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## Fohs Hall hosts students for dessert theater

Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation is hosting a dessert theatre featuring a variety of performances from the state-qualifying Crittenden County High School speech team. The event is at 7 p.m., Saturday at Fohs Hall. Admission is \$5. Reservations are not required. There will be dessert, coffee and tea on the refreshments menu. The show will feature acting, poetry, humor and a variety of other performances.



## Go Blue for cancer

Crittenden County Extension Service, Crittenden Hospital and the Crittenden County Senior Center are encouraging everyone to dress in blue on Friday as part of the second annual nationwide campaign to promote colon cancer awareness and screening. Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the nation. The mortality rate in Kentucky is among the highest, killing nearly 900 people each year. Nine out of ten colon cancers may be prevented or cured if detected early.

## Chamber nominees

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will vote on its new slate of members and officers during the May 27 annual meeting. Nominated for president is Corey Payne, vice president is Bob Briley and treasurer is Jared Byford. Marty Kares has been approved as an immediate new Chamber director, filling a vacancy on the board.

## BY THE NUMBERS More guns being sold

More individuals filed Federal Firearms License applications in 2009 than they had in the previous two years, according to the government:

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2009 .....	14 million
2008 .....	12.7 million
2007 .....	11.2 million

SOURCE: FEDERAL GOVT.

## Things to Know

- ✓ Crittenden Livingston-Water District meets in special session at 1 p.m., Tuesday at Salem Baptist Church basement.
- ✓ Crittenden County Board of Education will meet for a working session at 6 p.m., Tuesday at Rocket Arena.

## ON THE WEB News Blog Poll

This week's poll on The Press' Breaking News Blog asked readers: *"Should some group sponsor a debate for candidates seeking local public office?"* Here is what 111 respondents said:

**Yes 57 (51%)**

**No 22 (19%)**

**I don't care 32 (28%)**

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# Operating room will more than double

BY CHRIS EVANS

PRESS EDITOR

Crittenden Health Systems has announced an intention to more than double the size of its operating room.

The Estopinal Group of Evansville has been retained as architect and engineer for the plan, which is expected to go out for competitive bid in a few weeks.

Plans call for renovating the existing 3,880-square-foot operating room and an additional 4,950-square feet of new construction. Anticipated cost is \$2.1 million, according to hospital CEO Jim Christensen.

"The operating room is the oldest



Christensen

part of our facility," said Christensen. "It's held up very well over time and it still meets all of the necessary safety codes. However, it's design is no longer suitable. It's mainly a space issue."

Christensen said patients may hardly notice the technical improvements once the project is complete, but they will certainly see a physical change in the OR area. The project should be completed by late next year.

With the improvements, doctors and staff say they will have an operating environment more conducive to modern surgery. Hospital executives also hope the new OR will help it attract more surgeons, and therefore offer more options for patients.

"The OR is dated," said Robin Curnel, chief nursing officer. "We need

## At Crittenden Hospital



something bigger and better so we can offer more services."

Curnel said various general surgeries are now performed at the hospital. Dr. Vinodchandra Soni and Dr. Gary James perform the vast majority of the surgeries and endoscopic procedures done there. The number of surgical procedures has dropped markedly from almost 1,300 in 2004

to 891 in 2009, according to CHS statistics. Improving the OR should help the hospital bring those numbers back up, Christensen said.

CHS leaders say their studies show that patients are having surgeries done elsewhere. They want to lure them back with a more modern operating area.

Dr. Greg Maddux, a local physician who serves on the hospital's board of directors, said the operating room has not been significantly updated since the early 1980s. Since then, he said, medical equipment has obviously changed. The devices are larger and often more numerous in a modern operating facility.

"Space wise, we simply need more room," Dr. Maddux said. "Our oper-

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# WHAT TO DO... Ice Damaged Trees

## TREETips

- ✓ Each woodlot is different. Have a plan specific for your property.
- ✓ State foresters can help you devise a management plan. Consulting foresters can help you determine the value of your standing timber.
- ✓ Removing damaged trees can provide short-term cash, but longterm issues such as eliminating them from producing fruits and nuts that turn into more trees.
- ✓ Select or high-grade cutting time and time again can actually damage your stand's value.
- ✓ Natural regeneration of most clear-cut areas will take 40-plus years.
- ✓ A big threat to ice-damaged trees is rot from the top where damaged limbs can expose the tree to insects and disease.
- ✓ Trees with at least 50% of their canopy or crown will likely survive.
- ✓ New growth (limbs) produced on trunks of trees after ice damage can create blemishes, devaluing the tree.



Dr. Jeff Stringer, UK Forestry Specialist

# Tree gurus talk about what's next

BY CHRIS EVANS

PRESS EDITOR

Forestry professionals, loggers and landowners will probably never agree on exactly what to do with all of the damaged timber standing throughout Crittenden County. What most of them do concede, however, is that a professional forester should be consulted before a single trunk is touched.

"We need to know the short- and long-term objectives of the landowner," said Michael Ladd, a consulting forester from Madisonville.

Ladd and a half dozen other forestry professionals from the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Division of Forestry shepherded more than 100 landowners and loggers through a day-long course last Thursday on dealing with standing timber damaged by last year's ice-storm.

Corey Payne, Crittenden County Extension Agent for Agriculture, said the class drew a very large crowd, and was one of the biggest Extension-sponsored events in two or three years. So many landowners are affected by the ice damage, Payne said. They have many questions about whether to cut or wait for timber recovery.

Those questions were addressed by the forestry professionals who conducted the class at the Fredonia Lions Club building, then took attendees to a Crittenden County farm off Ky. 902, which like many oth-

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# Buntin studying agriculture in Ecuador

STAFF REPORT

For Kayla Buntin, her first trip abroad will be on the clock – the academic clock that is.

Buntin, a 19-year-old freshman at Western Kentucky University, is gone this week to Ecuador on a 10-day university-sponsored crash course in agriculture abroad. The trip is worth three credit hours and she hopes it will help her en route to a degree in pre-veterinary studies.

"While in Ecuador, I will be studying several factors related to agricultural development in the Andean and Amazonian regions in Ecuador," she said. "This involves exploring life on a working dairy farm in the Ama-

zon jungle, visiting livestock and meat markets and visiting a Gerber export operation."

She will also be viewing volcanic eruptions and discussing the effects of those eruptions with native farmers. Near the end of the trip, Buntin, along with nine other WKU students and two professors, will visit a rose production and export plantation and visit with wildlife native to the area. They will also experience the social life in Ecuador and meet several different Ecuadorian families involved in agriculture.

"Veterinary school is very competitive. I believe experiences with agriculture such as studying abroad

in Ecuador will make me a very competitive applicant when the time comes for me to apply," she said. "I also believe that this trip will make me a more rounded agricultural individual."

The education trip will include stops at the cities of Quito, Ambato, Pillaro and Puyo.

Buntin, the daughter of Curt and Melody Buntin, grew up on a farm



Buntin

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# Crittenden tourism lures writers' bloc

Together Crittenden and Lyon counties have landed a major marketing opportunity, being selected as the 2011 spring destination of the Association of Great Lakes Outdoors Writers.

Michele Edwards, director of tourism in Marion, and two Lyon County representatives traveled to Michigan City, Ind., last weekend where they made a final presentation to host the writers' proposed outdoor adventure for next year. They learned early this week that their efforts have been success-

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# 2010 Bridal guide

## Meet me at the altar

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# Tips from the pros on being a good bridesmaid

BY COLLEEN LONG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — I was hair-done, sash-tied ready in my chocolate brown bridesmaid dress. The bride had slipped into her exquisitely tailored gown and was putting on her shoes. The other members of the wedding party were waiting, and we were heading out the door when she suddenly looked stricken: She really had to use the bathroom.

So I did what any good friend would do: I squashed in next to the toilet, lifted up miles of tulle from her dress and held it high while she did the business.

Welcome to the life of a bridesmaid.

Glamorous, exciting, occasionally tedious. Believe me, after standing up in 14 weddings — the 15th is this summer — I'm practically a professional. I started as a flower girl and worked my way up the chain, and I have a big family and apparently a lot of friends.

The thing about being a bridesmaid is you wear a lot of hats. You're a social secretary, personal assistant, therapist-on-call, occasional seamstress and sometimes the party police. You're expected to perform these tasks with grace and finesse, which can be exhausting, but also rewarding as long as you remember: It's not your wedding.

For the wedding party novice, there's a lot to know. For example: You'll be starving to death if you don't eat before the wedding; the rehearsal doesn't actually mean things will run smoothly the day of; and uncomfortable shoes are a serious no-no.

Oh, and by the way, you'll never wear that dress again, but you have to tell the bride you will or she'll feel bad. (I have seven gathering dust in my closet right now.) And you may not get along with some of the other bridesmaids, but

### Bridesmaids

**Things to do:**

- Be prepared
- Be specific when asking for chores
- Be honest
- Always smile
- Dance

**Things to avoid:**

- Badmouthing the bride
- Taking too many tasks
- Waiting until the wedding day to voice opinions

you have to be nice to them because it's your friend's big day — and you're lucky enough to be part of it.

Things often get hectic or go wrong, and you have to be prepared, because the last thing the poor bride needs is added stress.

Here's a list of do's and don'ts for bridesmaids, thanks also to wedding experts Bee Kim, who writes the blog Wedding Bee, and Rebecca Dolgin, executive editor of print for The Knot Inc., which puts out wedding publications and a Web site.

#### BRIDESMAID DOS:

DO: Be prepared. Pack a little emergency kit with things the bride may need, says Kim. Like a stain stick for a dress mishap, some extra cash, safety pins and lip gloss. Get a schedule of the day's events, and contacts for vendors and the wedding party in case anything needs a last-minute fix. "The bride shouldn't have to coordinate those things on the day of," says Kim.

DO: Be specific when offering to help the bride with pre-wedding chores. "You don't want to just say 'What can I help you with?' It incites stress because then she's got to figure it out. Ask if you can go dress shopping with her after work one day," Dolgin says.

DO: Be honest. You're allowed to tell the bride that you don't like the bridesmaid dress. And you're allowed to

alert her to bridezilla behavior. "You don't have to cut your hair if the bossy bride asks you to," Dolgin says.

DO: Walk slowly, know your role, and smile, smile, smile. "People get nervous, but you have to take it easy and let people look at you down the aisle," Kim says. "The photographer needs a photo." If you're the maid of honor, be ready to fluff the bride's dress and hold her flowers.

DO: Get on the dance floor. "The wedding party can really set the tone for the event, and should help get people involved," says Kim. Dolgin agrees. "The bride really is counting on you to make sure people have a good time," she said. Direct guests to the bar or the bathroom. And stand up for the bouquet toss.

#### BRIDESMAID DON'TS:

DON'T: Badmouth the bride. No saying she's so bossy, no gossiping about how you hate the color of the dress. "It's especially tricky on e-mails — you can hit 'reply to all' and end up sending the message to her," Dolgin says. "The bride is planning a huge event and she's under a lot of stress, so be sensitive to her feelings."

DON'T: Expect everything to be free, or, alternatively, agree to pay when you can't. "Bridesmaid showers, bachelorette parties, these things can really cost a lot of money," says Kim. "You have to be prepared to pay. And if you can't, you have to be up-



A good bridesmaid should be prepared, honest and positive before and during the wedding. She should always avoid badmouthing the bride and waiting until the wedding day to voice concerns.

front about it." It's perfectly OK to opt out of some festivities if you can't foot the bill. Also, don't expect the bride to pay for your hair and makeup on the day of the wedding.

DON'T: Get trashed at the reception. As a member of the wedding party you are essentially an extension of the bride. "You're kind of on stage, playing a role, and it's important to be respectful," Kim says.

DON'T: Take on too much. Tasks will come up that you must delegate to your fellow maids, even if you are the maid of honor. One woman deals with lunch while everyone's getting ready, and another runs errands to fix a broken button and get safety pins. If you do it all yourself, you'll get resentful watching everyone else have fun.

DON'T: Wait until the day of the wedding to tell the bride her dress is too tight, or her hairdo is ugly. "She needs to know, but telling her on her wedding day is going to send her into a panic," Dolgin said. "Let it go if you haven't spoken up." Speak up in the weeks and months before the wedding if you notice the dress is too tight or her panty line is showing. She'll thank you for it.

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# Get creative, make wedding cake toppers by hand

**By JENNIFER FORKER**  
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weddings often are costly affairs, but with enough advance planning and a little homegrown ingenuity, you can make things instead of shelling out for them.

Wedding magazines and Web sites help, too.

"There's nothing you can't craft for your wedding," says Darcy Miller, editorial director of "Martha Stewart Weddings" magazine. Among other items, she mentions gifts, decorations, flowers and the cake.

Ah, the cake.

The Knot Inc., which runs two wedding-related Web sites, surveyed the spending habits of 18,000 couples who got married last year, and found that on average couples spent more than \$500 on a professionally decorated cake. There are ways to limit that cost, Miller and other experts say.

For starters, craft your own cake topper, and end up as well with a keepsake.

A recent "Martha Stewart Weddings" favorite, for example, was clustering colorful, craft-store butterflies along one side of a fondant cake, Miller says. Another: Top the cake with a tea cup, either from grandmother's inherited china or from your own, registered china.

Another lively topper comes from "Real Simple Weddings," an annual guide published by "Real Simple" magazine: Deputy Editor Jaimee Zanzinger suggests placing tiny images of the bride and groom in elegant frames on top of the cake. She's also seen small cornhusk dolls adorn a cake's top, and notes that many of these craftsy items can be commissioned.

Teri Bellman Garvin, 38, of Golden, Colo., ordered a simple fondant cake from a baker for her own April wedding, then personalized it herself with a mountain-biking theme. Instead of paying the baker nearly \$100 for chocolate-covered strawberries that were supposed to mimic boulders, she and her husband, John Garvin, substituted chocolate truffles from their local Whole Foods Mar-

ket.

Garvin says the design represented the couple's passion for cycling on trails near their home and the force with which they fell in love. The cake had two trails running up either side and meeting at the top. It was crowned with two, iron-crafted figurines – hair-tousled caricatures flying off their bikes – that Garvin purchased from an online shop.

"That's how life is," Garvin says, explaining her cake. "You're fooling around on

your own path and then crash! You meet someone who changes your life. Luckily, we weren't on our bikes falling head over heels when we met."

Both Miller and Zanzinger note that wedding cakes are getting smaller: Brides are straying from the traditional three tiers and supplementing cake with other desserts.

Cakes also are getting more colorful as brides shun the traditional white or ecru in favor of something more daring. Sugared flowers, which

pop up the cost of a cake, are losing favor. And cupcakes or mini-cakes – one per seated table – are gaining in popularity.

"Couples today are wanting everything personalized in their wedding, especially something like the wedding cake," says Miller.

The following directions are for a dove topper – "a beautiful, classic topper that's something you'll hold on to," says Miller. For other ideas and crafting

techniques, consult the new "Martha Stewart's Encyclopedia of Crafts" (Crown Publishing Group).

