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House wants cash for water districts

The Kentucky House is expected to okay money for several area water districts. The House spending plan is not the final word on the state budget. For now, however, the budget includes the following appropriations, according to Rep. Mike Cherry:

COUNTY	DISTRICT	AMOUNT
CRITTENDEN COUNTY	Critt-Liv Water District	\$100,000
	Marion Water Dept.	\$400,000
LIVINGSTON COUNTY	Critt-Liv Water District	\$100,000
	Ledbetter Water Dept.	\$100,000
	Salem Water Dept.	\$100,000
	Grand Rivers Water Dept.	\$100,000
	Smithland Water Dept.	\$100,000

BY THE NUMBERS Looking Back at temps

Average temperatures during February were below freezing, mostly due to cold nights and mornings, and it was a dry month. The daily high was below freezing just three days during the month. Here are some other figures from February:

FEBRUARY WEATHER

Coldest Temperature	... 14.1 on Feb. 1
Warmest Temperature	... 64.5 on Feb. 21
Average Temperature	... 31.4 degrees
Average High Temp.	... 39 degrees
Average Low Temp.	... 23.9 degrees
Precipitation	... 1.33 inches

SOURCE: KY MESONET

Upcoming meetings

- ✓ Marion City Council meets at 6 p.m., Monday at city hall.
- ✓ Crittenden County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m., Tuesday at the courthouse.
- ✓ Salem City Council meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday at city hall.
- ✓ Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 23 at Rocket Arena.

Preschool screening will be held March 19

Screening for preschoolers will be held at Crittenden Elementary from 1-5 p.m., March 19. Bring proof of income, state birth certificate, immunization certificate, social security card and insurance or Medicaid card. For appointments, call 965-5846.

ON THE WEB News Blog Poll

This week's poll on The Press' Breaking News Blog asked readers: "What's your favorite Crittenden County community?" Here is what 144 respondents said:

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| Tolu | 23 (15%) |
| Sheridan | 9 (6%) |
| Frances | 10 (6%) |
| Dycusburg | 17 (11%) |
| Mattoon | 22 (15%) |
| Shady Grove | 7 (4%) |
| Tribune | 4 (2%) |
| Other not listed | 52 (36%) |

(Crayne was inadvertently left out of the survey. We apologize.)

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Funding likely for park road

Leaders say new access would improve marketability for north industrial area

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Funding for a new access road into Marion's Industrial Park North is expected to usher in the area's first development.

If all goes as planned, the Kentucky Department of Highways maintenance facility will be moved across town and become the initial occupant of the industrial park.

"It's fantastic news," said Dr. Stan Hoover, director of Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation, regarding the \$2 million earmarked for construction of a new access road and the proposed highway department facility.

"A new road will certainly help in marketing the entire property," said Hoover, who is currently negotiating with at least one private industry prospect interested in real estate at

the north park.

The industrial park is a 105-acre area that was formerly a Tyson Foods chicken farm. Crittenden County has two industrial parks, one where Safetran, Par 4 Plastics and Tyler Manufacturing are located on the south side of the city and the relatively new site on the north end.

State Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton) said Monday that he believes current spending plans – which call for \$900,000 for the access road from the Economic Development Cabinet and \$1.1 million for the highway department facility from the Transportation Cabinet – will survive the budgetary process ongoing in Frankfort. The line item expendi-



Cherry



Industrial Park North is 105 acres on the northwest side of U.S. 60 East. It currently has a paved apron extending about 600 feet from the highway, before turning to gravel. Plans are to widen and pave the entire access road, making way for further development of the park.

tures were expected to pass this week as part of the House's proposed budget, which will be sent to the Senate for its consideration.

Gareth Hardin, president of the local economic development group, said the proposed road funding is welcomed news.

"We knew we needed a road in there to really open this park up to future development," Hardin said. "The way it's worked out is really going to help."

No local funds will be necessary to

improve the infrastructure of the park. The state, aiming to become the first landowner, will build the road, but it's unclear whether the new access will stop at the proposed highways facility or reach farther into the park.

"It's pretty good news that your county is getting a new maintenance garage, but the big deal for the community is that there will be a first-class road into your industrial park,"

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Crittenden in line for new middle school

Livingston would get one as well

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Crittenden County School District will be granted \$6.4 million to build a new middle school if the House's budget is approved during the legislative process ongoing in Frankfort.

As part of its two-year spending plan, the House of Representatives is expected to approve this week a measure that calls for selling state bonds to fund replacement of Kentucky's most aged schools, among them Crittenden and Livingston middle schools.

Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton) explained that Kentucky rates school buildings on a scale of 1-5 with five being those in the greatest need of repair or replacement. Crittenden and Livingston middle schools are both Category 4 schools, he said.

Actually, Crittenden County is a 4.7 and has even been rated worse by some inspectors, said Crittenden County Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough. She remains guard-

edly optimistic that the age and condition of the middle school will improve its consideration as legislative negotiations continue at the Capitol.

"Whether this stands through the senate and the remainder of the budgetary process, who knows," Cherry said Tuesday.

Local school officials are not getting too excited just yet, but part of the battle is already won, Yarbrough said.

"It's big. It's so important to make the list and be put into the budget language," the superintendent said.

This is the first time Crittenden Middle School has found itself on a line item in any state budget.

Crittenden Middle School was built in 1949, originally as a high school. It opened to make way for county consolidation, bringing high school students from Dycusburg, Frances, Shady Grove, Mattoon and Tolu to Marion.

In 1957, Marion and Crittenden high schools consolidated, putting even more students into the building. In 1975, the current high school was built and middle school students

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Water rates may not rise

STAFF REPORT

After three meetings over the past few weeks, it appears that the Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board of Directors is largely out of the notion to raise water rates, at least for now.

Water district officials, county leaders

and others met for a roundtable discussion Tuesday in Salem. After the meeting, Randall O'Bryan, chairman of the water board, said he opposes raising rates in the coming year. Instead, the board will look

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Officers seize, destroy meth lab at Sheridan

STAFF REPORT

A joint investigation between the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, Marion Police Department and Kentucky State Police has led to the seizing and destruction of a methamphetamine lab in the Sheridan community.

The lab, which Deputy Greg Rushing said was active until late last week, was discovered Friday in a wooded area off Humphrey Lane.

Officers had been in the area looking for the lab for three days. An anonymous tip had led them to the area. They found an anhy-

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Mayoral Conclave

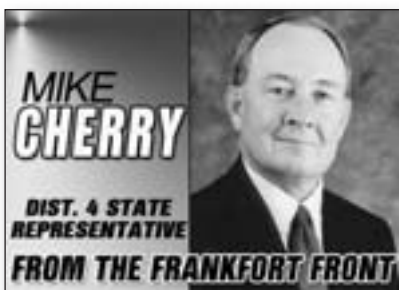
Former Marion Mayor Bobby Fox and current Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander chat during Fox's visit last week to the area. Fox was mayor in the 1980s when the city first learned about its opportunity to become a partner in the Smithland hydro-electric dam project. Marion recently received a \$1 million buyout for its stake in the plan to build a power generation facility on the Ohio River at Smithland. Fox said he went to Washington more than 20 years ago to work on the city's partnership in the plan. Fox resigned as mayor to follow a job with Moore Business Forms when it closed. He is now retired and living in Chandler, Ind. The city is still considering its options on what to do with its windfall.

Budget bill creates cash to offset shortfall

It was an eventful week in the state House as we debated the first of two major votes necessary to send a budget bill to the Senate. We took that first step Thursday and passed HB 530, which explains fiscal impact and authorizes various revenue measures which will be used to balance a separate budget bill we should vote on this week.

The bill, which passed on a most party line vote of 64-36, is expected to create as much as \$370 million to offset the \$1.2 billion revenue shortfall in the 2010-12 state budget through a two-year suspension of a business tax deduction and changes in sales tax collection, among other adjustments. Some have tried to characterize these changes as a tax increase, but they are not and nowhere in any part of this lengthy legislation is any increase in any tax rate.

Changes proposed by HB 530 are part of a larger, emerging budget plan we have discussed publicly for some time that combines cost-saving measures like spending cuts of around 2 percent for most state agencies, a two-day cut in the school calendar,



changes to state-employee health insurance, and cutting some non-merit state jobs to get the state budget back into alignment. Any and all savings from the broad-based plan are being carefully worked into a nearly \$18 billion spending plan that we hope to bring to a House floor vote in the middle of the week. Once that vote is behind us, and the Senate takes its crack at the bill, the gritty work of Kentucky-style bicameral budget negotiation will begin, as the two chambers go to conference and work toward agreement on a final budget by this session's scheduled end on April 13.

I'll be writing more about the budget in the next few weeks and there's much to be said, but for now I would like to use my re-

maining space to report on my recent constituent opinion survey.

The survey was conducted between late December 2009 and mid-January through direct mailings to my district's most regular voters, those who have voted in at least 80 percent of the last five elections, and inserts in the local newspapers. Over a 1,000 of you responded, and that is a strong figure considering it required mailing and postage.

I'll just report the results and let you make any interpretations you like. I wasn't particularly surprised by any findings, though some of the margins were larger than I expected. Only "yes" and "no" answers are listed, the remaining being "undecided" or "no response."

To those of you who responded, I am most appreciative of your time and effort. These surveys are very important to me and necessary if I'm to represent you to the best of my ability.

Rep. Cherry is a six-term Democratic representative from Princeton. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of McCracken County in Frankfort. He can be reached there by calling the legislative toll-free Message Line at 800-372-

Survey of Fourth District Constituency

Do you believe all of the budget shortfall should be achieved by budget cuts with no additional revenue raised?

Yes 50%

No 34%

Are you in favor of comprehensive changes to our Kentucky tax codes that could generate some growth in revenue?

Yes 27%

No 34%

Do you favor having the people of Kentucky vote on a constitutional amendment legalizing expanded gaming if the gaming revenue the state receives is earmarked for such things as education, Medicaid, prescription drug benefits for senior citizens, and veterans programs?

Yes 57%

No 38%

The Attorney General has issued an opinion stating video lottery terminals can be added to existing race tracks by legislative action alone. Do you think we should legislate this limited expansion of gaming with a portion of the revenue earmarked for the Kentucky horse industry?

Yes 30%

No 55%

Should the state ban or restrict cell phone use while driving to "hands free"?

Yes 79%

No 13%

Are you in favor of reforming sentencing laws to reduce the prison and county jail populations?

Yes 35%

No 51%

Are you in favor of allowing non-violent offenders to be released from prisons if their whereabouts are constantly monitored by a GPS tracking device?

Yes 46%

No 39%

Would you support allowing the punishments to be lowered for persistent felons who do not commit vi-

olent crimes and are not deemed a threat to public safety?

Yes 29%

No 60%

Should the high school dropout age be raised from 16 to 18?

Yes 70%

No 21%

Should there be stricter eligibility requirements to qualify for Medicaid?

Yes 54%

No 25%

Do you think the state should crack down on businesses/employers that hire illegal immigrants?

Yes 90%

No 5%

Should there be a cap on the amount of non-economic damages a jury could award an individual or their family if injured due to doctor/nurse negligence, thereby possibly reducing malpractice insurance costs for doctors?

Yes 71%

No 18%

Should Kentucky place a ban on the death penalty?

Yes 10%

No 82%

Do you support regulation and limits on interest charged by payday lending institutions?

Yes 84%

No 8%

Should Kentucky allow nuclear power plants as an alternative if approved by a local community vote?

Yes 72%

No 14%

Do you support the decriminalization of the use of marijuana prescribed for medical purposes?

Yes 39%

No 48%

Do you support automatic restoration of voting rights upon completion of sentences for convicted, non-violent felons?

Yes 52%

No 35%

New measures would make government more transparent

Actions taken earlier in the 2010 session have put us in the running for millions of dollars for education. On Thursday, it was announced that Kentucky made the first cut for the Race to the Top grant program, which offers \$4 billion to help bolster teaching and student performance to selected states.

In order to get to this point, the General Assembly had to work quickly and in a bipartisan fashion. Just a few days into session, we approved House Bill 176, which focused on moving education forward, and it was immediately signed into law by Governor Beshear. Our swift actions allowed our state to meet a Jan. 19 deadline to compete for the Race to the Top funds.

We were pleased to be named as one of the 16 finalists. We anticipate half a dozen states will be selected to receive shares of the \$4 billion that will be awarded in the first round of funding. We feel that Kentucky is poised to be among those finalists and could receive up to \$245 million. These funds would be used for enhancing standards and assessments; improving the collection and use of data; increasing teacher effectiveness and achieving equity in teacher



distribution; and turning around the low-performing schools.

The 16 finalists are to go to Washington the week of March 15 to make a presentation. The winners will be announced in April. The states that do not win in the first round will be able to re-apply during a second round, with those funds to be given out in September.

The Race to the Top program is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

This week, we undertook one of the greatest challenges of our modern republic – keeping people's faith in our system of government. All too often, we see public officials fall prey to the temptations of their position. It happens at all levels of government and to men and women of every party, creed and philosophy.

