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TipLine offering reward in Front **Porch burglary**

The Front Porch Restaurant on South Main Street in Marion was burglarized on the night of Sunday, March 13 or early hours of Monday, March 14. Police Chief Ray O'Neal said intruders broke a lock and hasp off the back door and stole a \$300 cash register, which had inside about \$200 in cash. It's the second time the restaurant has been burglarized in the past year. Tipline is offering a reward for information leading to an arrest. Call 965-3000 and remain anonymous.

Bluebird boxes available from random drawing

Crittenden County Conservation District will distribute approximately 30 bluebird boxes next month. The conservation district provided the materials for students in Larry Duvall's class to construct the boxes. Anyone interested in receiving a bird box should send a postcard with name, address, and phone number to Crittenden County Conservation District, Bluebird Box Drawing, 118 East Bellville Street, Marion, KY 42064. Only one per household. Names will be randomly drawn from postcards received by noon, April 8. Those selected will be noti-

Meetings & More

fied by phone or mail.

Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors normal monthly meeting will be held in conjunction with its annual meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 31 at the Marion Baptist Church Family Life Cen-

✔ Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8 a.m., Thursday, March 31. On the agenda are bid openings for asphalt and limestone rock, and discussion of the county's 2011-12

Clerk's office closed Saturday

Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk Madeline Henderson's office at the courthouse will be closed Saturday due to a mandatory computer system upgrade.

ON THE WEB **Press Online Poll**

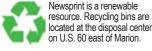
This week's poll at The Press Online asked readers to answer the following question: "What substance do you think teens most commonly abuse?" Here is what 340 re-

Alcohol 178 (52%) Marijuana 61 (17%) Prescription drugs 82 (24%) Cocaine/Heroin 6 (1%) Aerosols/Inhalants 10 (2%) Others 3 (0%)

spondents said:

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Crittenden County Detention Center inmates sort recyclable items at the convenience center on U.S. 60 east of Marion. The center is open five days a week. Call 965-0892 for more information about local recycling.





LOCAL STUDENTS **KIP Survey**

Following are data from last year's KIP (Kentucky Incentives for Prevention) Survey as reported by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities and the Division of Behavioral Health. The study was completed across Kentucky, including at Crittenden County Schools with help from local staff. Students in four grades were asked the following questions and provided the following answers:

In the past year how many, if any, of your best friends have tried alcohol when their parents didn't know about it? (Percent that answered one or more friends)

Grade ►>> 6 8 10 12 Crittenden 11% 45% 70% 86% Region 12% 39% 66% 75% State 13% 38% 66% 75%

How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly everyday? (Percent that answered 'Moderate' or 'Great' risk)

Grade ➤> 6 8 10 12 56% 64% 61% 57% Crittenden 52% 56% 55% 56% Region State 53% 56% 55% 56%

On how many occasions (if any) have you had alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or hard liquor) to drink - more than just a few sips – in the past 12 months? (Percent that answered at least

one occasion) Grade ➤> 6 8 10 12 Crittenden 8% 23% 57% 63% 6% 25% 48% 60% Region State 6% 24% 47% 59%

-- 29% 52% 65%

National

On how many occasions (if any) have you had alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or hard liquor) to drink - more than just a few sips - in the past 30 days? (Percent that answered at least one oc-

8 10 12 Grade >→ 3% 10% 32% 35% Crittenden 2% 11% 26% 36%



National -- 14% 29% 41%

On how many occasions during the past 30 days have you been drunk or very high from drinking alcoholic beverages? (Percent that answered at least one occa-

6 8 10 12 Grade ➤> 0% 10% 20% 31% Crittenden Region 1% 7% 21% 31% 2% 8% 21% 30%

Think back over the last two weeks. How many times (if any) have you had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row? (Percent that answered at least one occa-

sion) Grade >→ 6 8 10 12 Crittenden 0% 8% 12% 21% 1% 7% 16% 23% Region 2% 6% 16% 23%

How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to drink beer, wine or hard liquor (vodka, gin, etc) regularly? (Percent that answered 'Wrong' or 'Very Wrong"

6 8 10 12 93% 80% 57% 51% 96% 82% 63% 50% Region 95% 82% 63% 52%

To read the entire KIP Survey go online to the following URL: www.the-press.com/Crittenden-CountyKIP.pdf

Teenage cocktail

Students say alcohol is readily available, many are using it

BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN

PRESS REPORTER

High school senior Jenna Franklin says she's been in situations where fellow students were drinking, but she hasn't partaken.

In fact, it's not uncommon for peers to have a few drinks say Franklin and other Crittenden County classmates who were surveyed earlier this year.

"It's definitely not unusual to have a friend to drink a little bit over the weekend," Franklin said. "I've been in a situation more than once where alcohol was involved. I think that as a person, you have to make the choice to be responsible and know that this is something that you don't want to do when it comes to drink-

ing.' Sophomore Daniel Patton hasn't ever been in a situation like Franklin, where people have been consuming alcohol. But that doesn't mean he couldn't get a six pack or a bottle of bourbon in short order. It's easy to find, although alcohol sales are prohibited in Crittenden County because by statute this is a dry-

option territory. "If I really wanted some, I could pick up my phone right now and make one call," he said. "It's not that hard to get alcohol. There are a lot of young adults in this county that will get

you what you want." Despite the availability of the alcohol, neither student drinks, but both believe doing so is a personal choice.

"I don't drink because my parents have raised me with higher standards and I don't want to disappoint them," Patton said.

"Drinking alcohol is a personal choice and it's one that I'm okay doing without," Franklin

Both students agree that it is important to have an open line of communication with par-

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Kentucky sheriff to speak Thursday at school, church

BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN

Drug and alcohol addiction and how to get help will be the key talking points by a sheriff speaking today at the high school and tonight at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Curtis McGehee, the Muhlenberg County sheriff and an ordained minister, has been actively fighting drugs for several years, focusing primarily on methamphetamine. He will talk directly to Crittenden County High School students during an assembly at 2 p.m., and at 6 p.m., tonight (Thursday) he will be at Emmanuel Baptist in Greenwood Heights. The church program is open to the public.

Marilyn Belt, a church member and director for the Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community, says McGehee has a powerful message for teens and adults.

"If you watch The Press and read online,

you see that the drug problem is huge right now," said Belt, who is a caseworker for the Cabinet for Families and Children and sees first-hand the troubles drugs and alcohol have on the community.

"There are no barriers to the problem," she says, pointing out that substance abuse can affect one at any age and any station in life. McGehee, she said, has keen observations

about drug abuse. Starting out as a chaplain for the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Department in the 1990s, McGehee was named as a drug prevention coordinator in the late 2000s and it

was then that he saw first-hand how drugs,

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Museum opens with timeless sketch display

Due to declining operating revenue, the Crittenden County Historical Museum will be open just four days a week this season.

The museum, located at the former Presbyterian church on East Bellville Street, will open on April 6 for the 2011 term. This spring, summer and fall, it will welcome visitors from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays

'Our operating funds for maintaining the museum are at a low this year due to low interest rates and other unexpected costs to the Braxton McDonald Foundation. That's where most of our operating funds come from," said Brenda Underdown, a member of the museum's board of direc-

Admission to the museum is free, but donations are welcome.

"Donations can help us to keep the doors of the museum open for the public," Underdown added. Roberta Shewmaker will return as curator

Crittenden County Public Library has donated to the museum a series of pencil sketchings of some of Marion's leading citizens and businessmen in 1954. These 8x10 drawings appeared weekly in the fall of 1954 in a local newspaper, the now defunct Marion Reporter. Portrait pictures were drawn by local artist Arthur Byford. The series was titled "Sketches of our Leading Cit-

These portraits have been on display in the li-



Librarian Regina Merrick displays a couple of the sketches donated to the museum.

brary meeting room for several years. Librarian Regina Merrick and library trustees decided that the sketches might be enjoyed by more people at the museum. The museum will also have some additional history to go along with the pictures.

Crittenden County's museum houses a variety of interesting items and historic novelties, said Underdown. Antiques, war uniforms, letters, sports memorabilia and more are on display.

Hefty fine

Farm tags can cost motorists in Illinois

Having that colorful Kentucky farm license plate might end up costing a great deal out on the road, yet providing potentially few benefits at

That's the general advice clerks at the Crittenden County Courthouse are providing farm tag holders who are renewing their



vehicle registration and plates this month. Because, if you drive into Illinois and your vehicle has a farm license plate, you could end up paying a \$1,000 fine unless you're in compliance with laws in effect across the Ohio River.

In Kentucky, vehicle owners can license their rigs with farm plates without having to buy an additional IFTA (International Fuel Tax Agreement) sticker. In Illinois, the IFTA sticker is required for any vehicle licensed at more than 26,000 pounds – which is how vehicles with farm tags are registered right now. There are some new regulations aimed at solving the problem in Kentucky, but it hasn't gone into effect.

"They're not fooling," said Curt Buntin, a county magistrate who owns and operates a trailer sales business.

Buntin keeps a watchful eye on department of transportation rules and regulations in Kentucky and other states. He travels outside of Kentucky

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The Press News & Views

What if the foundations are destroyed?

...What can the righteous do?" Ps. 11:3.

This question was posed 3,000 years ago. America's urgently needed answer was given 2,000 years ago. No answer is utilized, however, until the need for it is recognized.

Can any, even half observant American, not see that our foundations have been destroyed? A little over 100 years ago 97 percent of Americans claimed faith in Christ in the Protestant persuasion. The others were 2% percent Catholic and onethird Jewish.

As the noted French historian Alexis de Tocqueville of the mid 1800s reminds us, "It must never be forgotten that religion gave birth to Anglo-American society.'

We were built on a strong and solid Judo-Christian foundation growing in great and wonderful ways. Our morals were high, all life sacred, homes strong, divorce rare, legalized abortion unheard of, moms stayed home and raised children, fathers made the living and supported the moms and teachers in discipline. Adultery and fornication were rare, shacking-up instead of marriage was not even on the radar, illegal drugs were unheard of, there was little crime, kids heard prayer and Bible reading in schools and homes, homosexuality was not openly accepted, samesex marriage was not even in the private or national conversation, communism was not in history books and very few knew what the word Muslim meant.

We won World Wars I and II then Americans began to fall away from God, church, high morals, love of family and country. They began to love money over morals, feelings over faith and party over principle. They elected liars, adulators, fornicators, homosexuals, supporters of such, and supporters of abortion. These deceivers pulled us into a one-world government with communists, pagans, atheists and Muslims. Our three branches of government became guilty of every one of



the aforementioned stupid, ignorant, shameful hell-bent sins that 100 years ago were not even talked about and we have won no wars since.

Any takers on saying our foundations have not been destroyed?

When Israel obeyed God He made it the envy of the world. When it began to take in other religions and commit abominations - such as we have - He laid Israel waste. The country and its people have been the reproach of the world ever since. Now their very existence is on the line, and if attacked we will be dragged into a truly world war. It will be us against the rest of the

They know our once wor-

recessed for the weekend

without an agreement. The

House, led by a Democratic

Beshear's plan to shift Med-

icaid money from next year

to cover the shortfall in the

current budget cycle. The

governor, also a Democrat,

said funds shifted from the

2012 year could be made up

by linking managed care

contracts with private com-

panies to lower Medicaid

costs. Unanticipated revenue

from continued economic

improvement across the

commonwealth could also

favored

majority

ship of Him also made America the envy of the world and still Israel won't turn to Him. Israel still depends on our protection.

How long will America be bedazzled by things and business as usual as was Belshazzar until the night a big feast and abusing the Lord's sacred vessels was occurring? For him, the Lord's handwriting on the wall appeared with instant retribution meted out with the hordes of Medes destroying him and taking the kingdom. See Daniel 5.

America, the hand writing is on the wall. We have been weighed in the balances and found wanting as did Bels-

Remember, when God started to destroy the earth with a flood He "saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of his heart was only evil continually," Gen.

"For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage... and knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:38,39.

Remember Sodom? The very night before they were burned alive, they were demanding homosexual orgies with the two angels God had sent to warn Lot.

All of the evil and evil planning is orchestrated by the enemy of the whole world, using poor duped humans to get his dirty work done, then laughs, as not only they be dragged down to hell, but the poor, deceived, uninformed, unrepentant dragged to hell with them.

So what can the righteous do? Paul gives the answer in Ephesians 6. He says put on battle armor to win over Satan - paraphrased: We must produce Christ's followers in truth; our hearts righteous; know the truth and carry it where we walk; above all be shielded with faith; have our minds truly saved; and know the word of God which is a two-edged sword; and praying always.

and Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 10:4-6, "The weapons of our are through God, pulling down strong holds... casts down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and brings captive every thought to obey Christ, and is ready to revenge all disobedience, when our obedience is fulfilled."

These are the only weapons that will ever win the battle we are all in. No politician, party, military or enemy will win any other

God is waiting for us to use these weapons, so He can hear from Heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land. Aren't your soul and your loved ones worth getting armored up for, and praying until He answers?

