

Liberty Tire Recycling is looking for good people willing to work hard and help our company grow!. Must be safety-conscious team players, able to lift 50+ lbs. Apply in person at 2071 US 60 West, Marion KY or fax resume to 270-965-3618. Call 270-965-3613 for more info. EOE. (2t-35-c)

notices

Notice is hereby given that on Feb-ruary 22, 2012 Rickey Holsapple of 1393 Brown Mines Rd., Marion, KY 42064 was appointed Executor with will annexed of Parker Lynn Holsapple, deceased, whose ad-dress was 410 Guess Rd., Marion, KY 42064. Stuart Peek Attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven

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as required by law to the Executor with will annexed on or before the 22nd day of August, 2012 and all claims not so proven and pre-sented by that date shall be for-ever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and set-tle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court
Madeline Henderson, Clerk
(1t-35-p)

NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND
RELOCATION OF GRAVESITES

On February 21, 2012, the Crittenden Fiscal Court adopted a resolu-tion allowing Bobby Grogan, at his own expense, to remove and relo-cate five gravesites marked "Bun-tun" from his farm located near the Cumberland River, Dycusburg, Kentucky to the Dycusburg Ceme-tery. Anyone having any interest in this matter should address their comments or concerns within 60 days from February 23, 2012 to Bart Frazer, Attorney for Bobby Grogan, P.O. Box 361, 200 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064. (270) 965-2261. (11t-44-c)frp

Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH OF
KENTUCKY

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CASE NO. 11-CI-00114

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Countrywide Home Loans

Servicing, LP PLAINTIFF V.

Marthamary Scherer

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on January 12, 2012, I will on Friday, March 9, 2012 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter de-scribed and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit:)

Parcel No: 070-10-16-010.00

Legal Description:

Situated in the County of Critten-den, State of Kentucky:

Beginning at an iron pin on the East side of North Walker Street, corner to J.D. Hunt lot, being his Northwest corner and the South-west corner of the lot herein con-veyed; thence in an Eastern direction with line of said Hunt 150 feet to an iron pin, another corner to said Hunt in first parties line, thence with an agreed line this day established to second parties in a Northern direction parallel with said street 78 feet to an iron pin; corner to Douglas Bebout and

being his Southeast corner; thence in a Western direction with line of said Bebout 150 feet to an iron pin on the East side of the aforemen-tioned street; thence in a Southern direction with East line of Walker Street 77 feet to the point of be-ginning. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which has been heretofore conveyed or re-served in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Being the same property conveyed to Marthamary E. Scherer, a single person who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Elizabeth H. Abell, a widow, by and through her At-torney in Fact, Charles K. Hunt, dated November 5, 2003, filed Novem-ber 10, 2003, recorded in Deed book 197, Page 662, County Clerk's Office, Crittenden County, Kentucky. The description pro-vided herein was provided by the parties and is contained in the Judgment and Order of Sale.

Address: 308 North Walker Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064.

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

2. The Purchaser shall be required to assume and pay any ad val-orem taxes and all taxes assessed against said property by any City, State, County or any school dis-trict which are due and payable at any time during the year 2012 or thereafter. Said sale shall be made subject to: all easements, covenants and restrictions of record; assessments for public im-provements; and any facts which an inspection and accurate survey may disclose. Said property shall be sold with the improvements thereon "as is".

3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on January 12, 2012 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendant, Marthamary Scherer, et al for the principal sum of \$53,823.45, interest on the principal sum at the rate of 6.5% per annum from May 1, 2009 until paid; the costs and fees of this action; reimbursement for

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**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on Janu-ary 26, 2012, scheduling a hearing to be held on March 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Ken-tucky, for the purpose of cross-ex-aminating witnesses in Case No. 2011-00484, which is An Examina-tion of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Kentucky Utili-ties Company from May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011.

Kentucky Utilities Company
220 West Main Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

attorney's fees in this action, sums advanced in payment of ad val-orem taxes, insurance premiums, winterization or in preservation of the real estate; and late fees, costs, attorney's fees, and other advances made pursuant to the terms of the Note.

4. The Plaintiff, Master Commis-sioner and the Court shall not be deemed to have warranted title of the real estate to the purchaser.

5. The real estate is indivisible and cannot be divided without materi-ally impairing its value and the value of Plaintiff's lien thereon. As a result, the real estate shall be sold as a whole for the purpose of satisfying the Judgment Liens herein adjudged against the real estate.

6. Upon receipt of a written request from the Plaintiff prior to the sale, the Master Commissioner shall withdraw the sale without an Order from this Court.

7. Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid by facsimile prior to the sale.

8. Upon confirmation of the sale, the risk of loss shall pass to the purchaser.

9. In the event the Plaintiff be-comes the purchaser of the real estate at the Master Commis-sioner's sale, and if the Plaintiff's bid is less than its lien adjudged herein, Plaintiff may comply with the terms of sale by taking credit upon its Judgment without making the cash deposit or executing the sale bond.