Senate Bill 82, the ethics legislation we passed this week, tackles this problem in two ways. First, it takes

away much of the opportunity to do the wrong thing by putting more restrictions on lobbyists and state contractors. These are two of the most influential groups – with considerable power to sway government officials' opinions.

Under SB 82, contractors would face sweeping new restrictions, which we hope will reduce, if not eliminate, the scandal and misdeeds.

Lobbyists, meanwhile, would also face added restrictions. While they are currently limited to giving \$25 in gifts annually to public officials, SB 82 would extend that limit to State agencies. In addition, their registration fees would be increased.

The second aspect of SB 82 is its dedication to transparency. Under this legislation, all the financial disclosure forms that candidates and public officials must file (their business interests and relationships, who contributed to their campaigns, etc.) would be published online for voters and taxpayers to see.

To that end, the bill would also require reports on the use of the Governor's Mansion by outside groups, as well as on the non-government use of the state's fleet of aircraft. While the law al-

lows for their private use with reimbursement to the state for their costs, the people deserve to know how these taxpayer-funded facilities are being used.

Another transparency measure requires legal defense funds for public officials to file quarterly financial disclosure forms. The legal defense funds would also be banned from taking money from any person or group with business interests with state government, closing a potential loophole in our current fundraising laws.

None of these rules will do us much good, however, if the people who spot unethical behavior are afraid to come forth. SB 82 gives whistleblowers up to one year to report an incident, up from the current 90 days. They could also make their report to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission, which would then have the option of referring the issue to the Commonwealth's Attorney or County Attorney – not just the Attorney General. Giving whistleblowers more of an opportunity to report wrongdoing, and more people to speak to, gives them a better chance to avoid retribution from those they are reporting.

On the same front, SB 82

will give the Attorney General and State Auditor, the state's top two oversight officials, more power over who is named to the ethics panel, thereby spreading control and promoting proper punishment.

It is worth noting that Governor Beshear already issued many of the provisions of SB 82 in an executive order in 2008, and many of them mirror current legislative ethics rules. Ethical leadership should not depend on what administration is in charge at the time, and we believe these guidelines will be positive steps for future administrations as well.

This week, we also tackled the growing epidemic of drug use. It appears that when we take steps to eliminate one drug, another takes its place. Such is the case with two new drugs: salvia and "synthetic marijuana." Salvia divinorum is a plant that, much like hemp, can be dried and smoked to get high. The plant leaves can also be chewed or taken in other ways, but the effect is the same. More than a dozen states already ban the use, sale, or possession of salvia.

"Synthetic marijuana," on the other hand, refers to a number of smoking materials coated or sprayed with chemicals to mimic the ef-

fects of marijuana. "K2" and "spice" are some of the street names. The scary issue about this drug is its growing use around our military bases and the impact this could have on our national security.

SB 107 would help combat the use of these drugs before their use becomes more widespread. The bill would punish possession, manufacture, cultivation or trafficking in these drugs by up to a year in jail, with lesser offenses garnering up to 90 days. The message is clear – we take these drugs seriously, and we want to eliminate them before they grow to become the epidemic that others have become.

March 30 is the last legislative day before we break for the veto period. In the remaining time, we still must craft a budget, consider domestic violence legislation, and deal with a host of other issues.

State Sen. Dorsey Ridley has served in the senate since 2004 after an eight-year tenure in the House. He represents Henderson, Webster, Union, Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties. You may contact him at dorsey.ridley@rc.ky.gov or call the Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181.

Historically, working hard was not noble thing to do; now it is

While dining at a local restaurant the other day, I overheard two gentlemen talking. As they departed from one another, Man A said to Man B, "Don't work too hard!"

To which Man B replied, "Don't worry, I won't."

It's a dialogue which I have heard countless times and usually it goes in one ear and out the other. This time it rattled around between the ears and I began to wonder how such apathy has entered our culture.

For the most part, our lives are defined by the work that we do. Most obituaries

include within the first few lines the vocation of the deceased. It might read, "He was a retired coal miner," or "she was a longtime school teacher."

When I walk into a room in Crittenden County, someone often says, "Here comes The Press."

We are what we do.

So why do we encourage – publicly – our friends to do as little as possible?

"Don't work too hard!"

Why not say, "Do the best you can today?"

Storyteller-poet-humorist Garrison Keillor signs off his radio show, The Writer's Al-



manac, with this, "Be well, do good work and keep in touch."

Now that's a noble salutation.

Historically, it wasn't so noble to work hard. In fact, nobles were measured by how little work they did. Gentry of the Old Country prided themselves on having

soft hands. Yes, even the men.

Working hard in the absence of compulsion is not too well documented in early times.

Not until the Protestant Reformation did physical labor become culturally accepted, even admired, among every class of people.

The Bible tells us that the first humans, Adam and Eve, had it made, just chillin' in the Garden until they started picking the wrong fruit. Then, God said, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground."

In other words, "Your gonna work for your food from now until your death."

Whether you deliver the mail, grow corn, count beans or flip burgers, you're working for food. Nowadays, it takes almost everything to buy bacon and pay the mortgage, insurance and power bill.

Too often our jobs are simply paychecks. We clock in, clock out and never stop to think about what we're contributing to the gross domestic product.

Count me luckier than most, partly because I truly enjoy what I do. Bryant

Williams, the late publisher of The Paris Post-Intelligencer – where I started my career – always said of community journalism, "There's no higher calling except the ministry."

Have you ever heard someone tell the preacher, "Don't pray too hard?"

Has anyone every told a pilot, "Don't pay too close attention at landing?"

I doubt it.

So why do we suggest that our neighbors not work too hard?

Letters to the Editor

Chief seeks support

To the Editor:

In these trying economic times, I'm always touched when citizens ask how they can help support our officers – and their families – for putting their lives on the line daily to protect all of our friends, neighbors and families.

In our community, as in hundreds of others across Kentucky, most police chiefs, sheriffs, officers and deputies receive similar outpourings of support, but have little to offer in reply other than asking everyone to remain vigilant, report unusual circumstances and call in a report whenever they spy a suspicious event unfolding.

However, there is a way to visibly demonstrate your support, not just to us locally, but to our colleagues in

law enforcement across the commonwealth. And there's really not much to doing it.

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation is supported primarily by the sale of special car and truck license plates – the ones you see with the blue shield covered by a red rose, memorializing officers who have given their lives in the line of duty, the duty of protecting you and your fellow Kentuckians from harm.

The foundation does much more than maintain the Kentucky's striking memorial to officers killed in the line of duty. Foundation funds help send students to college – particularly the sons and daughters who have lost a parent serving in law enforcement.

The foundation lends assistance to families who lose a father or mother or son or daughter, helping them put food on the table, keep the

roof over their heads and meet financial obligations at a terribly tragic time in their lives. Foundation funds help officers' families when they are faced with personal disasters.

The foundation provides assistance to the families of law enforcement officers from the Mississippi to the Big Sandy and is supported primarily by the sale of those license plates and by direct donations to the fund.

Of course, the foundation's most visible presences remains the Kentucky Law Enforcement memorial, on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University, which provides a poignant reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by hundreds of Kentucky law enforcement officers over more than a century. Each name etched in the polished steel evokes a memory of a man or woman who placed service to the community

above personal considerations. Often compared to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, it stands as a living, moving tribute and no one who views it will walk away unmoved.

You can help law enforcement and help law enforcement officers help you by opting to place these special memorial fund license plates on your vehicles. Ten dollars of the license fee goes directly to the foundation fund; there is no overhead or management fee. Every penny goes to help the families in need.

I encourage you to visit the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial for a moving experience. And I also urge you to support Kentucky's law enforcement families by displaying Memorial Fund license plates on your family vehicles. Find out more at www.klemf.com.

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Repeat Champions

The CCMS chess players Cameron McDaniel, Cole Foster, Marcus Hughes and Micah Hollamon won a second straight regional title. Not pictured was Jantzon Croft.



The primary level chess team consists of Chase Stevens, James Crider, Ethan Stone, Riley McConnell, Dennon Wilson and Coach Don Winters.



The elementary level chess team includes Clay Stevens, Clay Croft, Logan Belt and Jared Lundy. It also won a regional title.

Title Town: Local chess teams dominate at region

4 head to state Saturday

Crittenden County Middle School's chess team captured its second straight regional championship and two other local squads walked away with titles at the Quad A Regional Feb. 27 in Murray.

All four of Crittenden County's scholastic chess teams have qualified for the state tournament, which will be held Saturday in Louisville.

The high school team finished a close second, narrowly missing a clean sweep by the Marion boarders.

The primary team of James Crider, Riley McConnell, Chase Stevens, Ethan Stone and Dennon Wilson took first place in the region, edging out Murray Elementary. Individually, Chase Stevens won all four of his

games and was crowned undefeated champion.

Stone finished third with 2½ wins, McConnell was fourth with a pair of wins and Wilson was the top unrated player with one win.

The elementary team of Logan Belt, Clay Croft, Jared Lundy and Clay Stevens placed first in the region, also edging Murray Elementary. Individually, Croft won three games to finish second, Lundy won three times and took third place, Stevens won twice for fifth place and Belt won one game for seventh place.

The middle school team continued its tournament dominance by capturing the regional championship. CCMS team members Jantzon Croft, Cole Foster, Micah Hollamon, Marcus Hughes and Cameron McDaniel won

the region for the second straight year. Individually, Micah Hollamon and Marcus Hughes tied for undefeated co-champions with 3½ wins each, fighting to a draw against one another in the final round.

McDaniel placed fifth and Cole Foster was sixth, each with three wins. Croft also played well, winning a couple of games.

The high school team of Will Hayes, Alex Kirby, Korey Mayes, Cody Pinson and Joseph Tedford placed second overall. They lost in the final round to Murray High, which is one of the best teams in the state.

Individually, Hayes finished seventh winning two games.

All four teams are gearing up for this weekend's chess version of the sweet 16 tournament.



The high school chess team includes (from left) Will Hayes, Alex Kirby, Cody Pinson, Korey Mayes and Joseph Tedford. The team won second place at the regional chess tournament in Murray, which qualifies it for the state championship this weekend in Louisville.



Schools announce winners of trash sculpting contest

The Regional Recycling Corporation sponsored a trash sculpture competition. In Crittenden County, 68 students participated from the elementary and middle school divisions.

The trash sculpture winners were as follows:

Lower Elementary

Dougie Conger, first place school, county and in the regional contest. He won \$210.

Katie Ison, second place in the school and county. She won \$40.

Kaiden Hollis, third place in school and county. Prize was \$35.

Upper Elementary

Preston Driver, first place in the school and county and was the overall county winner. He won \$110.

Mauri Collins, second place in the school and county. She won \$40.

Catherine Adel, third place in the school and county. She won \$35.

Middle School

Cole Foster, first place in the school and county. He won \$60.

Local allergist joins Louisville-based practice

Allergist Dr. Bradley T. Rankin has merged his allergy

and asthma practice with Louisville-based Family Allergy and Asthma. Dr. Rankin has two locations, in Paducah and Marion.

"I have always loved practicing medicine," said Dr. Rankin, "but over the years, more and more of my time was being spent on the business side of the practice instead of the patient side. I decided to merge my practice with Family Allergy and Asthma so I could go back to focusing on what I love to do, which is helping my patients regain control over their allergies and asthma, and therefore regain control over their lives."

Dr. Rankin is Board Certified in Allergy and Immunology. He practices at Crittenden Health Systems twice a month upon referral.

Family Allergy and Asthma is a 19-site allergy practice with offices in Kentucky and southern Indiana.

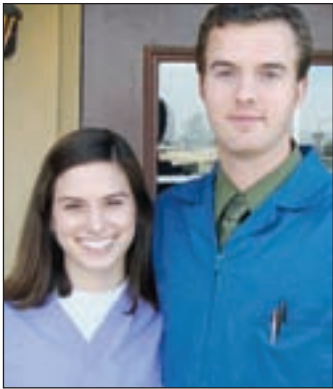
Dr. Ramey opens practice in Salem

Dr. Benjamin D. Ramey, D.C., is following in his father's footsteps, operating Ramey Chiropractic in Salem.

The younger Ramey is a 2009 graduate of Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis. Along with his wife Liz, he operates the private practice in the lower level of the Chittenden building adjacent to Livingston Hospital.

Dr. Ramey is a Lyon County native.

His father, Dr. David Ramey,



Liz & Dr. Benjamin Ramey was a chiropractor in Salem for 28 years. He now maintains a Princeton office.

Payne is chosen to head Heritage effort

Corey Payne has been chosen to chair the annual Heritage Days celebration, which will be held next fall in Marion.

Payne is a member of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He is also the local Extension agent for agriculture.

Payne said the primary objective is to increase the involvement of community groups with the Heritage Days festival.



Payne

KMA president, Dr. White, formerly of Marion, will speak March 30

Dr. John R. White, MD, formerly of Marion, will be keynote speaker during Crittenden Health Systems' annual meeting from 6-8 p.m., Tues-

day, March 30 at Marion Baptist Church's Family Life Center.