Dove Topper  
(adapted from MarthaStewart.com)

Supplies:

- Small block of Styrofoam
- Foam glue
- Scrap of cardboard for spreading the glue
- Two hanks of white seed beads
- 6 stems of cotton lily-of-the-valley
- 2 branches of silk maidenhair fern
- Hot-glue gun
- Hank of alabaster-colored seed beads
- 2 millinery doves

Assembly:

1. Carve the Styrofoam into the shape of a birdbath, trying to keep edges rounded and smooth.
2. Working from the base, spread the foam glue in a 1-inch band completely around the Styrofoam birdbath. Attach the strands of white beads by spiraling them around the birdbath. Continue adding the glue and coiling the beads up the sides and onto the top until you have a 1/4-inch-wide band on top.
3. Arrange the lily-of-the-valley and fern branches into two half-arcs; insert their stems into the center of the Styrofoam birdbath and secure them, using the hot-glue gun.
4. Glue on the strands of alabaster beads to fill in the top of the birdbath, spiraling toward the center.
5. Hot-glue doves in place.



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# Wedding insurance gets another look in tough times

By LISA A. FLAM

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) – Fantasies of the perfect wedding never included banquet halls going bust or lovebirds losing their jobs.

But a calamity can sneak up on you while you're consumed with creating your dream day, especially during a recession.

For couples who plan ahead, there is a safeguard. Wedding insurance can cover costs when the unimaginable happens – the power goes out or the groom falls ill – and the party is over before it even began.

In the second year of this recession, more weddings are being protected by insurance,

several insurers said.

"The economy is driving the sales because of the potential for job loss and the potential for vendors going out of business," said Rob Nuccio, program administrator for Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, who said policy sales are up about 20 percent this year. "With wedding insurance, you can get that money back and keep going."

And as the financial markets have fallen like so many rose petals, there are about twice as many wedding insurance claims as there were two years ago, he said.

Nuccio, who has sold the insurance through RV Nuccio & Associates for Fireman's Fund since the early 1990s, says

many claims these days are because of job loss (if the policy owner qualifies for unemployment insurance), loss of deposits (if a vendor or location goes out of business), photography coverage (if pictures are lost or damaged) and brides and grooms changing their minds about tying the knot.

The Fireman's policy offers "change of heart" coverage in cases where the bride or groom calls off the wedding more than six months before-

hand and someone else, like a parent, is paying for it.

Another company, WedSafe, backed by Aon, says policy sales are up 50 percent this year, in part because of the economy.

A wedding policy can reimburse you for money you can't get back if the big day is canceled because a storm shuts down airports or a burst pipe floods a hotel kitchen. There's coverage for lost or stolen wedding jewelry, and damaged or missing gowns. If the

photographer doesn't show up or the pictures are damaged, policies may pay to reassemble the wedding party and restage the ceremony so new photos can be taken.

Policies can be bought for as little as \$95, depending on how much is being spent on the wedding. Nuccio says \$250 would buy good coverage for a \$30,000 wedding; about \$2,400 for a \$250,000 event.

WedSafe says fewer than 10 percent of weddings are in-

sured. The Wedding Report, a market research company, estimates that 11 percent of the 2.1 million weddings in the United States last year were insured.

While not everyone is sold, Nuccio says couples without insurance whose weddings get canceled usually end up eloping, not recreating their bridal banquet.

"Who should buy wedding insurance?" Nuccio said. "Whoever can't afford to put on the same event twice."

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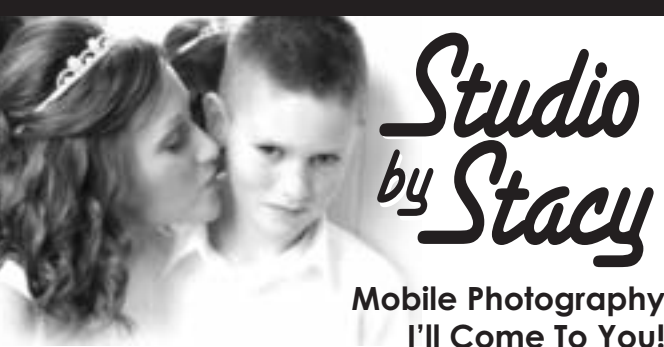
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# Keep the rehearsal dinner intimate

By **DAN SEWELL**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Planning the rehearsal dinner once seemed simple enough.

The wedding party walked through the ceremony the evening before the official event, then headed to a nice restaurant for a cozy dinner including participants, their significant others, parents, grandparents and, often, close friends and relatives who came in from out of town.

That was then. Now, families and friends tend to be spread out around the country. Divorce and remarriage have created big, blended families. And deciding the guest list for the pre-wedding event has become another complicated part of planning a wedding.

"There are so many variables involved," said Anja Winikka, editor of The Knot.com online wedding planning site. "How many people are coming from out of town; whether it's in the couple's hometown. It doesn't work too well when all your guests are coming – it will feel like two receptions."

Many couples are innovating, wedding experts say, going with more casual pre-wedding gatherings or moving up the rehearsal and dinner to earlier in the week.

The wedding guest list can be even more complicated than the rehearsal dinner invites.

Leaving people out "can cause some hurt feelings – particularly when it comes to family members," said Winikka.

One bride-to-be asked The Knot how to answer an uninvited aunt who e-mailed her asking what time the rehearsal dinner was.

Winikka said consistency is important – either all cousins, uncles and aunts are invited or none are. And she suggests responding directly to anyone with questions by explaining the need to put limits on the

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– Anja Winikka  
on rehearsal dinner guest list

gathering.

While the rehearsal dinner are usually the evening before the wedding, some couples are holding theirs two nights before. That gives them a little extra time in between for last-minute details.

Having the rehearsal dinner early also helps head off the guest-list issue, said Winikka, since many out-of-town guests don't come until the night before a wedding.

Instead of a big rehearsal dinner, some families host informal gatherings for out-of-towners in the days before the wedding, either at a casual restaurant, in a home or with a backyard barbecue, Winikka said.

"That might be for the aunt (to host) who wants to do something for your wedding,"

she said.

For "destination weddings," when most or all guests will be traveling to a special location, couples shouldn't feel obligated to include them in a rehearsal dinner, Winikka said, but can include a "welcome party" in the pre-wedding events.

A Knot survey last year

found that respondents spent an average \$1,647 on the rehearsal dinner. By tradition, the groom and his family take responsibility for arranging and funding it. It's becoming increasingly common, however, for couples and both their families to share planning and costs on the dinner and other wedding events.

It's also becoming more common now for the wedding to be followed by a next-morning brunch gathering.

Winikka said the rehearsal dinner – with its toasts, trading of stories and reflection on the future – is "a great opportunity to get into wedding mode."

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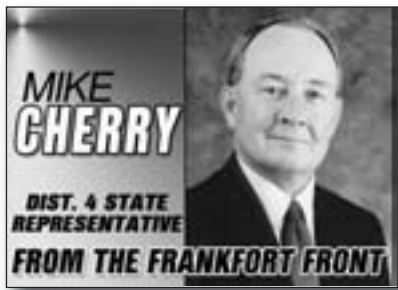
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# Budget is main focus, but there is more to do

Last week, the House concentrated on fine-tuning our plan to plug the state's more than \$1 billion revenue shortfall. Most of this work is being done through the House Appropriations and Revenue subcommittee system. These groups were planning to take their findings and recommendations to the full committee around the middle of this week for a possible full House vote by week's end.

Our strategy for the difficult task of balancing the budget with revenues that have been shrinking for two years, which I discussed at some length last week, includes anticipated federal stimulus revenue, fund transfers and widespread cuts in spending. However, none of these provisions and associated actions is set in granite and I have no doubt that any budget we consider will have two or three incarnations before session's end. What is not likely to change is the House's resolve to balance the budget without tax increases or relying on any potential revenues from expanded gaming – two issues that appear to have the proverbial fork stuck in them.



The budget is the main focus in the House right now, but it's not our only focus, and the bills below are among those last week that generated the most public interest.

Concern with possible adverse economic effects caused by non-statutory U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulation of greenhouse gases was the focus of House Resolution 132, passed 76-16 by the House a week ago Tuesday. Supporters of the resolution hope to change how the issue is handled by encouraging congress to put a hold on the EPA's efforts to regulate CO2 and other greenhouse gases from sources like power plants and factories until the matter is statutorily handled by

congress.

Carbon dioxide is also the issue behind HB 213, which would permit companies to build carbon dioxide transmission pipelines to move the gas to states where it can be stored. The bill, which cleared the House by a 91-5 vote and now goes to the Senate for consideration, is part of Kentucky's move toward clean-coal technology.

At least two House bills are one step closer to becoming law this week after being passed by the Senate. HB 51, which now goes to the governor for his signature, would enhance suicide prevention efforts by requiring public middle and high school to distribute suicide prevention materials and the state to post suicide prevention information on its Web site. The other bill, HB 19, would allow military veterans who have returned home from deployment a year's extension to renew their state concealed-carry permits, and would allow permits for active-duty military to be renewed and sent to the troops' stations.

Concern for the welfare of Kentucky's children was the focus of a

bill addressing "sexting" – the practice of sending sexual images or imagery through text messages – which cleared the House Judiciary Committee. Under HB 143, teens under age 18 would have to perform community service and pay a \$100 fine the first time caught sending or possessing nude images through text messages. The bill would both protect victims and prevent teens from facing possible felony charges later by making first-time offenders aware of the consequences of their behavior.

I'll conclude with a few remarks about two new pieces of legislation I filed earlier this month. In both cases, there are two of us as primary sponsors. Our rules limit primary sponsors to two. Others who sign on to bills are co-sponsors.

The first is HB 413, filed Feb. 10, with Rep. Ruth Ann Palumbo (D-Lexington) as my co-primary. We call the bill the Public Decency Act. It prohibits total nudity in strip clubs and creates a six foot buffer zone between strippers and patrons. Currently, 116 of Kentucky's 120 counties have such local regulation, including all in the Pur-

chase and Pennyryle regions of western Kentucky. This legislation is also designed to assist local governments' enforcement efforts if challenged in court and is endorsed by the Kentucky County Judge-Executive Association.

The other new bill is HB 492, jointly sponsored with Rep. Johnny Bell (D-Glasgow). It's called the Kentucky Government Transparency Bill and requires all three branches of government – executive, judicial and legislative – to provide a Web site for easy public access to records relating to expenditures and operations. Much of this is being done by regulation, but we feel it needs to be spelled out in statute. The Senate is also working on such legislation.

As always, I welcome you to contact me with your thoughts or concerns.

*Rep. Cherry is a six-term Democratic representative from Princeton. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of McCracken County in Frankfort. He can be reached there by calling the legislative toll-free Message Line at 800-372-7181, or by e-mailing me mike.cherry@rc.ky.gov.*

# Bible class, veterans work among chores in state Senate

Representative Joseph "Eddie" Ballard (D-Madisonville) has been a champion of veteran issues since he came to the House of Representatives in 1987.

Through the Kentucky General Assembly, I have had the opportunity to work with Rep. Ballard for many years. We came to Frankfort at the same time, serving our respective districts in the House of Representatives. I applaud all of his efforts for the people of his district and the entire Commonwealth and I appreciate his 24 years of service.

His service actually began as a young man, when he served his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force. Upon arriving in Frankfort, Rep. Ballard immediately turned his attention to the needs of veterans. A long-time chair of the Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, he sponsored legislation to construct state-run veterans' nursing homes, including the Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson, and to create the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs. He has been a tireless proponent of state-operated veterans'



cemeteries; was instrumental in establishing cemeteries in Hopkinsville, Radcliff, and Williamstown; and has advocated for new veterans' cemeteries in Leslie and Greenup counties. He co-sponsored legislation to provide special license plates to veterans and to make it easier for members of the armed services to register their motor vehicles; co-sponsored legislation to waive public higher education tuition for children of deceased veterans or veterans who are permanently and totally disabled, and to exempt veterans with 100 percent service-connected disability from having to annually file paperwork with the property valuation administrators.

This week, we recognized the work by Rep. Ballard on behalf of veterans in Kentucky by adding his name to the Western Kentucky Veter-

ans Center in Hanson.

Providing additional assistance to veterans, this week, we also passed legislation to aid service members returning home from the front line. HB 19 would allow returning military personnel up to one year to renew their concealed-carry permit upon returning home from deployment. There are many deadlines we take for granted as civilians, such as a driver's license. It is much more difficult to meet those deadlines when deployed overseas for a lengthy period so HB 19 gives these heroes the extra time to get their affairs in order when they return home. In addition, the bill allows them to renew their permit via mail, if possible and then receive their new permit at their duty station rather than at their home. It is a small convenience, but an important one for those who serve our nation so honorably.

The General Assembly takes its role in overseeing the state's education system very seriously. In recent years, we have taken several steps to encourage students to take rigorous coursework that explores subject mat-

erial in depth, but this week, we moved to increase the breadth of knowledge in our schools.

Senate Bill 142 would allow students to take a high school course on the historical, social and cultural influence of the Bible. The key to the course is that it is designed to teach, not preach. It is hard to conduct a high school literature course without studying a work with reference to the Bible, from Paradise Lost to The Chronicles of Narnia. Some of the greatest films of history have referenced the Bible, including the classic The 10 Commandments and modern hits like Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code and Angels and Demons. And, understanding any number of historical events – the Crusades, Renaissance art, the Reformation, even the Pilgrims arriving on this continent – is dependent on knowing the Biblical context. There is no doubt that the Bible, as a work of history and literature, has influenced our modern society, and understanding the Bible outside its strictly religious context can benefit students in many ways.

To make sure that the course prepares students for the wider world instead of mimicking Sunday school, there is a two-step process for implementing the plan. First, the State Board of Education would develop guidelines on how the course would be taught, including the focus on how the Bible has influenced modern society through literature, history and culture. Second, each school-based decision making council would have to approve the course before it could be offered to that high school's students.

Additionally, any coursework, whether on the Old Testament, New Testament, or both, would be an elective and not required for graduation. Students would also have their choice of books to use rather than being forced to read a particular translation of the Bible.

Another education-related subject we tackled was the growing specter of teen suicide. House Bill 51 would require every public middle school and high school to distribute suicide prevention materials to its students. The bill goes hand-in-hand with SB 65, passed earlier

this month, which would require teachers to receive training to understand the signs of a suicidal student. Suicide is the third-leading cause of death among teens, and the fourth-leading cause of death among preteens. A key to preventing suicide is knowing the signs and getting people the help they need. The more we can help friends and colleagues recognize who is most at risk, the more we can prevent senseless tragedies.

We have now finished the second month of this 60-day session, so the important work of the budget will take greater precedence with each coming day. As the pace picks up, it is more important than ever to stay in touch with your elected officials in Frankfort.

*State Sen. Dorsey Ridley has served in the senate since 2004 after an eight-year tenure in the House. He represents Henderson, Webster, Union, Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties. You may contact him at dorsey.ridley@rc.ky.gov or call the Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-718.*

# Wanton waste is disheartening no matter the reason or the perpetrator

When great-great-grandpa Moses Evans was forced to sell his farm to the federal government back in the late 1930s to make way for Kentucky Lake, he cried – or so tell the old folks who remember.

