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Retail gas prices continue to climb

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have risen 6.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.72 per gallon as of Monday. The national average is \$2.78 per gallon, according to KentuckyGasPrices.com. In Kentucky, prices are 92.1 cents per gallon higher than one year ago and 23.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, the Web site said. It also predicts prices near \$3 per gallon before Memorial Day.

Free trees given away Monday

Free tree seedlings will be offered to the public from 10 a.m. until noon Monday 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.

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 residents throughout the entire Crittenden County community, urban and rural, to take advantage of this opportunity.

BY THE NUMBERS Local Schools Census

Here are student and faculty census figures from Crittenden County schools:

STUDENTS	
Crittenden High	399
Crittenden Middle	291
Crittenden Elementary.....	595
FACULTY & STAFF	
Crittenden High	53
Crittenden Middle	30
Crittenden Elementary.....	76

Meetings & More

- ✓ Crittenden-Livingston Water District meets at 7 p.m., Monday at the Salem office.
- ✓ Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday at Rocket Arena.
- ✓ Screening for preschoolers will be held at Crittenden Elementary from 1-5 p.m., Friday. 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: **"Should the state approve \$6.4 million for Crittenden County to build a middle school?"** Here is what 112 respondents said:

Yes 66 (58%)
No 27 (24%)
I need more information 19 (16%)

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County consolidates services

■ PACS, Red Cross, CCC and food bank are all now located at former health department.

STAFF REPORT

Local residents in need of community or government assistance now have a one-stop shopping opportunity, so to speak, at the former health department building.

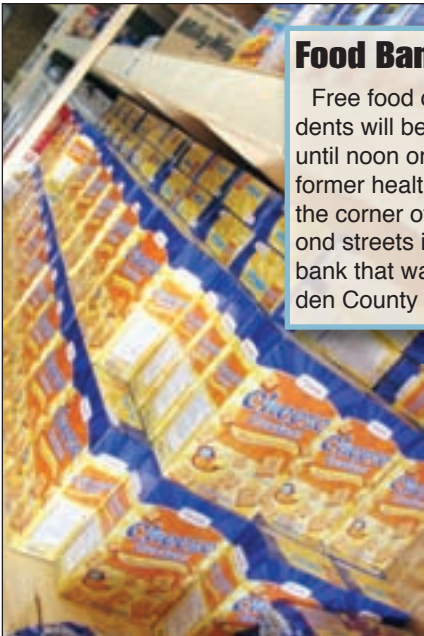
The Crittenden County Food Bank, Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Crittenden County Cares and the American Red Cross now have one location to call home. It's at the corner of Second and North Walker streets. The building became available when the county health department built a new facility on the south side of town.

Nearly all community and governmental assistance programs are now available at one spot, said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown, who applauded the groups' effort to consolidate services.

Pennyrile Allied Community Services (PACS) offers a variety of government-based programs. Kathy Penn is the coordinator.

The new location gives PACS a great deal more space to spread out its offerings, making it more convenient for staff and patrons. Before, the office was in the basement of the courthouse where clothing and other items were boxed and difficult to access.

Now, it looks more like a depart-



The county food bank is also located at the former health department building at Second and North Walker.

ment store inside the former health department building where clothing is hung on racks and categorized according to age and gender. PACS has clothing, linens, shoes, purses, backpacks, over-the-counter medicines, personal hygiene items such as toothpaste and shampoo and baby items, including diapers.

"If we can find the space, we want to have furniture and small household items, too," Penn said.

PACS accepts clothing and clothes hanger donations. Donors can re-

Food Bank Distribution

Free food distribution to county residents will be conducted from 10 a.m., until noon on Friday, March 19 at the former health department building at the corner of North Walker and Second streets in Marion. This is the food bank that was formerly at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.



Kathy Penn, director of Pennyrile Allied Community Services, thumbs through some of the clothing available at the new PACS office.

ceive receipts for a tax deduction. The office is open weekdays from 8 a.m., until 4:30 p.m. It closes for lunch.

Penn said eligibility for PACS programs is based on income. Applicants must bring proof of the previous month's income.

Crittenden County Cares is also located at the same venue. It provides qualifying families who own

their own homes with minor repair work. Ron Padgett, a volunteer for the group, said families may qualify for federal assistance which helps pay for materials. Labor is provided by Crittenden County Cares volunteers.

Crittenden County Food Bank now stores and distributes food at the new location. In the past, distri-

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Architectural rendering of what the new Marion Fire Station could look like.

Marion picks station designer

Marion City Council picked the architectural and engineering firm Monday that will design and oversee construction of the new Marion Fire Station.

After listening to three finalists make their pitches for initial design, council members unanimously chose Austin Engineering of Paducah and Perry Archi-

tecture of Murray. Perry also designed Crittenden County Senior Center, Par 4 Plastics, The Peoples Bank Drive-Thru and Sturgis City Hall and Fire Station.

The company presented a rendering and schematic of what the station might look like. Construction should begin this summer when plans are finalized.

STAFF REPORT

Sheridan Fire Department is back in action thanks to a resurgence of some fresh faces.

A group of men and women, mostly in their late teens and early 20s, have forged an alliance to restart the rural volunteer fire department that has been largely idle for the past five years or so.

The new chief is 21-year-old Evan Head, who admits that it has been a great deal of work to breathe new life into the almost non-existent volunteer group. Juggling college classes, his job, farming and now the duties of a fire chief is tough, but so far Head and the firemen have



Sheridan Chief Evan Head

Fire School
Training for local volunteer firemen started last week and continues at 6 p.m., Thursday (today) and Monday and Tuesday at Crittenden Fire Department.

purchased a new pumper truck and got most of the equipment back in working order.

John Croft, 24, is the assistant fire chief, Scott Bell, 27, and Randy Hayes, 27, are captains, Jessica Gatten, 18, is the secretary-treasurer and

Steven James, 18, is chaplain. Orman Hunt, a member of several volunteer firefighting groups, is at 83 the elder statesman on the crew. He is the safety and process officer for the department. Minus Hunt, the key officers of the roughly 18-member squad average 23 years old. Several older members have agreed to come back and firemen from other stations are helping out, too.

The youth movement is something others say is needed in order to keep up with the rigors of running a fire department.

"It's a good thing," said Hunt. "We're hurting for

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Leashless dogs raise citizen ire

STAFF REPORT

One local citizen spoke out during Monday's regular Marion City Council meeting about leashless dogs in his neighborhood. A couple of others at the meeting also voiced concerns following adjournment.

Charles Black said he lives on Clark Street in the eastern part of the city. He walks on city streets around his home and says it has become unsafe because of dogs.

Marion City Councilman Jim Brown said he believes there is a real dog issue in Marion and asked the mayor and city administrator to do something.

"I just don't know how we can keep going as a city if we continue to let these dogs keep running wild," said Brown, a two-term councilman and former city policeman.

City Administrator Mark Bryant said there is a pro-

cedure in place for dealing with owners who do not keep their dogs on a leash. The owner can be fined, starting at \$60, and the animal is subject to being picked up by the county's animal control warden.

Additionally, all dogs in the county, including those in the city, are required to have a license. The license and tag, which is to be worn on the dog's collar, costs \$5. If a dog is not licensed, it is subject to being picked up by the dog warden. If a dog is taken to the pound, there is a \$25 release fee, plus an \$8.50 a day kennel fee. And the owner must buy a license before the dog is released.

"We know now there is a problem and we will be reacting to it," Bryant said after Monday's council meeting.

"We will step up patrols in the (Clark Street) area," Bryant told the resident who complained.



Dominique and Elle LaPlante of Marion were personal pages of Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton) recently on the House floor of the Kentucky Capitol. The sisters are daughters of Alan and Deborah LaPlante. Elle is a seventh grader at Crittenden County Middle School and Dominique is a sophomore at Crittenden County High School.

Post office mails 2nd request

STAFF REPORT

The U.S. Post Office in Marion has mailed letters again, urging postal patrons to comply with its request to put rural boxes on city streets.

Back in September, Postmaster Barry Chandler sent letters to about 500 households and businesses asking customers to install mailboxes on particular city mail routes. The idea is to speed up delivery and help the postal service save money, the postmaster said.

Of those initial requests, Chandler said about one-quarter actually put up mailboxes. He hopes this latest round of letters will encourage others to do so.

Marion City Council discussed the matter at its meeting

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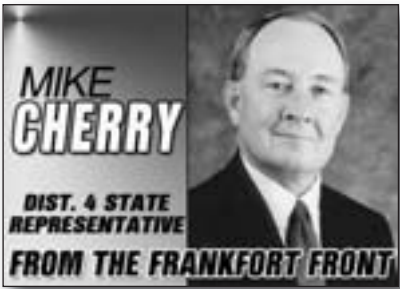
Call BUD 811 Before You Dig to notify utilities, which might have lines or pipes in the area where you will set a new mailbox.

House budget finished, Senate takes its turn

The oft-times sticky job of late-session policymaking has produced a \$17.5 billion House budget plan that would free up funds for infrastructure and critical needs while erasing a looming \$1.2 billion-plus budget shortfall facing the Commonwealth over the next two years.

It does not call for the drastic actions some other states are considering, which range from employee layoffs to closing schools and state parks, and it does not raise any taxes or fees. It does anticipate federal stimulus dollars for Medicaid, defers some corporate business tax deductions and speeds up some sales tax collections.

Most state agencies took across-



the-board cuts, but our bill does not call for any furloughs or layoffs of current merit system employees or cuts to the to the state corrections budget, the base school funding formula or state Medicaid – three areas we always try to spare – but it does require that the state take a closer look at spending in areas like Medicaid, personal service contracts and the hiring of political appointees.

As far as new spending goes, the House plan would take care of some critical needs areas, including much-needed funding of safety measures for social workers who often have to work in dangerous and even deadly situations, funding for newborn vision screenings, and additional aging services funding to support the Meals on Wheels

program that provides hot meals to senior citizens.

Given the size of the deficit, there are understandably some difficult decisions in the House budget. It calls for the number of political appointees and the funding for state-financed contracts to return to 2007 levels, for example, and there are no raises for anyone or increases in virtually any department, and, as I mentioned above, it protects K-12 per-pupil funding from cuts but doesn't fund two days added to the school calendar in 2006. These days are still allowed if paid for with local revenue.

A highlight and much discussed part of the House plan is what we call the "Kentucky Jobs for Kentucky Families" program. It would provide hundreds of much-needed projects and in turn create or retain as many as 25,000 jobs by building or renovating schools in disrepair, bringing better water and sewer service to thousands of families and businesses, and by building new roads and bridges.