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Light may be flickering at end of Medicaid tunnel

Special Kentucky Legislative Report

Gov.

Legislators agree gov's plan leaks

By DARYL K. TABOR

After six days in special session, Kentucky House Democrats agreed to a deal Monday with their Republican counterparts. They believe the pact will also serve as a compromise with Senate leadership over how to fill a \$139 million Medicaid budget shortfall.

A deadlock over how to balance the 2011 Medicaid budget ended Kentucky's regular session of the General Assembly earlier this month and forced Gov. Steve Beshear to call lawmakers back to Frankfort to find a solution to the deficit before April 1. By that time, if the

House and Senate have not agreed on where to find \$167 million to close the Medicaid gap, the governor will have to cut entitlement reimbursements to hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacists and other health care providers by up to 35 percent. Such a drastic reduction in payments from the joint state and federal program for even the final three months of the current fiscal year could force some providers to close their doors.

Rep. Mike Cherry, a Princeton Democrat, said that could cost Kentucky force many of the state's 800,000 Medicaid recipients to choose between health care and other necessities.

The House proposal is considered a starting point to keep that from happening. Last Friday, lawmakers

hospitals like Crittenden Health Systems and others a combined \$135 million and

help close the gap. That plan differs greatly from what the GOP-con-

trolled Senate has proposed. As last week came to a close, Senate Republicans held firm against shifting

funds from year to year and

depending on unrealized

savings and revenue to make up the difference. Instead, the Senate's plan is to reduce government spending across the board, including education. GOP leaders claim the governor's plan will not work and that it is simply kicking the budgetary problem down the road like the proverbial can. That, they say, would create an even greater spending prob-

lem for lawmakers to start

the 2012 session in nine

"The House has not proposed any across-the-board cuts, though I and others realize that cuts might be necessary next year if these savings fail to materialize,' said Cherry in his weekly legislative column. "Still, I think another across-theboard budget cut – it would be the eighth in three years -

should be a last resort, not the first resort."

Minority Democrats in the Senate, including Sen. Dorsey Ridley of Henderson, have also opposed the all-inclusive government cuts offered by the GOP, especially those to the classroom.

A conciliatory approach, Monday's bipartisan House proposal that passed 94-4, concedes that the governor's plan could fail. If the intended savings through managed care do not materialize by Aug. 15 of this year, the plan essentially allows for subsequent cuts to state government, sparing educa-

It was unclear at press time how the proposal would be received by Senate leadership and what concessions might be necessary for the bill to make it to the governor's desk. The chamber had already adjourned when the House measure was approved Monday evening.

"The Senate now appears willing to assume more savings from managed care, but still wants across-the-board cuts," Cherry wrote in this week's column.

Cherry, who voted in favor of Monday's House proposition, said there is optimism an agreement can be reached this week.

However, "the feeling is strong that if we cannot by Friday, it is likely the stalemate will be considered permanent," the Princeton Democrat said. "We would then adjourn and leave the governor to manage the Medicaid budget shortfall as best he can."

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Don't just wait for a chance, work to pass it forward

Giving a second chance to someone can make the world of difference in their lives. For some, that opportunity might be more than a second or even third chance they have been given to get things back on track.

As a person who has endured many ups and downs on the walk of life, I speak from the heart, and how important it is for each and every one of us to never give up on a troubled friend, family member or even someone you barely know.

Help can be provided in many forms: Being a role model or mentor; giving a



person with a questionable legal record a chance; or going out of your way to just be there for a person when nobody else is.

The past few years, I felt lost personally, even though on the outside I seemed to be doing just fine. Managing two hotels at once in the

Lexington area appeared to show success. However, underneath were troubles. I truly believe my personal problems came from being away from church and God. I was lost – one of the sheep that got away from the flock and refused to heed the shepard's calls.

A move back home did not go as planned last summer and after a few stumbling blocks, one person decided to step up and take a chance on me. Despite the risks and possible negative impact, he gave me a job. Having worked for him before - my first job in high school - there was a friendship and familiarity already established.

A paycheck wasn't the only thing I desired. I also needed a positive environment and a means for communicating with people. My boss often wise-cracked that it's in my employment contract to attend church and Sunday school. I don't think he meant it literally, but logically it made a great deal of

Since being hired at The Press in October, I've joined the Marion United Methodist Church - and I might add, I no longer need the contract issue to keep me going. The most important thing

this person did for me was provide an open door. Through it, I continue to search for myself and return to the flock, under the shepherd's grace. My faith has returned. along confidence that I lacked in myself to do the right things and become a positive and productive member of society and my community.

What I want to convey with this message is that there is probably a person out there somewhere who is in need of your help. They might not ask for it, or even

know they need it. You may not even know who they are right now. Please, open your eyes, arms and heart to the possibility of helping others. Those who can be saved or helped may never get a chance if you don't.

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Boogers: Keep them to yourself

Boogers.

It's an ugly word. My three-year-old daugh-

ter likes to say it then hide her eyes and giggle. She knows it's not nice and shows her childish

shame by covering her mouth with one hand. We shouldn't say booger in public and we shouldn't

do a number of other things we do, especially on the Internet where time and space separates us from the intended and unintended consumers of our thoughts

Had the honor and privilege of speaking to a group of eighth graders recently as part of the Read Across America program at the middle school. At the invitation of program coordinator Sharron McDaniel, I took the opportunity to caution the young teens about pitfalls of growing up in the Information Age (e.g., narcissistic self revelations exposed to the public on the Web).

Polled the room of students and about 90 percent



had a cell phone. These devises have made life simpler in many ways, but more complicated in others. They're like tiny bullhorns but much more powerful. The volume on these phones goes much louder than anyone realizes. A simple, silent text message can reach a painful din affecting sender and receive alike. The biggest issue is that facsimiles of these messages can be sent by the receiver to countless others without appropriate discretion

Have you heard Charlie and Sheen Muammar Gaddafi lately? Not sure they're applying appropriate discretion to their thoughtsturned-words either.

Just because you think it don't mean you need to say it... text it, post it, Twitter it or Facebook it.

I admonished the young audience in the classroom to avoid sending or posting anything they wouldn't want their preacher to hear or see.

I think that's fairly sage advice for the Age of Information. There's a paradox to this era we are living in. Sure it's easy to send and receive information. Information, or words (i.e., logic, knowledge). is indeed key to the entire universe. The Word is a mighty powerful tool as testified by the Gospel of John, who said it was with God in the beginning, is God and is part of everything in the uni-

The contradiction comes from two muzzles: How can the Word which is so awe inspiring also be so damaging and have so many shortcom-As demonstrated time and

again, sticks and stones fail

as weapons when words

carry a malignant, sharp edge. Additionally, in this age of information, we are too often crutched by the limitations of the emotionless texted word instead of interpersonal communication that has advanced us this far in the first place.

Have your ever gotten to a point in a fingertip conversation that you give up and say, "Oh, just call me"?

Remember, booger is an ugly word. You know it, I know it and my three-yearold knows it. So why say it? Let's keep our boogers to ourselves. Each of us has plenty and we don't need everyone else's boogers. Don't text, post or blog anything you don't want in the written (permanent) record. Gotta say it, do it face to face. It will still be a booger, but at least it will disappear quicker.

Evans is the publisher and editor of The Crittenden Press. His column appears periodi-

cally in the newspaper.

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Baker makes Dean's List at LWC

Torey Baker, daughter of Reese and Susan Baker, made the Dean's List at Lindsey Wilson College for the fall term of 2010 with a 4.0 GPA. Baker is a 2010 graduate of Crittenden County and is in her freshman year.

DeWeese named as Interim principal

Debbie DeWeese has been named Interim Principal at Livingston Central High School for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. DeWeese, a graduate of Liv-

ingston Central High School, began her teaching career in Livingston County. She spent approximately 20 years at LCHS where she



served as an English and political science teacher, and also as assistant principal. She transferred to Paducah Tilghman High School in 2000 where she served as assistant principal until her retirement in the fall of 2010.

DeWeese is an experienced administrator who brings to the district an extensive knowledge of school curriculum and instruction, according to school system personnel. Dale Reid, former principal, has been transferred to another position within the dis-

Crider named to bank management

Farmers Bancorp, Inc., held its annual stockholders meeting last week at Farmers Bank and

Trust Company's main office in Marion. The bank is wholly owned by Farmers Bancorp. It reported strong annual earnings of

Crider

\$22.61 per share. "We had a very good year and the management transition has

gone very well," said President and CEO Wade Berry. Berry became President and took over daily management of the bank on Jan. 1, 2010. He became president and CEO on Jan. 1 of this year, following the retirement of long-time CEO Gareth Hardin, who remains active as chairman of the board.

The bank introduced Assistant Vice-President Paja Crider as the newest member of its upper management staff. She joins Berry, Vice-President Barrett Belt and Executive Vice-President Chris Cook on the management

Cook was also named to the nine-member Bancorp Board of Directors, joining Berry, Hardin, William G. McConnell, Joe Yarbrough, Bill Frazer, Alan Stout, Morris Hodge and Richard Peek.

The bank, which has \$132.2 million in assets, reported that its loan portfolio increased by \$1.5 million last fiscal year. Berry said this spring the bank

plans to dress up the now vacant lot next door to its headquarters on Main Street. The bank bought and tore down the former Dollar General building with plans for future expansion. Walls on the exposed brick buildings will be painted in the coming weeks, Berry said, and other improvements will be made very soon.

Travis recognized during white coat

ceremony

Crittenden County native Justin Travis was recognized during a White Coat Ceremony earlier this month at Indiana University School of Optometry. Travis, the son of Tammy Travis and Brett Travis, is in his second year of optometry school. He completed undergraduate studies at Kentucky Wesleyan.

The White Coat Ceremony is held at many health profession campuses, including osteopathic



Justin Travis is recognized during a White Coat Ceremony at Indiana University School of Optometry.

medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and optometry. It is designed to establish a psychological contract for students that stresses the importance of caring as a significant aspect of healing and serving patients.

Travis continues his coursework and clinical training and will graduate optometry school in 2013.



Above are members of the Blue Knights chess club that competed in the individual state tournament in Bowling Green recently. They are (front from left) Coach Greg Hollamon, Riley Mc-Connell and Chase Stevens; (back) Marcus Hughes, Micah Hollamon and Cameron McDaniel.

Blue Knights successful at state chess tournament

assembled in Bowling Green recently for the Ken-State Individual tucky Championships. Chess Five members of the Crittenden County Chess Team competed and all five won at least two games.

In the high school division, two freshmen represented the Blue Knights. Marcus Hughes won three games and won 8th place overall. Micah Hollamon also won two and a half games, placing 9th overall.

In the middle school division, Cameron McDaniel won two games and finished 15th overall. He won a trophy for finishing 3rd among players rated under 1000.

In the primary division, Chase Stevens won three games and won 8th place overall. Riley McConnell also won two and a half games, placing 10th overall in the primary division. The last event of the year

BEFORE

The best individual play- for the Blue Knights will be Western Kentucky Univerers from around the state April 16 at the Western sity Campus in Bowling Kentucky Open on the Green.





CCES spelling bee

Crittenden County Elementary School held a spelling bee Thursday in the multipurpose room where they had 12 finalists competing for prizes. The finalists were determined after each third-through fifth-grade homeroom held a spelling bee March 10. Farmers Bank of Marion donated savings bonds and trophies to the top three places in the spelling bee. Winners were Jorden Claycomb, third place with a \$50 savings bond; Lauren Gilchrist, second with a \$75 savings bond; and Kimberly Mast, first with a \$100 savings Bond. The finalists included Chloe Daniels, Hannah Bell, Ellie McGowan, Zac Claybrooke, Rose Lewis, Jake Gibson, Mauri Collins, Hayley Stinnett and Alyssa Snow. Pictured to the left is Bell as she prepares to spell her word.

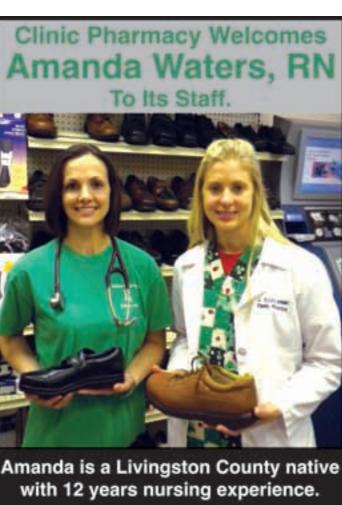


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Obituaries

Holloman

Linnie Louise Holloman, 73, of Marion died Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at Crittenden Hospital.

She was a member of the Marion Order of Eastern

Surviving are her husband, Robert L. "Bob" Holloman of Marion; a son, Mike Combs of Franklin, Ky.; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, Tom Gilliand of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and a

of Marion. She was preceded in death by her first husband, George Combs Jr; parents, Tom and Vancie Gipson; a

sister, Mary Francis Jones

brother; and two sisters. Services were Saturday, March 19 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Ordway

Ronnie Ordway, 66, of Marion died March 18, 2011 at Jewish Hospital Louisville, Ky.