He wasn't shedding tears over the hand-hewn log cabin where he'd raised more than half dozen children. No, the old place built back in the 1800s was just about falling in by the time Uncle Sam bought it through its writ of imminent domain.

No, with the damned up Tennessee River about to flood his riverbottom farm, Moses was mostly disturbed by the wanton waste of a stand of virgin timber he'd nurtured between the cabin

and river. After FDR and TVA completed their land grab, they slashed and burned the large oaks and cypress trees that would soon be flooded by the rising waters. Atlantis could have his home, but Moses was twisted with anger over the incredible frittering away of something as valuable as a stand of mature, unblemished timber.

The pain is the same for me each day as I pass what's known by locals as the Hunt house on U.S. 641, which was purchased by the State of Kentucky a few years ago to make way for a wider highway between Marion and Fredonia.

As for the road, we desperately need it. I hope my chil-



dren live to drive on it, but I'm not holding my breath. Every couple of years, we're just months away from starting construction.

Last week, I learned through the local grapevine that the state is about to accept bids to sell the house. You'd think we folks in the newspaper business might have been advised of such an auction so that local people interested might actually have a chance to buy the

house and perhaps move it to another location.

It's a perfectly good home, or should I say, was. I remember when it was built, only a few years before the state forced the sale. Probably cost between \$160,000 and \$190,000 to build, maybe more.

Not sure how much the state paid for it without doing some research, but it's supposed to be fair market value. Assuming that we, the taxpayers, gave a couple hundred grand for the place, we'd expect to be able to recoup some of it. Had the house been sold quickly, before its roof was partly blown off and left to leak, it might have had some real value. Perhaps it still does.

Common sense told Moses Evans 70 years ago that wasting all of that timber was imprudent. Take the land, but waste not what is on it. Be good stewards of the taxpayers' assets.

What's most disheartening is that the state did not advertise the sale of the Hunt house in Crittenden County. Instead, it's listed on a Web site – inconspicuous to most people – where only registered state vendors may bid.

At a time when the government catch phrase seems to be "transparency," the veils are being pulled higher and tighter.

In the past, local newspaper was the vehicle for which government communicated with its people. Now, only in-

siders with tickets can get into the show.

Moving legal advertising to the Web is just as folly as slashing and burning good timber. Where have we gone wrong?

Every time the state legislature meets, there's discussion about doing away with legal advertisements in the newspaper. The Internet is a wonderful tool, which can be manipulated and changed at a moment's notice. Newspapers are printed, unchangeable and archived for hundreds of years, providing a searchable permanent record.

*Chris Evans is the publisher and editor of The Crittenden Press. He is also author of the book, "South of the Mouth of Sandy," which is available from online bookstores.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Reader wants to know what happened to Lucy

To the Editor:

Several years ago my husband and I subscribed to The Crittenden Press, mainly because we wanted to keep up with hometown sports. Later we were delighted to see and read a weekly column by Sister Lucy Tedrick. It was so refreshing to read someone who not only knew and understood what was going on in this great country of ours, but was not afraid to speak out.

For the last four weeks her column has been missing from The Crittenden Press and we have been wondering what has happened to it. I hope it is temporary for whatever the reason, and that she will soon be back.

Phyllis Green  
Mayfield, Ky.

*Editor's Note: Sister Lucy Tedrick's columns will return when the Kentucky General Assembly finishes its work this spring in Frankfort. Until then, our two elected officials, Sen. Ridley and Rep. Cherry, have the floor.*

### Rebuttal to 'Warming'

To the Editor:

This is in response to staff writer Pamela Stringer's opinion piece on man-made global warming. The colossal failure of the last Copenhagen summit should tell you something. Discoveries over the last several months of sloppy science, efforts to suppress opinions, lies, coercion, omitted or altered facts/data on man-caused global warming abound and have many of those "scientists" who were claiming the ice cap and Himalayan glacier are melting and sea levels are rising are

backtracking, hiding or resigning.

Al Gore will say the debate is over, yet there are thousands of signatures from scientists worldwide on the Oregon Petition, which says there is no evidence for the man-made global warming theory or for any impact from mankind's activities on climate.

Wouldn't it be refreshing if we could hear both sides of an issue such as, parts of ice caps are melting yet other parts are thickening. So in the interest of balance, I submit for your consideration: California's central valley becomes barren because environmentalists backed by government would rather save a minnow than provide water to grow crops that feed humans, which, by the way, puts farmers out of work.

The government denies Americans the opportunity to develop our own natural resources while transferring our wealth to oil-producing countries like Saudi Arabia and providing untold dollar amounts to other nations to do exactly what they will not per-

mit us to do in our own nation. As for our energy consumption, consider this from The 5,000 Year Leap, "By 1905 the United States had become the richest industrial nation in the world. With only five percent of the earth's continental land area and merely six percent of the world's population, the American people were producing over half of almost everything – clothes, food, houses, transportation, communications, even luxuries."

Now ask yourself, where would the world be if it were not for America? At some point this nations' leaders will be forced to admit our national interests and security are more important than a minnow and with a safe and secure America the world is a safer and more secure place.

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

## Community Spotlight

### WKU announces mid-term grads

Two Crittenden Countians are among the mid-term graduates from Western Kentucky University.

Jacob H. May, 23, earned a bachelor's degree in advanced manufacturing.

He is a 2005 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

Kelly A. Perryman, 33, has earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis area in social behavior. She is also a graduate of CCHS.



May



Perryman

ford relied on referrals from teachers before selecting her ambassadors based on their efforts in school and their contributions to the community, among other criteria.

For their selection, the two receive a free photo session and free prints for referrals to Studio by Stacy.

Honorable mentions in Crittenden County were Ashlee Collins and Hannah Tinsley. Livingston County honorable mentions were Kelcie Walker, Kimberlie Moore, Teddy Dukes, Mishel Crowe, Heidi Curtis, Chris Doom and Brandy Thomas. Each of the runners-up receive a free 8x10 senior picture.

### Lt. Col. McDaniel is heading up Guard's 'go-green' project

The Kentucky National Guard just went a little greener with the help of its partners in state government and the private sector.

Crews have just completed an installation of solar panels at the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center in Muhlenberg County where Marion resident Lt. Col. William "Billy" McDaniel is base operations manager and the training site commander.

This 10,000-acre training facility for the Kentucky National Guard will be partially powered by the 84 kilowatt photovoltaic solar arrays found on the administration building and two of the center's barracks. The 400 solar panels on the three buildings are "grid-tied," meaning that the power produced will first be used by electrical loads within the facility. Any excess power produced will flow back onto the grid, running the facility power meter backward and creating a credit. The net effect of the system will be to reduce the cost of electricity for the facility.

"I want to commend the Kentucky National Guard for their stewardship of the land as well as the taxpayer's dollars," said Gov. Steve Beshear. "This new solar installation is a significant step toward providing a quality training facility for our troops while relieving the financial burden for the state."

The initiative was driven by Kentucky's Comprehensive Energy Plan. The project was

completed in association with the Finance and Administration Cabinet through the utilization of \$553,499 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.



### Student designs shirt to benefit unwanted animals

Crittenden County High School freshman Ashley Harris is taking steps to help the Crittenden County Animal Shelter by selling T-shirts she designed using a Web site.

Harris, who volunteers at the shelter during school breaks and on Saturdays by cleaning cages and playing with the animals, decided to design and sell the shirts when she realized how many animals do not get adopted from the shelter. She hopes the shirts raise awareness of the adoption process.

"The money will help buy medicine for the animals, too," Harris said. "They need Parvo medication and that's really expensive."

Shirts can be purchased for \$15 in white, pink, red, blue, yellow and green, and in all sizes. All of the profit will benefit the animal shelter.

To order a shirt, mail payment to 122 Circle Dr., Marion, Ky. 42064 or orders can be dropped off at Farmers Bank, where Karen Harris, Ashley's mother, set up an account.

For more information, contact Ashley or Karen at 965-9437 or 969-0619.

### Pamida donates to Crittenden schools

Continuing its mission to support the education of youth in Pamida communities, the Pamida Foundation has announced its 2009 donation of \$158,800 to local schools. This donation will be divided, then distributed to schools or organizations in the communities that Pamida serves. In Marion,



### Community Journalists

The Crittenden Press sponsored a Community Journalism Class last week in conjunction with the Marion Ed-Tech Center. Those attending the two-hour class were (from left) Carlene Hodge, Dustin Perry, Becky Conger, Ralph Hendrix, Debbie Hendrix, Emily Hendrix, Sherry Frazer, Tina Walker and Melissa Tabor. The class was conducted by Chris Evans, editor and publisher of The Crittenden Press. Those attending learned about writing news releases and getting them published in the newspaper. The course also covered other aspects of a community newspaper. For more about community education classes, contact Dulcie Hardin at the Marion Ed-Tech Center at 965-9294.

Crittenden County Board of Education will receive a check in the amount of \$250 to enhance various learning programs for its students.

"The Foundation firmly believes that education is essential to our communities' well-being. Schools have the ability to impact and inspire so many in a positive way. It is the Foundation's hope that students, in return, will go on to make positive contributions to the communities in which they live and work," says Jessica Strohman, executive director of the Pamida Foundation. "We'd also like to thank our vendor partners and Pamida employees for their generous support of our Foundation during 2009. With their donations, we're able to make this incredible contribution to our hometowns."

Schools and organizations that wish to be considered for future donations are welcome to submit requests to the Pamida Foundation. Details may be found in brochures at all Pamida stores and pharmacies or at: [www.pamida.com](http://www.pamida.com).

### Mexico Baptist draws almost 600

The sixth annual Mexico Baptist Church Wild Game Dinner drew a record crowd of nearly 600 Saturday night.

In addition to a wild game meal, the event include calling demonstrations, a turkey calling contest, a devotional and comedy skits. Logan Shuecraft

## BUNTIN

Continued from page 1 near Sheridan. She learned about the Ecuadorian trip from a college professor and found that she could pay for most of the trip with scholarship money.

"I have always had a desire to travel outside of the states, and this was the first opportunity that I have been able to take advantage of," she said.

As for the language barrier she might encounter, Buntin said her two courses in Spanish while at Crittenden County High School will come in handy. She has also taken some orientation courses as part of the pre-trip training to brush up on her Spanish-speaking skills.

"Most of my Spanish speaking is elementary, but I can speak enough to take care of necessities and bargain," Buntin said.



Mathew Thurmond received his Pathway Academy diploma last Tuesday night during the school board meeting from Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough with Vince Clark there for support. Thurmond was unable to attend last month's ceremony due to illness.

won the turkey calling event for the second straight year.

### Conrad hired as head of Hoptown development group

Marion native Lee Conrad, 30, has been named the executive director of the Hopkinsville-Christian County Economic Development Council.

He previously served as economic director for the Crittenden County Economic Development Corp., from 2005 to 2007.

Conrad has been the interim director in Hopkinsville for the last 10 months and was recently named the permanent head of the four-person economic development team.

As the economic development director, Conrad is responsible for recruitment and retention of industry and business in Kentucky's sixth largest city.

Conrad holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Kentucky. He is a 1998 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

What's going on with people you know in Crittenden County? Do you have an item for Spotlight? Please, let us know. Email the office at [thepress@the-press.com](mailto:thepress@the-press.com) or call us at 965-3191.



Conrad



### First Dollars

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce held a couple of First Dollar presentation ceremonies over the past week for news businesses in Marion. Above, Tom Potter, the new State Farm agent in Marion, was officially recognized as a new Chamber business. Pictured are (from left) Chamber representatives Barbara Myers, Vanda Jones, Bob Briley, Mark Bryant, Potter, Jared Byford and Susan Alexander. Below, Chamber President Ron Padget presents a First Dollar award to Scott and Amy Halpin of Halpin Consulting. Also pictured in the background are Chamber representatives and community leaders Fred Brown, Minnie Lou Brown, Bryant, Briley, Byford, Myers, Jones, Susan Alexander, Corey Payne and Mickey Alexander. The Halpins launched their computer technology business 10 months ago in Evansville and are growing it to Marion where Amy has family ties and now resides. Todd is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer and a published author for technology trade magazines.



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Obituaries

## Ramage

J.B. Ramage, 87, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., formerly of Dycusburg, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2010 in Alvin C. York VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro.

He was retired from Kentucky Stone in Livingston County, was a member of Dycusburg Baptist Church, a member of Dycusburg Masonic Lodge 232 for 50 plus years and a World War II U.S. Navy veteran, who served on the USS Bennington.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Helen Brasher Ramage; one daughter, Michele Manning of Murfreesboro; two grandchildren, Shelby and Davis Manning, both of Murfreesboro; one sister-in-law, Bobbie J. Ramage of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Chris Manning; three sisters, Ardell Myers Johnson, Rudell Myers Baker and Ada Mae Ramage Belt; and three brothers, Charles Myers, Fred A. Ramage and Chuck Ramage. His parents were Frank Ramage and Zemrhu Greenlee Ramage.

Funeral services were Friday, Feb. 26, 2010 at Lakeland Funeral Home Chapel in Eddyville with Dr. Mark Gregory and Rev. James Oates officiating. Burial was at Dycusburg Cemetery with graveside military rites.

## Watson

Shirley L. Watson, 68 of Oakland City, Ind., died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, Ind.

Watson retired from Hendrickson Auto in Boonville, Ind. She was a member of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church and the United Commercial Travel Group.

Surviving are a son, Don Watson of Oakland City, Ind.; a daughter, Debby Harris of Velpen, Ind.; a sister, Barbara Thatch of Salem; a brother, Jim Tinsley, Paris, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Trice and Ruth Bragdon Tinsley; her husband, Norris Wayne "Pete" Watson; and a brother.

Funeral services were Sunday, Feb. 28 at Myers Funeral Home. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

## Woodall

Bill Woodall, 78, of Evansville, Ind., died Monday, March 1, 2010 at St. Mary's Medical Center. Graveside services are at 3 p.m., Thursday, March 4 at Mexico Cemetery. A complete obituary will be published next week.

## HOSPITAL

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ating room is small and it's cramped. It's still adequate and safe, but a larger area would be easier to work in."

"While the hospital has continued to keep up with the technology desired by our doctors, we have simply outgrown the current space," said Marketing Director Donnetta Travis. "The new facility will provide a more comfortable and relaxing atmosphere for the patient and their families. It will also provide a much better patient flow, which will enhance the service and overall experience for our patients.

"For out-patient procedures, our patients will be able to enter the facility, be admitted, have their procedure and be discharged all within the same area," added Travis.

Curnel said plans call for three spacious operating rooms and an endoscopy area, tripling the actual space that can be used concurrently for surgeries. The

## Bradley

David Leonard "Dave" Bradley III, 63, of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., died on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010.