With unemployment high and the cost of construction low, this is an ideal time to put people back to work while getting the most value out of each tax dollar. Particularly,

since these some \$1 billion in projects are all bonded – paid for over a 20-year period – and bond rates are at historic lows.

Most of you have likely already seen the list, but the following are "Kentucky Jobs" projects in our Fourth Legislative District:

Caldwell
\$550,000 Caldwell Water District Auto Meters Upgrade
\$150,000 Fredonia Water Commission Sewer Lift Station Improvements
\$100,000 Princeton Water Distribution Improvements
Crittenden
\$6,495,000 New Crittenden County Middle School
\$400,000 Marion Water Distribution Improvements
\$100,000 Crittenden-Livingston Water District Distribution Upgrades
Livingston
\$3,114,000 New Livingston County Middle School
\$100,000 Grand Rivers Water District Expansion
\$100,000 Ledbetter Water District Extension
\$100,000 Salem Water Lift Station Improvements
\$100,000 Smithland Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements
\$100,000 Crittenden-Livingston Water District Distribution Upgrades
McCracken (4th District Only)
\$200,000 Reidland Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Like all House budget plans, this budget plan must be approved by the Senate before it can take effect. And, as in most budget years, it is unlikely the Senate will leave the House budget unchanged. I am particularly concerned about the school construction plans as the Senate is expected to make significant changes of its own to the plan within the next several days and return the amended budget to the House.

At that point, the final chapter of the 2010-2012 state budget process will begin, with lawmakers from both chambers meeting to work through budget challenges and reach agreement on a single bill. It is that bill that will carry most of the state government financially through the next two years.

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 800-372-7181, or by e-mailing me mike.cherry@rc.ky.gov.

SB 175 would create more state contract oversight

The most important bill that legislators consider during any session – the budget bill – moved out of the House and into the Senate last week. In the coming days, we will consider the House's \$17.5 billion spending plan. The Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee in all probability will make some changes.

The House plan has many encouraging components, particularly its emphasis on efficient state government. Government efficiency and transparency have been points of interest in the Senate lately, and House action on this front is an encouraging sign.

Our budget committee will be working with the House to achieve a final plan that will make government more efficient while providing the services our citizens rely on. With the veto period beginning in a few days (March 30), we will be busy. This may be the most challenging budget we have worked with, but I am confident we will be equal to the challenge.

Before considering the budget bill this week, we approved Senate Bill 175 that would improve the process by which state contracts are awarded each year. The Government Contract Review Committee reviews billions of dollars in state contracts, from engineering to health



care to consulting. It is an effective control on state spending, because legislative oversight is crucial to our State government's system of checks and balances.

There are around \$250 million in state contracts each month that never receive scrutiny from elected lawmakers. SB 175 would eliminate many of the exemptions that allow this to happen as well as make sure that more personal service contracts, including expensive technology contracts, are reviewed by a panel of legislators. The effect will be a more efficient examination of the billions of dollars in state spending, from government agencies to our colleges and universities.

In economic times like these, when taxpayers across the Commonwealth are tightening their belts, SB 175 will help the state reduce spending as well.

Another efficiency measure, House Bill 276, will help slim down the various boards and commissions that regulate industry groups from EMS providers

to barbers. HB 276 will require these panels to justify their staffing levels, and if they do not regulate at least 100 professionals, they would use administrative services from the state's Division of Occupations and Professions, an umbrella body for all these groups. We have learned over the years that many government agencies grow as needs grow, but as those needs shrink, the agency may not necessarily follow. This bill, now headed to Gov. Beshear, is a step toward getting maximum bang for our buck.

In 2008, we passed major legislation to protect Kentuckians from inappropriate relationships with people in positions of authority, from teachers to coaches to priests. This week, with SB 17, we added another group with significant authority over others – prison guards and other corrections employees. SB 17 makes it a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison, for any prison or jail employee to have sexual contact with an inmate. Contract employees would also be covered by the legislation.

Guards and other workers have tremendous power over inmates, and that position is one of trust. The Department of Corrections worked with the Senate to develop this legislation, so

we are proud to help them keep the focus on prisons as a place to rehabilitate inmates, not punish them outside the bounds of the law.

With our budget constraints, we have to be frugal with our spending. At the same time, we are always looking for ways to recognize our country's heroes and show them our gratitude. This week, we tried to share a small token of our appreciation by passing three bills aimed at our veterans and their families that will bear only minor expense. These veteran-related bills are:

•SB 96 would permit the surviving spouse of a Purple Heart recipient to retain the special plate assigned to the veteran.

•SB 179 creates the Kentucky General Assembly Veterans Hall of Fame to recognize the active military and post-military achievements of outstanding veterans and to spotlight all veterans' contributions to the civilian workplace. The proposed legislation would require the induction of all veterans who have earned the Medal of Honor; Army Distinguished Service Cross; Navy or Air Force Cross; Defense, Army, Navy, Air Force, Homeland Security or Coast Guard Distinguished Service

Medal, or Silver Star.

•HB 106, which has been sent to the governor to be signed into law, allows certain individuals with proper identification to receive a copy of discharge papers filed with a county clerk, rather than inspect those papers. This legislation also requires the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs to send an annual reminder notice of the confidentiality provisions related to discharge papers.

We have only two full weeks remaining, but we are building momentum.

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.

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ROCKET Role Models

Left, Jessi Hodge talks to Brody Jones and Kasey Claycomb at Crittenden County Elementary School. Below, Emily Bruns works on a paper folding activity with students during her trip to the elementary school.



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Marion jumps on Facebook

STAFF REPORT
The City of Marion has joined the more than 400 million active members of Facebook. City Administrator Mark Bryant set up the page after using Facebook himself and seeing the success of using another social networking site Twitter.
“I would anticipate posting important meeting or events, not necessarily just city government - any type of relevant information,”

Bryant said.
Bryant also hopes to use the page to post questions to the users and gain feedback on how to improve Marion.
“For a town of our size, if we had 300 to 400 fans, I could feel fairly confident that the message is getting out there,” Bryant said.
To keep up with Marion on Facebook, search Marion Kentucky under pages and look for a link on the town’s home page.



Crittenden County Public Library



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Gary Lynn Guill, 58, of Carrsville, died Friday, March 12, 2010, at his home.

He was of the Baptist faith, was a member of the National Rifle Association, the Teamsters Union and the United Coon Hunters Association.



Surviving are a daughter, Heidi Lynn Guill of Carrsville; sons, Roy Neal Guill of Carrsville and Chad Edward Guill of North Augusta, S.C.; sisters, Georgia Mae Ross of Harrisburg, Ill., and Linda Hardesty of Sheridan; brothers, Willard Guill of Marion, Paul Guill of Reidland and Ronnie Guill of Smithland; one grandchild, Carley Guill; a special friend, Pat Moore; and several nieces and nephews.

Guill was preceded in death by his parents, Roy M. and Mary Lou Hosick Guill; and a brother, Roy Douglas Guill.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 17 at Boyd Funeral Directors. Burial was at Carrsville Cemetery.

Cole

Mildred L. "Milly" Cole, 71, of Marion died Monday, March 15, 2010 at Livingston Hospital in Salem.

She was a homemaker and one of the Methodist faith.

Surviving are her children, Melody Edwards of Princeton, Liz Travis, Jimmy

Edwards, Frank Cole, Dena and husband David Sunderland and Lisa Cole, all of Marion, and Joe Cole of Louisville; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Nell Meeks of Arkansas; a brother, Jimmy Wood of Marion; and lifelong friend, Joe Cole of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Ruth Wood; and sister, Mary Furlow.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was at Dycusburg Cemetery.

Davidson

James W. Davidson, 63, of Paducah, died Sunday, March 14, 2010 at his home.

Surviving are his children, Dewayne Davidson and wife Beverly of Marion, Bobby Davidson and wife Rhonda of Salem, Lois Davidson-Vasseur and husband David of Burna, and Jammie Davidson of Burna; sisters, Wanda L. Foster of Paducah, Brenda Tinsley of Paducah and Debroah J. Lynch of Louisville; a brother, Ricky A. Davidson of Marion; grandchildren, Russell Vasseur, Dalton Vasseur, Qutonia Davidson, Jammie Davidson, Austin Davidson and Branden Wayne Jackson.

He was preceded in by his parents, Clarence Walker and Bessie Milits Belt Davidson; a brother, Gary Dale Davidson; and a sister, Judy Ann Davidson.

Davidson's remains will be cremated. No services are scheduled at this time.

Taber

Henrietta Taber, 94, of Marion died Sunday, March 14, 2010 at Princeton Health and Rehab Center.

She was a member of Tolu Methodist Church and a retired cook from Crittenden County School System.

Surviving are her children, William Gordon Taber of Smithland and Eva Jane Corley of Marion; grandchildren, Billee Dawn Corzine of Metropolis, Ill., Patty Gayle Corley of Manhattan, N.Y., and Jason Brent Corley of Fayetteville, N.C.; and great-grandchildren, Kelsey and Chloe Corzine of Metropolis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Joel Taber; parents, Emily Alice and Spivey Calvin Turner; four brothers, J.D., Walford, Crawford and John Ed Turner; and sisters, Della Mae Nation and Dora Belle Wright.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was at Whites Chapel Cemetery.

Cullen

Georgia Rhea Cullen, 82, of Sturgis, died Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Methodist Hospital in Henderson.

Surviving are her children, Joanne and husband Mike Willett and Sharon Hays, all of Henderson; Martha and husband Jimmy Russelburg

of Sturgis; Donna Sue and husband James Ellison of Crossville, Tenn.; Ronnie and wife Charlotte Keene of Marion; Freddy and wife Angel Cullen, Jerry and wife Sherry Cullen and Debbie and husband Dale Henry, all of Sturgis; and Joyce and husband Donald Curtis of Marion; a sister, Kathryn Brantley of Marion; 27 grandchildren; and 42 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Freddie Cullen; two daughters, Christy Stevens and Teresa Cullen. Her parents were George Wesley and Ada Barnes.

Services were Wednesday, March 17 at First Baptist Church in Sturgis with Rev. Don Phelps officiating. Burial was at Pythian Ridge Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony Hospice.

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Minnie Lou Brown of Marion puts finishing cleanup touches to the local food bank's new pantry.

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bution was at the Crittenden County Senior Center.

