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Fire a reminder of burn laws

There's a reason for the statewide burn laws that restrict burning during spring fire season in Kentucky says Dan Wood of the Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

On Saturday, firefighters with Mattoon and Shady Grove departments battled a 25- to 30-acre brush fire off Cave Springs Road that was still smoldering in spots Monday. The blaze was just one of three brush fires on Saturday. Yet another got out of control on Tuesday.

Through April 30, it is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland between the daylight hours of 6 a.m., and 6 p.m. Fines and/or jail time are possible for violators.



Daylight saving begins Sunday

Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m., Sunday, when clocks should be moved ahead by one hour. The sun will not set until 6:55 p.m., Sunday.

Meeting

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

■ Marion-Crittenden County Park Board will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday at Marion City Hall.

■ Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday at Rocket Arena for its monthly work session.

■ Crittenden Fiscal Court has cancelled its regular March meeting and rescheduled it for 1 p.m., March 22 as a special meeting.

What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked: "So far only the county has been asked to help pay for ambulance service. Should the city help pay, too?"

Overwhelmingly, voters said the City of Marion needs to help. The 345 voters said:

- Yes, 283 (82%)
- No, 52 (15%)
- Need info, 10 (2%)

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Questions surround tax

Exactly who pays, where money goes among queries

STAFF REPORT

Farmers, loggers, hunting guides, lawn mowers, dozer operators and mechanics are just a few of the rural workers that may be called upon to sacrifice one percent of their income to Crittenden Fiscal Court's general fund.

Word is starting to trickle out into the far reaches of the county and crowds are gathering for community meetings conducted by Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and magistrates outlining the fiscal court's spending

woes and a proposed new tax.

Almost 30 attended last Thursday's meeting at Tolu and another 20 were at Tuesday's rendezvous at Shady Grove. Turnout for the first meeting at Mattoon was about a dozen. The final meeting is at 6:30 p.m., today (Thursday) at Dycusburg Baptist Church's fellowship hall.

Residents are starting to raise a variety of questions as they begin to realize that virtually no one who works will be exempt from the proposed pay-

roll and net profits tax that will take a penny of every dollar earned whether you work for someone else or yourself.

While county government got to this point after being pressured to subsidize the ambulance service – which is currently operated by Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) – there are now more possible beneficiaries of receipts that might be generated by a new occupational tax. Those include health insurance for county employees, senior citizens projects, volunteer fire departments, road department equipment, parks and recreation and

“There should be some pressure applied to the city, too.”

– Barkley Hughes

Tolu-area resident on call for City of Marion to share burden of subsidizing EMS

even the county jail. County leaders have said each of those causes are bleeding red ink or are in dire need of upgrades.

Based on 2010 income figures, Newcom has suggested that a one-percent countywide occupational tax would generate about \$446,000. The 2011 ambulance shortfall, Newcom said last week, has been readjusted down to \$204,000 from \$229,000 after the numbers were more closely scrutinized. But health insurance for county employees could cost the fiscal

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Former judge-exec, state trooper succumbs to cancer

Longtime ACS, civic volunteer Lewis, 93, dies

STAFF REPORT

The woman synonymous with the American Cancer Society (ACS) for a half-century in Crittenden County died last week.

Helen Lewis, 93, died last Wednesday at Crittenden Health Systems. She was an active member of several local civic and volunteer organizations, but her most recognized work is that with the ACS, including her effort to help organize the first Relay for Life in Crittenden County in 1996, which has since raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for cancer research. (See obituary on Page 7.)

"She was an amazing woman," said Stephanie Elder, area director for the Paducah ACS office. "She was always at Relay for Life and wore her Survivor shirt very proudly."

Lewis was a survivor of breast cancer for 60 years.

In 2008, she was honored with ACS's prestigious St. George National Award for outstanding service to the community in support of the Society's mission to combat cancer. Lewis was recognized with the decoration for volunteer work with cancer patients and was the sole recipient that year in ACS's six-state Mid-South Division.

"It means the world to me," Lewis said of the honor at the time.

She began her work with ACS 52 years ago, intending for it to be only a temporary role. But it became her lifetime's work.

"I admired her," said Elder, who first came to know Lewis around the time she earned her St. George's award. "She was an amazing volunteer and an amazing woman."

"She fought the battle of cancer and definitely fought the battle for Crittenden County."

By CHRIS EVANS

PRESS EDITOR

Steady, organized, debt-free growth. That's the business model that's working for Maple Leaf Plastics and Harminie Enterprises in Marion.

The combined operation, which moved into the former Chrysler building on Sturgis Road on the north side of town in 2006 and completed a \$500,000, 5,000-square-foot expansion last summer, has almost tripled its sales in the

past six months.

Owners Paul and Harumi Nielsen believe the local manufacturing operation, which has been in business here since 2002, is poised for another big thrust this summer when they add two new lines that will help increase production.