He was a retired teacher at Reidland Middle and Frances Elementary schools. He served as a major in the Kentucky and Kansas Army National Guard, serving as the commander of Paducah's Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 123rd Armor, Kentucky National Guard.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa Kowalski Bradley of Mt. Juliet; sons David L. "Brad" Bradley IV and wife Carolyn of Cheshire, Conn., John Vinson Bradley and wife Annie Cle-Bradley, of Madison, Tenn.; two grandchildren, Allison Evelyn Bradley and Katherine Nicole Bradley of Cheshire, Conn.; siblings, Richard Holloman and wife Louise of Russellville, Ky., Pam Holloman Meeks of Johnson City, Tenn., Betty Holloman Riano of Jonesborough, Tenn., Sandy Holloman Boyd and husband Bobby of Grand Rivers and Andy Holloman and wife Donna of Hampton, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Feb. 27 at St. Stephen Catholic Community in Old Hickory, Tenn., with Rev. Pat Kibby officiating. Burial was at Dixon Springs Cemetery in Dixon Springs, Tenn.

Memorials may be made to St. Stephen Catholic Community; Haiti Relief Fund, 14544 Lebanon Road, Old Hickory, TN 32138 or to Alive Hospice of Nashville, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203.

Burns-Short funeral home in Nashville was in charge of arrangements.

## Gulledge

Darline Gulledge, 65, of Sikeston, Mo., formerly of Marion, died Monday, March 1, 2010 at Missouri Senior Lifestyles in Sikeston.

Surviving are her mother, Elma Lewis; sisters, Lena O'Bryan of Benton and Shirley Bowling of Dycusburg; brother, Virgil Lewis of South Shore, Ky.; one grandson; and two great-granddaughters.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Melvin Gulledge; daughter, Dona Todd; and parents, Oval Thomas and Elma Lewis.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 4 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.

The body will be cremated after the services.

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## Clark

Ann Conger Clark, 95, of Mickleover, England, and formerly of Marion, died Jan. 19, 2010.

She was born in Norfolk, Va., but lived in Germany, Africa and in the United States, where she made Marion her home for many years.

She is survived by her son, Mike and his wife Diane; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## Nunn

Thomas Marshall Nunn, 93, of Wilkesboro, N.C., died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010 at The Laurels of Chatham in Pittsboro, N.C.

He was born Dec. 11, 1916 in Marion to Marshall and Lucy Yandell Nunn. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School, sang in the choir and was an ordained deacon.

Nunn was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Davidson Nunn; four sons, Thomas Wayne Nunn of Wilkesboro, Danny Marshall Nunn of Winston Salem, and Samuel Edward Nunn and wife Debby and David Glenn Nunn all of Wilkesboro; three daughters, Brenda Kay Quate of Candor, N.C., Patricia Gail Parish and husband Bill of Sugar Grove, N.C., Linda Sue Brady and husband Harvey of Bennett; 10 grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, Feb. 28 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church with the Rev. Kevin Brown and the Rev. Mike Hamby officiating. Burial with military rites by VFW Post 1142 will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Building Fund, 239 Champion Mt. Pleasant Road, Wilkesboro, NC 28697. Miller Funeral Service in North Wilkesboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Martin

Howard "Pluto" Martin, 69, of Marion died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010 at his home.

Surviving are his sisters, Betty Ruth Martin and Lois Travis, both of Madisonville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma Martin; and parents, Frank and Lizzie Martin.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 2 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Dycusburg Cemetery.

## Wirtanen

Lawrence Joseph Wirtanen, 72 of Marion, formerly of Flagstaff, Ariz., died Saturday, Feb. 27 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville.

Wirtanen was a graduate of Michigan State University, a retired fisheries biologist from the Fish & Wildlife Service and a U.S. Marine veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra Wirtanen of Marion; a son, Mark and wife Kelly Wirtanen of Flagstaff; two daughters, Wendy and husband James Dunham of Marion and Dawn and husband Roy Walter of Lake Charles, La.; a sister, Celestine Gross of Litchfield Minn.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eli and Edith Colombino Wirtanen; and a son, Byran Wirtanen.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, March 2 at Marion United Methodist Church with Rev. Wayne Garvey officiating. Burial was planned at Hematite Cemetery in Amasa, Mich.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

## Waide

Cecil Waide, 86, of Shady Grove, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010 at Rivers Bend Retirement Center in Kuttawa.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II, was a retired coal miner at Pyro Mines and a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia Dare Seymour Waide; a daughter, Janis Lynne McLaughlin and husband Larry of Evansville; two grandchildren, Angie Pierson and Danny McLaughlin and wife Elissa, both of Evansville; seven great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Alan Waide; two sisters, Lillian Murray and Gladys Waide; and his parents, J.W. and Rushie Andrews Waide.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 3 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Don Moore, Bro. Jimmy Sigler and Rev. Jason Oliver officiating. Burial was at Shady Grove Cemetery.

## James

Leoda Mae Kirk James, 89, of Lehigh Acres, Fla., formerly of Salem, died March 1, 2010 in Florida. Arrangements are incomplete at Boyd Funeral Directors.

## TIMBER

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ers in the area showed signs of severe damage.

The small tract of woodland used as a reference for the class was determined to need clear-cutting if the landowner sought short-term gain. While a portion of the standing timber was not heavily damaged, foresters and loggers alike pointed out that select cutting is not profitable nor practical, considering the state of many timber stands and forest floors in the area.

"I spent all last summer select-cutting and to be honest, I'm tired of it," said Mike Sutton a Crittenden County timber cutter. "We wore out a small dozer trying to clear out around trees before we started cutting. It's too expensive."

Sutton said that in his estimation, about 80 percent of the area's timber is "ruined when it comes right down to it."

What he means is that while trees may not die, their timber value will start declining rather than increasing with time.

Dr. Jeff Stringer, a forestry specialist for the University of Kentucky who headed up last week's class, said he didn't agree with such a broad statement, but did agree that many stands of timber are damaged to the point that clear-cutting might be the only viable alternative if short-term monetary gain is desired.

"Just because it's a mess, doesn't mean it's problematic," Stringer said. He points out that there are just as many reasons for leaving damaged trees as there are for cutting them. Many will recover in time and those that bear fruit or mast will continue to create offspring. "When you take out that

damaged red oak, you're removing its potential for putting out acorns, which will grow into new trees," he said.

The UK specialist said that ice damaged trees may actually produce more fruit or mast than prior to the storm. It's a survival-type instinct that triggers more acorns, he explained.

Stringer suggests asking a forestry professional to help you determine the best course of action for your forest. Kentucky Division of Forestry offers professional services to help landowners establish a forest plan. The state's assistance is free until you ask foresters to mark trees for harvesting. The Division of Forestry does not assist landowners with determining the value of their standing timber or help them to sell it.

"That's what we do," said Ladd.

A consulting forester is a private contractor, who for a commission ranging from 8-12 percent, creates a harvest plan, provides the owner with a value of the marketable timber, marks trees to be cut and boundaries, notifies neighbors, bids the harvest job, assists with contract negotiations and monitors the harvest as it progresses.

"We're kind of like real estate agent in a land deal," said Ladd, who estimates that the ice storm caused damage of between \$100 to \$300 per acre to timberlands in the area.

Consulting foresters can also appraise damaged timber, which can sometimes help the landowner with tax breaks due to casualty losses.

Timber professionals say that the value of some species is starting to bounce back from broad-based low prices over the past year.



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SECTION 8  
HOUSING





## LIVESTOCK REPORTS

MARION & LIVINGSTON REPORTS WEEKLY BY -USDA MARKET NEWS

### MARION LIVESTOCK SALE

Monday, March 1, 2010. KDOA-USDA Market News.  
West Kentucky Livestock Market, Marion Auction (cattle  
weighed time of sale)  
Receipts: 659 head.

**Compared to last week:** Slaughter cows mostly steady.  
Slaughter bulls 2.00 lower. Feeder steers under 600 lbs  
steady to 3.00 higher, over 600 4.00 lower. Feeder heifers  
under 600 lbs steady to 5 higher, over 600 3.00-4.00 lower.

**Slaughter cows:**

Percent Lean	Weight	Price	Hi-Dress	Low-Dress
Breaker	75-80	1050-1500	45.00-50.50	
Boner	80-85	880-1265	40.50-47.50	51.00 37.00-38.00
Lean	85-90	740-1100	32.00-37.00	39.50 27.00-32.00

**Slaughter Bulls:**

Y.G.	Weights	Carcass	Boning	Percent	Price	low-dress
1	2375-2430	77-78			62.00-64.00	
2	1175-1820	75-76			58.00-60.50	52.00-55.00

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
20	200-300	260	125.00-128.00	127.37
22	300-400	344	120.00-131.00	127.13
9	400-500	453	109.00-117.00	114.24
20	500-600	553	101.00-110.00	104.37
8	500-600	510	115.00	115.00 Value Added
6	600-700	638	92.00-100.00	98.75
6	700-800	729	88.00-91.00	90.46

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-300	246	109.00-111.00	109.85
2	300-400	335	104.00-110.00	107.04
1	400-500	415	91.00	91.00
2	500-600	550	87.00-91.00	89.13
2	600-700	622	86.00	86.00

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	200-300	248	109.00-114.00	112.58
35	300-400	329	110.00-121.00	117.34
47	400-500	451	97.50-109.00	103.94
34	500-600	538	85.00-105.00	99.92
13	600-700	638	95.00-90.00	87.72
3	700-800	750	83.00-88.00	86.33

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	200-300	224	96.00-105.00	101.45
23	300-400	373	86.00-108.00	101.58
13	400-500	453	81.00-96.00	91.73
9	500-600	553	83.50-94.00	89.02
5	600-700	652	81.00-84.00	82.75

**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	300-400	371	110.00-122.00	117.54
6	400-500	426	104.00-114.00	109.74
22	500-600	540	94.00-105.00	102.71
7	600-700	628	87.00-90.00	89.57
1	700-800	740	83.00	83.00
1	800-900	855	67.00	67.00
2	900-1000	927	62.00	62.00

**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
11	300-400	373	91.00-106.00	101.28
11	400-500	465	86.00-103.00	94.75
14	500-600	569	89.00-94.00	92.50
2	600-700	665	78.00-84.00	80.95
3	700-800	749	74.00-76.00	75.31

**Stock Cows:** Medium and Large 1-2: Cows 5 to 12 years  
old and 1 to 8 months bred 430.00-760.00 per head.  
**Stock Cows and Calves:** Cows 5 to 10 years old with baby  
calves at side 540.00-810.00 per pair.  
**Baby Beef Calves:** 50.00-190.00 per head.  
**Feeder Pigs:** 13 head weighing 95/lbs sold for 30.00  
each.

### LIVINGSTON LIVESTOCK

Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Livingston County Livestock,  
Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed at time of sale).  
Receipts: 1,303 Head

**Compared to last week:** Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00  
lower. Feeder steers and heifers mostly steady.

**Slaughter cows:**

Percent Lean	Weight	Price	High Dress	Low Dress
Breaker	75-80	1015-1810	46.00-53.00	54.00 44.00-45.00
Boner	80-85	985-1405	38.00-45.00	49.00-52.50
Lean	85-90	700-1100	32.00-38.00	
Lean	90+	600-1000	25.00-31.00	

**Slaughter Bulls:**

Y.G.	Weights	Carcass	Boning	Percent	Price
1	1700-2055	76-77			64.00-68.00
2	1180-2420	74-75			57.00-63.00
3	1225-1890	72-73			49.00-55.50

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
10	100-200	195	139.00	139.00
8	200-300	248	120.00-136.00	123.15
32	300-400	356	120.00-131.00	123.11
50	400-500	443	111.00-126.00	114.29
63	500-600	545	100.00-110.00	106.24
16	600-700	629	93.00-100.00	96.81
5	700-800	734	85.00-92.00	88.58
2	800-900	802	80.00-84.00	81.99

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	200-300	290	105.00-114.00	111.15
10	300-400	346	112.00-119.00	117.52
17	400-500	468	97.00-110.00	106.52
16	500-600	584	91.00-97.00	95.09
2	600-700	645	80.00	80.00
1	800-900	805	77.00	77.00

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	100-200	160	120.00	120.00
14	200-300	264	111.00-123.00	114.61
43	300-400	362	104.00-115.00	108.38
71	400-500	446	100.00-110.00	105.03
3	400-500	433	115.00	115.00 Pen
80	500-600	542	94.00-104.00	98.67
32	600-700	646	83.00-91.50	86.76
11	700-800	729	78.00-83.00	81.51
2	800-900	870	75.00-77.00	76.01

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	200-300	243	104.00-109.00	105.95
16	300-400	373	93.00-103.00	100.62
33	400-500	468	90.00-103.00	96.51
32	500-600	552	83.00-94.00	89.36
9	600-700	657	74.00-81.00	76.95
3	700-800	765	66.00-75.00	71.45
1	800-900	850	71.00	71.00

**Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	300-400	368	85.00	85.00
4	400-500	433	80.00	80.00
2	500-600	585	73.00	73.00

**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
15	300-400	355	104.00-115.00	109.98
32	400-500	461	104.00-112.00	109.24
74	500-600	555	98.00-108.50	102.13
53	600-700	646	86.00-96.00	90.50
33	700-800	723	80.00-87.00	84.15
18	800-900	809	80.00-81.25	81.08
21	900-1000	923	71.00-76.50	75.97

**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	300-400	385	90.00-100.00	96.62
17	400-500	470	100.00-103.00	101.22
15	500-600	567	87.00-97.00	93.82
15	600-700	661	80.00-89.00	84.02
4	700-800	704	74.00-78.00	76.50
10	800-900	837	70.00-78.00	74.75

**Stock Cows:** Medium and Large 1-2: Cows 2 to 8 years  
old 5 to 8 months bred 510.00-830.00 per head. Aged  
cows 5 to 8 months bred 450.00-550.00 per head.  
**Stock Cows and Calves:** Cows 4 to 9 years old with  
100-275 lb calves at side 680.00-860.00 per pair.  
**Baby Calves:** Beef Breeds: 55.00-100.00 per head.

# USDA implements SURE for 2008 losses

USDA has implemented the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill. Producers are encouraged to visit the FSA office in Salem to participate in the program if they suffered a crop production loss during the 2008 crop year.

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to

60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue.

The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and NON-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.

To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10-percent production loss on a crop of economic significance.

In addition, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance ACT or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

In addition to meeting the risk management purchase requirement, a producer must have a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a

primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Regardless of Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For SURE, a farm is defined as all crops in which a producer had an interest nationwide.

For more information on the new SURE program, please visit your local FSA county office or call 988-2180.

## What are drops, flats, points, arms?

# A guide to common fishing terms

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The staff here at Kentucky Afield Outdoors sometimes receive questions from newspaper editors and readers about common fishing terms used in a column or in a photo caption.

We've been asked, "What is a point?" in regards to a column about fall reservoir fishing. We've also been asked, "What is a flat?" stemming from a piece about spring fishing.

It is easy for experienced anglers to forget that common fishing terms such as "point," "flat" and "channel drop" have as much meaning for a novice angler as Latin does for the average person. Hunters and anglers take a certain pride in using terminology that only they know, but this practice can be a barrier to those just starting out.

With fishing season upon us, it is a good time to review terms that seem simple to an experienced angler, but confusing to a beginner.

In a reservoir, a "point" is a location where the bottom is shallower than the surrounding area. These are usually triangular spots on the bottom formed by sediment carried by creeks or the current. They may extend a short distance or hundreds of yards into a lake. Points are usually good places to find fish. Points form at the intersection of a cove or tributary creek with the main lake, or along a major creek arm of the lake. Large creek valleys that become the main part of the lake once the area is flooded are referred to as "creek arms."