Minnie Lou Brown, one of the food bank volunteers, said participation in the free food program has been down the last couple of months. Perhaps, she said, it's because the distribution site has changed.

The food bank issues groceries free to county residents on the third Friday of every month. Last month, 313 people were served by the program, that's down from an average of about 600-800 people.

The program provides canned, dry and frozen foods for residents who need it. Donations are accepted to keep the program running. Brown said city and county

While donated clothes are wanted, PACS officials say clothes hangers are also needed. You can make tax-deductible donations at the new PACS office.

governments and churches are the primary contributors. The program spends about \$1,200 a month on food.

The American Red Cross Lakeland Chapter, which serves Crittenden County, will have its headquarters at the same building. The Red Cross offers a variety of assistance to residents suffering from personal or natural disasters, such as fire, flood or extreme weather. Geraldine Shouse is the Crittenden County coordinator for Red Cross.

Inmate Census	Crittenden County Detention Center	Inmate Category	Male	Female	Total
		Federal	0	0	0
		State	97	11	108
		County	13	3	16
		Other county	7	0	7
		Total Inmates	117	14	131

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This event will be sponsored by Greg's friends and family to help fund his candidacy for **County Judge Executive of Crittenden County** in the May 18th Republican primary. All you need to bring is a GOOD APPETITE! Everyone is invited to attend.

Friday, March 19th • 5 - 8 P.M.
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LIVESTOCK REPORTS

MARION & LIVINGSTON REPORTS WEEKLY BY -USDA MARKET NEWS

MARION LIVESTOCK SALE

Monday, March 15. KDOA-USDA Market News. West Kentucky Livestock Market, Marion Auction.

Receipts: 546 head

Compared to last week: Slaughter cows and bulls steady. Feeder steers steady. Feeder heifers steady to 3.00 lower.

Slaughter cows:

	Percent Lean	Weight	Price	Hi-Dress	low-dress
Breaker	75-80	1050-1655	48.00-53.50	54.00	45.00
Boner	80-85	950-1235	41.00-47.00	48.00-49.00	
Lean	85-90	760-1100	33.00-40.00		
Lean	90+	650-1000	26.00-33.00		

Slaughter Bulls:

Y.G.	Weights	Carcass Boning Percent	Price	low-dress
1	0000-0000	77-78	00.00-00.00	
2	1420-2135	75-76	55.50-61.50	50.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	100-200	190	126.00	126.00
3	200-300	235	125.00-131.00	127.96
15	300-400	350	114.00-124.00	120.93
7	400-500	431	112.00-117.00	114.97
12	500-600	565	108.00-113.00	110.12
15	500-600	548	110.00-115.00	114.38
26	600-700	658	97.00-103.00	98.46
22	700-800	767	92.00-95.00	93.37
64	700-800	768	95.75	95.75

Groups: 64 head 768 lbs 95.75 BLK

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

1	200-300	260	110.00	110.00
10	300-400	357	103.50-110.00	104.11
4	400-500	435	85.00-109.00	99.00
6	500-600	560	85.00-100.00	96.88

Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3

2	200-300	270	60.00	60.00
3	300-400	382	55.00	55.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

2	100-200	180	103.00-105.00	104.03
5	200-300	251	103.00-107.00	105.41
6	300-400	342	100.00-110.00	104.53
16	400-500	452	100.00-109.00	103.58
26	500-600	539	91.00-100.00	94.97
46	600-700	641	90.00-92.00	91.67
8	700-800	768	87.00	87.00
1	800-900	825	70.00	70.00

Groups: 27 head 631 lbs 92.00 Char

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

1	100-200	190	100.00	100.00
6	200-300	268	87.00-99.00	90.10
13	300-400	356	79.00-99.00	85.16
14	400-500	465	85.00-99.00	90.91
7	500-600	566	71.00-88.00	82.90
3	600-700	630	82.00-87.00	85.36
1	700-800	735	77.00	77.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

1	300-400	305	113.00	113.00
4	400-500	422	102.00-114.00	109.09
2	500-600	532	95.00-99.00	96.92
3	600-700	622	87.00-91.00	88.40
1	700-800	760	83.00	83.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

1	300-400	375	96.00	96.00
2	400-500	485	90.00	90.00
5	600-700	647	80.00-85.00	84.04

Stock Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: Cows 2 to 8 years old and 6 to 7 months bred 430.00-500.00 per head.

Stock Cows and Calves: Cows 9 to 10 years old with baby calves at side 510.00-680.00 per pair.

Baby Beef Calves: 70.00-135.00 per head.

Graded Goat Sale

Saturday, March 13 at West Kentucky Livestock Market, Marion, Kentucky.

Receipts: 242

Goats Slaughter Classes (Sold by cwt.)

Selection No. 2 30-39 pounds 130.00; 40-60 pounds 150.00; 60-80 pounds 171.00; 80-100 pounds 117.50.

Selection No. 3 30-40 pounds 125.00; 40-60 pounds 142.50.

Yearling Selection No. 2 85 pounds 62.50.

Does/Nannies

Selection No. 2-3 70-90 pounds 67.50, thin 50.00; 105-150 pounds 65.00.

Bucks/Billies

Selection No. 2-3 80 pounds 55.00; thin 100 pounds 50.00.

Pairs and Trios: 70.00 to 99.00, family.

Agriculture News & Notes

Ed-Tech Center hosts seminar on legal farm issues

Marion Ed-Tech Center will host a one-night seminar on legal issues facing area farmers. The class will be taught by local attorney Alan C. Stout. The topics include real estate issues, general liability concerns, insurance considerations, potential liability, ownership/succession, forms of ownership, boundary disputes and hunting rights. Cost is \$35. The class meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Call 965-9294 for more information.

Crittenden cattlemen meet, eat Monday at cafe

Crittenden County Cattlemen's Association will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday at Marion Café. Meal is sponsored by Carol Hendrix Bull Sales. Call the Extension office at 965-5236 by Friday, if you are planning to attend.

Hunting license purchase would put voters on roll

A measure that would couple registering to vote with purchasing a hunting license has cleared the House Committee on Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs. Democratic state Rep. Terry Mills of Lebanon is sponsoring the legislation that now goes to the full House for consideration.



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Wildlife commission proposes changes; Caldwell to Zone 1

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed issuing 800 lottery elk hunt permits for the upcoming season, changing deer zones in 25 counties and opening modern gun season for deer on Nov. 13. Commission members at their March meeting also proposed archery-only and gun-only elk permits for the 2011-12 season.

The nine-member Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends hunting, fishing and boating regulations to the General Assembly. Legislators must approve all recommendations before they become law.

Commission members proposed several deer hunting zone changes for the upcoming season. Among the proposed changes, Caldwell County would go from zone 2 to zone 1. Higher zone numbers are more restrictive than lower zone numbers. Placing a county in a more restrictive zone generally helps to increase deer numbers in that county.

Deer harvest limits remain the same as last year.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission also proposed changes to deer hunting regulations on wildlife management areas (WMAs) for the upcoming season. Commission members proposed eliminating the bonus WMA quota hunt deer permit. This means a

2010 Deer Hunts

Proposed 2010-11 Seasons

Archery	Sept. 4 - Jan. 17
Crossbow	Oct. 1-17
Crossbow	Nov. 13 - Dec. 31
Youth Hunt	Oct. 9-10
Muzzleloader	Oct. 16-17
Muzzleloader	Dec. 11-19
Late Youth Hunt	Jan. 1-2
Modern Firearms	Nov. 13-28

hunter would no longer be able to harvest a second buck using a bonus WMA quota permit. This would not apply to managed hunts on federal military property, such as Fort Knox.

Also, hunters could only harvest one deer a day on WMAs, except during some quota gun hunts. Several changes were also proposed to hunting regulations on individual WMAs and state parks. Each of these changes will appear in the 2010-11 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, available this July. Look for the guide online at fw.ky.gov, or wherever vendors sell hunting licenses.

Commission members proposed issuing 800 permits through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's quota elk hunt drawing for the upcoming season. Of this number, 600 would be valid for antlerless elk (cow or a bull without visible antlers). Another 125 permits would be valid for bulls.

Free thistle spraying program


Crittenden County Extension, in cooperation with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, is sponsoring a free thistle spraying program.

The program will be open to seven landowners in the county. This program is on a first-come, first-served basis. A waiting list will be provided for selection of alternate participants in case of cancellation.

Also, next year's program will start with the alternate list. The landowner will be provided with use of a sprayer and enough chemical for 10 acres. After that, if the landowner chooses, he can continue to use the sprayer for an additional 10 acres,

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The program will take place on April 5-6. For more information or to place your name on the list, call 965-5236.



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CALDWELL CO, KY - 100 ACRES - \$1,679/ACRE - Primarily thinned pines with soft and hard wood pockets, several creeks, and pond

CRITTENDEN CO, KY - 264 ACRES - \$1,750/ACRE - 100 acres CRP / SAFE Program, established food plots, pond, balance in timber & brush.

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FFA CONTEST RESULTS

Crittenden County's FFA members competed at Regional FFA Proficiency Contests earlier this month at Madisonville. The following are results from the competition:

Event	Member	Rating
Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance	Jake Woods	Excellent
Specialty Animal Production	Rachel Jennings	Excellent
Beef Production	Ashlee Collins	Excellent
Ag Mechanics Energy Systems	Terry Werne	Superior
Ag Sales Placement	Courtney Todd	Superior
Ag Services	Brennan Cruce	Superior
Diversified Livestock Production	Joseph Tedford	Superior
Turf Grass Management	Stacia Snow	Superior
Wildlife Management	Matt Papineau	Superior
Secretary's Book	Chad Taylor	Superior
Treasurer's Book	Kari Buntin	Superior
Scrapbook	Lauren Miley	Superior
Specialty Animal Production	Kari Buntin	Superior 1st

-- Kari Buntin will advance to the state level contest to be held in June in Lexington at the State FFA Convention.
-- Also Courtney Todd and Taylor Davis completed Round 1 competition and will advance to state to receive their State FFA Degrees.

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Help children make smarter food choices

Need help with getting kids to make better choices and love the right foods? Food and Health Communications has provided these engaging activities designed to make fun quality time for all, rather than a battle.

1. Smell It
Fresh herbs engage many people. How fun to take a leaf, rub it between your fingers, or chop on a block, and smell a wonderful aromatic smell. Best bet? MINT! It is in some of their favorite candy and can go on top of fruits, and in salads. Together you can learn about herbs - smell them in the store and grow them in the summer.