Ordway was a pre-press printing technician and a member of

Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife. Karen Ordway Marion; sons, Chris Or-

dway and wife Christine of Elizabethtown and Jared Ordway of St. Louis; a granddaughter, Ashley Mulder of Elizabeth town; and a grandson, Jeremy Ordway of Elizabethtown.

preceded in He was death by his parents, Clifton and Vernetta Winters Ordway.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Monday, March 21 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with Rev. Frank Mc-Callum and Rev. Wendell Ordway officiating. Burial was at Hurricane Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hurricane Cemetery Fund, c/o The Peoples Bank. P.O. Box 231, Marion, KY 42064.

Jones

Anna Pearl Jones, 64, of Fredonia died Sunday, March 20, 2011 at Salem Springlake.

Surviving are three brothers, William "Redbird" Jones, Raymond Jones and Carter "Junior" Jones, all of Fredonia; five sisters, Hilda Krydynski of Chicago, Ill., Bonnie Cruce of Princeton and Mary Sue Cruce, Earlyne Roberts and Maxine Beavers, all of Fredonia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Carter and Eva Mae Rushing Jones; and two brothers, James Elvis Jones and Robert Lee Jones.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 23 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Burial was at Fredonia Cemetery.

Ringstaff

Toney Bell Ringstaff, 75, of Burna died Monday, March 21, 2011 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

She was a member of Hampton United Methodist Church and was a cafeteria cook at Livingston Central High School for more than 20 years.

Surviving are three sons, Ricky Ringstaff of Ledbetter, Glen and wife Tammy Ringstaff of Princeton and Scott Ringstaff of Burna; five grandchildren, Alex, Tanner, Kaylee, Jarren and

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Ringstaff; and her parents, Barney and Beulah Glass.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 23 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Burial was at Hampton Cemetery.

Fredonia died Monday,

March 21, 2011 at Regional

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tine Thomas of Kuttawa;

William and Isabella Paige Spalding; a brother, James

Dale Harris of Marion; three

by his father, William Albert

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Harris; and step-father,

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Virginia Highfil, 92, of Lincoln Park, Mich., for-

merly of Princeton, died Fri-

day, March 18, 2011 at

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habilitation Center in West-

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wife Helen of Garden City,

Mich., James L. Duvall of

Orlando, Fla., and Curtis

Wayne Griffin of Dycusburg;

and two nieces, Virginia

Bingham and husband Roy

of Eddyville and Bernice

death by her first husband,

Hubert Farmer; her second

husband, J.L. Highfil; five

brothers, Willard Matthew

Rogers, Pierce Rogers, Mar-

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Rogers and Elbert Eugine

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Arnella Stinnett and Roby

Rogers. Her parents were

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Minnie Rogers.

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He was a retired store

Surviving are his wife,

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Funeral Home in Princeton.

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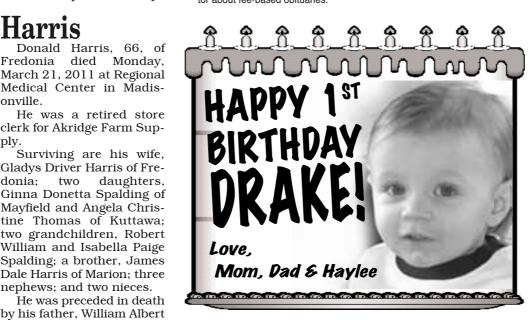
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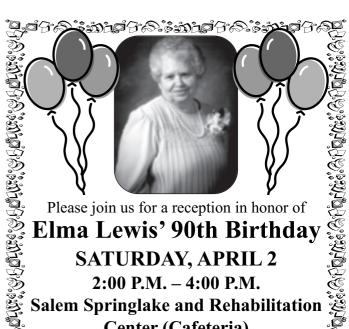
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City considering water/sewer increase to help pay line work

An ordinance introduced at Monday night's regular meeting of the Marion City Council is aimed at raising water rates over a three-year period as mandated by provisions in a \$1.2 million loan agreement with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA).

The rate increase formally introduced will, if approved next month, raise rates over the next three years on a graduated scale started at five percent next year, 4.5 percent the following year and 1.5 percent the third year. The increase will amount to an additional \$102.48 paid by minimum use water and sewer customers over the next 36 months starting July 1. That comes to an average of about \$2.85 more a month.

Sewer rates would go up exponentially as well because they are charged at a rate of 75 percent of the monthly water bill.

Mayor Mickey Alexander presented two rate-increase options for the council to consider. He told the elected officials that one was the minimum increase the city could adopt in order to meet requirements made by KIA. The other was a bit higher and would give the city some extra money for maintenance and repair.

KAI is requiring the city to

PRICE INCREASE At a Glance

Current charges

Water Minimum \$16.36 Sewer Minimum \$12.25 Proposed for 2011-12 Water Minimum \$17.18 Sewer Minimum \$12.86 Proposed for 2012-13 Water Minimum \$17.95 Sewer Minimum \$13.44 Proposed for 2013-14 Water Minimum \$18.22 Sewer Minimum \$13.64

*Cost for additional usage will increase at the same rates.

boost its water rates slightly in order to qualify for a loan to replace the water lines along Main Street in Marion. KAI has approved a \$900,000 grant for the \$2.1 million project. The balance will be borrowed at one-percent interest for 20 years. City Administrator Mark Bryant said additional grants in the coming years could also be secured to pay down the debt.

The council rejected a proposal of raising rates five percent each year for three vears. Instead, they chose the lesser cost to consumers, but made one change to the proposed plan. They reversed the graduated scale. KAI's minimum re-

quirement called for a systematic increase in water rates starting at 1.5 percent the initial year and going up to five percent the last year.

The council figured it

would be best to change the incremental rate hikes, starting with the largest increase first. That will generate more revenue over the three-year period, which could help with maintenance and repairs, and perhaps even a capital improvement project such as drawing raw water from the old Lucile Mine and piping it to the water plant. The city's raw water source, Lake George, was close to dry a few weeks ago. Spring rains have recharged the lake, but city leaders remain concerned about the long-term consequences of not having an adequate backup for raw water.

The mayor said there will be added expense on the water and sewer department to solve the raw water issue. The additional funds would help offset those costs, he said.

By switching around the incremental increases from highest rate increase first to lowest increase last, it will mean more revenue for the city over the next three

The city has about 1,600 water and sewer customers.



The levee and riprap rock wall protects Smithland from the swollen Ohio and Cumberland Rivers which converge at the historic river

Smithland staying dry thanks to earthen levee built in 2005

For the first time since its new flood wall was built more than five years ago, the City of Smithland has reaped the true benefits of the earthen levee. Recent rains have swollen the Ohio and Cumberland rivers which converge at the historic rivertown. Flooding has been a part of her past, but now, Smithland is high and dry thanks to its flood wall built in cooperation by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Kentucky Department of Highways in Livingston County, the Livingston County Road Department and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The levee is built largely along U.S. 60 at the west edge of Smithland. That levee is now protecting the state highway and several nearby businesses that would otherwise be flooded, said Keith Todd, spokesman for the department of highways.

"The levee is designed to eliminate the cost of constructing a temporary sandbag wall along the roadway when floodwaters threaten the town," Todd added.

Late last week, the drainage gates in the lower part of Smithland were closed and water as being pumped back into the river.

Without the floodwall, Livingston County Judge-Executive Chris Lasher said floodwaters would be about three feet deep at one local business and about six inches deep over a section of U.S. 60 closest to the

The Ohio River has crested and is falling gradually.

"There are five drainage valves along the new section of levee. We have closed three of them and may have to close a fourth depending on how much higher the water rises," Lasher said late last week. "Without the levee we'd be in panic mode about now with dozens of volunteers filling sandbags as fast as possible.

Lasher said the levee has eliminated a great deal of worry and hard work, noting that in recent years traffic flow on U.S. 60 was rerouted through narrow city streets and sandbagging occupied hundreds of paid and volunteer manhours.

"Based on our current river level at 46.5 feet, the best we can tell water would be about three feet deep in lower areas around a nearby service station and U.S. 60 would now be closed at the site," Lasher said Friday. "The levee has allowed U.S. 60 to remain open to normal traffic flow. That has saved travelers and this community a lot of inconvenience and headache."

Lasher and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Engineers have been carefully monitoring the levee as floodwaters rose last weekend.

Once floodwaters recede, Lasher says some areas of the levee may be covered with additional topsoil and seeded with grass to help prevent erosion. Otherwise, it has benefitted the community by functioning just the way it was designed.

Area News Briefs

Women charged with check writing spree

Two Marion women have pleaded not guilty to a total of 29 counts of second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument. Police say they used a former boyfriend's checkbook to write more than two dozen checks for merchandise or cash. Videotape is part of evidence police say they have in the case.

Stella F. Cunningham, 31, and Deveda J. Brinkley, 42, are accused of writing checks in the cumulative amount of around \$800 against a bank account that belonged to Cunningham's boyfriend, who'd moved out of state. Cunningham faces 14 counts and Brinkley 15 counts.

Police Officer Jerry Parker is the lead investigator on the

Postal service may close Tolu in fall

About 30 people attended a community meeting last week regarding the fate of the United States Post Office at Tolu.

The meeting was hosted by Roland Moore, review coordinator for the postal service, at the Tolu Community Center. The hour-long meeting drew a good bit of criticism from residents who don't want to see the post office closed. One resident recommended the community buy the building and let the postal service use it rent free

Moore told those attending that mail carriers in the area would be able to meet the needs of postal customers.

AREA UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES January 2011 Labor Force Employment Unemployment Jan. 2011 Dec.. 2010 Jan. 2010

Statewide	2,082,343	1,846,376	235,967	11.3%	10.0%	11.7%
MCCRACKEN	31,640	28,403	3,237	10.2%	8.8%	10.1%
MARSHALL	15,156	13,193	1,963	13.0%	11.1%	13.8%
CALDWELL	6,893	6,220	673	9.8%	8.5%	11.2%
CHRISTIAN	29,774	26,268	3,506	11.8%	10.4%	13.0%
CRITTENDEN	4,114	3,657	457	11.1%	9.7%	12.2%
HOPKINS	22,177	19,987	2,190	9.9%	8.2%	10.2%
LIVINGSTON	4,855	4,251	604	12.4%	10.8%	14.6%
LYON	3,383	2,940	443	13.1%	10.5%	14.2%
TRIGG	6,375	5,565	810	12.7%	11.3%	16.2%
HENDERSON	23,617	21,285	2,332	9.9%	10.1%	12.6%
MCLEAN	4,668	4,129	539	11.5%	9.7%	11.8%
UNION	8,366	7,529	837	10.0%	9.3%	11.7%
WEBSTER	6,502	5,966	536	8.2%	8.6%1	1.4%%

Sharon Martin is the rural carrier who serves the Tolu area. There are 20 post office boxes currently rented at Tolu. Those customers would have to install a mailbox to get their mail or get a post office box in Marion.

Moore told citizens that the postal service will be reviewing the proposal to close the post office and a decision will likely be made by this fall.

Paducah time warp

On the heels of being voted the 2011 Dozen Distinctive Destination Fan Favorite, Paducah has added another accolade to its growing list of awards. CNBC recently named Paducah one of nine "Time Warp Towns" in America. The announcement was made on Friday 18 on Yahoo! Travel and provided by CNBC.

Time Warp Towns are those out-of-time discoveries that make for road trip gold: downtowns populated with former Woolworths-turned-antique malls, gingerbread detailing, town squares, monuments,

cobblestones, and/or apple pie! The focus was to pick spots where buildings – at which local history was made - are still standing and the town has enough points of interest to merit a visit.

Caldwell names new magistrate, Sisk

Gov. Steve Beshear has appointed Democrat Phillip Wayne Sisk a Caldwell County magistrate.

Sisk will represent the county's 4th District. He replaces George Kilgore and will serve until the next general election.

Sisk is in recreation vehicle sales and service with Murphy's RV Inc., and previously operated a clothing store.

Kilgore resigned earlier this month following a Commonwealth Attorney's investigation into improper conduct in his role as City-County Park director. The Parks Board fired Kilgore March 1.

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Citizens from Crittenden, Caldwell and Livingston counties met last Thursday at the Tolu Community Center to hear speakers representing the group Standing for Constitutional Values. The group is a grassroots for Kentucky organization. Paula Gatewood of Marion opened the meeting and speakers included Lance Cary of Benton, who spoke on the importance of the grassroots movement; Linda Asbridge of Salem, who spoke about the NEA (National Education Association); Don Gatewood of Marion, who spoke about the state of politics; and Marty Kares-Workman, who closed the session with a speech entitled "Where Do We Go From Here." A second meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 31 at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Meetings are also being planned in Caldwell, Lyon, Ohio and Pulaski counties in the coming weeks. For additional information, call Kares-Workman at 871-1145 or Gatewood

Local jobless rate spikes back up in January

The jobless rate in Crittenden County was back up into double digits in January, according to recently released data.