Dr. White is president of the Kentucky Medical Association. He is a practicing physician at Central Baptist Hospital and St. Joseph East in Lexington.

The topic of Dr. White's presentation will be The Future of Healthcare in Kentucky.

Dr. White is son of Robert and Ada White of Tolu.



Dr. White

Academics take 2nd at event

The Crittenden County High School academic team of Logan Owen, Levi Palmer, Chase Adams and Max Busch competed in the Department of Energy Science Bowl at WKCTCS in Paducah last weekend.

The group captured second place, defeating Hopkinsville, Reidland and Lone Oak. Crittenden was competing for the championship, but lost in a rematch against Lone Oak in the final round.

Crittenden received a large trophy, medals for each competitor and \$300 in cash.

Corrections

•The bank account for Crittenden County Animal Shelter T-shirts designed and on sale by local high school student Ashley Harris is at The Peoples Bank. An article in last week's Press provided incorrect information.

•A photo caption incorrectly listed the name of Todd Halpin of Halpin Consulting last week. The Press apologizes for these errors.



Casey and Jennifer Chittenden



Brasher

Brasher is named head of young farmer association

Amanda Brasher of the Tiline community in Livingston County was recently sworn in as state president of the Kentucky Young Farmer Association (YFA) at its 52nd annual convention at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park near Jamestown.

In addition to being selected as president of the organization, Brasher was also chosen as the state winner of the Rural Leadership Contest, which is based on activities at the state, national and community levels.

In addition to YFA activities, Brasher serves on the Livingston County 4-H Council, FFA Alumni, fair board, Cattleman's Association, Farmers Market Association, she is a Farm Bureau member and is a Kentucky Colonel. Brasher also serves as a trustee at the Grove's Chapel Methodist Church.

Brasher has a part-time cattle and vegetable farming operation, and is employed by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture in the Animal Health Division.

In other association news, Casey and Jennifer Chittenden of the Joy community attended the convention and received their YFA degrees.

The Kentucky Young Farmer Association is an organization dedicated to promoting agriculture leadership and education for beginning farm families in Kentucky. It is funded and promoted through the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

The Livingston County Chapter of the YFA meets at Livingston Central High School's agriculture classroom on most Thursday nights during the winter months.

Man not badly hurt in wreck

A Marion man was not seriously injured when his pickup truck overturned on East Depot Street Sunday afternoon.

Gerald Doom, 58, was taken to Livingston Hospital by ambulance after being freed from his truck by the Crittenden County Rescue Squad.

Police reports indicate that Doom lost control of his truck, which went into a deep streetside ditch and then overturned.

PARK

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Cherry said.

The Transportation Cabinet's Department of Highways has been looking at 14 acres in the industrial park for a few years, figuring it would be a great spot for relocating its Crittenden County maintenance facility, which is now on old Morganfield Road behind the high school.

An agreement was struck several months back that would allow the school system to take title to the state garage area, providing space for future expansion of its campus. The state garage will go into the industrial park, and based largely on that plan, the Economic Development Cabinet has agreed to build an access road suitable for wide tractor-trailer traffic.

"One of the things we

knew we needed to really open that park up was a road," Hardin said. "This will allow better access to the entire park."

Keith Todd, a spokesperson for the Kentucky Department of Highways, said it may be premature to talk about the new maintenance facility because the budgetary process is still ongoing in Frankfort.

"We do know that industrial development funds have been approved for the entrance road improvement work for the industrial park. Improvement of the access road will benefit all potential occupants of the industrial park, including a new transportation maintenance facility should it be approved for construction in the budget," Todd said. "The scope of a new facility will depend on the funding that is provided."

CCMS

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from county schools were bused to town where they convened at the current middle school. It has served as the countywide middle school for 35 years.

The school district's Facilities Plan has long included a provision for building a new middle school. The plan submitted to the state for its consideration calls for a nearly \$6.5 million facility. That leaves roughly \$100,000 that will have to come from local funding.

Yarbrough said the local building fund has about \$50,000 in it. She said that squeezing another \$50,000 from its local budget could be done if the House appropriation holds.

Meanwhile, Livingston County is penciled in to receive \$3.1 million to replace

its middle school at Burna. The county's facility plan calls for a \$4.6 million project, according to Cherry.

There are obvious political stumbling blocks ahead for the House's plan to fund some Category 4 schools. One instance is in Paducah where its middle school, a category 5, was not included in the House spending plan. The Paducah Sun reported Tuesday that the middle school there was left out of the plan because of political retribution against a local lawmaker.

Still, Cherry thinks there might even be additional bonds sold in order to further stimulate the economy by putting people to work on construction jobs. He reasons that with bond rates low, now is the time to borrow in order to build schools and lower the state's near-record unemployment.

Although the school sys-

tem's longterm facilities plan has included the desire for a new middle school, Yarbrough said detailed planning has not been part of the process because it seemed too distant. She said the facility plan includes a list of more affordable goals.

"If we get \$6.4 million, a middle school becomes the top priority of our facility plan. It will become our facility plan," she said.

It's too early to begin spec-

ulating about details of what will happen if the funding comes through, Yarbrough said. Either a major overhaul of the current building or a whole new school might be part of the plan.

Yarbrough said the board of education will be looking at the possibilities of the land behind the school where the highway garage is now located. See related page 1 article for more on that topic.

LAB

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drous ammonia tank, camp fuel, coffee filters, batteries and other items used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Rushing said there have been no arrests at this time and the landowner is not a suspect. The investigation is

continuing.

Rushing said citizens should be on the lookout for potentially dangerous meth labs in rural parts of the county. If you find something that looks suspicious, contact the sheriff's department at 965-3400.

This is the second active meth lab located and destroyed in the county since Jan. 1.

Obituaries

Ivy

Defas R. Ivy, 69, of Marion died Friday, March 5, 2010 at Crittenden Health Systems.

Ivy was of the Baptist faith and was a retired water treatment engineer for the Crittenden-Livingston Water District.

Surviving are his wife, Doris J. Ivy of Marion; sons Jeffery Ivy of Burna, James Ivy of Henderson, Jere Hughes of Fulton and Keith Hughes of Marion; a brother, Gary Ivy of Albion, Ill.; two sisters, Janice Ivy of Salem and Jean Sexton of Joy; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James C. and Tressie Curnel Ivy; and one brother.

Funeral services were Monday, March 8 Myers Funeral Home with Rev. Danny Starrick officiating. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society c/o Margaret Gilland, 504 N. Main Street, Marion, KY 42064 or to the American Heart Association, 15120 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693.

Travis

Corbitt E. "Ted" Travis, 71, of Marion died Saturday, March 6, 2010 at his residence.

Travis was a U.S. Army veteran and a retired truck driver, having worked 20 years for National Truck lines and 20 years for Watson Trucking.

Surviving are his wife, Dolores Travis of Marion; daughters, Rhonda and husband Randy Dunn and Cindy and husband Roger Venable, both of Marion; brothers, Wendell "Cob" Travis and Jerry Travis, both of Marion; sisters, Shirley Brown, Donna Winders, Virginia Klutey and Brenda Clark, all of Marion, Linda Kirk of Madisonville, and Geneva Rustin of Fredonia; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Corbitt D. and Barbara Bryant Travis; and two brothers.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 9 at Myers Funeral Home with Rev. Tim Burdon officiating. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Woodall

Bill Woodall, 78, of Evansville, Ind., died Monday, March 1, 2010 at St. Mary's Medical Center.

He was owner and promoter of Tri-State Arts and Crafts and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife of 10 years, Carolyn Highfil Woodall; nephews, David and Gary Kroeger; great-niece, Angela Kroeger; great-nephews, Alan and Nick Kroeger; and cousins.

Woodall was preceded in death by his parents, Burnie and Stella Mott Woodall; and a sister, Helen Kroeger.

Funeral services are at noon, Thursday, March 4, 2010 at Browning Funeral Home in Evansville with Rev. Jeff Stratton officiating. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m., on Thursday at Mexico Cemetery in Mexico, Ky. Visitation is from 10 a.m., to noon Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to American Baptist East, 6300 Washington Ave. Evansville, IN 47715 or Evansville Rescue Mission, 300 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Evansville, IN 47713.

James

Leoda Mae Kirk James, 89, of Lehigh Acres, Fla., died at 6 a.m. March 1, 2010. She was born April 30, 1920, to Bice Kirk and Odie Jane Belt Kirk in Salem.

James was employed as a seamstress in Long Island, N.Y., and upon retirement, she and her husband moved to Lehigh Acres. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lehigh Acres.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin; her parents; five brothers; and one sister.

Surviving are her sisters, Juanita Hansen of Salem and Pauline O'Neal of Raleigh, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 6 at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. John East officiating Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

Brewer

Margaret R. Brewer, 80, of Corydon, formerly of Crittenden County, died Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at Methodist Hospital in Henderson.

She was a member of Community Baptist Church, Eastern Star, Marion Baptist Church Homemakers and was a 20-year member of Immanuel Baptist Temple in

Henderson.

Surviving are her husband, William Brewer of Corydon; daughter, Patricia Bartlett of Henderson; brother, Charles Morris of Marion; two grandchildren, Mellisa and Jordan Bartlett of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and two great-grandchildren, Lyndon and Hudson Sandefur of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Raymond and Archie Morgan.

Services were Saturday, March 6 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Crittenden County.

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Dycusburg News

By Matthew T. Patton

Birthday wishes are extended to Barbara Ethridge (Feb. 7); Anna Patton (Feb. 22); Donna Davenport-Walker (Feb. 13); Courtney Smith (March 1); Brad McDowell (March 3); Verna Mae Kinnis (March 5); Demetrius Kinnis (March 6); Juana Mae Stone (March 6); Wilma Allen (March 10); Robert Millikan (March 12); Samson Pleasant (March 13); Tyler Guess (March 15);

Dennis Guess (March 15); Melissa Asbridge (March 18); Joann Peek (March 20); Connie Travis (March 24). Anniversaries celebrated this month are: Ronnie and Phyllis Blake (March 7), Lonnie and Helen Travis (March 15) and Bob and Shelia Wilkinson (March 23). Was someone left out? Send an e-mail to news@dycusburg.com for inclusion.

Sympathies are extended to the families of J.B. Ramage who died Feb. 22

and Howard "Pluto" Martin who died Feb. 27. Both were buried at Dycusburg Cemetery.

A reader of dycusburg.com was inquiring about the ferry at Dycusburg. If anyone has any news articles or photos of the ferry, please contact Matthew T. Patton by sending an email to matthewtpatton@yahoo.com. The site is updated frequently with news and updates.

RATES

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for ways to cut costs and become more efficient.

On the table at Tuesday's meeting was talk of what else might be done, instead of increasing rates for whole-

sale and retail customers. The district sells water wholesale to four Livingston County towns - Salem, Smithland, Ledbetter and Grand Rivers. It also has about 3,300 customers in the two counties.

The board had previously approved raising wholesale

rates from \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.70. However, that rate increase has never been implemented, and probably will not be based on discussions between the board and other county leaders.

"As far as I am concerned, I don't think we should raise rates. Not this year," O'Bryan said after Tuesday's meeting.

The board will convene again at 7 p.m., on March

22 at its Salem office to make a final decision.

The district needs to either save about \$230,000 a year or increase revenue by that amount in order to meet debt obligations.

In other business, O'Bryan announced that Donnie Beavers has left the district as superintendent, citing medical reasons. Ronnie Slayden was made interim manager of the district.

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The family of Reggie McDowell would like to express our gratitude for the many expressions of love and sympathy in our time of loss and sadness. Thank you for the prayers, visits, calls, cards and food. A special thank you to Bro. Chris Brantley for his words of comfort. Thank you to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for the local arrangements.

Reggie died at home Wednesday, February 17, 2010 after a long battle with cancer. He was born November 4, 1956 in Marion, KY. He moved to Ft. Hood, TX when his dad was stationed there, and he graduated from high school in Belton, TX in 1974. When his dad left the Army and the family moved back home, he stayed behind. He was employed with Texas Hydraulics, Inc. in Temple, TX for almost 34 years as a computer programmer/production manager.

Reggie was active in the First Baptist Church of Troy, TX where he was a long time member. He served as deacon, treasurer, Sunday School teacher and usher. He and his wife Tami led the R.A. boys group and worked with the Operation Christmas Child (Shoebbox) Organization to send many boxes to needy children. He loved his family, woodworking, traveling, photography, fishing and his Kentucky heritage, just to mention a few.

He is survived by his wife, Tami McDowell of Troy, TX, a son, Michael McDowell of Arlington, TX., his parents Bill and Jo Robison, a sister Cyndi Walker and husband Todd, and a brother, Bill Robison, Jr. all of Marion. Reggie was preceded in death by his grandparents, Barthel and Melba Crowell and Elliott and Edith McDowell, all of Marion. Services were held in Temple, TX, followed by visitation at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion and graveside services and burial in Tosh Cemetery in Crittenden County.