2. Bake It
A great icebreaker and snack maker is to bake muffins. They can be a snack on the go, or they can be for breakfast or dessert. Of course you don't want to eat 12 in one day but you get the idea. Kids love to bake and then take to school.

3. Make It
You should keep this in mind. Do you really want them going into the world without knowing how to cook a decent dinner? No one has time for cooking lessons but they will have to make dinner and it is great to make it a

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family affair when you can.

- A 2 year old can help set the table or stir lettuce in a bowl.
- A 5 year old can make fruit plates.
- A 10 year old can assist with measuring and preparing one item.
- A 13 year old can make dinner. After they learn to cook, let them plan and execute a great dinner.

If you start cooking more at home and teaching them to help - you will get a built-in helper, a healthier kid, more quality time, spend less money and less time running around and better meals for all.

4. Buffet It
While an all-you-can-eat buffet in a restaurant is usually a recipe for disaster, it is a great idea at home! Why? Because you can cook a variety of healthy dishes to eat over the course of a few days. Everyone loves to come to the

kitchen and fill their plate with their favorite healthy food. And you can serve "just healthy stuff" so they will eat more of that such as pasta, lean chicken, veggies, salad and fruit.

5. Assemble It
Tacos, burritos, baked potatoes, salads - put out the healthy ingredients to make these and let them make their own. Everyone loves to be creative - even the picky eaters.

6. Ready It
The baby carrots, diced peaches, apples, watermelon, yogurt and more can be ready in the refrigerator. A beautiful bowl of bananas is on the table. Change them up so you don't get bored! If it is ready, it will be eaten - the path of least resistance is the surest way to better habits.

7. Earn It
The most surefire way to a better appetite is to burn more calories - run, walk, play - limit screen time.

Recipes to go along with these activities include Banana Mini Muffins, and Roasted Chicken Dinner for 3 Meals. To receive a copy of these recipes, stop by the Crittenden County Extension office at 112 W. Carlisle Street, call us at 965-5236.

CCES attendance winners



Crittenden County Elementary School's overall attendance during the sixth month of school was percent. In the lower elementary, Cecilia Curtis' first grade class was at the top a with 95.92 percent attendance rate. Pictured above (front from left) are Matthew Goins, Isabella Holliman, Jada Hayes, Tate Roberts, Donovan Clark, Xander Tabor, James Smurawa, Hunter Robison; (middle) James Crider, Seth Taylor, Jalaine Noel, Jessie Potter, Kyren Rozwalka, Kalli Champion, T.H. Nolan; (back) Gage Campbell, Alexandra Geary, Lily Gardner, Caden McCalister, Kacie Easley, Ally Newman, Tyler Boone, Isiac Diehl, Madison Landam; and Curtis behind her students.



The upper elementary school attendance winner was Tammy Brantley's fourth grade class with a rate of 95.4 percent. Pictured above (front from left) are Cheyenne Ward, Ben Clark, Samuel Winders, Jessie Payton; (middle) Kevin Tinsley, Dawson Doyle, Ricky Adkins, Wade Gilbert, Jacob Russelburg, Mauri Collins, Makensie Simpkins; (back) Madison O'Dell, Alyssa Snow, Logan Belt, Clay Croft, Carsen Easley, Daryan Duran, Leah Eggleston and Nikki Adams. Not pictured are Megan Chambliss and Justis Duncan.

Births

Hewitt

Zachary and Bethany Hewitt of Marion announce the birth of a son, Gabriel Allen Hewitt, Feb. 18 at Western Baptist Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Roland and Karen Benavides of Marion and paternal grandparents are Greg and Michelle Hewitt of Marion. Maternal great-grandparents are the late

Robert Fondaw and Edna Fondaw of Marion and the late Rolando Benavides and Roxanne Benavides of Taylor, Mich. Paternal great-grandparents are Charles and Joanie Glore of Marion and Paul and Elizabeth Sunderland of Lola.

Homemaker News

Challengers Homemakers

Submitted by Sarah Ford
The winter snow caused the Challengers Homemakers Club to postpone its February meeting one week. On Feb. 17, nine members met at the Christian Church fellowship hall and President Sarah Ford called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Challengers Club welcomed two new members, Sarah Mast and Joann Winn. Roberta Shewmaker gave the inspirational. Club members answered the roll call by naming something they do to keep their hearts healthy. We look forward to having two club members, Francis Turley and Rose Crider, who are recovering from broken bones, able to be back at meetings. The February club community service project was to decorate doors for residents at the Marion and Salem nursing homes, with a Valentine theme. The March community service will be donating cleaning items to the PADD office for low-income families. Upcoming homemakers events were discussed. April will be a busy month for homemakers with a spring seminar on April 22, Quilt Show on April 24 and the

Fashion Show on April 27. Club members voted to take part in the Homemakers County-wide Sewing Project, making chair back covers for a kindergarten class at CCES. Barbara Vaughn taught the lesson "Numbers to Know by Heart." We learned about the HDL and LDL cholesterol levels and the two numbers of blood pressure. High blood pressure usually has no symptoms, that is why it's so dangerous. It is important to have your blood pressure checked regularly. February was Heart Health month, it was noted that heart disease is the number one killer of women. Vaughn shared her personal experience of having and treating heart problems. Crittenden Health Systems donated very informative information on heart health and a heart pin for each member. We appreciate very much the dedication CHS has toward helping the people in our community become healthier. More information on making heart-healthy choices can be found at goredforwomen.org. Melissa Tabor, recreation leader, led the members in a fun game to close the meeting.

Crooked Creek Homemakers

Submitted by Wanda Rudd
The Crooked Creek Homemakers met on March 9 at the home of Sally Boyd, with nine members present. Several members were unable to attend, and their presence was missed. February's meeting was cancelled due to snow. Sally Boyd called the meeting to order and asked Sue Weaver to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Wanda Rudd gave the devotional, "Cupcakes," and read Hebrews 13:2 NIV. Sally and Wanda presented the lesson "The World of Container Gardening." Growing plants, either flower or vegetable, is possible with the proper container. Many vegetables and plants now come in smaller sizes developed for container gardening, making it possible for more people to have

fresh vegetables throughout the summer. Proper watering, fertilizing, container size and location will grow flowers or vegetables in very small places. Business mostly related to April's activities, which are the Quilt Show on April 24, and the Fashion Show April 27. The Fashion Show raises funds for the Crittenden County Extension Homemakers scholarship. Tickets can be purchased at the Extension Office. The Quilt Show is free, and anyone may enter their quilts for display. Quilts aren't judged, but visitors vote on a "People's Choice" quilt. The winner receives a plaque and gift certificate to a local restaurant. After a good lunch and fun visiting, we adjourned until our next meeting in April.



Hunt - Parker

Britne Paige Hunt, daughter of Mike and Julie Hunt of Paducah and Pam and Harold Grace of Marion, and Nicholas Paul Parker, son of Tammie Pluskota of Marion and Chris and Steve Wilson of Mesa, Ariz., were married Feb. 11, 2010 at Little White Chapel in Las Vegas. The Rev. Robert Stone officiated the ceremony. The bride is a 2004 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 2007 graduate of West Kentucky Community and Technical College. She is employed as the Visual Sales Manager at Dillard's in Paducah. The groom is a 2003 graduate of Crittenden County High School and is pursuing a business degree at Murray State University after serving six years active duty in the United States Army. A reception will be held to celebrate their marriage at 6 p.m., on March 27 at Lone Oak First Baptist Church in Paducah. All friends and family are invited to attend. The couple resides in Paducah.

Cooper - Riley

Miss Barbara Cooper and Mr. Rickey Riley, both form Marion, will exchange wedding vows on at 6 p.m., on March 26 at the Tolu Community Center. Bro. Jimmy Porter will conduct the ceremony. A reception catered by Dollie and Julie Tinsley will follow. The bride and groom request no gifts and no written invitations are being sent.

What would Mom say...



Big Blue Nation

Go-to guys going all the way

Big Blue Nation is still riding an immeasurable wave of excitement gliding out of the SEC Championship game. When it seemed like the game was lost, there was a perfectly-orchestrated missed free throw landing in the hands of John Wall followed by a buzzer-beating put-back by DeMarcus Cousins. Less than a tenth of a second kept the hearts of Kentucky fans everywhere from breaking. What a crazy afternoon filled with emotional (and blood pressure) highs. Add to that crazy overtime win a number one seed and Cats fans are back in heaven after the Gillespie years. When cyberspace is flooded with recaps and snapshots and opinions and polls and predictions and even the nay-sayers, who am I to throw in my two-cents worth about the Kentucky Wildcats' chances at an NCAA championship? Out of my league, for one thing, when it comes to analyzing the RPI, Pomeroy ranking and Sagarin strength of schedule. As nervous as they have made us blue-clad fans this season, I am picking them, for the record. Research and analyze all you want. It adds to the hype. Makes March even more maddening than it already is. In any research effort - term paper, Web MD, iPod sync catastrophes - the Internet is anyone's best friend. And it can be both a sports fan's best dream and worst nightmare in the days following and preceding games. UK basketball blogs have emerged through the years to offer countless tips, clips and analytical insight for the next game, and smack about this week's start of the NCAA tournament is going strong. We love it. For Kentucky fans, the wait is long. Like so many games this season, the Cats will make us nervous, but the go-to guys (need I mention Wall-to-Wall and his Cousin) will get the job done. Cats fans swam in a stagnant pond of disappointment for the last four years, but thankfully emotions have catapulted to the opposite end of the spectrum this season and returned the intensity in Big Blue Nation. Seems the hype is reminiscent to those years when the guy who coaches over at Louisville was on the UK sidelines. How sweet it is.

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Read Across America



Students and faculty of Crittenden County Elementary School celebrated Read Across America Day on March 2 by dressing up as characters from their favorite books and of course reading their favorite books to one another. Clockwise from left, Holly White, Crittenden County public information officer, reads a book to students. Levi Piper holds up The Cat in the Hat, the inspiration for his costume, which won him first place in Angel McDonald's morning preschool class. Middle school teacher and Rocket basketball coach Chad Hayes shares a Dr. Seuss book with CCES students. The winners from Dress up as Your Favorite Book Character are (front from left) Matthia Long, Holden Cooksey, Josh Land, Austin Lane, (Dr. Suess), Gavin Tabor, Emma Sosh, Kyrone Hicks, Gabe Mott; (middle) Cassie Suggs, Mia Armstrong, Morgan Barnes, Katie Ison, Kirsten DeBoe, Hayley Stinnett, Mauri Collins, Shea Martin, Lexus Hert, Brylee Conyer, Aubrey Conyer; (back) Noah Campbell, Sammy Greenwell, James Crider, Gage Campbell, Dylan Peek, Emmalea Barnes, Madison Champion, Jessi Brewer, Alexis Tabor, Darren Paris, Maggie Gray and Nathan Brantley.