Crittenden went from 9.7 percent unemployment in December to 11.1 percent in January. The local rate in January 2010 was 12.2 percent. Conversely, unemployment

rates fell in 82 Kentucky counties between January 2010 and January 2011, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Webster County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 8.2 percent each. It was followed by Fayette County, 8.7 percent; Woodford County, nine percent; Boone and Oldham counties, 9.1 percent each; Carlisle and Madison counties, 9.6 percent each; Shelby County, 9.7 percent; and

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Caldwell and Hickman counties, 9.8 percent each. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemploy-

ment rate at 21 percent. Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include nonmilitary workers and unemploved Kentuckians who are

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actively seeking work.

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Juvenile court caseworker arrested on multiple drug charges in Sturgis

Kentucky State Police

have charged a woman who works with juveniles in Crittenden District Court with drug and traffic offenses.

According to police reports, Sherry Dye of Sturgis was stopped by a state trooper earlier this month in Union County for careless driving, after the officer observed her allegedly crossing the center line and speeding. The trooper's police report indicates that he smelled a strong odor of marijuana in the vehicle. Further investigation found what police say were illegal drugs.

Dye was arrested and charged with speeding, careless driving, first-offense DUI, operating on an expired license, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree

possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of a controlled substance (hydrocodone). Dye is one of two Depart-

ment of Justice court desigworkers Crittenden, Webster, Crittenden and Union counties. She has been a full-time juvenile court worker since May of 2007, according to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Dye had served as a part-time court worker from 2000 to 2007.

According to Jamie Ball, a court system spokesperson, Dye's caseload and work have now been assigned to other employees. Dye, Ball said, is currently on leave.

Dye is scheduled to appear in court in March 24 in Union County.

"Ms. Dye's leave is due to



According to Kentucky Court of

Sherry Dye

Justice Personnel Policies, "unsatisfactory job performance and/or any substantial deviation from good behavior by an employee may result in discipline or dismissal."



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Pets find new homes

Although Judy Templeton and her son, Quinn, had adopted Allie, a bulldog/Shih tzu mix, just four days before the adoption drive on Saturday, they still went to visit the other animals and of course, brought Allie along.

"They are such a good pair," Templeton said of her son and his new dog. "He just adores her and I'm so happy that we found a good match for him."

Tabor's Towing & Repair hosted the adoption drive that featured pets from both the Crittenden County Animal Shelter and the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter. The event was held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and before 1 p.m., four dogs and one cat had already been adopted, according to Jae Rodgers, a volunteer at the Crittenden County Animal Shelter. "It means a lot that people want to provide good homes for these animals," Rodgers said. "That's what we are wanting for them and we couldn't be more

With a great turnout for the drive, the final number of adoptions at the close of the event were six dogs and five cats but Rodgers said that more were adopted afterward.

thrilled when one gets adopted."

"The drive really helped get the word out there about these animals and several more have since found new homes," Rogers said.

For more information about animals available for adoption, visit www.crittendenshelter. blogspot.com or www.maryhallshelter.blogspot.com.



Quinn Templeton hugs his new dog, Allie, after adopting her from the Crittenden County Animal Shelter.

Prepare high school seniors to leave home

As winter melts into spring, families with high school seniors start getting their children ready to leave home for college or vocational training. The last few months before high school graduation and leaving home can be an anxious time for the senior and family members alike.

Your child may behave differently than usual. She may lose interest in turning in school work on time. She may seem tense and excited, or dreamy and distracted. He may delay working on the remaining paperwork for college or other post-secondary program. He may test your limits more than usual, such as staying out later than you had agreed on, or experimenting with

At the same time, kids may act upset when you ask them to get things done or to meet your expectations for their behavior. They just want to live their final carefree months as seniors in peace. How can parents help them during this trying time?

The College Board, located in New York City, offers the following ideas for parents for winter and spring of the senior year:

Recognize that this time is stressful for you as parents also. You may be bracing yourself for the loss of your child to the larger world. You can give yourself permission to grieve as well as to feel glad that your child has grown up. Share your feelings with someone you trust who has been through this transition. Jot down your worries and what you can do to get rid of them.

Give your child as much independence as possible. Be patient as he works through his own mixed feelings about leaving home. When you show him that you have confidence in him, he will likely feel better about his ability to get along on his



Teach your child to do her own laundry and manage her own checkbook and credit card. Show her how to do basic housecleaning and cook-

Help younger children in the family get a grip on life without their big brother or sister. Recognize that the child leaving home will likely change the way family members get along with each other. They will also need your love and support.

Look into some new activities that you would like to do with your new found free time. This may be a time to try out or revive a skill, such as play ing golf, taking piano lessons, or learning to

Discuss with your high school senior how he will travel to college or other post-secondary program. Does he want you to come along? How long will you stay? Will you help him unpack? How often do you expect him to call or otherwise communicate? How often will he plan to come home to visit? Promise him that you will answer his phone calls and communications promptly.

When the day comes to say good-by, you will probably get emotional. That is okay! It shows your child how much you love and will miss her.

Be sure to tell her how proud you are of her and how certain you are that she will succeed in her new life. She will know that she still has a family that supports her, no matter what. After all, you have brought her to this point so that she can live life on her own.



Millikan-McConnell

Bobby and Glynis Millikan of Marion announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Emily Jordan Nicole, to James Dustin McConnell, son of Mike and Kathy Mc-Connell of Marion.

The wedding will take place at 4 p.m., April 23, at Second Baptist Church on East

Depot Street in Marion. The wedding will be a "Class A" wedding and all soldiers in attendance are requested to wear their Class A

All family and friends are invited to attend. Only out of town invitations are being

Births

Jamie and Kayla Travis of Marion announce the birth of a son, Reece James, Feb. 26, 2011 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah. Reece weighed eight pounds, one ounce and was

Maternal grandparents are Kurt and Deitra Beavers of Marion. Maternal great-grandparents are Lafe and Inez Linzy and Jerry and Evelyn Beavers, all of Marion.

Paternal grandparents are Mark and Jennetta Travis of Marion. Paternal great-grandparents are Charles and Carolyn Hinchee and Jim Travis, all of Marion.

Reece has a sister, Carly, 4.

Lowery

Bro. Chris and Elaine Lowery of Eddyville announce the birth of a son, Jacob Lee, March 11, 2011 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah. Jacob weighed eight pounds, six ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Bro. Roy Dale and Rita Orr of Eldorado, Ill. Paternal grandparents are Shirley Lowery of Princeton and the late Charles Lowery.



Beatles music filled Fohs Hall Saturday night during Interactive Beatles Concert. Songs by the Beatles were performed by The McGuigan Brothers - Billy, Ryan and Matthew - along with four other bandmates. Audience members were able to request their favorite songs by The Beatles.



Cox 70th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Minos Cox will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary March 29. Mr. Cox and the former Launa Elizabeth Edwards, were married in 1941, by Rev. Everett Gill at his home in Golden Pond.

Mrs. Cox is a homemaker and is the daughter of the late Hugh and Lena Edwards of Benton.

Mr. Cox is a retired welder, farmer and master sorghum maker. He is the son of the late Sammy J. and Pearl Cox Gilbertsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox are the parents of three sons and daughters-in-law and one daughter and son-in-law: Glenn and Peggy Cox; Dennis and Terry Cox; Keith and Vicky Cox, all of Fredonia; and Garrett and Nancy Cox Hunter of Cynthiana. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Cox will be held from 4-6 p.m., April 2, in the fellowship hall of Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Cox request no gifts.



Community calendar

Thursday, March 24

 Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m., Thursday, at the Ed-Tech Center.

•Union County's bicentennial quilt show will be from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., today, Friday and Saturday, at Camp Breckinridge Museum and Arts Center. Over 100 quilts will be on display. For more information call 988-4420. Tuesday, March 29

 Crittenden County Extension Office, located on U.S. 60 East, will be hosting the Chamber's Business After Hours from 5-6 p.m., Tuesday. Light refreshments will be served.

Ongoing

•The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Nominating Committee has sent a letter to all of its members asking for nominations for the five awards that are given each year at its annual meeting. The awards are Person of the Year, Community Pride, Unsung Hero, Volunteer of the Year and Customer Service. The deadline for sending in your nominations, either by email or letter, is April 5. Please call 965-5015 for more information. Upcoming

•There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m., March 31, at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. The topic will be Expanding for Constitutional Val-

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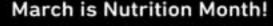
•The Hopkins County Family YMCA will be offering a three-week swim class starting April 2. The session includes nine classes held on Tuesday and Thursday nights and Saturday mornings. Registration will continue until April 2.

·Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center will sponsor a Relay for Life Italian Night on April 7. A meal will be served from 5-7 p.m., with entertainment from 6-8 p.m. The meal will be spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, drink and dessert for \$6. All former Moore Business Forms

employees are invited to attend a reunion at 1 p.m., April 9, at Hickory Heaven Bar-B-Que. For more information call 965-3484 or 965-5917. •Mr. and Miss Puppy Paws dog show will be held at the Lions Club in Marion on April 16. Registration will begin at 9

a.m., with the dog show starting at 10 a.m. Entry fee is \$20.





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Courtney Beverly and Danielle Byarly got a chance of a lifetime when they attended a softball clinic hosted by four softball Olympians, recently. They worked for two days with softball standouts Caitlin Lowe, Cat Osterman, Kelly Kretschman and Meagan Willis. The event was held at the Regional Sports Plex in Paducah. Caldwell County Friends of Fastpitch Softball organized the event.

It happened more than 70 years ago in New Orleans, the city of my birth. An adult in our family (I can't remember who) was reading a story from the Times Picayune recounting the hanging of two young men. The boys had violently killed another man, and the state hanged them. The story in the newspaper told of their mother's visit to them prior to their execution.

I was too young to understand parental love, and I questioned why the mother would go see them. After all, they were murderers. I believe it was my Cajun Aunt Fausteen, with a wild son of her own, who answered, "The boys are still her sons, her children," she said with feeling. "No matter how bad your children become, they are still your children and you still love them."

That story probably seems simple and matter of fact to you, but it had a lasting effect on my life. Even as a child, I got a glimpse of the sadness sin brings. A man was killed. His family would suffer and grieve. I have wondered if he had children, if so, who took care of them.

Two young men died in the prime of their lives because of their sin. Their wrongdoing denied them longevity, marriage, family and careers - I could go on.

Despite my fear and horror about the whole story, the mother's visit impressed me most. Aunt Fausteen's words still ring in my ears, "No matter the sin, you still love your children.'

Many childhood experiences have contributed to who and what I am, but this one came to mind recently while reading a very heavy novel. What irony, a passing childhood event still shapes my life as a man. I doubt

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

> -Hebrews 11:1 NIV



anyone else in our family ever thought of it again.

Negatively, the account continually reminds me of the horror of our sinfulness. A life amiss emits enormous

Positively, the experience paints the love of God for me. We are God's children; and regardless of our waywardness, He still loves us. The Bible says it this way, "While we were sinners, Christ died for us," Romans 5:8.

·A clay pigeon tournament will be held at 9 a.m., Saturday, at the Marion Gun Club. The event is sponsored by Marion Baptist and Caldwell Springs Baptist churches. The event is free with breakfast and registration beginning at 8 a.m. in the Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center. For more information, call Marion Baptist Church at 965-5232

•There will be a singing at Salem Methodist Church at 6 p.m., Saturday night. Featured singer will be Ruston Jenkins along with several local singers. ·Bright Life Farms will be sharing in the 6 p.m.

service at Deer Creek Baptist Church Sunday. A meal will be served at 5 p.m. For more information, call 965-2220.

 Unity General Baptist Church in Crayne will host its Revival at 7 p.m., March 28-April 1. Bro. Barry Hix will be the evangelist. ·St. William Catholic Church in Marion will conduct an ongoing series called "Catholics returning home," on six consecutive

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at 10 a.m., April 30, and is for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to church. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith. For more details, call Sr. Alicia Coomes at 570-4322. Deer Creek Baptist Church will host a mission fundraiser at 6 p.m., April 9. Breakfast will be served for dinner and a corn hole tournament will be held. All proceeds raised will be used for a mission trip to an orphanage in Nicaragua.

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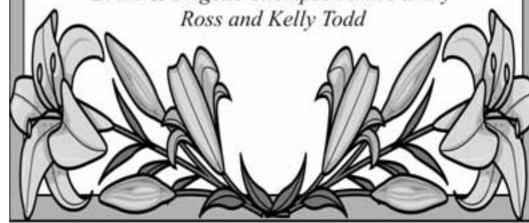
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for all the prayers and support during the recent illness and loss of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. A special thanks to Dr. James, the dedicated staff of Crittenden Health Systems, her church family at Emmanuel Baptist Church, the wonderful words of comfort offered by Pastor Dennis Winn, the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home, our friends, neighbors and everyone else who was such a blessing in a difficult time.