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LIVESTOCK REPORTS

MARION & LIVINGSTON REPORTS WEEKLY BY -USDA MARKET NEWS

MARION LIVESTOCK SALE

Monday, Mar 8, 2010. KDOA-USDA Market News. West Kentucky Livestock Market, Marion Auction (cattle weighed time of sale).

Receipts: 953 head.

Compared to last week: Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter bulls steady to 2.00 lower. Feeder steers steady to 4.00 higher. Feeder heifers mostly steady.

Slaughter cows:

Percent Lean	Weight	Price	Hi-Dress	Low-Dress
Breaker	75-80	1050-1575	46.50-53.00	54.00
Boner	80-85	900-1235	41.00-47.00	48.00-49.50
Lean	85-90	660-1100	33.00-37.50	

Slaughter Bulls:

Y.G.	Weights	Carcass	Boning	Percent	Price	Low-Dress
1	1855-2050	77-78			60.50-64.00	
2	1580-2240	75-76			55.00-57.50	49.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	200-300	248	118.00-127.00	121.86
33	300-400	355	115.00-130.00	123.68
5	300-400	310	142.00	142.00 Value Added
38	400-500	449	110.00-121.00	115.25
17	400-500	424	117.00-138.00	130.37 Value Added
38	500-600	545	104.00-113.00	109.36
86	500-600	558	111.00-114.25	114.20 Value Added
45	600-700	630	101.00-108.00	104.99
6	600-700	653	107.00	107.00 Value Added
21	700-800	758	90.00-97.50	93.87
29	700-800	715	94.00-96.00	95.48 Value Added
2	800-900	885	85.00-88.00	86.49
1	800-900	840	87.00	87.00 Value Added

Groups: 79 head 561 lbs 114.25 MIX; 26 head 714 lbs 95.50 MIX.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-300	259	90.00-109.00	100.46
7	300-400	369	88.00-113.00	107.78
7	400-500	426	92.00-108.00	102.43
4	500-600	569	82.00-95.00	91.29
9	600-700	715	85.00-94.00	87.93
2	700-800	738	84.00-85.00	84.53

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	200-300	266	113.00-126.00	116.14
34	300-400	354	111.00-120.00	116.72
70	400-500	453	102.00-111.00	106.19
30	500-600	549	95.00-106.00	98.00
25	600-700	645	84.00-90.00	87.53
69	600-700	650	92.00-94.50	93.90 Value Added
14	700-800	738	85.00-86.00	85.07
24	700-800	755	91.00	91.00 Value Added
5	800-900	848	85.00	85.00 Value Added
1	900-1000	995	80.00	80.00 Value Added

Groups: 44 head 673 lbs 94.00 MIX; 24 head 755 lbs 91.00 BLK.

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	200-300	272	83.00-108.00	102.60
14	300-400	348	92.00-109.00	99.25
22	400-500	455	78.00-98.00	94.14
21	500-600	561	83.00-94.00	89.09
3	600-700	650	81.00	81.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
10	300-400	383	114.00-122.00	119.80
24	400-500	450	106.00-119.00	111.87
16	500-600	530	97.00-106.50	104.25
11	600-700	664	85.00-91.00	87.37
2	700-800	790	72.00	72.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-400	330	91.00-108.00	99.24
10	400-500	460	92.00-105.00	97.07
14	500-600	579	80.00-95.00	88.71
1	600-700	665	79.00	79.00

Stock Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: Cows 2 to 8 years old and 5 to 7 months bred 580.00-760.00 per head.

Stock Cows and Calves: Cows 2 to 8 years old with baby calves at side 680.00-840.00 per pair.

Baby Beef Calves: No test.

heifers 1.00 higher.

Slaughter cows:

Percent Lean	Weight	Price	High Dress	Low Dress
Breaker	75-80	1015-1610	47.00-53.00	54.00-55.00
Boner	80-85	985-1305	38.00-46.50	48.00-52.00
Lean	85-90	700-1100	33.00-38.50	
Lean	90+	655-1000	26.00-32.00	

Slaughter Bulls:

Y.G.	Weights	Carcass	Boning	Percent	Price
1	1745-1980	77-78			63.00-68.00
2	1030-2155	75-76			58.00-61.00
3	1265-1670	74-75			50.00-56.50

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	100-200	195	129.00	129.00
8	200-300	255	129.00-135.00	132.56
42	300-400	347	120.00-134.00	125.94
43	400-500	444	111.00-125.00	115.62
38	500-600	540	104.00-113.00	109.13
22	600-700	624	97.00-106.00	100.01
24	700-800	752	88.00-93.00	92.27
10	900-1000	904	80.50-85.50	84.63
4	1000-1100	1042	74.00-83.50	79.43
3	1100-1200	1167	76.50-81.50	79.31

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	200-300	278	121.00-127.00	123.79
8	300-400	361	100.00-119.00	110.70
11	400-500	451	95.00-109.00	102.48
5	500-600	548	93.00-103.00	99.56
13	600-700	642	91.00-96.00	94.31
1	700-800	700	86.00	86.00
1	800-900	800	77.00	77.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	200-300	256	110.00-120.00	114.70
62	300-400	363	108.00-119.00	112.43
109	400-500	453	100.00-111.00	105.59
69	500-600	541	95.00-105.00	98.79
26	600-700	626	84.00-90.00	86.95
25	700-800	732	80.00-87.00	85.42
2	800-900	825	79.00-84.00	81.45

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-300	258	91.00-101.00	95.85
21	300-400	358	87.00-107.00	100.78
24	400-500	462	85.00-99.00	93.09
49	500-600	560	79.00-94.00	89.86
10	600-700	632	80.00-83.00	81.67
4	700-800	728	73.00-79.00	76.04
4	800-900	824	71.00-74.00	72.49

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-300	275	66.00	66.00
1	400-500	495	81.00	81.00
2	500-600	542	61.00-65.00	63.16

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
22	300-400	359	110.00-120.00	115.03
43	400-500	443	106.00-117.00	110.57
47	500-600	545	98.00-111.00	104.31
22	600-700	639	87.00-98.00	92.62
17	700-800	735	80.00-88.00	84.84
4	800-900	849	70.00-78.50	74.18

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
13	300-400	356	92.00-108.00	100.46
13	400-500	460	85.00-105.00	97.51
26	500-600	568	81.00-96.00	91.43
12	600-700	644	83.00-89.00	86.17
3	800-1000	926	65.50	65.50

Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300-400	360	70.00	70.00
1	600-700	600	60.00	60.00

Stock Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: Cows 2 to 9 years old 5 to 8 months bred 520.00-810.00 per head.

Stock Cows and Calves: Charolais-cross cows on the herd sell-out 5 years old with baby calves at side 990.00-1175.00 per pair. Cows 2 to 8 years old with calves at side 660.00-970.00 per pair.

Baby Calves: Beef Breeds: 55.00-65.00 per head. Weaned: 160.00-280.00 per head.

Dairy Breeds: 12.50-27.50 per head.

Marion FD receives \$37K grant from Homeland Security

Another grant application would help buy ladder truck

STAFF REPORT

Marion Fire Department is one of several in Kentucky that has received a U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant. Homeland Security announced last week that Marion will receive \$37,050 of the \$455,573 issued from the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program.

Marion Fire Chief Ronald "Red" Howton said the funds will be used to buy a new air compressor capable of adequately filling the air tanks that firemen wear on their backs when they go into a burning building. Howton said the new system will also provide greater

safety for firemen whose job it is to refill the tanks.

"It has a container for the bottles while you're filling them, in case they were to explode," Howton said.

The new compressor will be stronger and faster, the chief added. It will replace a much less effective system for filling the air tanks.

"When it's your home that catches fire, you become the first responder," said FEMA Regional Administrator Phil May. "That's why one of the focuses of the AFG grant program is to educate the public on both fire prevention and safety. When our citizens know what to do in a fire, they reduce the danger to themselves and to firefighters."

A couple of other western Kentucky communities received grants, including Paducah and Symsonia.

The Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program is an important component of the administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the nation's overall level of preparedness, it said in a news release. The AFG is designed to enhance response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public with respect to fire and other hazards. The grants enable local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations to purchase or receive training, conduct first responder health and safety programs, and buy equipment and response vehicles.

Howton said the City of Marion also has a grant application currently being considered which would provide about \$600,000. That money would be used for a new ladder fire truck.

It's about time to ready your fishing gear Start off with a simple tackle box

BY HAYLEY LYNCH
KENTUCKY AFIELD

The coming weeks will finally start to offer Kentuckians a welcome break from frigid temperatures. As the temperatures begin topping the 50s next week, fishing begins to look a lot better than it did when a foot of snow blanketed the Bluegrass state. It's time to pull out the fishing rods and reels as the water begins to warm for the upcoming season.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is expanding its Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) program to 29 urban lakes statewide – a perfect opportunity for inexperienced anglers to take up the sport. Beginning anglers, however, may not know where to start when it comes to putting together their first tackle box of needed fishing supplies.

"A trip to a sporting goods store or Walmart can be dizzying," said Marc Johnson, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's aquatic education coordinator. "But in those beginning stages, you don't need a lot of stuff."

Johnson recommends starting with a simple, one-tray tackle box. Get one that is fitted with a latch, rather than the snap-on variety, so the bottom of your box doesn't fall and send your lures and other fishing tackle spilling onto the ground. Next, stock it with small hooks, bobbers and split shot weights.

"I think one thing beginners tend to do wrong across the board is they think that



a big hook and a big bobber will catch a big fish," said Johnson. "That's not necessarily true. You can catch a big fish with a small hook, but you can't catch a little fish with a big hook. The goal initially is to catch fish – any fish. Later on, you can start to target specific fish."

Johnson recommends small, removable split shot sinkers, 1 1/4-inch bobbers and size 6 hooks.

"I like size 6 because it's big enough to catch a catfish, which is often what you're going to catch at urban lakes," he said. "You can go with a smaller size 8 on a pond that gets a lot of pressure and has a lot of small fish."

Live bait, such as redworms and wax worms, are always a good option to finish off this basic fishing rig. Size 1 feather jigs, commonly known as Pop-Eyes, in both light and dark colors are another good addition to the tackle box. Small inline spinners such as Rooster Tails should also be included. White is a good, all-around color.

Ask the store clerk or person behind the counter at your local bait shop if you

have trouble finding these items.

A redworm on a size 6 hook is the simplest rig for beginner anglers. A feather jig paired with a wax worm is also an effective combination. Both rigs should be placed under a bobber with a small split shot sinker. Start by placing the rigs three feet under the bobber then experimenting with different depths.

"When a feather jig gets wet, the feathers resemble wings, and the worm moves, making it look like an insect. Everything in the water likes to eat insects," Johnson explained. "The same goes for small fish. An inline spinner like a Rooster Tail mimics a small fish, and fish will eat it because it fits in their mouths."

Beginning anglers should also include pliers and fingernail clippers in their tackle box, to remove hooks and clip excess line. Finally, request a copy of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's fish identification booklet by calling the department at 1-800-858-1549. Being able to identify your catch is essential to complying with fishing regulations.

The 2010-11 Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide outlines that state's fishing laws. The department's basic fishing booklet helps beginning anglers get started with valuable tips about tying knots plus information about where to fish and how to fish. Both of these publications are available online at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-800-858-1549 to request a printed copy.

HUNTING

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A statewide fishing license is required for anglers who are 16 and older. A \$5 senior license is also available for those anglers age 65 and older.

To find a nearby lake, check out Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's FINs program Web page. Go online to fw.ky.gov, then search under the keyword FINs. With temperatures on the rise, newly stocked lakes ready to fish and a basic tackle box assembled, your fishing season will soon be underway.

Author Hayley Lynch is an award-winning writer and associate editor for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. She loves deer hunting, shotgun sports and introducing women to the outdoors.

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Agriculture News & Notes

EPA lead-based paint removal course Tuesday

There will be a course regarding new EPA lead-based paint regulations at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. The class is for carpenters or remodelers or anyone associated with home, school, child care facilities or building repairs. This is a free seminar where information will be provided as to the guidelines that must be followed during or in the disturbing and/or handling of areas containing lead-based paint. New federal laws regarding such paint removal go into effect in April. Participation in the program is mandatory for many builders or remodelers. Three Rivers Home Builders Association is hosting the seminar and will provide the information needed, free of charge, to anyone in the building, remodeling and renovation business and those affiliated with it. For information, contact Marty Kares at 871-1145 or walkgate@yahoo.com.

Registrar now for DCP and ACRE farm programs

Registration for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program and the ACRE Program continues until June 1 at area Farm Service Agency offices. FSA will not accept late-filed applications. FSA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2010, producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price.

The ACRE Program provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a five-year average state yield and the most recent two-year national price for

What would Mom say...



History lesson

Visit reveals Fredonia factoids

Comfort is key. That is why I do my best to avoid uncomfortable high heels for a full day's work. To church I can handle them. You sit a while, stand to sing, walk to and from the car and you've got it licked. But in this profession, you never know where your soles will take you, and I've been caught in uncomfortable positions more than once in my career.

But comfort comes in another form, the warm fuzzy kind you get when you enjoy what you're doing. Take for example, a recent visit to Feagan's Sleep Mart.