Dycusburg News

Submitted by Matthew T. Patton
I received a few e-mails regarding the ferry at Dycusburg after posting a query in last week's issue.
If anyone has photos or information, several are eager to learn about the ferry and its operation at Dycusburg.
Please e-mail matthewtpatton@yahoo.com to share what you know.
A historic photo of John Anthony Greenlee

and Lurie Emeline (Doom) Greenlee was added to dycusburg.com last week. The couple are ancestors or relatives of many people in this area.
Happy belated birthday to Star Mahns (Feb. 19) and Jennifer Matthews (Mar. 14). They were accidentally omitted in last week's issue.
Get well wishes are sent to Randy Rushing, Lonnie Knight, J.E. Brasher and Parker Holapple.

Also, Patty Walker submitted this notation on the Dycusburg Facebook page: "Hadley Beth Peek, daughter of Todd and Ginny Beth Peek, needs all the prayers we can send her. Her grandparents Steve and Eunice Peek are from Dycusburg."
For more information about Hadley's condition, visit www.jesus313.com/?p=454.
Congratulations to Heather and Perry McDowell on the birth of their daughter, Eryn

McDowell and to Misty and Brad McDowell, on the birth of their son, Lucas J. McDowell.
We extend our sympathies to the family of Bobbie Jean Ramage, 76, who died Thursday, March 4. Burial was at Dycusburg Cemetery.
We also received word at this writing that Millie Cole passed away on Monday morning.
Share your news by e-mailing news@dycusburg.com.



On March 5, the Crittenden County Public Library hosted show and tell at Story Hour. Each child brought an item to share. Tabby (Padgett) Tinsley brought her dad, Dave "Chick" Padgett, as her show and tell item. He has worked at Martin Marietta Aggregates Three Rivers Rock Quarry for 35 years. He told the kids about the proper, safe way to run a bulldozer. Martin Marietta supplied plastic hard hats, squishy rocks and coloring books for each child. Above, Padgett is pictured with the participants, who are (front from left) Carly Travis, Avery White, Noah Highfil, Carly Porter, Anthony Federico; (back) Colton Gilland, Dave "Chick" Padgett, Luke Highfil, Jeremiah Foster, Brady Belt and Avery Belt. Library Story Hour is every Friday at 10 a.m. Preschoolers ages two through five are welcome to attend.

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Hello,

My name is Xavion Beckett Hall. I am almost 16 months old. Last year your church put me on your prayer list and boy did those prayers work. God is so good all the time. All the time God is good.

I just want to tell you how I am doing. I haven't had any chemo for awhile and the doctor did an MRI on March 4 and said it looked clear. I will have an MRI every 3 months, so keep those prayers going up.

My family is so thankful for Christian people like you that beleive in prayer. God loves doing MIRACLES!

Thanks again and God bless, we hope Xavion will grow up to do mighty things for the Lord.

Hall & Gardner Families

‘Under God’ will stay in pledge

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court upheld the use of the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance and “In God We Trust” on U.S. currency, rejecting arguments Thursday that the phrases violate the separation of church and state.

The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel rejected two legal challenges by Sacramento atheist Michael Newdow, who said the references to God are unconstitutional and infringe on his religious beliefs.

The same appeals court caused a national uproar and prompted accusations of judicial activism when it decided in Newdow's favor in 2002, ruling that the pledge violated the First Amendment prohibition against government endorsement of religion.

President George W. Bush called the 2002 decision “ridiculous,” senators passed a resolution condemning the ruling, and Newdow received death threats.

That lawsuit reached the U.S. Supreme Court in 2004, but the high court said New-

dow lacked the legal standing to file the suit because he didn't have custody of his daughter, on whose behalf he brought the case.

So Newdow filed an identical challenge on behalf of other parents who objected to the recitation of the pledge at school.

In 2005, a federal judge in Sacramento decided in Newdow's favor, prompting the appeals court to take up the case again.

Judge Carlos Bea, whom Bush appointed in 2003, wrote for the majority in

Thursday's 2-1 ruling.

“The Pledge of Allegiance serves to unite our vast nation through the proud recitation of some of the ideals upon which our Republic was founded,” he said.

Bea noted that schools do not require students to recite the pledge, which was amended to include the words “under God” by a 1954 federal law. Members of Congress at the time said they wanted to set the United States apart from “godless communists.”

Chess team falls short at state

Four Crittenden County Chess Teams fought hard but came up short at the Kentucky State Team Chess Championships in Louisville Saturday.

The high school team of Corey Mayes, Joseph Tedford, Will Hayes and Alex Kirby fought to a draw with Louisville Trinity, defeated Oldham County, and then lost to Louisville Manual and Louisville Atherton to finish ninth.

Cody Pinson placed third in the tournament for alternate players.

The middle school team of Marcus Hughes, Micah Hollamon, Cole Foster and Cameron McDaniel defeated Meeyek Middle, fought to draws with Lexington Middle

and Sayre Middle, while losing to SCAPA to finish sixth. Jantzoon Croft won three games and tied for fifth in the tournament for alternate players.

The elementary school team of Clay Croft, Jared Lundy, Clay Stevens and Logan Belt defeated Murray and lost to Middletown, Johnson Elementary and Jackson Independent.

Corbin Wilson played in the tourney for alternate players and won one game.

The primary team of Riley McConnell, Ethan Stone, Chase Stevens and Dennon Wilson defeated Jackson Independent, fought to a draw with Middletown while losing to Hayfield and Stonewall Elementary.

Churchnotes

- Evangelist Jamey Ragle will preach revival at Pinckneyville Baptist Church, located at 1005 Pinckneyville Rd., at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday and at 7 p.m., Monday through March 24.
- The Gage Boys will be singing at 6 p.m., March 28 at Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lola. Pastor Larry Buchanan invites everyone to attend. Refreshments will be served after the singing.
- The Family Life Center at Marion Baptist Church is open Monday from 5-8 p.m., Tuesday from 5:30-8 p.m., and Thursday from 6-8 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., for anyone who would like to walk on the walking track or workout in the weight room. This is free.
- Creek Side Baptist Church, on U.S. 60 near Salem, will have community singing at 6 p.m., Sunday. Everyone is welcome.
- The Marion Ed-Tech Center is hosting a pastor's forum called 'Substance Abuse and Your Congregation' from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., on March 25. Pennyrite Narcotics Task Force Director Cheyenne Albro and Chaplain Mike Chambers will be leading the forum. Pastors, youth ministers and other faith-based counselors are welcome to learn about drug abuse, recognizing symptoms and helping techniques.

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Correction

On last week's CCHS honor list, sophomore Corey Berry should have been on the all A list instead of the A/B list.

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Press reporter set out on sojourn to outlying towns

Mr. J.B. McNeely was the press scribe back in 1912. As he visited all the little towns, he would write about them and share the news with the readers of The Press. Through these little entertaining articles, we can learn a lot of history about our towns. Here are some of McNeely's news items. He named his column, *J.B.M. Still On The Go*.

July 4, 1912 – He visits the towns of Repton, Mattoon, and Gladstone

Leaving Marion Monday morning we made our first stop at Repton. This is a beautiful little town situated north of Marion near the I.C. railroad. It consists of two general merchandise stores, one church, a school house, blacksmith shop and a number of dwelling houses and post office. Mr. Perry is post master.

Mr. W.S. Jones is carrying a stock of general merchandise. When in need of goods, call on him. H.T. Summers, is, or was, the village blacksmith, but since we called on him he has lost his shop and mill, of which we reported last week. After spending the day in and around Repton we pleasantly spent the night with J.J. Farley.

Tuesday morning we called at Mattoon. Bart Summerville is the general dry goods merchant there and sells goods to all the people around and about. After this "burg," we next made "Nunns" (Gladstone). It is a railroad town situated in a narrow valley but is reachable by several county roads, therefore it is quite a business point.

Brantley and Arlack are dealers in general merchandise. When in need of dry good or groceries, call on them. R.R. Crowell is the people's blacksmith, horse shoeing is his specialty. When in need of blacksmith work, call on him.

We remained there for several hours. Spent a pleasant night with the aged John M. Gilbert, he is one of the old landmarks in that section. He is 87 years old and his wife, Perneice, is 85. They have been married 60 years. Mr. Gilbert tells of many interesting events of the past.

July 25, 1912 – Visits to Weston and Shady Grove

Brenda Underdown

Forgotten Passages

Area historian and genealogy



Weston is situated on the Ohio River and consists of two dry goods stores, a blacksmith shop and drug store and post office. Weston has a fine boat landing.

There are a number of elegant dwelling houses beautifully situated with large front yards, which give them a fine appearance.

E.C. Travis carries a complete line of pure drugs, prescriptions are filled at all hours.

Our friend P.M. Ward is making his home in this village. The professor speaks in high terms of the citizens of Weston and they deserve it. We were only here about one hour and did some good business. We left with an impression about this little town on the placid waters of the beautiful Ohio.

Shady Grove is situated in the eastern part of Crittenden County near the Webster County line. It is a village of about three hundred inhabitants and the merchants are enjoying a good trade.

There are three dry good stores, one hardware store, one drug store, grist mill, post office and cold drink stand.

Here are the names of the business firms as we take them from our notebook:

Drs. Jeff McConnell and G.C. Collins are the physicians, and there are no better to be found in this end of the state. They carry a stock of drugs in connection with their professional trade.

Owen Beard wants to sell you your cold drinks. Give him a call.

Messrs J.H. Lamb and W.F. McDowell are the blacksmiths and they can make anything from a horseshoe nail to a stream thresher.

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***** August 1, 1912 – Visits to Sheridan and Tolu**

Our first stopping place was Sheridan. This is one of the blooming little towns situated on the highway between Marion and Tolu. We talked to Mr. Lawrence Tackwell, the mail carrier.

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A.J. Bebout carries a full line of general merchandise and is one of the first citizens of Sheridan.

E.F. Sullenger is handling a fine line of dry goods. He also

wants to buy your livestock. He is well posted on the market.