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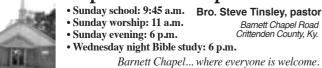
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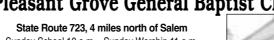
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Crittenden County once abundant with lush forests

Crittenden County must have had in the early days wonderful forests with an abundance of all kinds of huge trees. Through the years the early settlers must have taken their toll on these forests. Recently I have been fortunate that people have shared some really old pictures of sawmills that once were located here in the county. Though not much history is known about the pictures, they are enjoyable to look at and show us a different time in our past history. In 1908 the Forest Service was worried about how fast the timber in our area was being harvested, and they wondered how long it would last. Today, the forests all over the county are still being heavily har-

To add a little past history about our forests to go with these old sawmill pictures are a few tidbits of history from the archives of The Crittenden Press. I hope you enjoy seeing these old pictures and reading the old history.

Feb. 13, 1902 - The Timber Question.

I wish to call all the attention of your readers to a matter of some importance to us all now and will be more to the next generation. I mean the timber question.

The barrel makers have stripped our country of all that would do for barrels, and now are hunting out all that will do for headings, and the farmer will be left nothing for fencing. True we can use wire, but for the posts, iron will not do. What will be needed is some durable timber for posts and the like.

Well, I think we can have them coming on. In this section and other places, I suppose, there is a large growth of young cedar on hand. I may be a little too enthusiastic but look on this as a godsend just in the nick of time. Cedar is the most durable timber we have, and with a little attention each little cedar can be made a valuable stick of timber; by proper trimming in time we can make a nice, long bodied tree of a scrubby little

When left to itself on open ground the cedar will branch from the ground and all go to limb, which is food for ornament; but for timber purposes by trimming you can make a



20-foot post of it. While it is not as fast growing as some it will grow anywhere in poor land, hard tramped ground shaded ground, among thick timber, and is at home on a rocky hillside.

For ornament in the yard it makes a good cover for fowls, as well as an excellent roosting lace, affording shelter from bad weather by the thick fo-

So let us attend to our young cedars, and set more, and they will prove a blessing to the rising generation.

Oct. 15, 1908 - Our Forests Fast Disappearing.

The study of the forest conditions of the state, which the U. S. Forest Service is now carrying on in cooperation with the Kentucky Board of Agriculture. Forestry has now extended to Crittenden County.

Mr. J. S. Holms is now riding through the county looking up the available supply of standing timber and ascertaining as closely as possible the annual output of all forest products. He will visit the chief saw mill men and timber men of the county and obtain from them on timber conditions, supplementing this with his own observations in the woods. This study is bringing out that, with which we all more or less familiar, that the supply of merchantable is fast disappearing.

In a few years time most of the counties in the state will scarcely have enough timber to supply the needs of their own people, and the end of the timber business as a means of livelihood to our citizens is in sights. That the big timber in this section has not been all cut before now seems almost remarkable.

FIRE TOWERS

Going right along with the history of forestry in our county are the old fire towers. A thing of the past, the old fire lookout towers were

strategically placed around

our countyside. They served



The John N. McConnell Sawmill was located on Piney Creek, near the Blackburn Church Road. One of the men is Mr. Mc-Connell, others are unidentified. Picture courtesy of Nancy



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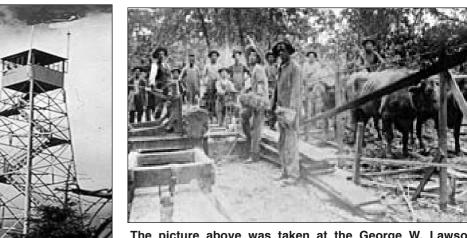
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the lookout tower.

From these towers, the per-



This sawmill was located in the Sheridan area of Crittenden County. The large square logs may be railroad ties. All of the men are unidentified. Picture courtesy of Dave Wilson, a descendant of the Wilson-Bebout families that lived near Sheri-



sawmill located near Marion. George W. Lawson in hat, white shirt and vest, George Thomas Lawson, his son, seated at the controls. Samuel McAdams with his hand on hips standing behind George Thomas. Rest of men are unidentified. This picture was shared with us by Judy Keller, granddaughter of George Thomas Lawson.

Duvall was the supervisor. Dorothy Hodge also served in the Oak Hall Fire Tower. This tower was on the land of Joe and Ruth Evelyn Robertson. The Cedar Grove Tower was four miles southwest of Salem, with Lewis Ramage as supervisor.

I believe these lookout towers were taken down sometime in the 1980s. With the aid of helicopters for spotting smoke and better communication available, the towers were thought to not be needed any more. Also farmers that used to burn their pasture and hay fields each year to get rid of the sage brush, had found new ways to help control it and the field fires weren't needed as much, this also helped cut down the chance of out of control fires.

The picture above was taken at the George W. Lawson

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 J. L. Gregory was named chairman of the permanent Forest Fire Prevention committee for 1961.

•VFW Post 5486 of Sturgis held an election of new officers during a regular meeting. Elected to serve were Robert A. Ford, Commander (Marion); Ralph Adams, Senior Vice Commander (Sturgis); Walter N. Weldon, Junior Vice Commander (Marion); Bryon W. Nunn, Quartermaster (Marion); Harold W. Nall, Three Year Trustee (Sturgis); James W. Holloran, Judge Advocate (Sturgis); C. D. Hancock, Chaplain (Marion); and Dr. Richard Brandon, surgeon (Marion).

•Winners of the King and Queen contest were announced at the Crittenden County 4-H Talent Show. Mattoon's Shamrock Club had the winners, Bobby Holloman and Janet Chandler. Crayne's Gary Hill and Arlene Maroney were second and James Champion and Nancy Lucas from Tolu were third.

NEWS FROM 1986

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Wise, son of Mildred A. Wise of Marion, had been chosen as senior enlisted administrator for the U.S. Air

 Cheri Gregory, representing the Woman's Club of Marion, won third place for vocal solo at the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs' First District Spring Contest. Gregory received her award from First District Governor Martha Barker for her rendition of "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life." She was accompanied on piano by

Sherry Frazer. Crittenden County High School students Chris Cook and Tonya Peek participated in a week-long National Young Leaders conference in Washington, D. C. They were two of seven students from Kentucky to be se-

•Dr. Greg Maddux completed continuing education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians. Requirements call for members to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical study every three years.



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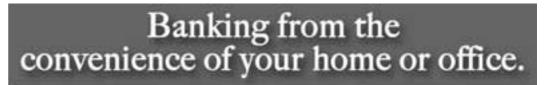
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Land Between the Lakes is joining the U.S. Forest Service in facilitating a video teleconference, concerning the proposed draft nationwide Forest Service Planning Rule. The forum will be held at 1 p.m., Monday at LBL's administrative office at Golden Pond. Forest Service staff will explain both the details and intent of the recently proposed draft Planning Rule that, if put into law, will serve as a national blueprint for how hundreds of individual plans will chart national forest management in the coming years. The proposed changes will not impact LBL for several years since the National Recreation Area will continue to operate under its current Area Plan, which was completed in December 2004. The proposed planning rule provides a collaborative and science-based framework for creating land management plans that would support ecological sustainability and contribute to rural job opportunities. Forest Service land management plans guide management activities on the 155 national forests and 20 grasslands in the national forest system. The forum will not be a platform to accept public comment, rather an opportunity for interested stakeholders to ask questions and learn how to submit formal comments during the public comment period, which closes May 16. To participate in the teleconference, contact Avanell Clardy at 924-2065 or at LBLInfo@fs.fed.us. The proposed rule and additional information is available at www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule.

Fish and Wildlife to begin major survey April 1

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will soon be conducting its 12th National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation. Hunters, anglers and other wildlife enthusiasts across the nation will be asked to participate in interviewing April 1. The survey, which has been conducted every five years since 1955, will involve 53,000 households. The survey is funded by the Multistate Conservation Grant Program authorized by the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000. The survey provides the only comprehensive statistical database available on participation and expenditures for hunting, fishing and wildlife-watching in all 50 states. Information is collected by the U.S. Census Bureau, primarily through telephone interviews to be conducted April to June and September to October this year, and January to March in 2012. Those contacted will be asked about their participation and expenditures in several categories of wildlife-associated recreation. The results will be available in a national report and in 50 individual state reports. The last survey published in 2006 revealed 87.5 million Americans enjoyed some form of wildliferelated recreation and spent more than \$122.3 billion pursuing their activities. Participation is voluntary and all responses are strictly confidential. Data collected is used for statistical purposes only and no participant can be identified from information contained in the database and follow-up reports. Representative samples will be based on the initial contacts and include 19,000 anglers and hunters and 10,000 wildlife watchers (wildlife photographers, feeders, and observers). Preliminary survey findings will be available in the spring of 2012. Final reports will be issued beginning in the fall of 2012.

Duck Stamp program seeks artist submissions

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced last week that the 2011 Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest will be held at the agency's National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, W. Va., on Oct. 28-29. This is the first time in the contest's 61-year history that the event has been held in West Virginia. The winning design chosen during the contest will be made into the 2012-2013 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, or "Duck Stamp," the cornerstone of one of the world's most successful conservation programs. The \$15 Federal Duck Stamp is a vital tool for wetland conservation, with 98 cents of every dollar generated going to purchase or lease wetland habitat for the National Wildlife Refuge System. Since the stamp's inception, sales have helped to acquire nearly six million acres of wildlife habitat at hundreds of refuges in nearly every state. The Federal Duck Stamp art contest is the only art competition of its kind sponsored by the federal government. Since the first open contest was held in 1949, thousands of wildlife artists from throughout the nation have submitted art to the annual contest. While the winner receives no money from the federal government, the winning artist may benefit from the increased visibility and sale of prints and artwork. Every waterfowl hunter age 16 or older is required to buy a Federal Duck Stamp. In addition, the stamps are highly sought after by collectors, conservationists and wildlife art aficionados. A current Federal Duck Stamp also provides admission into any public refuge.

Tips make property water resistant

As rain sweeps across large portions of the state this month Kentuckians are reminded that strong spring storms and potential floods - are also on the way. According to the National Weather Service, flooding causes more damage in the United States than any other severe weather related event. Nearly 100 lives and an average of \$5 billion in property is lost annually due to flooding. As such, Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) urges homeowners to evaluate the risk for storm damage on their property and take precautionary steps to lessen or eliminate the destructive effects of flooding.

KFB Insurance provides flood coverage through Southern Farm Bureau Insurance and the federal government's flood insurance plan. Over the past five years, this plan has protected over 600 home- and farm-owners and paid out more than \$9.8 million in claims to repair their property damages. Restoring these communities was a major concern last May as severe flooding washed through south central Kentucky, especially in Casey County. More than 285 claims and \$6.25 million were tallied during 2010 alone. This coverage protects those in flood plains – areas prone to flooding often near rivers and creeks that rise.

KFB knows, however, that homes and farms are not the only sources of claims and property loss when it comes to water damage. During the past five years, KFB Insurance also paid out \$6.3 million on nearly 870 automobile flood-related claims.

While KFB is proud to help so many Kentuckians recover after suffering through storm damage, restoring and replacing property is a hefty venture for those without flood insurance. Most home and farm policies do not automatically include coverage for flooding, so property owners must be aware of flood plains in relation to their homes. Home and farm owners should ask their agent about specifically adding flood coverage to their policies to avoid an expensive disaster when storm wa-

Even residents living in areas that are not prone to flooding can make small improvements around the home and farm to help prevent surface water damage, which is typically not covered under a standard insurance policy. Listed below are some helpful tips for making a property more water resist-

■ Redirect downspouts away from the foundation of the home and extend the tubing to carry the water further away than the typical gutter system al-

■ Keep all gutters and downspouts clear of debris that will cause the rooflining troughs to fill with excess water, overflow and fall instead onto areas close to the foundation. Reshape landscaping around the

foundations to slope downward, directing water away from the house. ■ Caulk any cracks seen around the

foundation that might allow seepage

into a basement or crawlspace.

■ Unfinished basements walls can be sealed internally with specialty applications found at most home improvement stores, but may require continual review and maintenance over

■ Install a sump pump and foundation drain system to force water out of the area in and directly under a house.

Despite their best efforts, though, homeowners cannot always prevent water damage. For times like those, it is also wise to have copies of important documents and photos of your home, farm and other possessions on file somewhere off site, like a bank safety deposit box, for reference and insurance purposes if personal property is destroyed or washed away.

Of course, flooding can do much more than just damage property floods occasionally claim lives, too. The National Weather Service points out that just six inches of water can sweep a person off of his or her feet, and that two feet of water is enough to lift and move a car, even an SUV. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else during a flood. If the water covering the road is more than a few inches deep, it is best to find an alternate route - even if it takes longer to reach the destination. What appears to be a short drive through rising waters could end up preventing more than just a person reaching the other side of the road - it could cost a life.