10. Upon default of the deposit or posting of bond by the purchaser, the Master Commissioner shall im-mediately resell the property upon the same terms and conditions set out herein.

11. The purchaser of the real es-tate is entitled to possession of the real estate upon confirmation of the sale by the Court.

Dated this the 27th
day of January, 2012.

Brandi D. Rogers

MASTER COMMISSIONER,

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
(3t-36-c).

Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH OF
KENTUCKY

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-CI-00171

PAUL DEAN CURNEL

PLAINTIFF

vs. RICKY CURNEL,
PHYLLIS DEORE,
HAZEL MCDOWELL,

RICKY CURNEL,
JOANNE MCKINNEY,
MARGIE LANHAM,
VERNON MCCLURE,
PAULA BERRY,
BRUCE MCCLURE
DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the JANUARY 13, 2012, I will on Friday, MARCH 09, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Ken-tucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the fol-lowing described real property lo-cated in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

DESCRIPTION: BEGINNING at a stone corner to 37 acre tract N 4 E 16 poles to a cottonwood at corner of orchard N 78 W 146 ½ poles to a stone in west line of 90 acre tract: thence S 2 W 134 poles to a stone in Nation's line white oak elm pointers with same S 83 ½ E 90 poles to a stone, N 15 103 poles to a stone, S 87 E 47 ½ poles to the beginning.

At 15ft, roadway is conveyed to this land as shown by Deed from Ruie C Sullinger dates July 14, 1927 of record in Deed Book 54, at Page 142.

LESS AND EXCEPT the following described parcel having been con-veyed to Phyllis A. Jackson and her daughter, Lala R. Curnel, by Sarah E. Curnel by Deed dated July 22, 1992, and recorded in Deed Book 163, at Page 306 and more particularly described as fol-lows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and more par-ticularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe, cor-ner to J.V. Curnel on the North side of the Curnel Road, being 10 ft. from the center of the road, about 0.4 mile West of its junction with Ky. 723, and being about 0.6 mile South of the junction of Ky. 723 with Ky. 297 at Irma, the approxi-mate Kentucky Coordinates (south zone) of the point of beginning is

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Kentucky Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on March 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the case of In the Matter of: An Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Big Rivers Electric Corporation from May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011, Case No. 2011-00487, for the purpose of examining the application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation's Fuel Adjustment Clause from May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011. The hearing will be held at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

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Newcom brings occupational tax before public

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Think of it as a wound for which a Band-Aid just isn't enough anymore. It's a swollen gash that needs serious first aid before getting infected and growing into a crippling problem.

That's where Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and the fiscal court say they are right now. The home remedies and self-adhesive bandages haven't worked, and there's simply no sign of healing when they peek under the crude dressings grabbed from the back of the medicine cabinet. The time has simply come to grit their teeth and do what has to be done to close the wound and move on.

"This tax seems to be the best way to go," Newcom said Tuesday of the county's week-old proposal for a countywide, one-percent occupational and net profits tax.

Newcom was addressing about a dozen people who had gathered at Mattoon Fire Department for the first of four community meetings planned over the next two weeks to discuss the county's bleak financial situation and what realities its leaders face as they try to provide critical and qual-

ity-of-life services.

Crittenden Health Systems' lingering request for subsidies to keep its emergency medical service (EMS) running in the black shed light on a problem under the second-year judge-executive that had been kicked down the road for years. Leaders say the county needs more revenue to address growing concerns and unfunded mandates from Frankfort and Washington. Those needs are greater than just EMS, explained one magistrate.

"The ambulance is not the only thing the county is going to have to deal with," said Jeff Ellis, host magistrate of Tuesday's meeting. "But right now, the spotlight is on that."

The county has let the tires on the Meals on Wheels program for elderly be slashed while seeing much of the in-home help for those same seniors be done away with. Meantime, much of the fleet of road department vehicles is held together with little more than duct tape, and there are recreational needs in the county.

There are 27 more annual debt payments of \$575,000 to pay off the detention center at a time when its best sources of regular revenue, state

inmates, are being let out of prison across the commonwealth at a rate of more than 10 a day in order to cut down on a bloated state corrections budget.

Also, for every dollar it pays in salary to an employee, the county is forced to now put in another 20 cents toward a state retirement program when just nine years ago it was paying slightly more than six cents. Finally, by 2015, it appears as if Obamacare will force the hand of one of the last holdout counties in Kentucky to offer health insurance to its employees, a mandate that would cost anywhere from \$201,000 to \$240,000 annually for 78 workers.

Officials say solutions are few.

"Property tax isn't an option," Newcom said.

Raising property taxes even the maximum amount allowed by law would generate only \$50,000 more. However, Crittenden County property owners pay only 12 cents per \$100 of assessed real estate, far less than half the state average and less than the 15.5 cents they were paying 1979.