Points that form at the confluence of a creek arm with the major part of the reservoir are known as "main lake points." The points in major creek arms made from the convergence with smaller tributaries are known as "secondary points." Those with nearby creek or river channels submerged when the lake was created are called "channel points." Channel points are also good places to fish, because fish can feed in the shallow area but still have a

quick escape route to deeper water to hide.

On a river, the sharp angle of land formed by a tributary meeting the main stem of the stream is also point. Predators, such as bass, walleye, stripers, trout, catfish and muskies, use points to hunt for baitfish.

"Points are travel corridors for predator fish," said Jeff Ross, assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "They make a sharp transition from shallow to deeper water and predator fish can just move up or down in the water column to feed. The top of a point gets deeper like an underwater bar that sinks as it goes out. You can always find a depth on the top of the point where fish are holding."

The term "flat" also confuses beginning anglers. "A flat," Ross explained, "is an extended shallow water section of the bank - or an area beside a creek or river channel - with a much gentler slope on the bottom than the rest of the lake."

A flat beside a submerged creek or old river channel in a reservoir is the inundated flood plain of the stream. Flats are especially important in spring.

"The deeper parts of a flat serve as staging areas for predator fish when they first move up out of deep water in early spring," Ross said. "In spring time, bass and other predator fish spawn on flats, especially if there is pea-sized gravel on the bottom." Flats with some fish-hiding cover on them such as stumps, sunken logs, weed beds, rock piles or brush - those changes in the bottom that anglers also call "structure" - make productive springtime fishing areas.

"Anytime you have habitat on a flat, that is good because it stands out," Ross said. "Fish instinctually go there. Stumps, weeds and pea gravel beds are a good draw for fish."

The fishing term "drop" is another confusing phrase for beginners. A drop is an area of the lake where the depth dramatically changes from shallow to deep. It is a short-

## HUNTING

### Wild game seasons

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Raccoon	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28
Trapping	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Conservation	Feb. 8 - March 31
Youth Turkey	April 3-4
Spring Turkey	April 17-May 9
LBL Non-Quota Turkey	April 19-May 2
Groundhog	Year round
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place or install electrical fixtures at your home, office or farm, plus learn about electrical safety, circuits, troubleshooting and how to use electrical testing equipment.

Cost for this class is \$45. As of Tuesday there were only four students signed up for the course. Unless more register by Thursday, it will not be held. Call 965-9294 to register.

## Agriculture News & Notes

### NRCS announces registration period for GRP

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kentucky is accepting applications for the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP). Although GRP applications are continually accepted, the application ranking cutoff dates for 2010 are March 15 and June 1. Applications received after June 1, will be deferred until the next ranking cycle. The Grassland Reserve Program is a voluntary program offering landowners and operators the opportunity to protect grazing uses and related conservation values by conserving and restoring grassland resources.

The focus of GRP in Kentucky will emphasize preservation of native and naturalized grasslands and protection of grazing operations with excellent land management practices. Those easement offers that enhance or establish native grasses, will receive ranking preference for easements while rental offers that exhibit proper grazing use will receive ranking preference for rentals. The compensation portion of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 for GRP authorizes easement compensation based on the fair market value of the land, as determined by an appraisal or an area-wide market analysis or survey, which takes into account the grassland value, and is limited to a geographic cap or the landowner offer. GRP rental contracts allow selected landowners and operators to receive annual payments to maintain or restore grassland functions and values for the length of the contract.

All participants in GRP are required to implement a grazing management plan which will be developed in conjunction with NRCS. Eligible land for GRP includes grasslands for which grazing or haying is the predominant use, or land that has been historically dominated by grassland, forbs, or shrub land. Restoration for land enrolled in GRP has a maximum cost share rate of 50 percent. Additional program information is provided on the NRCS Kentucky Web page.

To apply, or for more information, please contact Larry Starr, District Conservationist, or the local conservation district office located at 118 East Bellville Street in Marion or 360 West Main in Salem or, call 270-965-3921, extension 3, in Marion or 270-988-2180, extension 3 in Salem.

### Local homebuilders hosting lead-based paint clinic

An informational meeting for anyone working in the construction, remodeling or repair of homes, schools, child care facilities or other buildings will be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 9 at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. Federal EPA guidelines for the handling or removal of lead-based paint have been established and delays in certification for handling lead-based paint will be met with sever federal fines and possible prosecution. There is no charge for attending or for forms needed to apply for certification. For additional information call, Three River Home Builders at 871-1145.



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News from 1985:

•The Laymen Quartet was pictured performing to a packed Fohs Hall. It was the first public event held in the renovated building.  
•Mark Whitt was pictured receiving a trophy for storytelling at the high school's speech competition. It was the first speech competition that Crittenden County hosted.  
•Mildred McDonald, Marguerite Fine, Frances Lucas, Helen Lewis and Ruby Hodge were pictured after being elected as officers of the hospital auxiliary.  
•Peggy Howton was pictured reading stories to children at the public library inside of a plastic bubble.  
•Denis Hodge was pictured driving past a Reidland defender during the Rockets' last regular season game, which they won.

News from 1960:

•Bruce Wring and Larry Parish were pictured after they received the state farmer degree at the father-son banquet.  
•Rufus Thomas, James Wuenker, Barney Tucker, Harry Carlos, Henry Parrott, William Neal and W.A. Wood were pictured judging scrapbooks on community development from communities in the area.

Fredonia Valley  
history book on sale

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will meet at 7 p.m., tonight (Thursday, March 4) at the Wilson-Blair One Room School on Grove Street in Fredonia. Following the business meeting, Don Boone will present a program on his adventures in obtaining historical information for the book about the history of the Fredonia Valley, which the group is in the process of publishing.

He will talk about some of the more unusual and interesting historical tidbits he has learned over the past several months, including spar mine information, the ice caves, barns in the valley and more.

The organization is in the final stages of putting together information to publish a book about the history of the Fredonia Valley, which includes parts of Caldwell, Crittenden and Lyon counties.

The 200-page hard back books are being pre-sold. Everyone who wants a copy of the book is encouraged to place his order now by sending their name, address, phone number, e-mail address and payment of \$30 for each book ordered to the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society, P. O. Box 256, Fredonia, KY. Please add \$6, if you want the book to be mailed. Once the book is in the hands of the publisher, the cost will increase to \$35 per book.

For more information, please e-mail Pam Faughn at or call 545-3215. Other committee members are Linda Bennett, Nicky Baker, Angela Blair, Martha Bynum, Ann Kimmel, Denny Brasher and Don Boone.

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1936 tourney was buzzing with excitement

Basketball season and tournament time is an exciting time for basketball fans. Our own local high schools, in earlier times, had some very exciting tournaments of their own. The excitement can be felt as The Press reporter gives the line up for the games.

From the archives of The Press, let's go back to the year 1936 and the Fifth District Basketball Tournament. Our own Carlisle Towery, seen all around Marion taking his daily walks, was one of the star players of this time.

Feb. 28, 1936

The Fifth District Basketball Tournament will be held March 5, 6 and 7 at Fohs Hall in Marion. Under a recent adopted zoning plan, the district this year is composed of Crittenden and Livingston counties, with eight teams entered from the two, six from this county and two from Livingston. Grand Rivers, the proposed third member from the lower county, withdrew at the last moment, leaving a perfectly balanced bracket of eight teams, with none drawing the coveted byes.

The teams entered and scheduled are Salem and Smithland of Livingston County and Tolu, Shady Grove, Frances, Mattoon, Dycusburg and Marion of Crittenden County.

Mattoon

Mattoon, coached by Alfred "Moose" Moore, has been able to maintain an even season record, winning about half and losing the remainder of the scheduled games. Mattoon has been beaten by Tolu, Shady Grove and Marion, but on the other hand has been more than successful in the out of county schedule. This aggregation should defeat Frances in the drawing and game and in turn will meet the winner of the Dycusburg, Shady Grove game, which should be Shady Grove. The probability of Mattoon to defeat Shady Grove is remote due to two defeats this year. On the other hand, Bryon Nunn and Robert Brantley will cause trouble for most any quintet and because of these outstanding performers, Moore's men should give a good account of themselves.

Frances

Frances, possessing no excellent record, is a well coached team but bears the burden of being inexperienced in tournament play and due to graduation lost practically all of the stars of the past season. In Carl Brasher, this school possesses one of the most accurate shots from long distance to be found in the western portion of the state. Atnip is in charge of this quintet and is an ex-Murray star.

Dycusburg

This is the typically "unknown" team of the tourna-



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ment and county. It has shown flashes of brilliancy and other times mediocrity seems to predominate. Similar to Smithland, Dycusburg does not have the advantages of a gymnasium and is thus handicapped by lack of practice indoors. They meet Shady Grove, a very strong contender and should be eliminated in the first game. Bugg of Murray is coach of the squad.

Shady Grove

Due to the added advantage of the drawings, this team should go into the finals. In addition to this it is a well balanced quintet and has won a majority of the games this year.

The team is built and centered around Carlisle Towery and Morris Hubbard, seasoned veterans of several years competition. And in addition to having two county All Stars, is a well balanced accurate shooting quintet. They possess the uncanny ability of being able to hold the ball at the proper time when in the lead and are considered to be the best of any district aggregation in knowing when to begin the fast running and breaking type of play that is demanded of any skilled cage squad.

Tolu

The boys from the town of Tom Wallace, winners of the past year's district meet at Sturgis, were fortunate in losing only one of the members of the championship squad and are thus more than entitled to be the favored sons of the meeting. In Belt and Hardin, the team has two of the best shots, from any angle, in the western portion of the state, and it was due to their uncanny ability in this highly specialized line they emerged victorious in Sturgis. Tolu is well balanced, skilled in all types of play and with Belt and Hardin working their specialty, they more than demand championship recognition. The only defeat that in any manner mars the season's record of the boys from the banks of the Ohio, where it is either necessary to hit the basket or remove the ball from the river, was the defeat at the hands of the Marion Terrors in the semi-finals of the county tournament in December.

Similar to the county battle, it seems obvious that these two teams will again meet in the district semi-finals. Tolu is slated to defeat Salem, and Marion to whip Smithland in their first games. The winner of the contest will in all probability



The winning Shady Grove team of the 1936 Fifth District Basketball Tournament is (from left) Carlisle Towery, Quenton Towery, Winifred Drennen, Morris Hubbard, R. C. East, Curtis Drennan, Lloyd McChesney, Coach Sam Smith and Joe Brown.

meet Shady Grove in the finals Saturday night. Coach Spiceland has developed one of the best teams in the history of the school.

Marion

The Terrors, under the tutelage of Butler and Shaw, have shown surprising strength in defeating Tolu in December and since that memorable victory have developed into a surprisingly smooth working five that need no introduction to the fans of this section. They have won a large majority of the season's games both in and out of the county, and only last week defeated the highly touted Butler squad of Princeton. The Terrors are scheduled to meet Smithland in their first game and the odds are so extreme in their favor that no Livingston County takers are expected to be found.

In addition to being well coached, grounded in all fundamentals in different types of play, Clinton Easley, Love and Lonnie Bucklew are enough to cause a pang in the side of any squad that faces them. Either Marion or Tolu will be eliminated in the semi-finals. Regardless of the winner of this game, either five should defeat Shady Grove in the finals for the district championship.

March 13, 1936 - All District Team

Shady Grove swept to the championship of District Five Saturday night at Fohs Hall, defeating Tolu 35-25.

In the afternoon session of the semi-finals, Tolu defeated the Terrors by a one point margin, 23 to 22, winning the right to enter the finals against the upper bracket winner, Shady Grove.

This game was the most hotly contested and hardest fought of the meet, especially so because of the fact that both of the favorites, Marion and Tolu, were placed in the same bracket.

In the opening session,

Mattoon defeated Frances 16 to 12 and Shady Grove emerged victorious over Dycusburg 57 to 16. On Friday night, Marion won over Smithland 54 to 6 and Tolu swamped Salem 58 to 8. The result of these games placed Marion against Tolu in the lower semi-final bracket and Shady Grove and Mattoon in the upper.

Semi-finals

Saturday afternoon, in the semi-final play, Tolu won over Marion and Shady Grove beat Mattoon 25 to 17. By far the largest crowds of the tournament witnessed these two games and not until the final gun sounded did anyone know the outcome of Marion and Tolu so close was the score and the play. Both fives resorted to all teaching and strategy that was at their command, with the result that it was the star game of the meet.

Finals

In a game marked by speedy play and featuring Towery, the star performer of Shady Grove, and the slanting shots of Belt and Hardin, of Tolu, Shady Grove won the

meet and the right to represent the district in the regional play at Earlington this week. Tolu, the runner up, is also accorded the right under the ruling of the association and will likewise enter.

March 20, 1936 - Athlete from Shady Grove is honored player

Carlisle Towery, pivot man of the Shady Grove quintet, was named on three all star teams and second on another. Towery, a junior in the school is 16 and six feet, three inches tall. He was named on the Crittenden and Caldwell counties all star five and also that of the Fifth District. He finally concluded the season by being placed on the regional second group at the meeting at Earlington last week.

Nebo defeated Shady Grove in one of the opening games but only after a hard fought battle.

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## Competition leads to good personal traits

Submitted by Bonnie Baker  
Competition is a naturally occurring thing that most people will experience at some point in life. Everyone wants to win or at least feel as though they



are good at something. Despite this strong need to achieve, we are not born with this desire. Competitiveness is a learned behavior, which can, in the appropriate situation, help build character. In addition, what is known as “healthy competition” promotes the development of important life skills such as decision-making, self-control, discipline and self-confidence. It encourages a healthy attitude about success and offers an opportunity to learn from mistakes and failures.

It is important to recognize the many benefits of participating in a competition, even when you don’t come out on top. Here are some things to remember when participating in contests and competitions:

1. Make this an opportunity to learn about yourself and your abilities. What do you do well? How could you improve? What motivates you to work harder?
  2. No matter how hard you try, you can’t be the best at everything all the time. There will always be someone that is better than you at certain things, and you will be better at some things than others. Try experimenting with different activities. You will soon discover your strengths and the challenges that give you the greatest sense of accomplishment.
  3. Learn how to set individual goals. The goal doesn’t always have to be a ribbon, trophy or reward. Your goal might be to run the 50-yard dash in six seconds. When you reach your goal, you are a winner no matter who crosses the finish line first. Once you accomplish that goal, set another one and work hard to achieve it.
  4. Respect the rules and learn how to play by them. You will earn the respect of your fellow competitors and become a winner with your teammates and friends.
  5. Do your best and apply good sportsmanship. In life, it’s just as important to be a part of a team as it is to stand out as an individual. Always do your best, for this helps your entire team improve.
- Remember the old saying ... “It’s not whether you win or lose – it’s how you play the game.” Approach each challenge honorably, play fair, give it your all and you will always have a reason to be proud of your performance.
- For more information about leadership development for youth, contact the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at 965-5236 or on the web at [ces.ca.uky.edu/crittenden](http://ces.ca.uky.edu/crittenden).