Farmer of the Year nominees sought

With spring planting now underway, Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) looks to sow a few seeds of its own as it calls for applications for the 2011 KFB Farmer of the Year award. The organization initiated a Farmer of the Year awards program as a way to recognize KFB members for their commitment to excellence in agriculture, efficiency in farming practices, sound financial management and outstanding leadership in their county Farm Bureau and other civic organizations.

Eligibility and guidelines are included with the application, and can be downloaded at kyfb.com. All applications must be postmarked by July 1.

Entries will be narrowed

down to the top three applicants over the summer, and finalists will be announced on Aug. 15. Judges will visit the three finalists in mid-September to conduct interviews and see their operations in action. The KFB Farmer of the Year will be announced at the organization's 2011 state annual meeting in Louisville on Dec. 2.

KFB's Farmer of the Year winner will receive \$1,000 from Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation and will be presented with a commemorative award during the organization's annual meeting in December. Finalists will receive \$250 from Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation.

In addition to the statewide recognition and prizes, KFB's Farmer of the Year winner will represent Kentucky in the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year contest, the South's most prestigious agricultural award, in Moultrie, Georgia, October 16-18, 2012.

The state winner will also receive \$2,500 from Swisher International, a customized jacket and a \$200 gift certificate courtesy of The Williams Dickie Company, and a \$500 gift certificate from Southern States Cooperative.

Kentucky's winner will compete against nine other state winners for the chance to win a \$15,000 award from Swisher International and several other sponsorbased prizes.

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Extension offers thistle spraying Crittenden County Exten-

sion Service in cooperation with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture is hosting 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. Landowners should call 965-5236 to register. A waiting list will be provided for selection of alternate participants in case of cancellation.

Next year's program will start with the alternate list. Landowners will be pro-

vided with use of a sprayer and enough chemical to spray 10 acres. After that if the landowner chooses they can continue to use the sprayer for an additional 10 acres, but must provide his own chemicals.

The program will take place on April 4-5. For more information, call the Extension Office at 965-5236.

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MARION & LIVINGSTON REPORTS WEEKLY BY -USDA MARKET NEWS

LIVINGSTON LIVESTOCK

Tuesday, 22, 2011. Livingston County Livestock, Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed at time of sale). Receipts: 1,565 Head Compared to last week: Slaughter cows and bulls

1.00-3.00 higher. Feeder steers under 600 lbs 1.00-5.00 lower, over 600 lbs steady to 5.00 higher. Feeder heifers under 400 lbs 6.00-8.00 lower, over 400 steady to 4.00

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%

Hea	d Wt Hange	e Avg	Wt Price Range	Avg Price	
24	800-1200	1078	65.00-75.00	69.22	
2	800-1200	1120	77.00	77.00 HD	
1	800-1200	955	63.00	63.00 LD	
51	1200-1600	1323	66.00-76.00	70.77	
2	1200-1600	1345	77.00-82.00	79.57 HD	
3	1200-1600	1422	60.00-63.00	62.03 LD	
1	1600-2000	1625	70.00	70.00	
1	1600-2000	1810	83.00	83.00 HD	
1	1600-2000	1610	65.00	65.00 LD	
Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%					

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Methamphetamine

busts are running at a

Head	d Wt Range	e Avg	Wt Price Range	Avg Price	
49	800-1200	1016	55.00-67.00	60.89	
3	800-1200	1068	66.00-70.00	67.53 HD	
3	800-1200	1052	53.00-55.00	53.99 LD	
9	1200-1600	1333	55.00-66.00	61.02	
1	1200-1600	1265	68.00	68.00 HD	
5	1200-1600	1261	52.00-58.00	54.44 LD	
1	1600-2000	1650	71.00	71.00	

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He	ad	Wt Range	e Avg	Wt Price Range	Avg Price
4	1	700-800	729	42.00-49.00	44.05
4	1	700-800	770	37.00-38.00	37.74 LD
- 1	7	800-1200	918	43.00-55.00	49.87
2	2	800-1200	855	35.00	35.00 LD
1	1	800-1200	665	35.00	35.00 LD
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Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 4 100-200 178 166.00-197.00 184.45 16 200-300 249 161.00-210.00 174.34 39 300-400 336 160.00-180.00 164.84

59 400-500 443 150.00-165.00 37 500-600 542 140.00-154.00 143.59 21 600-700 631 132.00-139.00 134.28 20 700-800 729 116.00-126.00 123.73 16 800-900 836 111.00-117.50 117.11

1 1100-1200 1105 103.00 Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

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	Head	Wt Rang	e Avg	Wt Price Rang	ge Avg Pri
	3	200-300	257	121.00-150.00	139.89
	29	300-400	362	150.00-159.00	155.53
	15	400-500	468	139.00-149.00	144.04
	24	500-600	565	125.00-139.00	135.55
	12	600-700	659	122.50-127.00	123.40
	2	700-800	738	107.00-110.00	108.53

Feeder Steers Small and Medium 1 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 2 500-600 587 107.00 107.00

1 800-900 805 94.00 Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

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3	100-200	183	155	.00-200.00	173.09
14	200-300	280	150	.00-189.00	156.43
76	300-400	358	144	.00-160.50	149.52
132	400-500	440	135	.00-151.00	142.06
52	500-600	537	125	.00-137.00	128.86
24	600-700	652	105	.00-115.00	111.99
13	700-800	724	102	.00-111.00	106.02
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33	400-500	463	110.	.00-13	4.00	124.43
60	500-600	552	102	.00-12	4.00	117.70
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Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

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Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 6 300-400 362 126.00-145.00 140.76 10 400-500 446 120.00-132.00 126.81 4 500-600 541 117.00-128.00 121.22

3 600-700 653 103.00-111.00 107.94 2 700-800 785 103.00 103.00 Stock Cows: Medium and Large 1-2: Heifers 7 to 8 months bred 650.00-930.00 per head. Cows 5 to 9

head. Stock Cows and Calves: Cows 3 to 9 years old with calves at side 800.00-1450.00 per Pair. Baby Calves: Beef Breed: 100.00-190.00 per head.

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1800.00 per head.

years old and 5 to 8 months bred 700.00-1070.00 per

MARION LIVESTOCK MKT.

The West Kentucky Livestock Market at Marion remains closed as Eastern Livestock, whose owners also have a stake in the local market, work through financial issues that appeared in October. Local farmers remain confident that the Marion market will re-open later



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record pace in Kentucky, but a crucial supply of federal money tapped by law enforcement to clean up the hazardous drug-making opworse time. The recent cutoff of fed-

KSP out of meth money

erations has run dry. eral money to help dispose of the potentially explosive materials has put Kentucky State Police in a financial pinch while combatting a spike in meth production.

the cleanups will be absorbed in the state police budget. State police Maj. Tony

Until new funding is found,

Terry says the loss of federal funding couldn't come at a Kentucky law enforce-

ment seized 1,080 meth labs last year, a record for the state. So far this year, the Kentucky busts are up nearly 20 percent from a year ago, state police said.

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Public auction. Handy Andy Storage, 100 Cherry St., Marion, Ky. March 26, 2011. Minimum bid will be set day of sale. Cash only. Auction approximately 10 a.m. at Storage Unit #14 (C. Travis), Storage Unit #65 (G. Hazel), Storage Unit #21 (J. O'Brien), Storage Unit #53 (M. Millikan). (2t-38-c)

Yard sale, Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christy James and Janet Owen, 114 Maddux Avenue, Salem. Boys clothing, toys, furniture, clothing, etc.(2t-39-p)

wanted

Babysitter/nanny. Looking for someone, at least 21 years old, to watch children in my home. Approximately 2 weekends per month plus 1-2 days per week. Must be willing to submit to a background check. Extra duties may include light housekeeping, preparing children meals. I am looking for someone dependable and who wants to work, for more information call 988-2211.(2t-39-p)

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employment

Tambco is now hiring cooks and assistant managers. No phone calls please.(2t-39-c)

New Haven Assisted Living is accepting applications for part-time employees. For additional information and an application, stop by 60 Nichols Ave., Marion. Previous applicants need not re-apply. No phone calls please.(2t-38-

Fredonia Food and More is needing a part-time opener. Hours are 4 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Apply in person. Serious inquiries only please.(37-tfc-c)

River's Bend Retirement Community is currently looking for Certified Nurse Aides, LPNs and Certified Medication Aides to work for our team. Please apply within at 300 Beech St Kuttawa. KY or contact Ann Appleby at 388-2868 ext 30.(1t-38-c)

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Bid Notice

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Bid Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for motor oil and fluids in a 55 gallon drum and 5 gallon pail size for pickup at Marion station for FY 2011 for the following types: Texaco 15W40 URSA or equivalent, Texaco 30W URSA or equivalent, Texaco DH fluid or equivalent, Texaco Rando HD 46 or equivalent, Texaco Rando HD 32 or equivalent. All bids must be submitted to the county judge executive's office by 8:00 a.m. March 31, 2011, at which time bids will be opened at the special court meeting. If you have any questions regarding this notice, contact Perry A. Newcom, Judge-Executive, 965-5251. The county reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids.

Bid Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for crushed limestone. Please submit bids on all grades of rock. All bids must be submitted to the county judge executive's office by 8:00 a.m. March 31, 2011, at which time bids will be opened at the Special court meeting. If you have any questions regarding this notice, contact Perry A. Newcom, Judge-Executive, 965-5251. The county reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids. Also, the Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for bituminous hot mix asphalt / binder, chip & seal, single and double on various roads in Crittenden County. All bids must be submitted to the county Judge-Executive's office by 8:00 a.m. March 31, 2011, at which time bids will be opened at the special court meeting. If you have any questions regarding this notice, contact Perry A. Newcom, judge-executive, 965-5251. The county reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids.

Legal Notice SEQ CHAPTER COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 10-CI-00196 THE BANK OF NEW YORK ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JP MORGAN CHASE BANK. N.A. AS TRUSTEE PLAINTIFF V. **EVERET HARRIS KAREN HARRIS DEFENDANTS** NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on March 11, 2011, I will on Friday, April 8, 2011at the hour of 9:00 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described and all the right, title, and in-

terest of the parties hereto, to-wit:) Address: 42064.

EXHIBIT "A" A certain tract or parcel of land in Crittenden County, in the State of Kentucky, described as follows: Lot #24 of Harmon Heights #2 - DB 100 P161. Beginning at an iron pin on the east side of Circle Drive, being 15 ft. from the center of the street and the northwest corner of lot #24 and the southwest corner of lot #23: thence N 64 deg. 27 min. 50 sec. E 302 71 ft. to an iron pin in the center of Rush Creek, being a common corner to lots 23 & 24; thence up the creek S. 27 deg. 57 min. 12 sec. E. 94.00 ft. to an iron pin, common comer to lots 24 &. 25; thence S. 64 deg. 26 min. 54 sec W. 306.98 ft. to an iron pin, corner to lots 24 & 25 on the east side of Circle Drive; thence with the street N. 25 deg. 20 min. 59 sec. W. 94.00 to the beginning containing 0.658 acre by survey. See plat attached hereto for Graphic Description and Location. Said property was conveyed to Everet Harris and Karen Harris husband and wife, Curtis Franklin and Dee Ann Franklin, husband and wife, on December 20, 2005, by a deed recorded on December 29, 2005, in Deed Book 204, Page 56, in the Office of the Crittenden County Clerk's Office. The description provided herein was provided by the parties and is contained in the Judgment and Order of Sale

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

2. The Purchaser shall be required to assume and pay any ad valorem taxes and all taxes assessed against said property by any City, State, County or any school district which are due and payable at any time during the year 2011 or thereafter. Said sale shall be made subject to: all easements, covenants and restrictions of record; assessments for public improvements; and any facts which an inspection and accurate survey may disclose. Said property shall be sold with the improvements thereon

3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on March 11, 2011 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendants for the sum of \$85,448,34 with interest from March 19, 2010, advances for the protection of the property, including taxes and insurance, taxes and for court costs expended herein.

Dated this the 17th day of March, 2011. ALAN C. STOUT MASTER COMMISSIONER. CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT P.O. Box 81 Marion, KY 42064 (270) 965-4600 Fax: (270) 965-4848 (3t-40-c)

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of

Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit

Court on March 11, 2011, I will on Friday, April 8, 2011at the hour of 9:30 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion. Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit:) Exhibit "A" On the waters of Hurricane Creek and being a part of the Ford survey and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the north side of the Marion and Tolu Road (Crittenden Springs Road and Highway 1668), said stake is in line of a gum and dogwood, original corner; running thence with original line S. 87-1/2 E.20 poles to a stake in said road. said stake is in line of a post oak, original corner: thence with a division line N. 1-1/2 E 32 poles to a stake or stone, a division corner; thence with another division line N. 87-1/2 W.20 poles to a stake or stone in original line, another corner; thence with original line S. 2-1/2 W.32 poles to the beginning, containing four (4) acres, be the same more or less. Parcel ID: 031-00-00-015.00. Being the same property further conveyed by Robert Winders and Lois Winders, husband and wife, to Bryce Winders and Wendy Winders. husband and wife, on November 23, 2004 and recorded on November 24. 2004 in Deed Book 200, Page 548 of the records of the Crittenden County Clerk's Office. Being the same property further conveyed by Wendy Winders, unmarried, to Bryce Winders, unmarried, on April 2, 2007 and recorded on July 17, 2007 in Deed Book 208, Page 707 of the records of the Crittenden County Clerk's Office. Property Address: 5100 State Route 1668, Marion, KY 42064 The description provided herein was provided by the parties and is contained in the Judgment and Order of Sale.