J.R. Bagwell is the village blacksmith, and the children coming home from school look in at the open door. They love to see the flaming forge and hear the bellows roar.

Miss Reba Bebout is the polite post mistress.

Just a little further on is Irma, where W.A. Tackwell is the merchant in charge. He is a dealer in general merchandise and does a good business.

The next town was Tolu, and the first business place we entered was the Farmer & Merchant Bank. Zed A. Bennett is the efficient and polite cashier. Mr. Bennett informed us that the Tolu Bank was doing a prosperous business, having \$100,000 on deposit. Tolu has three dry goods stores, one bank, one drug store and one hardware store.

Charley Thomas is giving satisfaction as postmaster.

J.N. Tabor is the hotel man. He will furnish you a square meal at any hour.

We were in Tolu about two hours, but we were there long enough to do some good business. In fact, we called at every business house and a number of dwelling houses.

Among others we met Richard Knight, a merchant there, after a few words we were both surprised to find that we knew each other away back in our boyhood days.

Time was about up, and the steamer Abigail was com-



At left, Brantley and Arlack's store located in Nunns (Gladstone). They were dealers in general merchandise and most everything one would need. Ewell C. Travis stands in front of the drug store in Weston with his horse while his wife, George Ann, sits on the porch.

ing up the shoot and we took passage for Fords Ferry. Jim Rankin is handling a line of general merchandise at this place. There are a number of families living there, and they appear to be happy and contented.


See you next trip around the county.

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News from 1985:

- Crittenden County magistrates voted to close the landfill.
- Deputy Sheriff Perry Glore and Greg Rushing cataloged glassware found at the McMichigan Cemetery on the old Cave In Rock Road. The beakers, flasks and piping were taken in a January break-in at Frazer labs in Marion. Dangerous chemicals taken in that break-in were also found in two locations near Crayne.
- Dennis Tabor of Frances was pictured re-shingling a house on Maxwell Street, which was owned by his uncle Oren Mil-

likan.

- The Crittenden County Board of Education approved kindergartners to go to school for full days for half of the week.
- The Marion Woman's Club was pictured installing new officers, including president Judy Winn, Cecilia Brock, Sandy Gilbert, Barbara Wight, Nancy Hunt and Doris Rushing.
- Ricky Patton was pictured attempting to wrestle a bear at Wright's Trade Center in Marion. He lost.
- Brian Smith of Salem was pictured delivering a flying kick to another wrestler.
- Troy Armstrong was pictured shooting a layup with Mike Padgett and Todd Turley waiting for the rebound attempt in the regional game against Henderson County, which the Rockets lost 76-48.

News from 1960:

- Members of Troop 107 were pictured in a skit depicting the scope of the Girl Scout movement at the 48th anniversary celebration at the Marion United Methodist Church.
- Bill Hunt of Hunt Brothers Feed Store was pictured shoveling snow in front of the store. The snow pile was so large, he estimated it would stay there until the summer months. The courthouse was also pictured under about 10.5 inches of snow.
- The first water conservation stamp appeared for \$.04.

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Area News Briefs

Walk of Honor is selling new bricks

Memorial bricks are again on sale for the Veterans Walk of Honor at Blackford in rural Crittenden County.

Dan Witherspoon, coordinator of the Blackford project, said the new memorial brick project will be about 20x20 feet. The group has already sold more than 500 memorial bricks in the first phase of the project.

Bricks cost \$50 each, up slightly due to rising costs. They should honor military personnel either active or retired.

To place an order, call 965-3878 or go online to BlackfordKy.com.

All proceeds go toward maintenance of the Veterans Walk of Honor.

County workers will get raise

Action by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court will mean a three-percent pay raise for non-elected county employees.

A salary freeze for the past two years has prevented raises for those workers.

The county has about 65 non-elected employees, including sheriff's deputies, jail deputies and clerks.

The raises will appear on employees' checks the first pay period of July.

Campaign signs can't be too close to state highway

As the political campaign season heats up, Kentucky Department of Highways crews face an increasing number of campaign signs on the state highway right of way — signs that must be removed for safety purposes.

Acting State Highway Engineer Steve Waddle said state highway workers are required to remove and discard hundreds of signs during each election cycle. The signs can pose hazards for drivers and for maintenance crews.

"Signs on the right of way often restrict sight distance near intersections and create a hazard in the 'clear zone,' which is the recovery area for motorists who run off the road," Waddle said. "They also interfere with maintenance activities such as roadside mowing, which will be starting soon."

Kentucky law and Transportation Cabinet policy prohibit the placement of political or other advertising signs on state right of way, including signs attached to utility poles within the state right of way.

Illegal signs will be moved to the state highway garage in each county and kept for two weeks. Owners may claim them by showing identification and completing a claim form. Unclaimed signs will be discarded.

"Employees who are removing signs are acting in the best interest of all motorists and of maintenance crews," Waddle said. "We appreciate the public's cooperation and understanding."

Three sentenced in Crittenden Circuit Court last week

Three individuals were sentenced to jail time last week in Crittenden Circuit Court.

Judge Rene Williams imposed sentences on Karl Dempsey York, Richard E. Sutton and Kyle Tercero during proceedings last Thursday.

York, 45, of Pigeon Drive in Marion was sent to jail for one year on a third-degree rape conviction. He had pleaded guilty to raping a girl under the age of 16 one year ago.

Sutton, 52, of U.S. 60 in Marion was sentenced to jail time after pleading guilty to DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to notify driver's licensing agency of a change of address. He was sentenced to 90 days on the two misdemeanors and one year for the felony, which was second offense possession of drug paraphernalia. The sentences are to run concurrent.

Judge Williams sentenced Tercero, 30, of Marion to a total of five years in prison on a variety of charges. He pleaded guilty to second-degree fleeing or evading police, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and second degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

Former Marion woman featured on Fox News report

An Owensboro woman was charged with assault after she allegedly squirted breast milk into the face of a deputy, according to Fox News reports.

The incident and news reports sparked online debate last week in the national and statewide media.

Toni Tramel, 31, formerly of Marion, was arrested Thursday for public intoxication in Owensboro, according to Lexington television station WYMT. As Tramel changed into an inmate jumpsuit, she squirted a stream of breast milk into the face of the female deputy overseeing her.

A press release from the Daviess County Detention Center said that after the deputy decontaminated herself from the "bio-hazard," Tramel was charged with third degree assault.

The public drunkenness charge was just a misdemeanor, but the assault is a felony. She was lodged on a \$10,000 bond.

The case sparked online debates about whether using breast milk as a weapon should constitute a felony assault case. Some readers likening it to an accused person spitting on an officer. The term "bio-hazard" to describe breast milk by the detention center also created a stir.

2 plead guilty to pot charges in fed court

Carl "C.J." Russell Belt Jr., 37, and Charles "Bobby" Robert Blackburn, 67, both of Crittenden County, pleaded guilty last week in U.S. District Court in Paducah to conspiracy to manufacture marijuana.

Belt and Blackburn admitted that they entered into a conspiracy with co-defendant Alvin "Nicky" Nicholas Davis, also of Marion, to grow more than 100 marijuana plants, according to a Department of Justice news release.

State police detectives said they located one of the patches in July and eventually filmed Belt cultivating and pruning the plants. Police searched a building owned by Davis in Marion and seized about 400 harvested plants.

Judge Thomas Russell will sentence Belt and Blackburn on June 10 in Paducah. Davis had a hearing on Wednesday of this week.

Schools test in upper third for all western Kentucky

Crittenden County's EXPLORE scores place in the top third of western Kentucky counties, while the county's PLAN scores place in the top two thirds of western Kentucky counties.

EXPLORE and PLAN are ACT prep tests given to middle school and high school students, respectively. The tests are set up in a similar format and timing structure to help increase students' college readiness.

The EXPLORE results from the current school year are the highest ever in Crittenden County in each subject and the composite of all subjects. Also, the scores are above the state averages in all categories, scoring in the top 20 percent.

In the EXPLORE science subject, CCMS was ranked second out of 34 western Kentucky counties. In four years, the English score has risen 1.2 points.

The PLAN scores are on target with the state averages, except in math, where CCHS is .3 behind, and in English, where CCHS is .4 ahead, otherwise CCHS is equal to the state.

Compared to 29 western Kentucky counties, CCHS is in the top two thirds, with English being the only subject bringing CCHS into the top half. However, compared to the state, CCHS is in the top 55 percent. English brings the high school into the top 37 percent.

Fraliex pleads to charges, receives 30-day jail term

Former Caldwell County High School boys' basketball coach and teacher Michael Fraliex, 36, of Fredonia pleaded guilty last week in Lyon Circuit Court to six counts of obtaining a controlled substance through fraud, commonly known as "doctor shopping."

Lyon County Circuit Judge C.A. "Woody" Woodall III sentenced Fraliex to 10 years in prison, deferred for five years. He is required to serve 30 days in jail. If he has no further criminal issues during the deferment period, the felony charges will be dismissed, according to his attorney Bart Frazer of Marion.

Also as part of his guilty plea, Fraliex agreed to drop his appeal of his firing from Caldwell County schools and to give up his teaching certificate, Carrie Wiggins, assistant common-



T&T Concrete of Marion pours part of the new Marion Baptist Church parking lot. Work should be complete next week on the project. The church lot was previously gravel. It has been used by patrons and merchants who shop and work downtown as a citywide parking facility and will continue to be used that way during the week, say church officials. Zac Thomas of T&T Concrete said the project will use about 400 yards of concrete delivered from Ohio River Concrete in Marion. That equals about 1.6 million pounds. It will cover about 20,000 square feet of flat-work and 700 feet of curbs, gutters and retaining walls. Preparation of the site included the removal of 100 tri-axle loads of dirt and the addition of more than 600 tons of compacted rock for the base. Dale Kemper, chairman of the church trustees, said the lot will be striped with 40 parking spaces. Once the concrete is finished, the church will plant flowers and shrubs in the irrigated islands. Plans are to open the lot for Easter Sunday.

wealth attorney, told The Paducah Sun.

Fraliex was arrested in January 2009 after a state police investigation.

Fraliex faced similar charges in McCracken and Livingston counties, but they were dropped as of October 2009 without prejudice, meaning they could be reinstated.

Fraliex also faces three counts of the same charges in Crittenden County. He has an April court appearance on those charges.

Fraliex coached at Caldwell County for five years and also taught political science at Caldwell County High School. He was a high school basketball star at Caldwell before playing for Western Kentucky University.