Shopping for a comfy new mattress I was not, but I made a routine service call, if you will, to Ted Feagan, as we do in this business, to see if he had any mattress specials he wanted to promote in the newspaper.

Ted and I talked mattresses for less than two minutes, but in my 45-minute visit I got a history lesson you won't find in a textbook.

Ted is a Fredonia native and he basically has an informal museum along the north wall of his scratch and dent store, which is adjacent to the mattress warehouse.

I had walked through the scratch and dent section of the furniture store on several occasions in my adult life, but I'd never noticed the wooden airplane wing or whiskey still or wall of framed Fredonia pictures and memorabilia.

Maybe it's because all of these items are hanging on that front wall and behind you as you walk into the door. Once inside, I, perhaps like other patrons, have usually been scouring the room for a particular type of chair or style of end table.

My lesson on Fredonia started with Ted's work to restore a large plexiglass frame that contained pictures of his parents' Fredonia grocery store. In those pictures, Ted was a young boy, maybe 12. One story led to another, and one photograph initiated discussion of another and Ted's memory of bygone days.

Like Tolu or Dycusburg, Fredonia was quite a town in its heyday. There were multiple grocery stores, service stations, industries and a train depot. Like Marion in the early 1900s, Fredonia too was affected by devastating fires.

I learned a lot from Ted about how he chased down a couple of men who attempted to rob him in the 1960s, and saw the scar where they cut his neck with a knife in an altercation. I learned something about Ted I never knew. He is very proud of his heritage and his little makeshift museum. I asked if he'd ever considered starting a "real" museum in Fredonia. He said, "Why, I already have one."

If he's not selling mattresses, you might find Ted re-working some of the old memorabilia and photographs from yesteryear. The news clippings are yellowing and the old sales receipts from the 1920s are deteriorating, but the history lives on in the unassuming shrine in the scratch and dent store. A fitting place it is, when you learn that is where Ted's parents started their grocery nearly 70 years ago – which eventually evolved into the furniture business.

I had on my comfortable shoes that day, but that didn't matter. Our visit was entertaining, and almost made me feel guilty I was on the clock.

Women need to help researchers with survey

I have written articles before about the Kentucky Women's Health Registry. If you have taken part we are so thankful for your strong commitment to improving health for women in Kentucky. However, there is a need for more participants so please keep reading.

Traditionally, most health research has focused on men. Researchers are now discovering greater than expected differences between men's and women's health.

To help researchers improve the understanding of women's health, the Kentucky Women's Health Registry at the University of Kentucky needs women who are over 18 and who live in Kentucky to complete a confidential health survey once a year.

We still need 1300 more women in Kentucky to take the survey in order to reach the registry goal of 2500. In Crittenden County we have had a total of 27 participants. We can do better than that!

Most women who join the Registry do so because a friend, family member or co-worker suggested they join. Each woman has a unique story to tell and represents hundreds of other women just like them. Some women



fill out the forms with their female relatives and it helps them be more aware of their family medical history.

The survey can be taken online at or by calling 800 929 2320 to request a paper version of the survey.

Paper copies can also be picked up at the Crittenden County Extension Office located at 112 W. Carlisle Street in Marion.

The information is used by researchers at the University of Kentucky and at the University of Louisville to better understand how women's health changes over time. They would like to know how stress, who we take care of, where we live and where we work, affects our health.

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next year, to send you quarterly newsletters about what is being learned from the Registry and to tell you about other forms of research you may also be interested in.

The Registry also has a certificate of confidentiality from the National Institute of Health which protects your information in all circumstances, even from legal proceedings. Check out this link to learn more:

I would like to give you a brief update on what the registry has accomplished so far.

Dr. Ann Coker published the first academic paper which used the data in the Registry.

Her paper looked at the connection between violence against women and the prevalence of cervical cancer.

Sara Freibert, who has recently completed her master's degree in public health at the University of Kentucky, found that pregnancy complications may serve as signals for future Cardio Vascular Disease which presents an opportunity for early intervention and prevention.

Please join the 10,290 Kentucky Women who are already working together to improve health and health care for themselves, their daughters and their granddaughters.

Princeton mayor speaks at Woman's Club lunch

The Woman's Club of Marion held their mid-winter membership brunch on Feb. 6, with members and guests being served a Valentine-themed brunch.

Guest speaker Princeton Mayor Gale Cherry spoke about influential women who had an impact on her life.

Among them were two local women, Mary Hubbard and Lois Hicks. She stated that whatever your age, there will be someone who looks to you for guidance and support, or you might be looking to someone for these same qualities.

Cherry graduated from Western Kentucky University and University of Louisville. After working in mental health field for 20 years, she returned to Princeton in 1993 and is active in civic and governmental organizations.

She has been president of the Pennyroyal Regional Mental Health Board for five years, represented the city of



Princeton Mayor Gale Cherry (center) poses with Sandra Belt and Nancy Paris after she spoke at the Woman's Club of Marion's mid-winter luncheon.

Princeton on the Pennyrile Area Development district Board for 15 years, chair of Main Street/Renaissance Board, plus many of the historical organizations.

She is married to Rep. Mike

Cherry. They have one son who lives and works in Washington, D.C.

Her hobbies are turkey hunting, kayaking, hiking, lifting weights and traveling.



Little Ceasar Rodney (David Drennan) recently visited the afternoon preschool classes at Crittenden Elementary. Drennan entertained his audiences with puppets and shared a story. Here he is pictured with Angel McDonald's class.

Purdom - Hubbard

Wilda Purdom and Carroll Hubbard were married Feb. 14 at the bride's home in Murray.

Mrs. Hubbard, a native of Melber, is a retired teacher from Calloway County Middle School.

Mr. Hubbard, a native of Murray, is an attorney in Paducah. He served as First District senator from 1968-74 and First District U.S. congressman from 1975-93.

Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins officiated the ceremony with the bride's daughter, Vicki Baldwin, of Middleton, Tenn.,

serving as matron of honor and the bride's son, Kenn Perkins of Murray, as her attendant.

Kyle Hubbard of Louisville was his brother's best man, with Murray City Councilman Greg Anderson of Murray as the groom's attendant.

Servers at the reception were the bride's daughter-in-law, Theresa Perkins, Bonita Jennings, Faye Finley Wilson and Joan Lacefield, all of Murray, and Dorothy Foster, of Hazel.

Prayers at the ceremony were led by Charles Whitnell of Mayfield and Greg Anderson.

The couple resides in Mayfield.

Cooper - Riley

Miss Barbara Cooper and Mr. Rickey Riley, both from Marion, will exchange wedding vows on at 6 p.m., on March 26 at the Tolu Community Center.

Bro. Jimmy Porter will conduct the cere-

mony.

A reception catered by Dollie and Julie Tinsley will follow.

The bride and groom request no gifts and no written invitations are being sent.



Frank Scott, an 83-year-old Crittenden County native, sits in the snow with his shovel and snow blower in Hobart, Ind., waiting for spring to come.



The Press traveled to the Kentucky Mathematics Conference Feb. 4-5 in Frankfort, with LaVanda Holloman, mathematics and writing coach at Crittenden County Elementary School, Mary Helen Hodges, regional coordinator for the Kentucky Center for Mathematics, and Freda Roberts, mathematics coach and teacher at Crittenden County Middle School.



Bailey Brown and summer basketball league teammates Chelsea Shumpert from Paducah Tilghman and Rachel Reed from Marshall County went to Knoxville on Feb. 28 to see Pat Summit and the Lady Vols play Ole Miss.



Travis - Hill

Bobby and Terri Travis announce the marriage of their daughter, Bobbi Jo Travis, to Duston Lee Hill.

Hill is the son of the late Kenny Hill and Arna Hill and grandson of Virginia Klutey.

The couple will be married

at 1 p.m., on March 27 in a private ceremony at the home of Bobby and Terri Travis.

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Students from Crittenden County High School listen as Tina Walker, museum director, explains how to find the chemical compounds for the minerals. Pictured are (from left) Cody Adamson, Randa Liedecker, Whitney King, Whitney Williams and Adrienne Phelps.

Students visit mineral museum

Crittenden County High School students from the introduction to chemistry and physics class visited the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum in Marion last week.

While at the museum, students identified minerals by their chemical formulas and were introduced to ores and naturally occurring forms of common elements. The students also learned about the

history of the fluorite industry of Crittenden County and the important role that Crittenden miners played in winning World War II.

The same class has been visiting the museum for the past few years. Their teacher Teresa Stalions says it helps the students to see elements and compounds as natural parts of the earth.

The museum has educa-

tional group tours available for all ages. If your group is interested in a tour, call the museum. It is open from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.



Ten middle schools from across western Kentucky participated in the first ever Paducah Science Bowl on Feb. 26. The event is a nationwide academic competition that tests students' knowledge in all areas of science and math. Crittenden County Middle School brought home a second place trophy, \$300 and individual medals. Team members were (from left) Teresa Foster, coach, Hayden McConnell, Anna Schnittner, Cole Foster, Micah Hollamon and Marcus Hughes.

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CCHS 2nd quarter honor roll

The following are the students that earned all As in the second quarter at Crittenden County High School:

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- Grade 10:** Michael Adams, Britany Beard, Brody Bruns, Emily Bruns, Elliot Day, Ragon Dossett, Dominique LaPlante, Jenna Lynn, Dahlia McDaniel, Kristin Nannie, Matt O'Dell, Cody Pinson, Tina Reynolds, Emily Shewcraft, Stacia Snow, Jacob Tabor, Madison Travis
- Grade 11:** Joey Bomia, Max Busch, Summer Courtney, Darrell Drennan, Jessi Hodge, Stephanie Hodge, Lauren Hunt, Alex Kirby, Casey Knox, Kaitlin Maynard, Emily Myers, Levi Palmer, Savannah Peek, Brittany Phillips, Zach Sizemore, Veronica Suggs, Hannah Tinsley
- Grade 12:** Tori Baker, Elizabeth Brown, Hannah Brantley, Cathy Hughes, Elizabeth Kirby, Allen Kirk, LaShea Loveless, Jiazhi Lu, Layten Maxfield, Patrick Nielson, Talley Nix, Nhut Phan, Alyssa Qualls, Tyler Starrett, Misty Wallace
- The following students earned all As and Bs during the second quarter at CCHS:
- Grade 9:** Elizabeth Brown, Ian Cartwright, Callie Doom, Austin Dunkerson, James Earls, Shelby Gernigin, Dallas Haire, Ashley Harris, Maggie Harrison, Davana Head, Stacie Hearrell, Ethan Hill, Whitney Kinnis, Bobby Knox, Randa Leidecker, Brittany Lemon, Taylor Lynch, Kaylin McConnell, Kayla McDonald, Brynna McDowell, Ellen Merrick, Abby Mills,

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Churchnotes

•Marion Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will hold a special music service at 11 a.m., March 14 at the church. Visitors are welcome.

•Carrsville Pentecostal Church will welcome Rev. Bernice Belt as their special guest speaker at 11 a.m., Sunday.

•Evangelist Jimmy Ragle will preach revival at Pinckneyville Baptist Church, located at 1005 Pinckneyville Rd., at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., March 21 and at 7 p.m., March 22-24.

•Marion Baptist Church will celebrate one year as host site for Angel Food Ministries the month. For March only, Marion Baptist is offering \$5 off each signature box purchased. The deadline to place an order is at 6 p.m., on March 17. Pick up is at noon on March 27 in the Marion Baptist Life Center. Free popcorn of soda will be available, as well as gift bags for everyone who ordered.

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Fluorspar mills and mines once flourished in county

I think most all of us that have lived our lives in Crittenden County are always interested in reading the old history about the fluorspar mills and mines. They were a vital part of the history of our county. It is fortunate that our local paper, The Crittenden Press, reported on the happenings of these mills. As a result, we are lucky to have all this information to read about those days when Fluorspar was king in our county. This following article, written in 1958, was in the ending days of the great fluorspar era in our county.

April 24, 1958
Fluorspar Mills
Several Companies Identified with Fluorspar

The West Kentucky Fluorspar industry is represented by numerous companies who are active in Crittenden and Livingston counties.

The Calvert City Chemical Company is the largest producer, with a mine in Livingston County and a mill in Mexico. The Kentucky Fluorspar Company, with office and plant facilities in Marion, prepares various grades of fluorspar and fluorbarite for the steel and ceramic industries.

The Nancy Hanks fluorspar mine is located in Livingston County near Salem. The Delhi Fluorspar Company has an office and plant in Marion where various grades of fluorspar are prepared for the general market.

The Willis Crider operations at Mexico with office and processing plants there prepare fluorspar and barite for the general market.

Mico Mining and Milling Co. has a plant in Crittenden County where barite is being prepared for the general market. This plant is located on Highway 91 North about two miles from the Cave In Rock ferry landing. Barite or barium sulfate is sometimes called heavy spar, and is used in drilling oil wells and other industrial uses.

The Reynolds Aluminum Company, with an exploration office in Salem, is engaged in exploration for ores. The Black Mining Company of Salem and various small operations in both counties are engaged in mining or development of ores.