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3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on March 11, 2011 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendants for the sum of \$156.053.86 with interest from August 01, 2010 at the rate of \$14.00 per day until paid, plus late charges, advances for taxes and insurance, and its costs herein expended, including a reasonable attorney fee and for any other fees expended for services performed in connection with the Defendants default and for the purposes of protecting Plaintiff=s interest in the property and its right under the mortgage instrument.

> March. 2011 ALAN C. STOUT MASTER COMMISSIONER, CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT P.O. Box 81 Marion, KY 42064 (270) 965-4600 Fax: (270) 965-4848

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State Speech Sweepstakes



Crittenden County Middle School's eighth graders led the CCMS speech team to state sweepstakes success last weekend. Pictured above are (from left) Katrina Mast, Cole Foster, Lauren Beavers and Danielle Byarley (seated). These eighth graders were semifinalists in the following categories: Mast in Poetry Interpretation and Public Speaking; Foster in Broadcast Announcing; Beavers in Oratorical Declamation and Improvisational Duo; and Byarley in Improvisational Duo. All of the students are ranked among the top 16 middle school performers in the state in their respective categories. The state meet was held at Western Kentucky University.

FINE

Continued from page 1 to buy equipment for reselling and also gets a numof questions from customers who buy farm trailers.

There are a lot of people who farm ground in Kentucky and Ĭllinois," Buntin said. Varying compliance transportation regulations make it critical for those farmers to understand the laws in both states and others to which they might be delivering goods.

Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford said her staff tries to give people a "heads up" about the laws in Illinois where the minimum fine is \$1,000 and the subsequent

fine is double that. They refer farm tag licensees to the Kentucky Department of Transportation for more information.

An IFTA sticker costs only a few dollars, Buntin said, but if you have one, you make must quarterly mileage reports and pay additional fuel taxes to states you visit.

A spokesman for the Illinois Department of Transportation said Kentucky motorists with farm tags can also buy a \$40 temporary sticker that's good for 96

Buntin and Byford say they know a few people from Crittenden County who have been fined in Illinois. It's a hefty price to pay for not

knowing or understanding the law.

"We need to put he word out that they're writing tickets for this kind of thing," Buntin said. "There are no warnings.

Kentucky legislators just approved a new three-tiered weight system for farm licenses. The new system will not go into effect until after the end of this month. By that time, all 2011 farm plates and registrations will have been reissued, Byford said. The good news, according to the county clerk, is that once the state's threetier system is programmed into the statewide motor vehicle registration system, it will give farm tag holders and option to register at

lower weight limits. Byford said some people buy farm tags to support farming and because the colorful tags are attractive. Otherwise, they have little benefit to anyone who is not hauling heavy loads that are exempt from more restrictive requirements, but only in Kentucky.

Byford said that once the state's three-tier weight system for farm vehicles is operative, tag owners will be able to change their registration weight limit.

"I don't know if there will be a fee associated with that or not," she said. "The state said it might send a mass mailing to farmers to let them know."

A home south of Mott City off U.S. 641 was damaged by smoke and fire just before noon Friday. Crittenden County Fire Department was called to the scene and quickly got the blaze under control. The Kentucky Fire Marshal and Kentucky State Police are investigating. The home is owned by Gordon Dickey, and tenants were living there. No one was injured. Firemen were called to another blaze Tuesday just after 2 p.m., on Lone Star Road where a double-wide mobile home was destroyed. It belonged to Cassie Seaburg. No other details were avail-

DRINK

"I tell my dad everything and I think that he trusts me more because of that," said Franklin, whose father is a minister. "I think that parents and teens who have that relationship, to be able to talk to one another without getting mad, have a better relationship in the end. When you lie to cover something up and you get caught, it looks bad on your part. It's just easier to be honest."

Holly White, community educator for the Crittenden County School District, says the use of alcohol among students is alarming, and steps are being taken to slow its use.

"I think that when it comes to drinking, students might think that drinking is cool and really, they don't know, or understand, how dangerous it is," White said. "These students need to know the danger of drinking and how wrong it is at their age. A lot of responsibility comes with alcohol and I don't think that they've realized this."

In October, local sixth, eighth, 10th and 12th-grade students participated in a Kentucky Incentives Prevention (KIP) survey that asked several questions regarding drug, alcohol and tobacco use. The survey was conducted across the state, too.

Several of the alcoholbased questions asked if students had consumed more than just sips of alcohol in the past 12 months. Eight percent, or about eight students in sixth grade, answered on one occasion while 23 percent of eighthgrade students answered yes. The percentage rises, however, once entering the sophomore class with a stunning 57 percent saying that they have, as well as 62 percent of 12th-graders who

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have. Among those figures are 34 perwho drank alcohol in the last 30 days in 12th grade and 32 percent who have in the



10th grade. According to White, the district is working on offering several different types of programs to help involve students and raise awareness when it comes to drinking and drugs. School

between

teachers and

counselors. "If something is going on, we want to know and want to be able to talk to our students," White said. "We need to make ourselves more available so that students

officials also want to improve

communication

students,

can talk to us." While a drink or two may seem harmless, White says teen drinking can lead to a dependency and an addiction.

"When it comes to our children, the only way we can combat teen drinking is by asking the who, what, when, where and why when they leave with friends. We need to show them the reality of drinking and the effect it has on everyday life," White adds. "Just by looking at the survey, only half the 12th-grade class thinks it's wrong to drink. We need to change that perception. It's 100 percent wrong for anyone at that age or younger to drink."

SHERIFF

Continued from page 1 especially meth, destroyed families and lives.

"Meth has been proven to have a high addiction rating," McGehee said. "It's about 95-98 percent addictive for first time users, which puts recovery extremely low, making it difficult for meth users to overcome the addiction. It's because of this that makes it the most violent drug on the planet."

McGehee uses his speaking engagements to show audiences the effect of meth by using Powerpoint presentations, photos and other props.

"They need to know what meth is, why it's bad and how to turn away from it,' he added. "They need to see how it affects people socially and morally. We're fighting a war when it comes to meth.'

According to McGehee, meth use has increased drastically throughout Kentucky over the last two years. More meth labs are being discovered every day,

bringing hazards to users and others who are around the lab, such as innocent children.

"In most cases where a meth lab has been found in a home with children, the children tested positive for meth," McGehee said. "We want to prevent that from happening because it's putting innocent lives at risk, as well as possibly causing future addictions. It's a sad thing when an addict will put his or her addiction before their children. Children are innocent bystanders and they don't have a say in what goes on."

McGehee's presentation is sponsored by the Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community and Emmanuel Baptist Church. To find out more information about McGehee and his presentation, visit www.curtismcgehee.com.

This week and over the course of the next couple of issues, The Crittenden Press is publishing a series of articles about substance abuse and trends among local stu-



able at press time.



PHOTO BY DEREK McCREE

Crittenden County Rescue Squad held a five-hour training exercise Saturday at its headquarters in Marion. The group used much of the time training its newer members to use rescue tools that are commonly employed at automobile accidents. Pictured here are Brian Jackson and Larry Brown using the Jaws of Life to rip the door off a vehicle. The squad used three old vehicles during the training exercise. Also pictured among squad members are Joey Lady, Rick Mills, Scott Price, Dylan Crabtree and Donnie Arflack. The rescue squad operates largely on contributions from citizens. Ask any member how you can help.





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NOTE: Parents must agree to work in the concession stand to receive this reduced price. Please complete the following: I agree to work 2 two-hour sessions (per child in the program) in the concession stand during the season. ☐ I will not work in the concession stand (if you chose not to work, your fee will be \$20 extra per child, maximum \$40)

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The cutoff for age grouping for Baseball is a player turning a year older before May 1ST

2. The cutoff for age grouping for Softball is a player turning a year older before January 1^{SI} All Leagues with the exception of T-Ball & Co-ed rookie will have away games

With the exception of T-ball and Co-ed rookie league, boys must play baseball and girls must play softball. ☐ (age 4 Boys & Girls) must be 4 before May 1st T-Ball League (ages 5-6 Boys & Girls) must be 5 before May 1st Co-ed Rookie ☐ Rookie (7-8) ☐ Minor (9-10) ☐ Major (11-12) Boys Baseball (Check One) (Pitching Machine) (Live Arm) ☐ Rookie (7-8) ☐ Minor (9-10) ☐ Major (11-13) Girls Softball ☐ Senior (13-16)

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PREP SCHEDULE

Upcoming Games Lady Rockets

Softball at Lyon, Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Softball at Lone Oak, Friday, TBA Softball at Lone Oak, Saturday, TBA Softball at UHA, Monday, 5:30 p.m. Softball hosts Livingston, Tue., 5:30 p.m. Rockets

Baseball hosts Madisonville, Fri., 5:30 p.m. Baseball hosts Hancock, Sat., 1:00 p.m. Baseball at Reidland, Tue., 5:00 p.m. Track

Track at McLean, Friday Track at Murray, Tuesday

FOOTBALL

Browning WCHS coach

Webster County High School has hired former Lexington Christian Academy assistant coach Hays Browning to take the reigns of the Trojan football program.

Hays helped lead LCA to the 2009 Class A state championship.

BASKETBALL

Award Ceremony Sunday

The public is invited to celebrate the Lady Rockets' 2010-2011 historic championship season at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 27 in Rocket Arena. Fans will be treated to a dessert buffet.

Lady Rocket players and coaches awards will be given as well as some free gifts to fans.

SOCCER

Soccer Forum Meeting

There will be a public soccer forum held Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m., at the public library. All parents of youth, the high school team and soccer alumni are encouraged to attend. Come listen to some exciting plans for soccer in your community. Contact Shana Geary for questions 704-1069.

Photographers wanted

Crittenden County Soccer Association is accepting bids from professional photographers to supply photo packages to teams this season. Bids must be submitted to the Soccer Association by April 4. Mail to CCYSA, PO Box 584, Marion, KY 42064 or

emailrjmcdaniel@bellsouth.net

GOLF

Student golf membership

Marion Country Club has approved a youth membership for Crittenden County High School varsity or junior varsity golf team members who are not currently members at the club. The club has established two options. First, student golfers can join individually for \$150, or secondly, the student and an adult golf mentor can join for \$250. These memberships are good from May 1 to July 15, which is when the high school golf team begins preseason practice. Payment must be made prior to May 1. See CCHS golf coach Blair Winders for more information.

newsroom@the-press.com to report scores and sports information

FEATURE: Spring Sports Teams at Crittenden County High School



Lady Rockets Softhall

The Lady Rocket fast-pitch softball team members are (front from left) Megan Wheeler, Kayla McDonald, Haylee Young, Abby Whitney, Jessica Tinsley, Taylor Keister, Talaney Werne, Danielle Byarley, Breanna Yandell, McKenzie Hewitt, (back) Coach Bristyn Prowell, Whitney Williams, Brittney Buell, Jenna Odom, Shannon Williams, Mary Mattingly, Whitney Kinnis. DeDe Hinton, Chelsea Oliver, Emily Owen and Assistant Coach Jessica Quisenberry.

Rocket Baseball

The Rocket baseball team members (front from left) Dylan Hollis, Adam Driver, Shelby Robinson, Landon Young, Noah Dickerson, Jarrett Smith, Noah Hadfield, Brenden Phillips, Taylor Champion, Alex Kirby, Assitant Coach Jody Porter, (back) Head Coach Nathan McDowell, Matt Berry, Jesse Highfil, Colin Belt, Devin Belt, Colby Watson, Justin Defreitas, Bryce Willis, Eli Bebout, Travis Gilbert, Zach Knight, Dakota Stone, Brian Berry. Assitant Coach Tommy Baker. (not pictured, Assitant Coach Jamie Brown.)





Track & Field Rockets

The Rocket track and field team members (front from left) Khyla Moss, Taylor Johnson, Charity Sitar, Nikki Shewcraft, Margaret Sitar, Jessica McConnell, Leah Scott, Kaylin McConnell, Ruth Gobin, Kaitlyn Binkley, Bailey Brown, (middle) Nicole Rizzo, Lauren Hunt, Ragon Dossett, Kaitlyn Moss, Jesse Belt, Dustin Collins, Tommy Templeton, Gary McConnell, Cody Caraway, Alex Yates, Bowe Wallace, (front) Manager Katelyn Newcom, Jacob Berry, Dustin Hernandez, Josh Gaston, Daniel Wagoner Tanner Collins, Elliot Day, Thomas Scott, Daniel Patten, Clint Asbridge, Dustin Roberts and Coach Angela Starnes.