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## Parents need to communicate about uncomfortable topics

It’s a touchy subject, but the discussion is well-warranted. With teen pregnancy arguably on the rise again, adults have no choice but to consider talking about this growing dilemma. The quintessential solution remains the same—parent involvement.

Positive parent-teen relationships, being aware of what is going on in a child’s life, knowing a child’s friends and monitoring who they hang around, all linked to delayed sex among teens, according to findings in a recent research brief.

The brief, Parents Matter: The Role of Parents in Teens’ Decisions about Sex, explores how parenting practices that occur before adolescence influence the probability of sexual intercourse by age 16.

The data is based on the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor).

- Among the findings:
- Those families with strong parent-adolescent relationships have a reduced risk of early sexual experience (particularly among teen girls).
  - Teen girls who reported



high relationship quality with both parents were less likely to have sex at an early age, compared with girls who reported low relationship quality with both parents. This finding holds true for teen girls’ relationships with their mothers and fathers separately, but no significant association was found for teen boys.

• Adolescents whose parents are more aware of whom they are with (when not at home) are less likely to have sex by age 16. For example, 22 percent of girls who reported that their parents knew “everything” about whom they were with had their first sexual experience before age 16, while 43 percent of the girls who reported their parents knew little or nothing had sex before they were 16 years of age.

• Teen boys who reported having dinner with their fam-

ily every day were less likely to have had sex before age 16, compared with those who report they eat dinner with their family less than five nights a week. There was no significant association found between family dinner routines and early sexual experience among teen girls.

More than one-half of 12-to 14-years olds reported that their parents have the most influence on their decisions about sex.

In contrast, only about one-third of parents of adolescents reported that parents have the most influence on their adolescents’ decisions about sex.

These findings underscore the need for parents to recognize the level of influence that they have and, thus, to develop positive parenting practices and healthy parent-adolescent relationships that may help to delay sexual activity among teens.

To access the research brief, visit: or contact the Crittenden County Extension Service for a free copy.

Source: Youth Development Update, UK Cooperative Extension Service, Winter 2010.

Pennyriple Area Extension Homemaker Association’s Cultural Arts

Learning how to use fondant icing was the special class offered at the Pennyriple Area Extension Homemaker Association’s Cultural Arts display in Princeton on Feb. 24. Melissa Tabor (left) and Nancy Paris experimented with the fondant in creating their own cupcake topping. Other local members participating in the class included Sharon Giltz, Cindy Davidson, Brandi Potter and Barbara Gillihan.

## Quilt appraisal day on May 18

The National Quilt Museum in Paducah will offer a Quilt Appraisal Day for the public from 10 a.m., until 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 18.

Nationally known appraiser Gerald Roy of Warner, N.H., will be offering professional assessments of quilts both new and old.

Each appraisal consists of a description of the quilt in terms of pattern, fabrics, techniques, quality of construction, condition, confirmation of information known by the current owner, replacement value and an approximate date of a quilt’s construction.

The quilt appraisal day is a fundraising event to support the care and conservation needed to preserve the Museum’s Founders Collection of Quilts. This event is an opportunity for people to learn more about a family treasure for estate planning or to verify

the value for insurance purposes.

Each quilt appraisal costs \$45 and takes about 30 minutes. Pre-registration with a \$20 deposit is required. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 442-8856 or visit [info@quiltmuseum.com](mailto:info@quiltmuseum.com).

Roy found the art of quilting through his love of fine art and has since become a judge, teacher and lecturer of quilts. With an MFA in painting, he taught art for 10

years in Oakland, Calif., where he also co-owned a gallery. Roy was one of the first members of the AQS Appraisal Certification Committee.

Designated as The National Quilt Museum of the United States, this non-profit institution is located in downtown Paducah. The museum is open year-round Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and also is open on Sunday 1-5 p.m., from April to October. The facility is ADA compliant.

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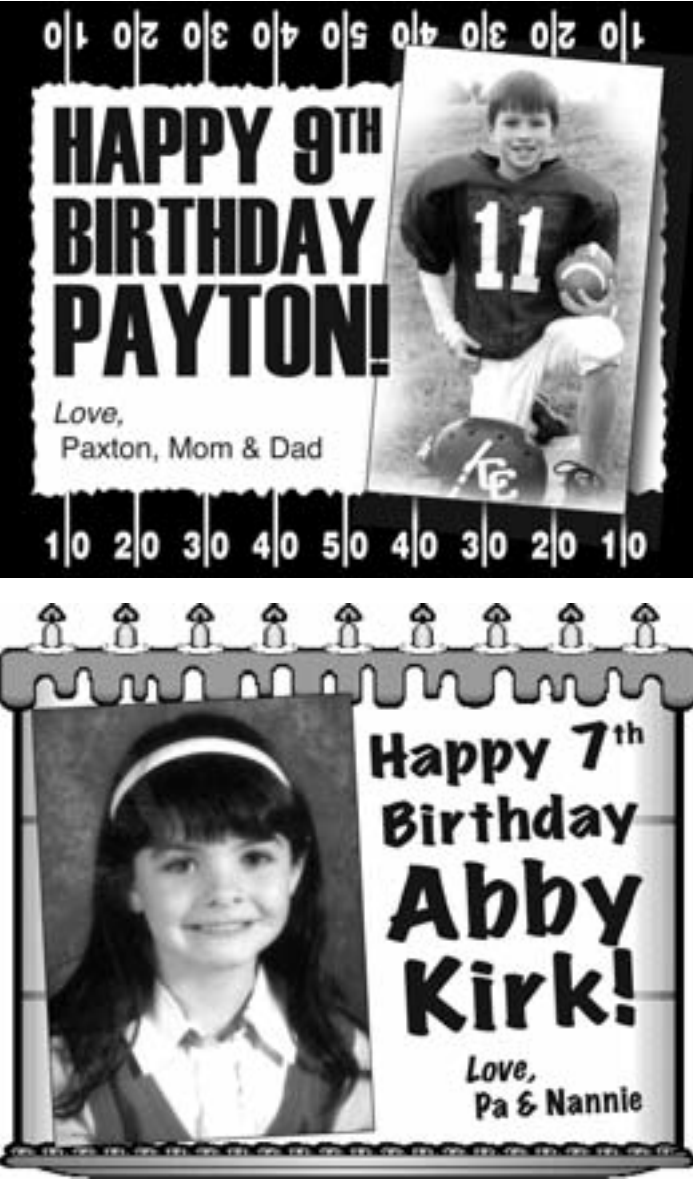
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## Area News Briefs

### Former local officer running for sheriff

A former Crittenden County deputy and Marion city policeman is running for sheriff in Caldwell County.

Billy Woolsey of Fredonia is running against incumbent Sheriff Stan Hudson and another challenger, Stacey Blackburn, in the Democratic primary. There are no Republicans in the race so the May primary will determine the next sheriff.

Woolsey served as a Marion police officer for more than four years, and then served for about a year as a deputy for Sheriff Wayne Agent.



Woolsey

### KY DOT crews work on state's potholes

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet highway crews may have a break from snow and ice duty, but they will be occupied fixing another nuisance created by the snow, ice and freezing temperatures of winter — potholes.

Acting Transportation Cabinet Secretary Mike Hancock said the public can help highway crews do their jobs.

"Our maintenance crews will be doing a lot of patching as weather permits," Hancock said. "We encourage the public to report potholes through our toll-free hotline or at our Web site. We will do our very best to make repairs in a timely manner."

Potholes develop when water seeps into roadway cracks and freezing and thawing temperatures cause the pavement to expand and break apart. Add volumes of traffic over broken pavement, and small cracks can quickly become large potholes.

Motorists can report potholes in Kentucky by calling 1-800-PATCH-IT or by going online to <http://511.ky.gov/Reportapothole.html>.

### County gets grant for body armor

Crittenden County Fiscal Court has been awarded \$3,000 from the state Law Enforcement Protection Program

(LEPP) to purchase body armor, Gov. Steve Beshear has announced.

Under the LEPP, administered by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS), appropriate agencies can seek financial help for certain defensive items essential in the course of their duties.

"I am pleased that the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department is receiving these funds to purchase body armor, which has become essential for our law enforcement officers to do their jobs effectively," said state Sen. Dorsey Ridley, of Henderson. "The body armor also offers additional protection as the officers do what is required of them."

"I'm pleased to support grant actions like this which help provide protection for our law enforcement personnel," said state Rep. Mike Cherry, of Princeton.

### Bremner expanding with over 100 jobs at Princeton plant

Bremner Food Co., of Princeton, one of the area's largest employers, plans a \$62.1 million expansion of its cookie and cracker plant on U.S. 62.

The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority gave preliminary approval late last week for \$5 million in tax incentives to enlarge the plant from about 700,000 to 900,000 square feet and more than double the land around it from 32 to 65 acres. The project description calls for buying and installing new product lines, moving lines from other plants and increasing warehouse space to increase capacity.

The incentives are based on creating 111 jobs with \$15 in average hourly wages and benefits over 10 years and maintaining at least 646 full-time Kentucky residents' jobs. The plant employs about 600.

State incentives cover \$15.9 million of the total investment — \$48.4 million for equipment, \$9 million for building and improvements, \$4.6 million for other start-up costs and \$100,000 for land.

Bremner, Caldwell County's largest industrial employer, was a key reason the county was among the few in the region with modest gains in

manufacturing jobs from 2001-2008. Still, the county unemployment rate is 10 percent.

The other key development was the late 2005 opening of Hydro-Gear in Princeton, employing about 70 full-time workers, and increasing to at least 250 during the winter. It makes hydrostatic transmissions for lawnmowers.

FROM THE PADUCAH SUN

### No one hurt in Amish buggy mishap on 654

The Crittenden County Sheriff's Department was called to investigate what was initially reported as a hit and run by a horse and buggy in a highway work zone this morning.

A Kentucky Transportation Cabinet highway maintenance crew had set up a work zone to do some shoulder work and patching of mail box turnouts along Ky. 654 (Weston Road) in northern Crittenden County. The highway runs through the heart of Crittenden County's Amish community just west of the Mattoon community.

As a flagger held up traffic a couple of miles west of U.S. 60 East, a horse pulling an Amish buggy was apparently spooked by flashing lights on a state pickup truck. As the buggy driver attempted to keep the horse under control, the buggy backed into the state truck causing minor damage to the door.

The spooked horse with the buggy behind took off down the highway at a run prompting the highway crew to initially report the incident as a hit and run. Since all Amish buggies look pretty much alike and are abundant on back roads in the area, it left Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent with difficulty identifying the specific buggy involved in the incident.

Fortunately, the buggy driver was able to return to the site after calming the horse and Agent was able to fill out an accident report.

Crittenden County Highway Maintenance Supervisor Heath Martin described the damage to the door of the state truck as "pretty much cosmetic." Martin indicated the incident was pretty minor when compared to what highway crews normally encounter in work zones as they go about their daily assignments. He says the main thing is that no one got hurt.



A Marion man was involved in a wreck on U.S. 60 approximately three miles east of Marion last Wednesday afternoon shortly before 4 p.m. Joseph P. Little, 31, was driving a red 2005 Dodge Neon (pictured at right) toward Marion when he crossed the center line and collided with a tractor-trailer driven by Anthony Staup of Marion, state police said. Staup's tractor trailer (pictured above) was heading east. Little was charged with DUI, two counts of third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to register the transfer of a motor vehicle. Little's vehicle struck the tractor trailer and ended up in a ditch. Staup, who was uninjured, maneuvered the tractor trailer part of the way off the road near a driveway. Little was transported by ambulance to Crittenden Hospital for treatment.



## WRITERS

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ful. As part of the deal, 40 to 50 outdoor writers, plus additional media and corporate sponsors will converge on Crittenden County for turkey hunts and Lyon for fishing trips April 19-21, 2011. Each will have one year to publish an article in a national magazine or produce a television segment about their adventures on Barkley Lake and afield in western Kentucky.

"What these folks can do for us is unbelievable," said Edwards. "They can put us on the map."

Crittenden and Lyon beat out Niagara Falls, N.Y., to host the 2011 event.

Steve Vantrees, longtime outdoor writer for The Paducah Sun, validates Edwards' claims.

"That is a pretty substantial group. There are some heavyweights of outdoor journalism affiliated with AGLOW," Vantrees said.



Marion Tourism Director Michele Edwards makes her presentation at last weekend's AGLOW conference in Indiana.

"From a tourism interest, this is an ideal group of scribes warm up to."

Vantrees said many lakes area tourists come from the North, and AGLOW should provide immediate and long-term interest for the area.

Edwards said hunting and fishing are the primary drawing cards, but that the writ-

ers will be taking notes and doing articles on a variety of attractions.

"The last time they were here, one writer stopped at a little winery and did an story that really put them on the map," she said.

AGLOW is in Branson, Mo., for this spring's annual outing.

## Livingston jury sentences Dunlap to death

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After almost three hours of deliberation, a jury sentenced Kevin Wayne Dunlap to the death penalty on all three capital murder and all three capital kidnapping charges last Wednesday afternoon.

Dunlap plead guilty on Feb. 9 to all 14 charges springing from the Oct. 15, 2008, Roaring Springs triple murder case, wherein he raped and tried to kill Kristy

Frensey, killed her three children and burned their house down.

Trigg County Commonwealth's Attorney G.L. Ovey said in his closing statement that if ever there was a crime that deserved the death penalty, the murders of Kayla Elayne Williams, 17, Kortney Lan Frensey, 14, and Ethan Zane Frensey, 5, would be it.

Dunlap's defense attorney, James Gibson, said he would be for the death penalty if it

would bring the victims back to life. He also reiterated what he first said in his opening statement when he asked the jury to give Dunlap life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Dunlap has waived his right for a jury to sentence him for the other charges, so the court will decide his sentence for those charges at a sentencing hearing at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 19, at Livingston County Courthouse.

## Community Calendar

### Thursday, March 4

•Family Fitness Night will begin at 6 p.m., Thursday at Crittenden Elementary. There will be lots of activities involving fitness and nutrition.

### Saturday, March 6

✓ The Lady Rockets softball team is selling slabs of ribs as a fundraiser, with cooking complete and ready for pick-up around noon Saturday at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds. Slabs are \$15 each or 3 for \$40. Email Reese Baker at [rbaker@kynet.biz](mailto:rbaker@kynet.biz) for information.

✓ West Kentucky Community and Technical College invites WKCTC students and alumni to the 2010 Job and Transfer Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday at the Haws Gymnasium. Businesses and university representatives will be on campus to talk with students about job plans for the future. Representatives may also suggest courses or areas of study that will better equip students for the job market. University recruiters will work with students and alumni interested in transferring. Students should bring several copies of their resumes. For more information, contact Paula Armon 534-3492.

### Monday, March 8

✓ Relay for Life team members and captain meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m., March 8 at Crittenden County Courthouse. All team captains are encouraged to attend, and visitors and volunteers are welcome.

### Tuesday, March 9

✓ Jump Rope for Heart donations are due March 9-13 at Crittenden Elementary. Students have been jumping rope to raise money for the project during physical education.

### Wednesday, March 10

✓ The Senior Citizens Center will be holding a tax service from 9 a.m., to 1:30 p.m., on

March 10.