Webster's animal warden facing cruelty charge

John H. Dunn, 50, of Dixon has been charged with second-degree cruelty to animals, a misdemeanor, following an investigation last week by the Kentucky State Police.

Trooper John Komar was investigating a neglect complaint last Thursday at the Webster County Dog Pound when he discovered that the food, water and shelter being provided for the dogs was inadequate. The investigation is continuing by the Kentucky State Police.

Conway lowers Atmos rate plan

Atmos Energy has agreed to reduce its rate increase request by almost 38 percent, Attorney General Jack Conway announced Friday.

The agreement limits Atmos to a general increase of approximately \$6 million, a decrease of approximately \$3.5 million from its original request, according to a news release.

The Public Service Commission, which must approve the settlement, has scheduled a hearing for 10 a.m. May 11 in Frankfort.

Brown Idol finalist

The American Idol contestant with ties to Marion remains in the Top 12 of the popular Fox Television show.

Lacey Brown, the tall, slender redhead, is the daughter of David and Connie Hibbs Brown, both graduates of Crittenden County High School. Her parents have been seen in the audience of the show, which takes votes via phone and text messages from across America each week.

Brown's grandparents and great-grandmother are also from Marion.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, March 18

- ✓ Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at 11 a.m., Thursday (today) at the Extension Office.
- ✓ Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m., Thursday (today) in the hospital education building. All members are urged to attend.
- ✓ Crittenden County Cares will be meeting at the old Health Department at 6 p.m., Thursday (today).

Friday, March 19

- ✓ The Heart-to-Heart Advisory Council will meet at 8:30 a.m., Friday, March 19 at the Senior Citizens Center. The public is invited to attend.
- ✓ Screening for preschoolers only will be held at Crittenden Elementary from 1-5 p.m., Friday. Bring proof of income, state birth certificate, immunization certificate, social security card and insurance or Medicaid card. For appointments, call 965-5846.

Saturday, March 20

- ✓ Crayne Cemetery Association will have a cleanup day at the Crayne Cemetery beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday. Rain day will be March 27.
- ✓ Crittenden County Public Library will hold a free seminar titled "Spring into Wellness" at 1 p.m., Saturday. For more information and to reserve a space, contact Debbie at 965-1606.
- ✓ Western Kentucky Quilters is having a meeting from 1-3 p.m., Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Morganfield. For more information, contact Martha Hargrove at 952-6360.

Monday, March 22

- Spring pictures will be taken at Crittenden Elementary Monday.
- ✓ Jim Pearce Camp 2527, Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet at 7 p.m., Monday at the George Coon Public Library in Princeton.
- ✓ Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 5:30 p.m., Monday in the CCHS teachers' workroom.

Tuesday, March 23

- ✓ Marion Main Street will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday at the Welcome Center board room in Marion Commons. If you have any questions please call Susan Alexander at 965-5015.
- ✓ A vegetable soup and chili supper will be held from 5-8 p.m., Tuesday 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.

Wednesday, March 24

- ✓ PACS Crittenden Senior Citizens Center will be hosting a free tax service from 9 a.m., until 1:30 p.m., March 24.
- ✓ PACS Crittenden Senior Citizens Center will be hosting the Lifeline Program with Julie at 10:30 a.m., March 24.

Thursday, March 25

- ✓ Crittenden Elementary SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., March 25.
- ✓ The annual Arts Extravaganza will be held at 6 p.m., March 25 at Crittenden Elementary.

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New directors of the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum are (from left) Hugh Highfil, Jim Christensen and Fred Lynn.

Mineral museum names 3 directors

Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum is planning a full season of field trips, commonly called digs, this year.

Anyone interested in geology, educational or fun things to do for the family should contact the mineral museum for a tour or dig.

The museum has increased its board members by three and each has a unique kinship to rocks. The new directors are Hugh Highfil, Jim Christensen and Fred Lynn.

Highfil is a retired school teacher and coach. His family has a lengthy history of working around the spar mines in the Frances community.

Christensen is CEO of Crittenden Health Systems.

Rocks and minerals have fascinated him from the time he was a child.

Lynn worked as a core driller for years and still enjoys visiting vacant mine sites and spinning yarns with his drilling buddies.

Other board members are Chairman Bill Frazer, Ed Clement, Brad Walker, Ronnie Millikan, B.J. May and Fred Stubblefield. Tina Walker is the museum coordinator and manager.

Hospital salutes Campbell for 30

Crittenden Health Systems has recognized Vicki Campbell, a medical technologist, for her 30 years of service in the laboratory department at the hospital. The longevity and experience of staff

like Campbell, is a testament to the lab's quality and the service it provides to the community, said Donnetta Travis, marketing director for the hospital.



Campbell

Shareholders re-elect Farmers Bank directors

Shareholders of Farmers Bancorp, Inc., of Marion re-elected its same slate of directors for 2010-11 during their annual meeting Tuesday at the bank.

Gareth Hardin, CEO of the bank, was re-elected chairman and Sandra Stevens was elected secretary for the board.

Board members are William McConnell, Wade Berry, Morris Hodge, Hardin, Joe Yarbrough, Alan Stout, Richard Peek and Bill Frazer.

Farmers Bancorp ended 2009 with assets of \$133.2 million, up slightly from the previous year.

Stevens will serve on park board

Rob Stevens has been appointed to the Marion-Crittenden County Park Board Tuesday by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court.

Stevens will fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Paul Belt, the former park board chairman.

What's going on with people you know in Crittenden County? Do you have an item for Spotlight? Please, let us know.

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BOXES

Continued from page 1
Tuesday night after a resident questioned whether there is a city ordinance requiring her to install a curbside mailbox.

"No, that's strictly from the post office," City Administrator Mark Bryant said.

Bryant said he and Police Chief Ray O'Neal visited with the local postmaster last week after the latest round of letters went out.

"I understand where they're coming from," said Bryant. "It's a cost-saving issue."

Bryant said the postmaster explained to him that installing rural boxes in town is not mandatory.

Mayor Mickey Alexander said his mother received a letter and he suggested she neither install a box nor sign and return the letter as it requested.

"We'll let my mother be a test case and see what happens," the mayor said. "The letter said she had four weeks to put one up and I told her not to do it."

Councilmen Darrin Tabor and Dwight Sherer said they would never endorse a city sponsored act to compel residents to install rural boxes on city streets.

Letters were mailed last week, Chandler said. He said his boss in the postal service is requiring him to push for rural boxes in Marion. Attempts to contact the person Chandler named were unsuccessful.



Trash Foul

The City of Marion has taken the rims off two basketball goals at Veterans Memorial Park on North Weldon Street. City Administrator Mark Bryant said the rims were removed last week as punishment for a park foul. Bryant said he has personally appealed to park users to quit leaving their trash scattered about the grounds. There is a trash can at the park, but cups, cans, wrappers and other debris have been left for city workers to pick up several times in the past couple of weeks. Bryant says the rims will stay down until the place is cleaned up by those who use the park.

Authorities crack 2 more meth labs

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department and the Pennyriale Area Narcotics Task Force have found and destroyed two more methamphetamine labs.

Deputy Greg Rushing said those were the third and fourth active labs found in the past two months. They were both located and dismantled last Thursday.

One was located on the shore of the Ohio River upstream from Elizabethtown Landing. The area was accessible only by boat or by foot across rugged country. Officers believe the drug makers had used a boat to get to the area and lawmen did too in order to clean up the lab. A fisherman had noticed the apparatus and reported it to authorities.

The second lab was reported by a landowner. It was found off Irma-White Road in rural Crittenden County.

Rushing said residents should remain vigilant against meth-makers who have started looking for remote locations to cook the highly-addictive stimulant. Rushing says looking for

these far-flung operations is somewhat like tracking down old-time moonshining stills or pot patches.

"But this isn't as much work as moonshining and it's a lot more dangerous," he said. "And whereas marijuana growers might take months of tending to grow and harvest their crop, meth only takes a few hours."

Rushing said the four meth labs found since the first of the year testify to a resurgence in the drug's use locally.

"We have found more labs in the past couple of months than we found in the previous four or five years," Rushing said.

Three face charges after allegedly stealing items from fluorspar mill

STAFF REPORT

Three local people face theft and trespassing charges following an incident last week that started at the old Cerro Mine in Crittenden County.

The fluorspar mine and plant is owned by Hastie Mining of Cave In Rock, Ill. The company has recently started preparing the site to process fluorspar it plans to mine nearby.

A watchman for the company was checking on the facility last Wednesday morning because it had been recently burglarized. A few weeks ago, burglars stole hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of metal parts and wiring so the company was keeping a close eye on the place as construction work is underway.

The watchman encountered two men and a woman at about 10:30 a.m., at the facility, which is off Ky. 723

near Salem. He phoned authorities who headed toward the plant, but the alleged intruders got away in two different vehicles, a pickup and an SUV.

Crittenden and Livingston deputies began searching for the vehicles and had already begun their investigation into items known to be missing from the fluorspar plant. Crittenden Deputy Greg Rushing was in Wheatcroft looking for the items believed to have been sold earlier that day at a scrap yard when the pickup with the three suspects inside was seen headed in his direction.

State Police Lt. Brent White was en route to Morganfield at about 1:30 p.m., on another assignment along with state police Capt. Nathan Kent and Calloway County Sheriff Bill Markham. White, who knew of the investigation, realized

he was following one of the suspected vehicles so he notified Rushing. The pickup was stopped in Union County and officers found more items in the bed which they believe had been stolen from the mill.

Charges were filed against Tracy Peek, 53; Teresa Angel, 47; and James Jeff York, 43, all of Marion. All three were lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center.

Peek was charged with second-degree receiving stolen property (under \$10,000), third-degree burglary and two counts of second-degree criminal trespassing. York was charged with burglary, receiving stolen property and criminal trespassing. Angel was charged with burglary, receiving stolen property and two counts of criminal trespassing.

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The 2010 Crittenden County track team is (front from left) Annabelle Stringer, Kaitlyn Moss, Michaela Williams, Zoie Black, Laken Tabor, Whitney Johnson, Lauren Hunt, Casey Stalion, Ragon Dossett, Jordan Millikan; (middle) Lacy McConnell, Diana Bradford, Khyla Moss, Ethan Hill, Robert Cudnik, Andrew Freeman, Zach Tinsley, J.R. Adams, Ian Cartwright, Kaylin McConnell, Jacob Berry, Mason Templeton, Ashley Collyer and Ruth Gobin; (back) Coach Ronnie Moss, Devin Wallace, Clint Asbridge, Lasse Thunbo, Steven Werderman, Allen Kirk, Patrick Nielsen, Max Busch, Daniel Price, Stephon Cozart, Dylan Crabtree, Daniel Patton and Coach Angela Starnes.