Fluorspar occurs naturally in veins or beds as crystalline calcium fluoride disseminated in vein rock commonly associated with calcite and silica. The crystals vary in



color from whites, cream, yellow, blue and purplish. The crystals are cubic with octahedral cleavage and rare specimens are of semi-gem quality and clear specimens may be of optical quality.

Fluorspar is used by the steel companies as a flux in iron smelting, by the various ceramic industries for quality and opacity control, and the acid grades are used for the production of a wide range of important chemicals, including hydrofluoric acid, fixed dyes, refrigerants, propellants, insecticides and moth repellents, jet fuels, and other chemicals used by the aluminum processors and the Atomic Energy Commission.

Calvert City Chemical Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pennsalt Chemicals Corporation, is producing acid grade fluorspar for their hydro fluorite acid plant at Calvert City. Calvert City Chemical Company has a fluorspar mine at Dyer Hill in Livingston County, which produces the ore requirements for the mill located at Mexico.

The mill at Mexico recovers commercial quantities of lead and zinc concentrates as by-products as well as production of the acid-grade fluorspar concentrate.

Calvert City Chemical Company is an important factor in the local economy with a total payroll of about 75 men.

The Kentucky Fluorspar Company was organized in the early 1900s by Judge Northern, C. S. Nunn, J.W. Blue and others. The company operated various mines in Crittenden County until about 1922, at which time they sold all of their mines to the United States Steel Corporation.

J.W. Blaynew of St. Louis, Sam Gugenheim Sr., George P. Roberts, E.P. Hettiger of Cincinnati, and W.C. Bohn bought the remaining assets of the Kentucky Fluorspar Company and reorganized the company. Since that time the company has been in continuous operation, producing all grades of fluorspar.

Bob Frazer is operating manager of the company,



Pictured from left, the Willis Crider Mill in Mexico was a familiar sight to families in the town. Crider's wife Mary Sue Highfil Crider created her husband's grave marker out of fluorspar after his death. Mill Superintendent Billie Travis stands in front of gravel piles at the J. Willis Crider Fluorspar Co. Travis, Historian Brenda Underdown's father, worked there for many years.



which has office and plant facilities in Marion where various grades of fluorspar and fluorbarite are prepared for the steel and ceramic industries.

For the benefit of the company and the general industry Edwin Frazer operates an assay laboratory.

Bob Frazer has been active in efforts to improve the industry in the United States by supporting legislation that will tax imports or curtail the importation of fluorspar.

Delhi Fluorspar Corporation was organized in 1940 by H.F. McVay and Claud A. Fletcher. At that time they were operating the Babb Mine north of Salem under the Delhi Foundry Sand Company of Cincinnati.

Fletcher became president of Delhi Fluorspar Corporation. The Corporation continued to mine, mill, grind, buy and sell fluorspar.

Since the sale of the mine in 1944, the corporation has continued to buy, process and sell all grades and sizes of fluorspar.

The Reynolds Aluminum Company has an exploration office at Salem. John W. Hook is resident geologist and Tom Winans is assistant geologist. The office has a staff of six men who are active in their search for ore reserves. The company has been in the area for about five years and has acquired several fluorspar properties.

J. Willis Crider Fluorspar Company purchased the current operation from Crider Brothers in 1951. Since that time the J. Willis Crider Fluorspar Company has been in continuous operating, buying, producing and selling gravel fluorspar.

In 1955, the company purchased a new heavy media separation plant as an addi-

tion to the original mill in order to increase production.

In 1957, the log washing plant was installed to wash and clean barite ores. At the present there is one shaft operating on fluorspar and stripping operations are going on for the barite ore.

Properties owned and under lease for mining operations are located in Caldwell, Crittenden and Livingston counties. Officers are J. Willis Crider, owner, and Billie Travis, superintendent.

Some of the men that owned and worked at these mills had a fondness for the fluorspar mineral more than just the money that it meant for a pay check.

The colored spar was a beautiful thing to them, and some found ways to use it for other useful items that were enjoyable in their home. My

father, Billie Travis, was one of these men. He learned the art of tapping the fluorspar rocks at a certain angle and could make large or tiny diamond shapes emerge from the rocks. He made lamp bases, paper weights and pencil holders from the colorful spar and they adorned his desk and several shelves in our home. I am fortunate today to have these items that he made and loved.

My dad's employer and friend for many years, J. Willis Crider, also loved the fluorspar world, and at his death his wife, Mary Sue, had a large piece of spar placed as his grave marker. Willis is buried in the Mexico Cemetery.



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News from 1985:

- Due to the 29 missed days of classes in Crittenden and Livingston counties, officials in Frankfort granted schools nine days they didn't have to make up.
- Deputy Perry Glore and other Republican candidates were pictured drawing sports on the May 28 primary ballot.
- Sally McKenney and Greg English were pictured holding a third play trophy they won in a debate competition at Western Kentucky University.
- Susan Yarbrough and Lemma Williams were pictured setting up for an old fashioned breakfast the Woman's Club of Marion was hosting.
- The Campellsville College Collegiate Chorale and Hand Bell Choir was pictured performing at the Salem Baptist Church as part of their nine-day spring tour. Member Chris Clarke was a Salem native.
- Susan Mills, Sherry Ramage and Chris Cook were pictured with their awards naming them to Murray State's Golden 100. They were selected from a field of 339.
- The Rockets earned a spot in the regional basketball tournament with a win over Lyon County. However, Trigg defeated them in the game for the district crown.

News from 1960:

- The excursion steamer Avalon was picture when it visited Elizabethtown, Ill. The Avalon was the only large excursion steamer navigating inland waters.
- At Sureway Food Market, center-cut pork chops were \$.49 per pound.
- The regional basketball tournament was hosted at the Crittenden County Memorial Center, but the Rockets were unable to gain a spot in the tournament.

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Marion PD releases Feb. activity report

Marion Police Department has released its activity report for February.

Officers patrolled 3,408 miles, investigated 16 criminal and six domestic cases, made seven felony arrests, 10 misdemeanor arrests, one non-criminal arrest, made two DUI arrests and wrote 40 traffic citations. Patrolmen also issued 24 warning tickets, two parking tickets, three code enforcement tickets and checked 78 alarms. There were a total of 260 calls for service or complaints during the month.

School planning junior leadership program at CCMS

Crittenden School District is working on plans to develop a Junior Leadership Academy which will be modeled after a Junior Achievement type program.

Holly White, communications director for the schools, made the announcement at last week's Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The program will involve middle school-age youth. They will be exposed to business, economics and marketing principles through partnerships with local businesses and industry.

White said the school systems hopes to encourage local merchants and industry to participate by allowing students to shadow workers to learn jobs.

The district hopes to launch the new program next school year.

Free tree seedlings offered by CCCD

Free tree seedlings will be offered to the public from 10 a.m. until noon, Monday, March 22 in front of the Conservation District office located at 118 E. Bellville Street in Marion. Seedlings will include dogwood, redbud, white pine and yellow poplar. Quantities will be limited per person.

The dogwood, redbud and yellow poplar seedlings were purchased by the Crittenden County Conservation District with a matching contribution of white pines made by the Kentucky Division of Forestry. The conservation district encourages persons throughout the entire Crittenden County community, urban and rural, to take advantage of this opportunity.

Candidate hosts bean soup & bread event for supporters

Perry Newcom, a Republican candidate for Crittenden County Judge-Executive, has issued a news release about his political rally and fundraising event last week. The event, which included a soup bean and cornbread supper, drew 73 people.

Newcom spoke to the crowd, discussing the differences between his candidacy and the others running for county judge.

Newcom told the crowd that he plans to retain ownership of his Crittenden Farm Supply Southern States business if elected, but will turn over the daily operation to a management staff.

Candidate West hosts chili supper

Greg West, Republican candidate for Crittenden County Judge-Executive, will host a chili supper as a fundraising event for his campaign.

The event is being sponsored by friends and family to help fund West's candidacy for county judge. It will be from 5-8 p.m., Friday, March 19 at the Woman's Club Building on East Carlisle Street.

CCMS receives grant to fund technology

Crittenden County School District is one of two districts in western Kentucky to receive a \$45,000 technology grant.

The Enhancing Education through a Technology Grant will be used mostly in the middle school with the ultimate goal of getting all eighth grade students to be technology literate by the end of eighth grade. The \$45,000 grant will be spread out over five years.

Students will take a pre-test and then a post-test to measure the growth of the students' knowledge, according to Tonya Driver, supervisor of instruction K-8.

"We just want to be able to show growth in the percentage of kids learning technology," Driver said.

Driver and Ben Granger, district technology coordinator for Crittenden County schools, worked together on submitting the grant application.

"I appreciate the time on the front end," Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough said. "I know it took at least a week of man hours to compile the information. I am very excited."

The grant will go toward providing technology learning programs, interactive boards in the middle schools and computerized netbooks in the middle and elementary schools.

Detention Center details population

Crittenden County Detention Center has released its census and work release activity for the week of March 8-12. Here are work release figures:

- Six men at 40 hours to Crittenden County Road Department.

- One man at 44 hours to the Crittenden County Animal Shelter.

- Three men at 40 hours to Crittenden County Convenience Center.

- Two women at 44 hours to the Crittenden County Courthouse.

- Ten men at 56 hours inside jail as janitors and kitchen workers.

- Four men at 40 hours on the CCDC trash crew along county roads.

- Five men at 40 hours on the mowing crew.

According to the jail's news release, there were no federal prisoners held last week. In the jail were 102 state prisoners, which included 92 men and 10 women. There were a dozen male county prisoners and one female county prisoner. There were four other inmates not classified in the above categories, all males. The jail was holding a total of 119 prisoners at this report.

Stabbing in Paducah

Larry Shawn Yates, 44, of Paducah, formerly of Marion, was seriously injured in an altercation with another man Monday night in Paducah.

According to reports, Kurt Burris, 38, attacked Yates with a knife, stabbing him several times before Yates escaped help from a neighbor. Yates and Burris were acquaintances, according to published reports.

Burris allegedly stole Yates' 1999 Mercedes and left Paducah. He reportedly went to Edyville where another altercation occurred at a family member's home. Burris was later found near the stolen car on Union Grove School Road in Caldwell County, dead from an apparent suicide.

Yates remained hospitalized Tuesday.

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Kentucky unemployment rate reaches 26-year high in 2009

Kentucky's annual unemployment rate surged in 2009 to 10.5 percent from 6.6 percent in 2008, making it the highest annual rate in Kentucky since 1983 when it was 11.3 percent, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The U.S. annual unemployment rate climbed to 9.3 percent in 2009 from 5.8 percent in 2008, making it the highest annual U.S. unemployment rate since 1983 when it was 9.6 percent. The U.S. annual unemployment

rate was 1.2 percentage points below Kentucky's annual jobless rate in 2009.

"Kentucky's economy suffered under the weight of the recession in 2009, enduring employment losses both in the last year and over the last decade. Industrial job losses, reflecting the manufacturing slump, dominated the employment declines from 2008 to 2009. Next highest was the drop in the number of jobs in the trade, transportation, and utilities sector, as retrenchment by consumers reverberated throughout Kentucky's economy. In response, Kentucky's

annual unemployment rate surged 3.9 percent to 10.5 percent, the highest level since 1983," said Dr. Justine Detzel, chief labor market analyst in OET.

Kentucky tied with Florida and Tennessee for the eighth highest annual unemployment rate among all states and the District of Columbia in 2009. Kentucky was one of 16 states plus the District of Columbia that reported annual unemployment rates above the U.S. annual rate in 2009, while 33 states were lower than the national annual average and Missouri tied with the U.S. rate.

NRCS assists county with debris removal

A partnership between Crittenden County and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has helped the county clear waterways and remove debris around bridges.

When a state of emergency was declared in the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a result of last year's winter storm, the NRCS in Kentucky was provided access to Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) funds.

The funds were to assist local entities with removal of debris such as broken, hanging and undercut trees or impending debris along streams, creeks or bridges that posed a threat to life or property.

Since the ice storm, NRCS with technical assistance from the Crittenden County Conservation District has completed seven projects with the Crittenden County Fiscal Court.

With the completion of the seventh project two weeks ago, NRCS has provided the Fiscal Court \$173,848.68 or 75 percent of the cost of removing the debris.

In many cases, failure to remove the debris would have resulted in severe property damage to the road, culverts or bridges and would have endangered motorists and nearby homes as the clogged stream diverted its flow over roads and onto nearby property.

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Pictured at top is a bridge on Travis Cemetery Road, located in the Piney Fork community, which was clogged with debris from broken trees caused by last winter's ice storm. The picture directly above shows Crittenden County Conservation District Technician Neil Decker, along with conservation district supervisors Carol Hendrix and Beverly Herrin, inspecting the bridge after the debris was removed.

Community Calendar

Saturday, March 13

- ✓ The John Love Family from Eddyville will be singing at 6 p.m., on March 13 at Trinity Pentecostal Church in Fredonia to benefit the Loren Smith burial fund.