### Thursday, March 11

✓ The PTO at Crittenden Elementary will meet at 3:30 p.m., March 11 in the school library.

### Upcoming

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

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

✓ The Crittenden Elementary SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., Mar. 25.

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

✓ Screening for Kindergarten-ers only will be held at Crittenden Elementary from 1-5 p.m., March 26. Bring state birth certificate, immunization certificate and social security card. For appointments, call 965-2243.

✓ Spring pictures will be taken at Crittenden Elementary March 22.

✓ Crittenden County Public Library will hold a free seminar titled "Spring into Wellness" at 1 p.m., on March 20. For more information and to reserve a space, contact Debbie at 965-1606.

✓ The annual Arts Extravaganza will be held at 6 p.m., March 25 at Crittenden Elementary. Second graders will perform international dances; fifth graders will perform a dramatic program titled "I am an American." Fourth graders will perform along with chorus and 4Rs. All students in grades K-5 will have art samples displayed.

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Salem Dollar Store manager Teresa Sanders prepares for the store's ribbon-cutting ceremony in February with her niece, River Katherine Barnes.

## Salem's DG store holds ceremonial grand opening

Salem Dollar General held its grand opening Feb. 6, with a crowd of well-wishers despite the frigid morning temperature.

Salem residents were welcomed at the opening of the city's newest business with remarks by council member Stan Wallace.

John Barnes, son of Larry and Angie Barnes, and Eric Blaine, son of store manager Teresa Sanders, held the ribbon while Sanders and her niece, River Katherine Barnes, cut the ceremonial ribbon.

About 50 people attended

the ceremony, and all received a \$10 gift card from Dollar General as well as shopping bags filled with goodies at the register. Additional drawings were held throughout the day.

"I've been with Dollar General for 10 years and customer service is important to me, but days like these are my favorite," said Teresa Sanders. "I have a great team at this store and a great community to serve. Thanks to the team for all their hard work and to the community for the big welcome we have received."

## Conway says Toyota takes steps to help Kentucky's automobile owners

Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway last week announced that Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. has agreed to authorize its dealers in Kentucky to accommodate customers who have concerns about driving their recalled Toyota vehicles. Toyota announced details of the additional services for customers in a letter today to attorneys general nationwide. Effective immediately, dealers have been authorized to take additional steps to address consumers concerns regarding the safety of their vehicle pending repair.

The dealers may utilize the following on a case-by-case basis:

- Expedited scheduling.
- Pickup and return of the vehicle by a dealership representative or by flatbed truck.
- Driving the customer to the dealership and/or to his or her place of work.
- Providing other alternate transportation, such as a rental car, a loaner vehicle, or taxi reimbursement, for the reasonable period that the customer is unable or unwilling to use his or her car.

"I am grateful to my attorney general colleagues for working together to ensure that Toyota owners in our respective states, who remain concerned about driving their vehicles prior to repairs, receive an increased level of assistance from Toyota," said Conway. "I believe Toyota's actions today show they are putting customers first as they deal with these recalls."

Toyota announced that a letter is being sent to all of its dealers directing them to better accommodate consumers with recall concerns. Specifically, the letter directs dealers:

•To not require consumers to wait for a recall letter before making appointments for the repair of sticking gas pedals (Jan. 21 recall) but to schedule their appointment at the earliest opportunity.

•Also not to require consumers to wait for a recall letter before making appointments for the repair of ABS software issues with hybrid vehicles (Feb. 8 recall) but to schedule their appointment at the earliest opportunity.

•With regard to floor mat recalls – Toyota directs dealers to instruct customers to remove floor mats and not replace, then wait for the recall letter.

•With regard to the Tacoma truck drive shaft recall – Toyota directs dealers to inspect the drive shaft without unnecessary delay.

General Conway says Toyota has agreed to reimburse dealers for these costs. These accommodations will be provided at no cost to the consumer.

If a Toyota customer has concerns, they should contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-800-331-4331 or if they are a Lexus owner direct those inquiries to the Lexus Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-255-3987. The hours for the centers are 7 a.m., to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday.



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5 hp portable air compressor, set of car ramps, 14 hp John Deere riding mower, 4 tires (P225-60R16). Call 965-3637. (1t-35-p)

70-ft. batting cage, net and cables, \$200; Weider weight machine, \$100; igloo dog house, \$25; dog pen, \$50. 704-0364. (2t-36-p)

Coal Miner Print, 23rd Psalms, featuring underground coal miners gear, 18x24, by Edith Whitfield, www.whitfieldcoalprints.com. Call 667-9843 for more information. (1t-35-p)

2 pc. Queen Pillow top mattress set, new still in original wrapper. \$75 (Sacrifice) Call 854-5205. (tfc-db)

## automotive

2000 Chevy Impala LS, V8, white, spoiler, loaded. 130,000 mi., very dependable, good tires. Asking \$4,800 firm. Call 339-9455. (2t-36-p)

## for rent

Three mobile homes for rent, two in Marion, one in Salem. Call 704-0528. (35-TFC) mp

Creekside Apartments is now taking applications for 1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments. Ideally located near pharmacy, grocery and restaurants. Laundry room on site. Maintenance done in a timely manner. (27-tfc-c) 800

## real estate

2 BR house, 1 bath, has new roof; needs some TLC, 311 W. Gum St., Marion. \$20,000 OBO 969-0035. (1t-35-p)

Newly remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath, eat-in kitchen, utility room and large living room. New central unit, new out building and fenced in back yard, \$46,000. 965-3658. No contract. (2t-35-p)

Newly remodeled, 3-4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, large kitchen with lots of cabinets, central h/a, basement, carport, garage. Reduced to \$65,500. 965-3658. No contract. (2t-35-p)

70 acres on Hwy. 70 between Mexico and Frances, gravel roads, hunting cabin with electricity. Wooded. Excellent deer and turkey hunting. \$124,000. Call 559-9301 or 559-0366. (4t-38-p)

## wanted

Local collector buying gold/silver coins and unwanted jewelry. Call 704-1456 for free appraisal and offer. (4t-38-p)

Want to buy paper cutter for light of-fice work. Call 871-1145. (tfc-29)

## yard sales

Big four-family garage sale, 1173 Weldon Rd., Marion. Fri. & Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., kids clothes all sizes, adult clothes, toys, misc. Rain or shine. (1t-35-p)

From antiques to household, 1950s barber pole, hutches, couches, baby items, small jon boat and motor, lots, lots more. 180 N. Walker St., Changed to Sat. ONLY 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (2t-35-p)

Dollar, dollar, dollar. Don't make the Fat Man holler! Yard sale time again at Fat Man's, 8900 U.S. 60 W. at intersection of Ky. 855. March 1-6, 9

a.m.-6 p.m. Fat Man says "It's worth the drive, I guarantee you'll save money and why pay more?" (1t-35-p)

## services

In-home caregiver for elderly/infirm. Christian, non-smoker, dependable, caring. Experience. References. Need to work. Crittenden County, 556-3708. (4t-37-p)

Will clean houses in Marion. Janey Heidrich, 965-3676. (4t-35-p)

## employment

Par 4 Plastics is accepting resumes for a full-time Process Engineering position and Process Technician for second or third shift. Candidates must have 10 years experience in injection molding and be able to troubleshoot, set and start all molds and robots. Teamwork, problem solving and training skills are essential. Experience in maintenance and tooling is desired. Please send resume and three references to: Human Resources, Par 4 Plastics, Inc., P.O. Box 385, Marion, KY 42064. EOE. (1t-35-c) 1260

Bright Life Farms, Inc., is taking applications for Direct Care Staff. Must be 25 years of age, varied shifts available. Please apply in person. Office located at 10200 Farmersville Rd., Princeton, Ky. For more information, call 365-0830. (2t-36-c) 780

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## notices

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-01 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE IN MARION, KENTUCKY

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its special called meeting held on February 22, 2010, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on February 15, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

An Ordinance of the City of Marion, Kentucky, providing for the creation and sale of a franchise for the privilege of constructing, transporting, operating, maintaining, and distributing natural gas along and under the public right of way within the City of Marion, Kentucky, for a term of ten (10) years in consideration for which the successful franchisee shall pay to the City an annual sum equal to one percent (1%) of the franchisee's gross revenues; and further establishing a bid procedure for the award of said franchise to the successful bidder.

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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(1t-35-c)

I Madeline Henderson, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, KY, do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Billy Lanham of 18192 Dawson Road, Dawson Springs, KY 42408, Administrator of Frances Lanham, deceased.

The foregoing Settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on March 24, 2010 at 9 a.m. All persons having exceptions to said Settlements are to file same at once.

Madeline Henderson, Clerk  
Crittenden District Court

(1t-35-c)

COMMONWEALTH  
OF KENTUCKY  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 09-CI-00154  
FARMERS BANK & TRUST  
COMPANY PLAINTIFF V.  
H & D, INC., NICHOLAS ALVIN  
DAVIS JAMOS FUND I,  
CITY OF MARION  
COMMONWEALTH  
OF KENTUCKY  
COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN,  
KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an Order of Default Judgment, Summary Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court, on February 1, 2010, I will on Friday, March 5, 2010 at 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):

Property Description: 170 Adam St., Marion, Kentucky 42064  
Parcel Number: 070-00-00-013.04  
EXHIBIT "A"

Being a certain piece of property lying in certain in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin on the north side of Adam St., being 250 ft. east of the center of the railroad and 25 ft. north of the center of the street, being the southeast corner of this lot; thence with the north line of the street N. 68 deg. 09 min. W. 150.00 ft. to an iron pin, being 100 ft. east of the center of the railroad; thence with new division lines leaving Adam Street and parallel to the railroad and 50 ft. east of the east right-of-way N. 28 deg. 19 min. E. 150.00 ft. to an iron pin and S. 68 deg. 09 min.

E. 150.00 ft. to an iron pin and S. 28 deg. 19 min. W. 150.00 ft. to the beginning containing 0.513 acre by survey.

SOURCE OF TITLE: This being the same property conveyed to H & D, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation, by Franklin Hazzard et ux, by Deed dated March 24, 1995 and recorded in Deed Book 171, at Page 266, Crittenden County Court Clerk's.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

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 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 2010 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 "as is".

3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on February 1, 2010 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendant, H & D Inc. for the sum of \$59,199.51 plus interest at the statutory rate per annum until paid, costs and fees of this action, attorney's fees, and sums advanced in payment of ad valorem taxes, insurance premiums, winterization, or in preservation of real estate.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2010  
Alan C. Stout  
Master Commissioner,  
Crittenden Circuit Court

(3t-35-c)

COMMONWEALTH  
OF KENTUCKY  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
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CORPORATION  
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NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on February 1, 2010, I will on Friday, March 5, 2010 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit):

Property address: 205 Oak St., Marion, KY 42064

Map No. 058-20-43-005.00

A certain lot or parcel of ground with the improvements thereon in the town of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, and being a part of Lot No. 15, in W.F. Wilson Addition to said town and bounded as follows: BEGINNING at T.J. Yandell's southeast corner; thence running west 100 feet to a stake or stone; thence south 74-1/2 feet to a stake or stone; thence east 100 feet to a stake in line of street thence with west line of street north 74-1/2 feet to the place of beginning, LESS HOWEVER 1 lot 12 feet by 100 feet, which was sold off of the north side of the above described lot, as recorded in Deed Book 80, Page 27, which was sold to S.H. Paris and his wife, Mary Paris, on November 6, 1950, and reference is made to said deed for the exact description of the lot so sold. ALSO LESS HOWEVER that portion of the above property sold by D.E. Woodall to Willard Easley by Deed which has not been placed of record. ALSO a certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all improvements thereon in the town of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, and being a part of Lot No. 15, in W.F. Wilson Addition to said town and bounded as follows: BEGINNING at a stake on the west side of Oak Street, corner to T.J. Yandell (now Claud Fletcher) and being his southeast corner; thence with his line in a western direction 100 feet to a stake or stone in line of Harold Yates; thence south with his line 12 feet to a stake, an agreed corner to first parties; (previous) thence east or nearly so with an agreed line this day established between first and second parties (previous) and parallel with first line 100 feet a stake on the west side of Oak Street; thence in a northern direction with West line of said Street 12 feet to the point of beginning. SOURCE OF TITLE: This being the same property conveyed to Irene B. Whitson, a single person, and her son, David Whitson, a single person, by Doris Dickey, a widow, by Deed

dated April 13, 1994 and recorded in Deed Book 168, at Page 321; see also Quitclaim Deed dated June 2, 1994 and recorded in Deed Book 168, at Page 622; all references to the Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office. Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

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 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.

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3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered on February 1, 2010 on behalf of the Plaintiff, City of Marion against the Defendants, Irene Whitson, et al, for the sum of \$4,286.00 plus penalties in the amount of \$250.00 and attorney's fees in the amount of \$1500.00.00. The judgment is for the amount of \$6,036.00, plus costs and fees of this action, and sums in payment of ad valorem taxes.

Dated this the 15th day of February 2010.

ALAN C. STOUT

MASTER COMMISSIONER,  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Kentucky Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on March 23, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the case of In the Matter of: An Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Big Rivers Electric Corporation from July 17, 2009 through October 31, 2009, Case No. 2009-00510, for the purpose of examining the application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation's Fuel Adjustment Clause from July 17, 2009 through October 31, 2009 and cross-examining witnesses. The hearing will be held at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

### ORDINANCE #10-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND SALE OF A FRANCHISE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CONSTRUCTING, TRANSPORTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING, AND DISTRIBUTING NATURAL GAS ALONG AND UNDER THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, FOR A TERM OF TWENTY (20) YEARS IN CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH THE SUCCESSFUL FRANCHISEE SHALL PAY TO THE CITY AN ANNUAL SUM EQUAL TO ONE PERCENT (1%) OF THE FRANCHISEE'S GROSS REVENUES; AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING A BID PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF SAID FRANCHISE TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.

WHEREAS, the existing natural gas franchise between the City of Marion, Kentucky, and Atmos Energy Corporation expires on April 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in the best interest of its citizens to create and offer for sale a new natural gas franchise.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, that the City Administrator shall offer for sale, to the highest and best bidder, a natural gas franchise to enter upon, acquire, construct, operate, maintain and make repairs in the public right of way of the City, a gas distribution system within the corporate boundaries of the City, subject to the provisions of the Franchise Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The City Administrator shall, as soon as practicable after passage of this Ordinance, offer for sale, under sealed public bids, the franchise and privileges created herein. Such bids shall be in writing and delivered to the Office of the City Administrator at Marion City Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064, by 2:00 p.m. C.S.T., on Thursday, April 1, 2010. Advertisements for such bids shall be published in accordance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 424. All such costs for such advertisements shall be borne by the successful Franchisee.

Sealed bids offered for the purchase of this franchise shall be publicly opened and read at 2:00 p.m. C.S.T. on April 11, 2010. All bids shall state the bidder's acceptance of the terms and provisions set forth in the attached franchise agreement.