Kitty League

The Kitty League will see play from the Farmington, Mo., baseball team this season, but under a new banner and ownership.

The Browns, formerly the Firebirds, are owned by Ted Kapnick. The new name pays homage to the former St. Louis Browns of the American League.

The Kitty League houses four other teams: Marion, Owensboro, Fulton and Tradewater. Former teams, Sikeston and Union City, will not be playing in the 2010 season.

The Browns come to Marion on June 4 in the home season opener.

Soccer

Crittenden County Youth Soccer registration is in its last week. 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.

Girls Soccer Goalie Club

The Crittenden County High School and Middle School girls soccer goalie club meeting is at 5 p.m., Thursday (tonight) in the CCHS library. All parents and players for the 2010 fall season should attend. Call 988-3564 with any questions.

Hunter Education

A free Kentucky Hunter Education course is scheduled for Saturday at the Pleasant Valley Archery Club on Ky. 293 South in Providence. Registration is required.

For questions or to register, contact Darrell Hill at 667-2283.

Rocket track and field team houses experience and youth

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County track team is welcoming back runners, jumpers and throwers, some of whom have competed at the state level, and enjoying new, young, promising contenders.

The boys are being led by a triad of seniors, J.R. Adams, Patrick Nielsen and Allen Kirk. Adams and Nielsen were state qualifiers last year.

"These guys lead vocally and also have great work ethic," said Coach Angela Starnes.

The girls are senior less, but have several returning state qualifiers to lead the team in Laken Tabor, Kaitlyn Moss and Lauren Hunt.

"We don't have a senior, so their future looks very bright," Starnes said.

The boys and girls teams are seeing increased numbers this season, which has been lacking in the past few years, Starnes said.

The Rockets have also been blessed with three volunteer

coaches with experience in jumping and throwing and distance.

Robert Yehling will return as distance coach.

Brothers Kenny Moss and Ronnie Moss will be instructing the young team on jumping and throwing, respectively.

"It will be great to have coaches that specialize in the jumping and throwing events," Starnes said. "With their assistance I can see us being stronger and more competitive in those events."

Tabor, Moss and Hunt will be the experience for the girls sprints and relay teams.

"With the addition of Whitney Johnson to the 400- and 800-meter relay teams, a return trip to state is definitely within their grasp," Starnes said.

The foursome of Nielsen, Adams, Robert Cudnik and Andrew Freeman will be a solid 400- and 800-meter relay team.

The boys distance running

team consists of a large field of newcomers.

"They have positive attitudes and are willing to do what it takes to help the team," Starnes said.

Zoie Black and Michaela Williams will be leading the girls long distance races. In field events, Moss, Hunt and Ashley Collyer will repre-

sent the experience in the jumping events.

Kaylin McConnell and Katelyn Newcom will lead the younger girls in discus and shot put.

On the boys' side, Daniel Price will lead the younger players in discus and shot put, while Nielsen will be the only returning jumper.

2010 Crittenden County Track and Field Schedule

March 30 at Marshall County All Comers
April 2 at Marshall County Susan G. Komen Race for a cure
April 13 at Union
April 15 at Webster
April 22 at Hopkinsville All Comers
April 29 at Caldwell
May 6 at Union
May 11 at Caldwell (Senior night)
May 18 at MSU - Murray/Calloway All Comers
May 24-29 at Regional Track Meet
June 4-5 at Louisville State Finals

2010 Crittenden County Track and Field Roster

Seniors		
J.R. Adams - middle distance, sprints	Stephon Cozart - shot, disc	
Allen Kirk - middle distance, sprints	Dylan Crabtree - shot, disc	
Patrick Nielsen - sprints, jumps	Ethan Hill - middle distance	
Steven Werderman - hurdles	Kaylin McConnell - shot, disc	
Juniors		
Max Busch - middle distance	Daniel Patton - middle distance	
Robert Cudnik - sprints	Daniel Price - shot, disc	
Andrew Freeman - sprints	Morgan Williams - shot, disc	
Lauren Hunt - sprints, jumps	8th Graders	
Whitney Johnson - sprints, jumps	Ashley Collyer - hurdles, jumps	
Katelyn Newcom - shot, disc	Ruth Gobin - sprints	
Casey Stalion - sprints	Zach Tinsley - middle distance	
Laken Tabor - sprints, jumps	7th Graders	
Tommy Templeton - hurdles	Jacob Berry - distance	
Lasse Thunbo - middle distance, sprints	Diana Bradford - middle distance	
Sophomores		
Zoie Black - distance	Lacy McConnell - middle distance	
Ragon Dossett - sprints, jumps	Khyla Moss - shot, disc	
Jodan Millikan - middle distance, sprints	Annabelle Stringer - middle distance	
Kaitlyn Moss - sprints, jumps	Freshmen	
Devin Wallace - shot, disc	Dominique LaPlante - manager	
Michaela Williams - distance	Angela Starnes - head coach	
Freshmen		
Clint Asbridge - middle distance	Robert Yehling - assistant coach	
Ian Cartwright - middle dis-	Ronnie Moss - assistant coach	
	Kenny Moss - assistant coach	

Basketball Banquet



The Crittenden County boys basketball team celebrated the season with a banquet on Sunday. Pictured above are (from left) Casey Oliver, MVP offensive award; Patrick Nielsen, best attitude award; Coach Chad Hayes; Dylan Clark, MVP defensive award; and J.D. Gray, most improved award.

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Kentucky ranks fourth in the nation for number of farms with 83,000, just behind Texas, Missouri and Iowa, bringing home \$4.82 billion from the sale of agricultural products in 2007, according to Kentucky Department of Agricultural News. Those farms are an average of 165 acres.

Crittenden County has 698 farms with an average of 157 acres per farm, according to the 2002 U.S. Census.

From 1997 to 2002, the number of farms in the county stayed at 698, but the average size of a farm grew.

In 2007, Crittenden farmers harvested 14,200 acres of corn for grain, 25,000 acres of hay and 800 acres of wheat for grain.

In 2006, the top five agricultural exports from Kentucky were unmanufactured tobacco, live animals and meat, soybeans, feed grains and wheat.

Facts

- Americans consume 17.3 billion quarts of popcorn each year.
- Eating about 20 tart cherries a day could help reduce pain from inflammation and headaches.
- Darker green lettuce leaves are more nutritious than lighter green leaves.
- An egg shell can have up to 17,000 tiny pores on its surface.
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Hunters take aim at coyotes Saturday

STAFF REPORT

It doesn't take a whole lot of money to get geared up for coyote hunting, and it's a year round sport.

For Ricky Elder of Marion, hunting coyotes was once a byproduct of deer or turkey hunting. Now it's much more than that.

"The first one I ever killed was by accident," says Elder, 51, who works at Marion Tire Co., in Marion. "I was turkey hunting and saw this coyote coming around the edge of a field. So I started calling to it with my slate turkey call and he came into shotgun range."

"That's really what got me interested in it," he said.

Now, Elder has all of the trappings of a true coyote hunter. He reads predator hunting magazines, has several types of mouth calls and an electronic device for luring them into range. He even has a .22-250 rifle, specifically zeroed in at 300 yards for coyote hunting.

This weekend, Elder and other area outdoors enthusiasts will be competing in the second annual Hodge's Outdoor Sports Coyote Hunting Contest.

"I hunted in the contest last year and didn't see a thing," admits Elder.

Hunting these wily crea-



Ricky Elder harvested these two coyotes during a recent outing in Crittenden County.

tures is just as challenging – if not more so – than gunning for bucks and bearded toms.

"You have to mask your scent. Like deer hunting you have to pay attention to the wind or they will smell you," said Elder. "And you have to wear camo from head to toe like you do turkey hunting."

Daylight and dusk are the best opportunities for catching coyotes in the open, but Elder says they can be hunted all day long. He likes to hunt any terrain, but says hunting near livestock pens can be rewarding, especially when cows are having calves.

"They're just like dogs around the house. They take a nap then get out and roam around some," said Elder. "They will be hanging around if cows are calving or where people keep goats or sheep."

Coyotes are very territorial, he explains. Right now is a good time to use challenge type calls, mimicking another male because it's breeding season.

"You have got to be able to see your downwind side," Elder says. "That's the way they're going to try to come in. If they think it's prey or another coyote, they will try to get a scent of it first."

Coyote howls or yelps are good ways to get attention, but injured prey calls such as a rabbit or pup distress are also very effective.

Most of his shots are within 200 yards. Elder uses a 55 grain bullet so he can reach out farther if necessary.

"They don't call them wiley for nothing," he said. "They are sneaky and you really have to pay attention to wind and stay in the shadows. I like to hide in cedar trees and never set up facing into the east where you'll be looking into a bright sun."

Elder generally hunts alone, but plans on teaming up with Gene Koerner, a local pastor, for this weekend's contest. Deadline to enter is Friday.

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FIRE

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young firefighters.

Hunt said that the breathing apparatus that firemen use when they enter a burning structure is for young lungs.

"Some of us are getting too old to wear it," he said.

For the new firemen, it's an exciting time, but fighting fire isn't fun and games.

"It takes a lot of time, but it's rewarding," said Head. "I had talked to (Magistrate) Curt Buntin several times about getting it started back. Tolu's fire department was having to cover Sheridan and now it's nice for us to be able to offer mutual aid."

Buntin, also a county magistrate, said he's pleased to see the young people interested in the fire department.

"A bunch of us guys were about their age when we all got together way back when and started the fire department," Buntin said.

The department still has a very good building, some operable equipment and money in the bank, which made restarting it easier, Head said. But all of the vehicles were in bad shape.

"When we got started back last month, there wasn't a single vehicle that could pull out of the station," Head explained. "Now we have a pumper and tanker."

The department had two non-functioning pumpers and neither could be repaired based on the new team's findings. So they took \$2,200 and bought a 1971 pumper from Lafayette, Ky. The 1960s era tanker will roll, but is still in need of some repairs, Head said. The old equipment is being sold. Although the equipment is serviceable, Head said the crew is just now ready to re-

spond with its equipment. Some issues regarding certification to operate all of the trucks and use the gear remains for some of the newer members, but those are

being addressed, he said. Otherwise, the volunteers are now capable of providing manpower for fires and other operations in the Sheridan area.

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