Monday, March 15

- ✓ A nutrition program will be offered at 10:30 a.m., followed by a Medicare program and Bingo at 12:30 p.m., Monday at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.

Wednesday, March 17

- ✓ Parents of Crittenden County Middle School eighth graders are encouraged to attend a meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday to discuss Eighth Grade Celebration Week in May. Several plans will require parent assistance.
- ✓ The Senior Citizens Center will provide free tax services from AARP for seniors and non-seniors from 9 a.m., until 1:30 p.m., Wednesday.
- ✓ National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1373, will meet at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday March 17, at Marion Cafe. The issue this meeting will be returning your convention forms and voting on a convention delegate for The Kentucky Federation Convention to be held in April. Contact Tom Diaz at 965-2621 or local1373@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday, March 18

- ✓ Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at 11 a.m., March 18 at the Extension Office.

- ✓ Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m., on March 18 in the hospital education building. All members are urged to attend.

Upcoming

- ✓ Screening for preschoolers only will be held at Crittenden Elementary from 1-5 p.m., March 19. Bring proof of income, state birth certificate, immunization certificate, social security card and insurance or Medicaid card. For appointments, call 965-5846.
- ✓ Crittenden County Public Library will hold a free seminar titled "Spring into Wellness" at 1 p.m., on March 20. For more information and to reserve a space, contact Debbie at 965-1606.
- ✓ Western Kentucky Quilters will meet from 1-3 p.m., on Saturday, March 20 in the First United Methodist Church in Morganfield. For more information, contact Martha Hargrove at 952-6360.
- ✓ Spring pictures will be taken at Crittenden Elementary March 22.
- ✓ Jim Pearce Camp 2527, Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet at 7 p.m., March 22 at the George Coon Public Library in Princeton.
- ✓ A vegetable soup and chili supper will be held from 5-8 p.m., March 23 at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Soup, sandwiches, dessert and drinks will be served for a \$5 donation. Entertainment will be provided by the Fredonia Jamboree band. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

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Baseball

Bat boys needed

The Crittenden County Baseball team is registering young Rockets (3-6 grades) for a drawing to be a bat boy for home varsity games.

Call Jeff Porter at 204-1030 or e-mail him at jpwolf-pack7@aol.com to enter the name and phone number of the young Rocket.

Preseason jamborees set

The 4th annual Crittenden County Diamond Sports Pre-season Baseball Jamborees will be on March 12-13 and March 20 at Marion City – County Park.

The first weekend's game schedule is:

March 12
6 p.m. - Hopkins Central v. Trigg County

March 13
9:30 a.m. - Crittenden County v. McLean County
12:30 p.m. - Lyon County v. Heath
3:30 p.m. - Owensboro Catholic v. Marshall County
6:30 p.m. - Union County v. Ballard County

March 20
9:30 a.m. - Livingston County v. Heath
12:30 p.m. - Caldwell County v. UHA
3:30 p.m. - Crittenden County v. Carbondale, Ill.
6:30 p.m. - Murray v. Carbondale Ill.

Baseball team selling ham

The Crittenden County Baseball team is selling Jim David hams for Easter delivery. The price is \$30 for boneless and \$35 for bone-in. There are a variety of flavors. For more information, contact Latisha Belt at 969-0130.

Dugout Club

Little league baseball and softball sign-ups are now taking place. For a form, visit the-press.com or visit The Press office.

Forms must be received by March 28, with \$25 per child (for t-ball and co-ed rookie, it's \$20 per child).

The clubs' youth baseball and softball programs are short on numbers for the upcoming seasons. The leagues which are in need of more players are the boys' 9-10 and 11-12 age groups. Also, the girls' 10-12 programs are short on numbers. If interested, fill out a registration form (in this issue), pick one up at The Press office, or go online for a form at The-Press.com.

Umpires needed

Crittenden County Dugout Club is seeking individuals who are interested in umpiring youth league baseball and softball games this summer at Marion-Crittenden County Park. These are paid positions. If interested, contact Mickey Myers at hmm@vci.net or call 704-0868.

Soccer

Crittenden County Youth Soccer registration is under way. Participation fees are \$40, or \$30 if the player played in fall 2009. Registration forms are available at The Crittenden Press. Children must be five years old prior to July 31 to participate.

CCMS basketball players earn awards

The CCMS boys and girls basketball teams held their awards banquet Feb. 7 at the Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center.

The following awards were presented:

7th grade girls awards
Chelsea Oliver, Offensive Award; Chloe McKenzie, Most Improved; Mallory McDowell, 110 percent Award and Most Valuable Player; and Kayla Davis, Defensive Award.

8th grade girls awards
Bailey Brown, Most Valuable Player; Abby Whitney, 110 percent Award; Maggie Collins, Offensive Award; Ruth Gobin, Most Improved; and Haylee Young, Defensive Award.

7th grade boys awards
Noah Dickerson, Defensive Award; Landon Young, Offensive Award and Most Valuable Player; Colby Watson, 110 percent Award; Adam Driver, Most Improved Award

8th grade boys awards
Cody Caraway, 110 percent Award; Zack Tinsley, Most Improved; Aaron Owen, Offensive Award and Most Valuable Player; and Brenden Phillips, Defensive Award.

Caldwell County volleyball program switching districts

Caldwell County's volleyball program is the latest to feel the effects of realignment by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

Starting this fall, Caldwell County's volleyball program will no longer be in a district with Crittenden County, Livingston Central and Trigg County due to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's realignment.

The Lady Tigers will move into a district with Hopkins County Central and Madisonville-North Hopkins.

All-Region Honors



Jessi Hodge



Talley Nix



Hannah Brantley

All-region honors were given to Jessi Hodge, Hannah Brantley and Talley Nix.

Hodge earned a spot on the All-Region basketball team. Brantley earned an All-Region academic award. Nix earned an All-Region academic award and a spot on the All-Region cheerleading squad.

BY CHRIS HARDESTY

PRESS SPORTS WRITER

The Lady Rockets were simply out-matched against Henderson County last Friday at Dixon in the Second Region semifinals and were eliminated 64-37.

The Lady Rockets got off to a positive start going up 2-0 on a layup by junior point guard Jessi Hodge only :07 ticks into the contest.

But the lead was short-lived as the Lady Colonels went up 4-2 less than 1:00 later and never trailed again.

Needing to be nearly perfect to knock off the winners of the last four Second Region Tournaments, Crittenden (13-14) made way too many early turnovers. Henderson, (26-3) riding a 17-game winning streak, converted many of those into easy layups in transition as they ex-

panded their lead throughout the contest. Crittenden committed 24 turnovers in the semifinal matchup against the talented Lady Colonels.

Henderson has not been beaten since Dec. 30 when they were upended by Up-perman, Tenn., 60-51 in the Daviess County Holiday Tournament.

Lady Rocket guard Laken Tabor cut the deficit to 28-16 in the second quarter connecting on one of her two treys in the game.

But Henderson wasted little time going on another run, outscoring Crittenden 14-6 the remainder of the half to take a commanding 20-point lead into the dressing room.

After opening in a man-to-man defense to begin the game, the Lady Colonels switched things up between a

3-2 and 2-3 zone, which the Lady Rock-ets had trouble solving most of the time.

Converting many of the Lady Rocket turnovers into easy points helped Hen-derson to more than double Crittenden's two-point field goals, 26-10.

Although Henderson coughed the ball up 13 times, several of those occurred when the game was well out of reach preventing Crittenden the opportunity to get back in contention.

Unfortunately, some of the Lady Rock-ets' inconsistent play during the season narrowly prevented them from recording their third straight winning campaign.

Henderson went on to claim its fifth consecutive Second Region title the following night, defeating Madisonville 68-54 in the championship game.

Second Region Boys Basketball Tournament

Opening Round

Madison-North Hopkins 58, Hopkinsville 51
Henderson County 83, Livingston Central 49
Christian County 80, Hopkins County Central 41
Lyon County County 47, Webster County 43

Semifinals

Henderson County 88, Madisonville-North Hopkins 76
Christian County 56, Lyon County 43

Championship

Henderson County v. Christian County

LADY ROCKET STATISTICS

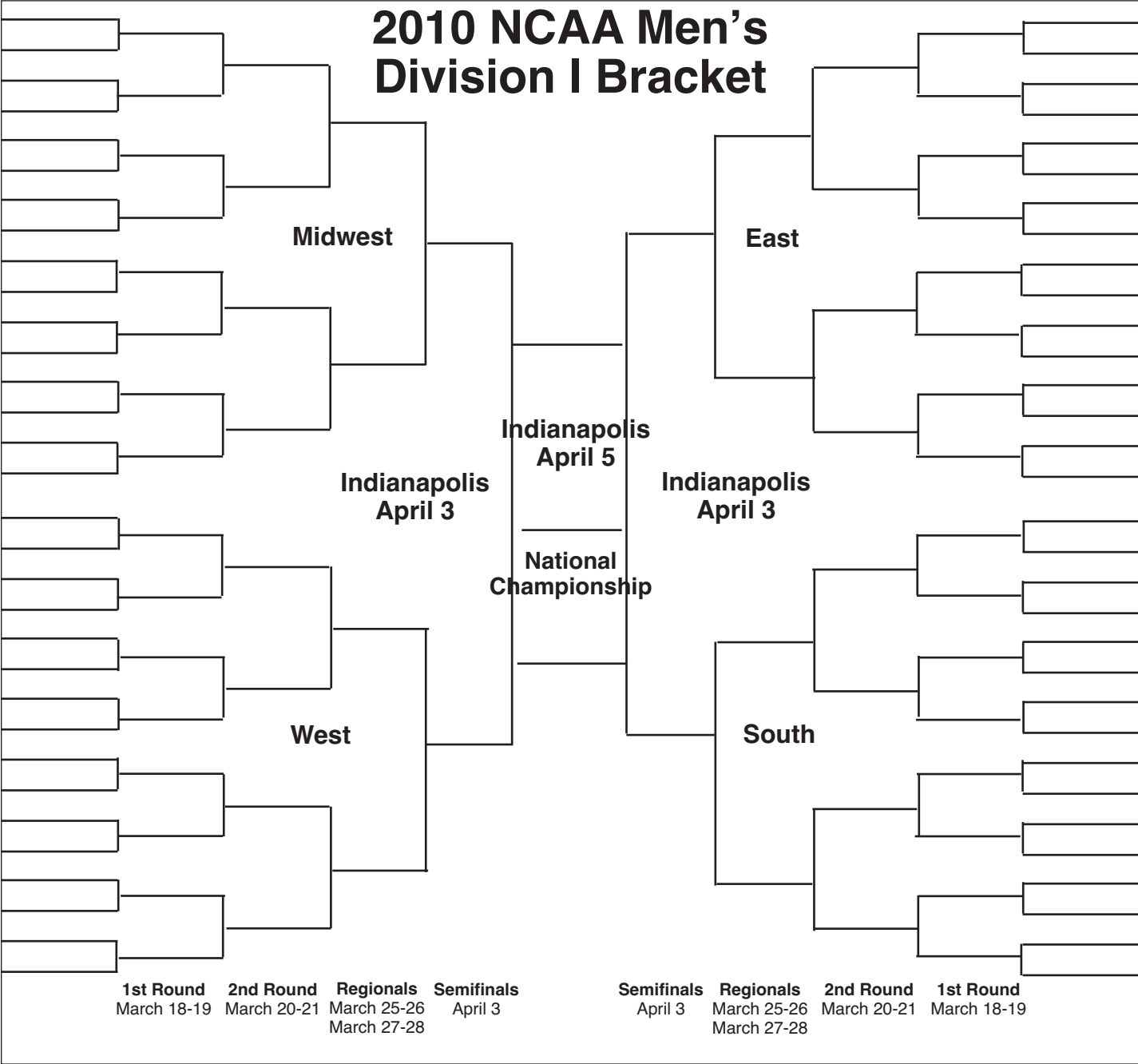
Second Region Tournament

Henderson 64, Crittenden 37

Henderson	22	42	56	64
Crittenden	10	22	35	37

Henderson - Norman 17, Rodgers 16, Barnes 11, Tapp 6, Fruit 5, Stone 2, Garrett 5, Dawson 2, Thomas, Foster. FG. 26. 3-pointers 2 (Norman, Fruit). FT. 6-9. Fouls 16.

Crittenden - Hodge 9, Tabor 8, Brantley 6, Johnson 5, Courtney 4, Brown 5. FG. 10. 3-pointers 3 (Tabor 2, Brown). FT. 8-14. Fouls 10.