The City Administrator shall present all written bids to the City Council at a called meeting of the Council during the period April 2 to April 14, 2010. The City reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the franchise, and to accept what, in its opinion, is the best responsive and responsible bid. In the event all bids are rejected, the City reserves the right to direct by resolution or ordinance that the franchise created hereunder be offered again for sale until a satisfactory bid is received and approved.

The Franchise created by this ordinance shall become effective when the Franchise Agreement is signed by the successful bidder and the City.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

YES

NO

Donnie Arlack

Jim Brown

Michael Byford

Janet Pierce

Dwight Sherer

Darrin Tabor

It appearing that Council members voted for the adoption of this ordinance, voting against, with abstaining, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

INTRODUCED AND GIVEN FIRST READING, this the 15th day of February, 2010.

GIVEN SECOND READING AND PASSED, this the 22nd day of February, 2010.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Public Service Commission of Kentucky has issued an order on January 27, 2010 scheduling the hearing to be held on March 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight time) in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examining witnesses in Case No. 2009-00507 which is an Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Kentucky Utilities Company from May 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009.  
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Baseball

Former Rocket pitches at college

Crittenden County native Jacob McMican pitched two-thirds of an inning last week to pick up his first victory of the season for Mid-Continent University (3-3) in Mayfield. Mid-Continent swept a doubleheader last Thursday from Hannibal-LaGrange College. McMican, a sophomore righthanded pitcher, came in with the game tied 2-2 in the sixth. MCU scored four more later in the inning to give him the victory. McMican was a star pitcher and catcher for the Rockets. He graduated two years ago.

Baseball team selling ham, pork sandwiches

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

The baseball team will also have a pork chop sandwich sale at 10 a.m., on Saturday at the Farmers' Market lot beside McDonald's. Sandwiches are \$3 and can be pre-ordered. For more information about the fundraiser, contact Latisha Belt at 969-0130.

Bat boys needed

The Crittenden County Baseball team is registering young Rockets (3-6 grades) for a drawing to be a bat boy for home varsity games. Call Jeff Porter at 204-1030 or e-mail him at jpwolf-pack7@aol.com to endter the name and phone number of the young Rocket.

Soccer

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

CCYSA is taking team photographer bids. Submit a bid by emailing crittendensoccer@yahoo.com by April 1.

Softball

The 2010 Lady Rockets softball team is selling slabs of ribs as a fundraiser.

Their dads will be doing the cooking. They will be ready at noon on Saturday at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds.

Slabs are \$15 each or three for \$40. Please e-mail Reese Baker at rbaker@kynet.biz to reserve a spot on the pit.

Cheerleading

Crittenden County Little League Cheerleading is holding registration until March 12. Forms can be picked up at McDonald's on Main Street in Marion.

LADY ROCKET STATISTICS

Fifth District Tournament  
Lyon 48, Crittenden 46  
Lyon 11 21 33 48  
Crittenden 8 20 36 46  
Lyon - Doom 18, Rhodes 11, Riggs 10, White 4, McGill 2, West 3, Snow, Greene. FG. 14. 3-pointers 2 (West, Riggs). FT. 14-20. Fouls 12.  
Crittenden - Hodge 15, Tabor 14, Brantley 6, Courtney 5, Brown 2, Johnson 2, Graham 2. FG. 15. 3-pointers 3 (Tabor 3). FT. 7-9. Fouls 20.

Second Region Tournament  
Crittenden 57, Christian 54 OT  
Christian 15 24 34 45 54  
Crittenden 11 22 36 45 57  
Christian - McKnight 20, Bruster 10, Barkley 9, Williams 9, Davis 3, Gold 1, Leggett 2, Mosley. FG. 17. 3-pointers 2 (Davis, Bruster). FT. 14-22. Fouls 11.  
Crittenden - Hodge 21, Brown 10, Brantley 9, Johnson 9, Tabor 6, Courtney 2. FG. 17. 3-pointers 5 (Hodge 2, Brown, Tabor, Johnson. FT. 8-15. Fouls 15.

Girls advance in regionals



Clockwise from left, Summer Courtney boxes out a Lady Colonel in Tuesday night's victory. Whitney Johnson throws up a jump shot against two Christian County defenders. Shannon Hodge and the Lady Rocket squad show their disappointment over the district championship loss on Friday. Many of the players' moms gathered to watch the championship game and mirrored the girls' emotions. Hodge joyfully rejoins her team after the first regional tournament win since she was in a junior on the team.

Lady Rockets win first regional game in OT

BY CHRIS HARDESTY  
PRESS SPORTS WRITER

Little did Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge know back in 1984 when she hit a game-winning layup to help beat Hopkinsville 41-40 in the Second Region Tournament, she would be the Crittenden head coach the next time the school won a game in the regional tournament.

But after a long 26-year wait, the Lady Rockets gave Hodge her first win in the Second Region Tournament as a coach Tuesday night at Dixon, with a thrilling 57-54 overtime triumph over Christian County.

The win over the Lady Colonels Tuesday was very special, as Crittenden advances to face Henderson County Friday night in the semifinal round in Webster County.

In a game that featured 16 ties and neither team leading by more than five points, Crittenden (13-13) was never intimidated against the bigger school.

Shortly after the game, the always humble Lady Rocket skipper tried to downplay the fact that she had just recorded her first win in the Second Region Tournament during her coaching career.

"It's not about me anymore. It's about these kids," she said.

Primarily almost always a man-to-man defensive team, Hodge switched things up playing both a 3-2 and 2-3 zone to try and make the Lady Colonels beat them from the outside.

The strategy was very successful, as Christian proved to have trouble knocking down outside shots with any regularity.

Lady Rocket junior point guard Jessi Hodge had a fabulous outing, scoring 21 points and dishing out eight assists, helping her team advance to the semifinal round.

Interestingly, her mother was also a junior when she hit the game-winning shot over Hopkinsville in the school's last regional win.

Eighth-grade guard Bailey Brown chipped in with 10 points and also gave the Lady Rockets steady guard play to help stun the Lady Colonels.

As has been the case in every game of the postseason, Crittenden took good care of the basketball, committing only 11 turnovers in the vic-

tory. With the score knotted at 45-all in regulation, the Lady Rockets missed a shot to re-take the lead with :12 ticks left. But they got a fortunate break when a Lady Colonel lost the ball out-of-bounds with :09 seconds left.

With the game still knotted, Hodge called a timeout with :03 ticks left and Whitney Johnson got a decent look before the buzzer. But she was not able to connect as the Lady Colonels rebounded the miss and the game headed to overtime.

Lady Rocket off guard Laken Tabor made her only trey of the game with :50 ticks remaining in overtime to give her team a 55-52 lead they would never relinquish on the way to the exciting win.

One of the few things the winners did not do well was make free throws as they were only 8-of-15 from the charity stripe. Their inability to be better in that area almost forced another overtime.

"I wish we could have made some more free throws," the Crittenden coach said after the game.

Leading 57-54 with :04 seconds left in the extra frame, the Lady Rockets misfired on a pair of free tosses and the Lady Colonels drove all the way down the floor and missed a three-pointer right before the buzzer.

Hodge listed the game as the biggest win during her tenure and hopes the crisp performance carries over into the semifinal round against Henderson, who has captured five straight Second Region Tournament titles.

"Its a big step for our program. I'm just tickled to death for our players," she said.

Lady Rockets lose district finals at the buzzer

In a hotly contested Fifth District Girls' Championship game last Friday at Rocket Arena that featured eight ties and 10 lead changes, the Lady Rockets came up on the disappointing end of a 48-46 decision to Lyon County.

The frustrating setback continued the long drought of futility of not capturing a Fifth District Tournament title since 1984, when Coach Shannon Hodge was a junior on the team.

In fact, they are 0-8 in Fifth

District Championship games since then, with an average margin of defeat of 18.6 points.

After such an impressive showing against district rival Livingston Central in the opening round triumph, unfortunately there was not a bit of carry over as the Lady Rockets came out sluggish in the opening quarter.

Conversely, the Lady Lyons played well, employing a sticky man-to-man defense that they would stick with the entire way. Behind that fine defensive effort, the visitors took an 11-8 lead after the first quarter.

Unfortunately, an all too familiar theme occurred for Crittenden during that quarter as the duo of forwards Summer Courtney and Whitney Johnson made two early fouls.

Due to those foul woes, Courtney played only 13:41 of the contest while Johnson was limited to 16:08 of action.

With that pair out of the game much of the time, Lyon burned the Lady Rockets all night by scoring at will in the low post.

Another problem for the hosts was in the rebounding department as Lyon outrebounded them 29-21.

The Lady Rockets missed six layups, which could have turned the game in the other direction.

While Lady Lyon senior guard Brittany Doom only combined for 10 points in the two regular-season setbacks to the Lady Rockets, she was hard to stop in the title clash. She poured in 18 points and pulled down five rebounds to help her team capture the district crown.

Despite not playing very well the entire night, the Lady Rockets entered the fourth quarter with a slim 36-33 lead.

Johnson was whistled for her fifth foul with 5:25 left to play, but Crittenden forward Laken Tabor broke a 38-all tie a few seconds later on a 3-pointer to put her team back in front. But the Lady Rockets would suffer another casualty at the 4:58 mark as Courtney was called for her fifth foul, forcing them to play even more shorthanded.

The visitors would tie the score for the sixth time on the night less than 1:00 later at 41-all.

Crittenden sending their opponent to the free throw line 20 times did not help their attempt to break the 26-

All-Fifth District Players



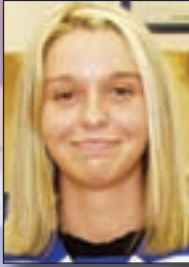
Jessi Hodge



Laken Tabor



Casey Oliver



Hannah Brantley



Dylan Clark

Five Crittenden County Rockets were chosen for the All-Fifth District team.

They are seniors Dylan Clark and Hannah Brantley, and juniors Casey Oliver, Jessi Hodge and Laken Tabor.

Other All District players were: Boys - Jalik Alexander, Trigg; Lucas Croft, Livingston, Taylor Gray, Lyon; Bryant Houk, Lyon; Justin Kittle, Livingston; Timmy Purdue, Lyon; and Zeke Wright, Trigg. Girls - Brittany Doom, Lyon; Audrey Futrell, Trigg, Brook Keamey, Trigg; Ashley Matlock, Trigg; Rachel Rhodes, Lyon; Aubrey Riggs, Lyon; Aneta Sloma, Livingston; and Allison West, Lyon.

Second Region Tournament  
Opening Round  
Madisonville 79, Hopkinsville 37  
Webster 62, Lyon 30  
Crittenden 57, Christian 54  
Henderson 81, Caldwell 48  
Friday's Semifinals  
Webster vs. Madisonville, 6 p.m.  
Crittenden vs. Henderson, 7:30 p.m.  
Championship  
Saturday, 7 p.m.

"The reason for that was that we were not getting in the proper defensive position," she said.

After being so upbeat from the blowout win over Livingston Central, the Lady Rocket coach was frustrated that her squad reverted back to some of their inconsistent play.

"We've had a problem putting four quarters together," she said.

Lady Lyon coach Jeff Doom was proud of the way his team responded in the title tilt after having lost by a combined 27 points to Crittenden during the regular season.

"I thought both teams were relentless in not wanting to lose," he said.

He thought getting Courtney and Johnson in early foul trouble proved pivotal in the contest.

"They did a nice job of getting the ball inside," Doom said, referring to all the high-percentage shots his team got.



# Crittenden part of group seeking wireless Internet

## STAFF REPORT

Crittenden and a few other area counties are involved in a grant application process that could eventually lead to countywide wireless Internet.

Crittenden, Muhlenberg, Todd and Hopkins counties with assistance from the Pennyryle Area Development District and Norlight, Inc., of Evansville are seeking federal stimulus grant funds through the USDA. Norlight, the proposed Internet Service provider for the project, is the primary applicant for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.

"There are \$7.9 billion out there for rural broadband and we don't want to miss this opportunity," said Chris Sutton, director of the Pennyryle Area Development District.

Several counties, including Webster, recently completed a similar project in the Green River Development District. Officials in Webster County say the coverage and signal are very good from the wire-



This is a typical wireless transmitter.

less service.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown attended a meeting last week in Owensboro in regard to initiating the grant application.

Brown said that if Norlight is successful in acquiring the grant funds, Crittenden would be responsible for

putting up as much as 30 percent of the cost to install the service. That share, which could be between \$100,000 and \$200,000, could come from a variety of sources. Brown acknowledged that such a sum of money would not be available through conventional sources such as the county's general fund.

"Each county may have to come up with 30 percent, but those funds could come from other grant sources, other state sources or be financed," said Brown.

There are even possibilities that Crittenden and the other counties could qualify for a grant from the Delta Regional Authority, a federal-state partnership that works to stimulate economic development in the eight-state Mississippi Delta area.

Also, if the county decided to finance its cost of installing wireless broadband, a portion of the monthly subscription fee could be used to retire the debt, Brown said.

The county would receive a

small percentage of the subscription rate as a franchise fee. Once the debt is paid off, those dollars would go into county coffers.

Subscription rates would range between about \$30 to \$40, Brown said, depending on the speed of the connection.

Brown joined various other officials from the area last week as they toured the wireless coverage area in Daviess County. He said transmission towers have a

range of about 4-5 miles in relatively flat terrain.

"Hilly terrain like we have in Crittenden County cuts the range down considerably," he said. "You would never be able to cover 100 percent."

The price to Crittenden County would depend largely upon how many towers are needed. The county has already been mapped by the company proposing to install the service, but Brown said details about the exact costs

are not available at this time.

He said it could be a couple of years before the service would be available.

"It's all contingent on whether they get the grant and when it comes," Brown said.

"We may get it or we may not," Sutton said. "We know that for Crittenden and Todd and some of the other small counties, it would be difficult to come up with a 30-percent match. So we're trying to figure something out."

## School board sets calendar for next 2 years

### STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Board of Education has approved the 2010-11 and 2011-12 academic calendars.

For the 2010-11 school year, students will start on Aug. 10, fall break will be from Oct. 11-15, Thanksgiving break Nov. 24-26, Christmas break Dec. 20-31, spring break will be April 4-8 and the last day of school for students will be May 20. There are four make-up days built into the calendar. If more days need to be made up, Presidents' Day and two teacher planning days will be used, as has been the case this year in dealing with snow days. Any additional make up days will be added to the end of the year.

For the 2011-12 school year, students will start to

class on Aug. 9, fall break will be Oct. 10-14, Thanksgiving break Nov. 23-25, Christmas break Dec. 19-30, spring break April 2-6 and the last day of school for students will be May 18. The same make up schedule planned for 2010-11 applies for 2011-12.

Planning the school calendar two years in advance will give faculty, students and staff ample time to plan appointments or vacations.

As for this year, due to snow make-up days, the last day of classes is currently scheduled for Monday, May 24. The exact date for graduation has not yet been set, but will likely be May 24 or May 25, according to school officials.



### SCHOOL DAYS

Opening Day 2010	Aug. 10
Fall Break 2010	Oct. 11-15
Spring Break 2011	April 4-8
Last Day 2011	May 20
Opening Day 2011	Aug. 9
Fall Break 2011	Oct. 10-14
Spring Break 2012	April 2-6
Last Day 2012	May 18

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