Doubling the two-percent insurance tax would burden many who

Upcoming meetings

Newcom will be hosting a series of three more meetings on county finances in various communities. The next is today (Thursday) at Tolu Community Center, then Tuesday at Shady Grove Fire Department and next Thursday at Dycusburg Baptist Church's fellowship hall. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Meantime, a copy of the fiscal court's proposed occupational tax ordinance can be found online at www.thepress.com/CC%20Occupational%20License%20Ordinance.htm.

cannot afford it and it would add less than \$140,000, not even enough to address Obamacare.

Creating a new taxing district would limit assistance to only the hospital, ambulance service or fire departments. And "basically it's just another property tax," Newcom said. "Rates would have to be so high, nobody could stand it."

Do nothing, is another possibility, but not a favorable one.

"Your court definitely thinks this is not an option," he added. "There's no question in anybody's mind we've

got to have an ambulance service."

And while that's not the only financial burden faced by the county, it is still the most serious — a life or death situation for some.

The Kentucky Department of Local Government (DLG) has estimated the proposed occupational tax would raise more than \$400,000 yearly for a fiscal court budget with no fat left to trim, according to the same state organization.

"Your hands are so tied... as to how you can generate income," Newcom said Tuesday. "I think they (DLG) feel like this is the most fair way to generate the degree of revenue we need."

The biggest advantage to this method, reiterated Ellis, is that it does not hit those on fixed incomes like the elderly.

"That's one of the biggest advantages, I see," he said.

Newcom is resolute in getting something done, even if it means his job when the election rolls back around in two years.

"I've already started to get resume's out there," he joked. "But this is for the future of our county. I don't care."



CASTLEBERRY, MCGREGOR AND SWINFORD ARCHITECTS

Livingston County hosts grand opening of new municipal building Friday

A grand opening of Livingston County's newest government building will be held at 2 p.m., Friday. The festivities will christen the municipal office building. The facility will be three floors with each floor covering approximately 9,000 square feet. It will house the sheriff and county clerk on the first floor; the judge-executive, county attorney, child support and PVA offices on the second floor; and the public library on the third floor. Meantime, Livingston County Public Library will open its doors to the public for the first time at 9 a.m., Friday. It is the first public library in the county's 213 year history.

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North 389,450 ft., East 1,273,750 ft.; thence with the North side of the Curnel Road S. 84 deg. 50 min. W. 349.05 ft. to an iron pipe, a new corner; thence with a new line, this day made, N. 07 deg. 18 min. E. 361.10 ft. to an iron pipe, a new corner and being in J. V. Curnel's line; thence with this lines S. 74 deg. 45 min. E. 349.07 ft. to an iron pipe at a fence corner, and S. 08 deg. 29 min. W. 237.58 ft. to the beginning containing 2.358 acres by survey, as surveyed by Billy J. May, LS 878 on November 20, 1991. SEE ATTACHED PLAT FOR GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION SOURCE OF TITLE

This being the remainder of the property conveyed to William H. Curnel by Harmon C. Curnel by Deed dated April 14, 1950, and recorded in Deed Book 82, at Page 584; William H. Curnel died intestate and title vested in Sarah E. Curnel, his widow, and William H. Curnel, Jr. John Russell Curnel, Paul Dean Curnel, Phyllis Jackson, Rugina McClure, and Hazel Vassure. See Affidavit of Descent of William H. Curnel of record in Deed Book 161, at Page 101; The issue of William H. Curnel, William H. Curnel Jr., a single person, et al, conveyed their one-half undivided interest to Sarah E. Curnel by Deed dated August 19, 1991 and recorded in Deed Book 161, at Page 103;

Sarah E. Curnel died intestate October 28, 2002 and title vested in William H. Curnel, Jr. John Russell Curnel, Paul Dean Curnel, Phyllis Jackson, Hazel Vassure, Margie Lanham, Vernon McClure, Paula Berry, and Bruce McClure. See Affidavit of Descent of Sarah E. Curnel of record in Deed Book ____, at Page ____ William Curnel, Jr., died intestate on October 22, 2008 and his undivided interest vested in Ricky Curnel and JoAnn McKinney. See Affidavit of Descent of William Curnel, Jr. of record in Deed Book 213, at Page 800. John Russell Curnel died intestate June 13, 2010 and his undivided interest vested in Ricky Curnel, JoAnn McKinney, Paul Dean Curnel, Phyllis Jackson, Hazel Vassure, Margie Lanham, Vernon McClure, Paul Berry, and Bruce McClure. See Affidavit of Descent of John Russell Curnel of record in Deed Book ____, at Page ____

The Master Commissioner of this Court is hereby authorized and directed to sell the above described property as herein provided, and all the right, title and interest of the parties hereto, and he will sell same at public auction on a credit of thirty (30) days, or the purchaser may pay cash, to the highest and best bidder at the Courthouse door, with said sale to be held on Friday, MARCH 09, 2012, at 10:00 AM., said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all par-

ties to this action. The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity.

The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.

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Special Master Commissioner
(3t-36-c)

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