Kentucky Baseball 2010 Home schedule

March 12 v. IPFW at 4
March 13 v. IPFW at 1
March 14 v. IPFW at 1
March 15 v. Murray State at 4
March 17 v. Wright State at 6:30
*March 19 v. Ole Miss at 6:30
*March 20 v. Ole Miss at 1
*March 21 v. Ole Miss at 1
*March 23 v. Xavier at 6:30
March 31 v. Western Kentucky at 6:30
April 6 v. Louisville at 7
*April 9 v. Alabama at 6:30
*April 10 v. Alabama at 6:30
*April 11 v. Alabama at 1
*April 16 v. Florida at 7
*April 17 v. Florida at 7
*April 18 v. Florida at 1
*May 7 v. South Carolina at 7
*May 8 v. South Carolina at 7
*May 9 v. South Carolina at 1
May 12 v. Lipscomb at 6:30
*May 14 v. LSU at 6:30
*May 15 v. LSU at 3
*May 16 v. LSU at 1

* denotes conference game
- all games in afternoon

Murray State Baseball 2010 Home schedule

March 12 v. St. Louis at 2
March 13 v. St. Louis at 2
March 14 v. St. Louis at 1
March 17 v. Southern Illinois at 2
March 19 v. Mid-Continent at 2
March 20 v. Mid-Continent at 1 & 4
March 24 v. Western Kentucky at 3
*April 2 v. UT Martin at 1 & 4
*April 3 v. UT Martin at 1
April 13 v. Evansville at 3
*April 24 v. Eastern Illinois at 1 & 4
*April 25 v. Eastern Illinois at 1
*May 8 v. Eastern Kentucky at 1 & 4
*May 9 v. Eastern Kentucky at 1
*May 15 v. Morehead State at 1 & 4
*May 16 v. Morehead State at 1
May 18 v. Kentucky in Brooks Stadium at 6

* denotes conference game
- all games in afternoon

Little League Sign-up

CRITTENDEN COUNTY DUGOUT CLUB

2010 Youth Baseball/Softball Registration Form

For Official Use:

☐ For ☐ Check ☐ Cash

☐ Late Sign Up ☐ Initials:

Registration form must be received by March 28, 2010 with a \$25.00 Fee *per child* and a copy of Birth Certificate for the player (*fee for T-Ball and Co-ed Rookie is \$20 per child*). If anyone registers after April 1, 2010, you will be required to pay the full fee and purchase the uniform from the Dugout Club vendor. Anyone wishing to register after April 15th will have to be approved by the Dugout Club Board of Directors. We want everyone to play, if you cannot afford the full registration fee, talk to a board member at registration.

NOTE: We reduced the fee this year due to the economy and the recent ice storm. 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. Signup days: February 20th and 27th at Middle School Gym from 9 am to 12 noon.
2. The cutoff for age grouping for Baseball is a player turning a year older before August 1st. For Softball the date is January 1st.
3. All leagues with the exception of T-ball will have away games.
4. With the exception of T-Ball co-ed rookie league, boys must play baseball and girls must play softball.
5. Skills Assessment will be on February 20th and 27th at the Middle School Gym. All new players in any league will be required to participate in the skills assessment.

T-Ball League	<input type="checkbox"/> (ages 3-4 Boys & Girls) Must turn 3 before May 1 st
Co-ed Rookie	<input type="checkbox"/> (ages 5-6 Boys & Girls) Must turn 5 before May 1 st
Boys Baseball (Check One)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rookie (7 – 8) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor (9 – 10) <input type="checkbox"/> Major (11 – 12)
Girls Softball (Check One)	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor (7 – 9) <input type="checkbox"/> Major (10 – 12)

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 than 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 ☐ Other: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR TREATMENT:

I hereby 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 any 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

Name of Insurance: _____ Policy #: _____

Signature: _____ Relationship: _____

Date: _____

Return to: Dugout Club PO Box 5 Marion, KY 42064

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From left, Whitney Johnson boxes out on defense in the regional semi-final match against Henderson County. Jessi Hodge goes up for a shot against a Henderson defender. Laken Tabor attempts a lay up in the Lady Rockets' last game of the 2009-10 season.

Bobcats to open season at home

For the first time in the team's three-year history, the Bobcats will open the KIT League season at home. The Bobcats will play host to new league entry Farmington on Friday, June 4 to kick off the 2010 season. The Browns will remain in town Saturday for the final two games of the series to be played in a twin-bill. The season-opening home stand will close Monday, June 7 when Fulton comes to Guess Field for one game.

The 46-game slate for the Bobcats will feature eight doubleheaders, played on each Saturday of the regular season. Conversely, only one Sunday game has been scheduled—a road game at Farmington. Twelve off-days have also been worked into the calendar, incorporating the idle Sundays which include the league all-star game at Owensboro on July 4. This year's schedule will feature two four-game home stands and one four-game road trip, and will showcase interleague home games against Nashville, Middle Tennessee and East Tennessee of the Tennessee Summer Collegiate Baseball Association. In addition to Fulton, Farmington and the TSCBA opponents, the Bobcats will face Owensboro and rival Tradewater. The regular season ends July 24 at Fulton, with the playoffs starting two days later. For a complete look at the 2010 KIT League schedule, visit MarionBobcats.com.

2010 Rocket Football Schedule

Scrimmages:
Aug. 13 v. Muhlenberg County, 6 p.m.
Aug. 20 at Hopkins County Central
Aug. 27 at Massac, Ill., 7
Sept. 3 OPEN DATE
Regular Season:
Sept. 10 v. McLean County
Sept. 17 at Webster County
Sept. 24 at Caldwell
Oct. 1 v. Ballard Memorial
Oct. 8 at Fulton County
Oct. 15 v. Fulton City
Oct. 22 at Mayfield
Oct. 29 v. Murray
Post Season:
Nov. 5 - 1st Round Playoffs
Nov. 12 - 2nd Round Playoffs
Nov. 19 - Regional Championship
Nov. 26 - State Semifinals
Dec. 3 - State Championship

*Games at 7:30 unless otherwise noted

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— Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent

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 - Marion Police Department270.965.3500
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Teen Challenge in Dixon helping men recover



Teen Challenge's operation in Dixon is up and running now with faith-based residential drug and alcohol treatment for adult men. The facility offers culinary training as well as landscaping. The gold course is open at a nominal price. Beginning this month, Teen Challenge in Dixon began offering restaurant and banquet meals at Wing Shadow Lodge on Ky. 132. More information can be found at Teen Challenge's Web site:

www.teenchallengeky.com

Pastors asked to help

A pastors' forum on substance abuse will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., March 25 at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. This seminar is designed for clergy to receive training on recognizing drug and alcohol issues and to arm them with knowledge and resources to assist their congregations with these issues. For more information on this program, contact the Pennyroyal Center at 270.365.2008.

Teen Challenge

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Through the Pull Tab Collection Program, drug courts across Kentucky collect pop tabs that can be easily pulled off soda cans (or many other items including vegetable and soup cans, pet food cans, etc.) and turn them over to the Ronald McDonald Houses so that they may be recycled for cash. The program has become a competition for the commonwealth's drug courts. Kentucky's 5th Judicial Drug Court Program—comprised of Crittenden, Union and Webster counties—came in fourth place last year, turning in 574 pounds of aluminum, or about 725,000 tabs. The local drug court placed third the three previous years. To find out more about the program or where to drop off your tabs, call Amber Miller at 270.389.2271.



Health Department

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Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion
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March 4, 2009, quarterly bulletin

Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community

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Drug Drop-off Day

Spring cleaning can include medicine cabinets



April 23 dispose of your prescriptions
Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force, in conjunction with local law enforcement and the Drug Coalition, will be organizing a prescription drug drop-off in April during the countywide trash days, an effort created to help residents conveniently get rid of junk at no cost. So don't just clean out the garage next month, spring clean your medicine cabinet, too.

On April 23, there will be centers set up around the county to take expired or no-longer-used medicines so that they are disposed of properly. Disposal at sites not yet named will be from noon to 4 p.m.

The community is encouraged to dispose of their old prescriptions safely by utilizing this event to make sure these drugs are off the street. More details will follow in this newspaper as the event nears.

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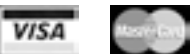
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Application, Resume, 3 Contact References and Other Relevant Certificates, etc. need to be submitted by March 12, 2010.
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Independent Auditor's Report
We have audited the Crittenden County Sheriff's Settlement - 2008 Taxes for the period May 01, 2008 through May 18, 2009. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Crittenden County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Crittenden County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period May 01, 2008 through May 18, 2009, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.
In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 17, 2009 on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.
Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying comment and recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:
• The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation of Duties
Respectfully submitted,
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December 17, 2009
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NOTICE OF SALE OF GAS FRANCHISE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Marion, Kentucky, will on April 1, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, 217 South Main Street, consider offers for sale to the highest and best bidder, plus all costs, including advertising cost, a franchise as defined in Ordinance #10-01, adopted by the City Council on February 22, 2010, the full text of which ordinance, including the agreement containing the terms of the franchise, is available in the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ORDINANCE #10-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND SALE OF A FRANCHISE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CONSTRUCTING, TRANSPORTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND DISTRIBUTING NATURAL GAS ALONG AND UNDER PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS IN CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH THE SUCCESSFUL FRANCHISEE SHALL PAY TO THE CITY AN ANNUAL SUM EQUAL TO ONE PERCENT (1%) OF THE FRANCHISEE'S GROSS REVENUES; AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING A BID PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF SAID FRANCHISE TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.

Sealed bids are to be delivered to City Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky, to be publicly open and read at 2:00 p.m. CST, on April 1, 2010.

The City of Marion reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the franchise and to accept what, in its opinion, is the best responsive and responsible bid.

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A Q and A session with
community leaders

Questions

with Pamela Stringer

Regina Merrick, director of Crittenden County Public Library, gave an interview on Feb. 26 about the ins and outs of the library. The library is open from 9 a.m., to 6 p.m., on Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Wednesday and Saturday, and 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., on Thursday and Friday. For more information call 965-3354 or visit crittendenlibrary.org.

Merrick's answers have been edited for brevity. To hear the full interview, visit the-press.com.

1. What can a patron check out other than books?

Patrons can check out DVDs, VHS, magazines and audio books. To check out DVDs and VHS, you have to be 18. If you are 18, you have to establish a good borrowing record, which means you have to check out regular books a couple of times and bring them back in a timely manner.

come out and get on the book mobile, and she gets books for some of them and takes them inside. Anyone wishing to have the book mobile visit their home simply needs to call the library and we'll get you in touch with the book mobile driver and she will figure out when she is in that area to set up a schedule. She goes to Head Start, and they come and visit the book mobile. Of course, the other students have the libraries. But the Head Start kids use the book mobile as do the daycare centers.

4. Are there any book clubs through the library?

We have in the past had book clubs where everybody will read the same book and then meet the next month. We haven't met in a while, it kind of fizzled out. But we're always open to suggestions if anyone wants to start a special interest club. That would be great.

5. Is there a children's story time?

Every Friday at 10 a.m. It's pre-school, three to five years old. It's mostly picture books. She'll share a story and then they'll have activities – songs and games.

6. Is there anything about local history and genealogy offered?



Regina Merrick

Yes. We subscribe to ancestry.com, it's available on all of our computers in the library free of charge. We have The Press and many other things on microfilm, going back many, many years. We have a lot of documents and a lot of books.

7. About how many people take advantage of the library and its services?

That is a very difficult question. Last year we estimated over 30,000 library visits throughout the year with lots of repeat customers.

8. Do people from out of county have to pay to use the library?

At one time, we did charge a \$5 out-of-county fee, but we have started waving that fee. We have several people from Livingston County. They are in the process of getting their own library, but at this point they do not have their own library. We have some that come across the ferry from Cave In Rock. People who are on the fringe, even if their county has a library, may be closer to us than they are to their own library.

9. Does the library host special speakers, book signings, etc.?

We've had several book signings over the last few years. On March 27, we're going to have a Meet the Au-

thors day. That's on a Saturday. We already have at least four authors that have expressed interest in coming, and we are expecting to have more. Bobby Yehling has been working closely with me on that and we're excited. We think it's going to be a good day. So far, I have heard from Molly Harper from Paducah, Robert Barlow from Nashville, originally from Livingston County, Mike Gillerman from Union County and we're hop-

ing to get some more.

10. How often do new books come in?

I try to place a big order of popular fiction and requested items, things that I know are really going to check out. I try to get things once a month and I try to get them as current as possible. Children's books we usually get throughout the year. We try to keep our selection updated, which means we have to weed some books out, too.

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Don't start a forest FIRE

Only start burn piles at night, between 6 p.m., and 6 a.m.

STAFF REPORT

The spring fire season just began on Feb. 15 and runs until April 30. During this period, burning trash, yard debris and other materials may only be done at night, between the hours of 6 p.m., and 6 a.m.

During the day, high temperatures can fuel the fire; wind speeds increase, spreading fires; and humidity is lower, which also fuels fires; all can contribute to the possible spread of a wildfire.

At night, temperatures are lower, wind speed is lower and the humidity rises, helping to add moisture to a fire, all of which can help stop the spread of a burn pile.


When starting a fire or burn pile, clear vegetation for 10 feet around the burn pile and keep it small and controllable, be prepared with a hose or bucket and a shovel just in case and stay with the fire until it is


dead, even in the evening.


If a burn pile gets out of control, responsible parties may be liable for the damages caused by the escaped fire or fires.


For more information, visit forestry.ky.gov or air.ky.gov, or call the fire department at 965-3500.

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