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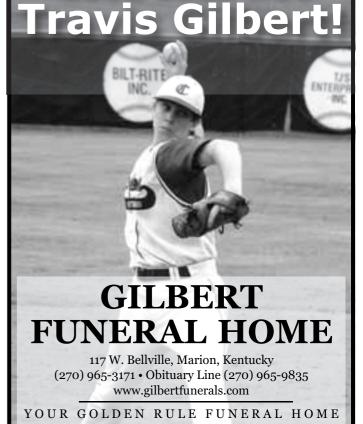
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Rocket spring action takes off with losses

Baseball boys blanked, girls lose to Union

BY CHRIS HARDESTY PRESS SPORTS WRITER

The Rockets walked seven Reidland batters, committed five errors and CCHS pitchers hit three batters Tuesday at Gordon Guess Field, adding up to an 8-0 shutout in the debut for new Crittenden skipper Nathan McDowell.

A lack of hitting was also a major bugaboo as they were no-hit through five innings. Jesse Highfil and Travis Gilbert each recorded singles in the sixth inning to avoid a no-hitter.

Crittenden batters struckout 10 times during the season opener as the Greyhounds blew the contest open in the fifth.

"I thought we did a lot of things really well," McDowell said, despite the shutout.

He also lamented the errors and walks and realizes his squad cannot do that if it are to be competi-

"We have improved, but we still are not where we need to be," he said.

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Lady Rockets fall to Union

Union County pounded out 16 hits Tuesday, sending visiting Crittenden County to a season-opening 8-1 setback.

The Bravettes had a lethal offensive attack, scoring in every inning

and also pounding out at least one hit in every frame against Lady Rocket hurler Emily Owen.

Trailing 6-0 entering the fifth inning, Crittenden finally got on the board after catcher Shannah Williams scored as Talaney Werne reached on error.

It was not enough as the Lady Rockets could not overcome five errors and 16 hits and dropped the season opener at Morganfield.

The Lady Rockets will get an opportunity to start well in Fifth District action Thursday (today) as they travel to Lyon County.

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Hendrickson and Orange; Owen and Williams. 2B U-Orange. C-none. 3B none. HR U-Moore 5th and none on. C-none. WP Hendrickson. LP Owen. Records Union 2-0, Crittenden 0-1.



Senior Lauren Hunt hands the baton to freshman Kaitlyn Binkley during Monday's meet against Caldwell County. Results will be published next

New skipper optimistic for young squad

BY CHRIS HARDESTY

This year's Lady Rocket softball team hopes to accomplish a couple of feats which have alluded the program for a long time - the first winning season since the 1997 squad finished 10-9 and the first Fifth District Title in school history.

With several of her 20 players on the roster learning new positions, first-year skipper Bristyn Prowell simply wants to see improvement on a daily basis.

"We are just trying to get better every game," said the former Caldwell County softball and basketball player.

With the abundance of rain during the last month, the Lady Rockets have only been able to hold practice outdoors three times, limiting workouts to Rocket Arena while implimenting simulated fielding and hitting drills.

With only two seniors on the squad which finished 6-15 last spring, Prowell isn't sure where to rank her team in the Fifth District race

"I do know that Livingston Central should have a pretty good ballclub,"

And with the regular season opening this week, the Lady Rockets will waste no time finding out where they stack up

in league play. They face Lyon County Thursday (today) with a chance to get an important early district win.

With the loss of talented starting hurler Sammie Jo Quisenberry to graduation, the Rockets

have an abundance of eager arms ready to compete for that

position. In fact, the trio of Emily Owen, Dede Hinton and Hayley Young will all see time on the hill for the young team.

Despite last spring's disappointing 6-15 campaign, a deeper look inside the numbers reveals that the season could have been a lot different.

For example, nine of their 15 setbacks were by two runs or fewer and the Lady Rockets battled Central Hopkins to a 1-0 pitcher's duel before falling in the opening round of the Second Region Tournament.

The new Lady Rocket coach hopes those close games will go in her youthful squad's favor this season.

The Lady Rockets will host Fifth District arch-rival Livingston Central in the opening round of the Class A Tournament next month. Afterwards, the tournament venue switches to Dawson Springs for the semifinal and final rounds.

After the district opener against the Lady Lyons, Crittenden will participate in the Lone Oak High School Tournament this weekend, The Lady Rockets have played in the tourney the last few years and Prowell is excited about the tough competition it will provide her squad.

In fact, the Lady Rockets will face Prowell's alma mater, Caldwell County in the tourney, as well as playing them two more times during the season.

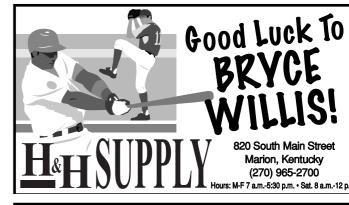
"There are a lot of memories there. I'm familiar with those kids," she said.

But she also wants to keep things in perspective and not put any pressure on her squad when those matchups roll around.

"Its just another softball game," she said.

Prowell will be assisted by former Lady Rocket softball player Jessica Quisenberry this season.









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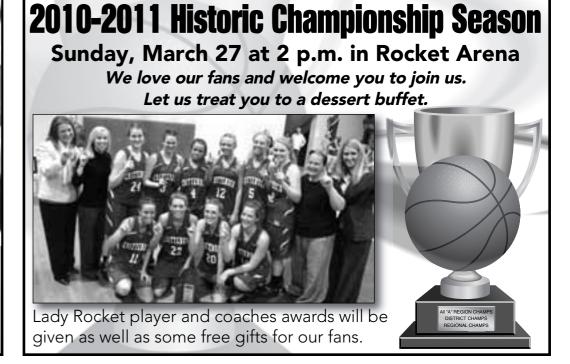








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Family wants others to know about horse killer

BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN PRESS REPORTER

Horses are a large part of Jeremy and Belinda Whited's lives. When they lost three of their four horses to botulism, a bacterial disease that causes paralysis and death, it took an emotional toll on the family, including daughters Kimberlee, 10, and Emilee, 7.

"We live for horses. Our work, our recreation, everything is about our horses," Belinda said. "So when we lost three of them, it was more than just losing pets. We lost long-time companions."

Gus, Jeremy's seven-year-old horse, was the first to die. Jeremy first noticed something wasn't right with Gus after spending a day in the fields at their home near Frances on March 1.

"He was drenched in sweat and I hadn't really worked him that hard," Jeremy explained. "Then, when he started walking, he was wobbly. That's when I treated him for colic."

Putting Gus in his stall for the night, Jeremy kept a close eye on the horse and when Gus refused to get up the next day, he knew something wasn't right. That's when Jeremy loaded Gus into a trailer and took him to veterinarian Kim Abernathy-Young of the Kentucky Lake Equine Hospital in Benton.

Belinda, who is an RN, had started looking up the symptoms and knew that it was something that was affecting the neurological system.

"We were thinking that it could have been anything from West Nile to Rhino," Belinda said. "Never in my life would I have imagined that it was botulism

Leaving Gus at Dr. Abernathy-Young's for the night, the Whiteds went to their daughters' junior rodeo that evening. The next day on March 4, the veterinarian called with bad news.

"She didn't think that there was anything that she could do at this point," Jeremy said. "Gus wasn't eating and a scope showed that he couldn't swallow due to his epiglottis being paralyzed. She thought it would be best to euthanize him. So, over the phone, I made the decision to do that. I didn't want him to suffer."

Although devastated at the loss, Jeremy and the family stayed at the rodeo until after his daughters had competed. Although both of their horses, Clue and Sassy, had been doing fine during the rodeo, Sassy started showing the same symptoms the following day.

"Sassy was drenched in sweat and she was walking funny, too," Jeremy said. "I didn't waste any time. I immediately took her to the vet."

It was there that the diagnosis of botulism was officially made.

"A necropsy was performed in Hopkinsville on Gus and the results came back with botulism," Belinda said. "We were shocked."

Botulism is a spore-forming bacteria that grows in the absence of oxygen. It is commonly found in soil and animal carcasses.

After the discovery of the disease, Jeremy drove all night to Columbia, Tenn., where he bought a dose of the botulism antitoxin.

"We spent well over \$2,000 for this antitoxin, not knowing if it would help," Belinda said. "It doesn't reverse the on-going symptoms but it prevents further ones from happening."

Botulism vaccine – a three-dose series of shots – costs \$60. The antitoxin costs around \$2,000.

Opting to bring the mare home, the Whiteds doctored Sassy, hoping that she would be able to overcome the disease. Meanwhile, the family's other horse, Clue, started developing the same symptoms and died the next day.

Sassy fought the disease until March 14 when Jeremy discovered her dead in her stall.

"It was sad but even more heartbreaking to have to explain to my daughter that her horse had died," Jeremy said

Neither of the Whiteds knew anything about botulism or the vaccine until the outbreak at their

"We thought we knew everything," Belinda said. "But we didn't know about that."

Mister, Belinda's 12-year-old horse, is the only one remaining. Jeremy estimates that it will cost about \$20,000 to replace all three horses

"It's not just about buying three new horses," he said. "These horses were a perfect fit for myself and my daughters. That's going to be hard to replace."

According to Dr. Abernathy-Young, central Kentucky is prime source of botulism due to the rich soil. Horses in western Kentucky are not quite as susceptible, but it does happen here.

"If you're going to feed your horse a round bale of hay, be sure



Jeremy Whited and daughter Emilee are pictured here training on two of their horses that developed botulism and died earlier this month. A veterinarian says horses can contract the disease from hay that might contain dangerous bacteria.

to unroll it," Dr. Abernathy-Young suggested. "Decaying animal carcasses can be rolled up in those bales."

Eliminating such threats can help prevent a horse from contacting the disease, the veterinarian said.

The Whiteds are starting a botu-

lism awareness program to help inform other families and horselovers about the disease. They have opened an account at the U. S. Bank to aid in the education of botulism. To find out more or to become involved, call the Whiteds at 556-1225.

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Spring officially came to Marion early this week, but temperatures started rising a few days ahead of it. At left, Adam Tanner, 11, was one of several folks who took advantage of the nice weather as he played on the monkey bars at the City-County Park late last week. Below, Mya Moore, 6, Payton Maness, 4, and Rhianna Maness, 3, enjoy the park's spiral slide. Tanner is the son of Nicole Hunt, Mya is the daughter of Richard and Crystal Moore, and Payton and Rhianna are daughters of Mike and Stephanie Maness, all of Marion.



Crittenden County Detention Center

Here is a census of the Crittenden County Detention Center on March 21. Figures denote type of prisoners being held there:

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Туре	Male	Female			
Federal	0	0			
State	82	7			
County	13	7			
Other	10	1			
Gender Total	105	15			
Total Population 120					

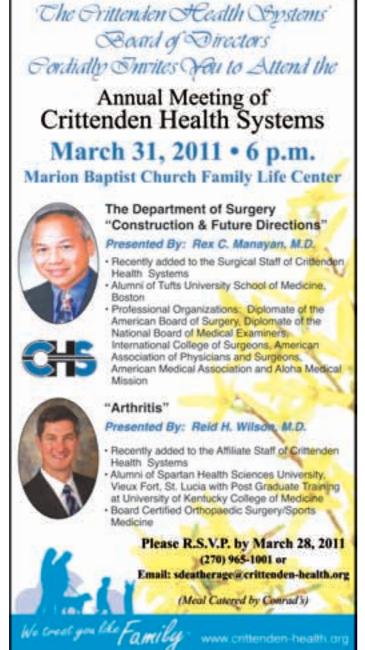
•Last week, 38 jail work release inmates put in 1,668 hours of community service, saving the state and county approximately \$12,093 in wages at the current minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour.

Roads re-open in Crittenden

Most roads closed by recent flooding in Crittenden County have now re-opened. However, River Road remains closed in Livingston County.

In Crittenden, Ky. 135 is open at Sawmill Hollow near Tolu, but it was still closed late Tuesday at the narrow bridge near Ky. 91 North. Cave In Rock Ferry is still closed. It may open early next week.

Ky. 1917 and Ky. 387 are both also now open.



Residents evacuated as precaution after tanker spills explosive material on Ky. 91

STAFF REPORT

A tandem hopper truck carrying potentially explosive material crashed on Ky. 91 between Fredonia and Princeton Monday, closing the road for more than six hours.

The vehicle was north-

bound when a tire dropped off the right side of the road and the driver overcorrected,

causing it to overturn. The rig blocked both sides of the road in the Crider community.

The driver, Charles Wilkerson, 35, of Dawson Springs was taken to Caldwell Hospital with injuries.

The truck was carrying ammonia nitrate, emulsifier and blasting caps, according

to Kentucky State Police. Police and recovery crews

were on the scene for hours, cleaning up the spill. People living within about one-quarter mile of the crash scene were temporarily evacuated as a precautionary measure, according to Keith Todd of the Kentucky Department of Highways.



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