Paul Nielsen, vice president of Harminie Enterprises and president of Maple Leaf Plastics, said the undertaking started out simply as an assembly operation, putting to-

gether parts for the automotive industry. Now, it counts 85 percent of its business as injection molding.

The evolution of the company couldn't have come at a better time. Thanks to a solid business plan that has stressed efficiency from the front office to

the plant floor, and dynamics of the automating sector, the Marion firm has grown to 20 employees, more than doubling its rolls over the past 10 months.

"We've been crazy busy, but that's good," Nielsen said. "Much of what we make goes overseas. About half of our products goes to Mexico, 20 percent goes to China and 10 percent goes to Germany. The rest stays here in the United States."

Nielsen said his company

is now making products at the Tier 2 and Tier 3 levels for almost every automobile on the market. The company has added three new customers since September, and it is running two 10-hour shifts at least five days a week. There's so much work scheduled right now that Nielsen is subcontracting some of it out to a plant more than an hour away in Evansville. He hopes to physically expand operations

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FILE PHOTO

Cloaked in the colors of two of his passions, a blue Crittenden County Rockets pullover jacket and a white University of Kentucky athletics hat, Victor P. "Pippi" Hardin makes the official coin toss at a 2011 football contest between his high school alma mater and Reidland. Despite heart surgery as a child, Hardin himself played high school football for the Rockets.

Hardin remembered as fun-loving, public servant

By DARYL K. TABOR

MANAGING EDITOR

He had a knack for defusing tense situations with an unconventional demeanor, and in his final days, for leaving others at ease over the mortality he stared down with a grace and dignity as powerful as his drive from the tee box.

Last Thursday morning, Victor P. "Pippi" Hardin lost his battle with cancer, passing peacefully at his home with his family at his side. He was 62.

Just six months prior, Hardin had been diagnosed with one of the deadliest forms of cancer — esophageal. After an aggressive treatment failed to yield significant results, the former Crittenden County Judge-Executive and Kentucky State Trooper opted to forego any fur-

ther debilitating care. Rather, he opted to spend the balance of his days in the comfort of the home that has been in his family for more than a century, surrounded by family and a never-ending parade of friends and well-wishers.

He was laid to rest Sunday in Mapleview Cemetery in Marion, following a funeral held at Rocket Arena in order to accommodate the large number of visitors who attended the service.

Hardin left behind his wife Phillis and three daughters, Vicki, Stefanie and Kayla, as well as several extended family members. (See obituary on Page 7.)

On Monday, former coworkers, friends and those whom he helped in his career of public service remembered him as a fair, caring and fun-loving in-

dividual. He was the "same old Pippi," acquaintances recalled, whether in the uniform of the Kentucky State Police (KSP), a suit and tie as the top elected official of the county he called home since birth or a pair of shorts and cleats on a manicured golf course.

"I just never had a more fun friend," said longtime pal and golfing mate Ronnie Myers, choked with genuine emotion. "Pippi always kept you laughing."

Hardin spent more than half of his life as a public servant, either as a police officer, political leader or appointment to a state administrative position.

He retired from the state police in 1997 after 20 years of service, but began

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America’s liberty is up to its residents

I’m listening, are you?
I would like to relate a couple of stories to you, one of which I am certain most of you are aware of, the other, well not so much. On Feb. 5 in the fourth quarter of the most recent, and most watched Super Bowl in history, New York Giants receiver Mario Manningham made an incredible 35-yard pass reception on the sidelines with two defenders draped all over him, which in my mind, lead to New York winning the Super Bowl. In the same quarter, with the Patriots driving down the field, Wes Welker, an extremely reliable receiver, dropped a routine pass that he would normally have caught without missing a beat, and he was wide open. The incomplete pass failed to extend the Pats drive, in my opinion, costing the Pats the game. Approximately 180 million Americas watched the Super Bowl and I believe those two plays will be talked about for years, at least in the sports world.
A week earlier, as Egyptian officials prepared to send 19 American democracy and rights workers to trial, United States Supreme Court Associate

Don Gatewood
Crittenden County resient



Guest Column

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg speaking in Cairo suggested Egyptian revolutionaries NOT use the U.S. Constitution as a model in the post-Arab spring. "I would not look to the U.S. Constitution if I were drafting a constitution in the year 2012," she said in an interview on Al Hayat Television. "I might look at the constitution of South Africa. That was a deliberate attempt to have a fundamental instrument of government that embraced basic human rights, have an independent judiciary. It really is, I think, a great piece of work that was done." This from a sitting United States Supreme Court Justice who took the following oath of office on Aug. 10, 1993: "I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all

enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."
She is one of nine United States Supreme Court Justices who sit in judgment to determine the constitutionality of a suit or law before the court based on the United States Constitution. Not many of us took notice of her statement and few news organizations reported on the event. Consider that one of the most important and longest lasting legacies of any U. S. President is the nomination and placement of individuals to the United States Supreme Court, a lifetime appointment, which is confirmed or rejected by the United States Senate.
If having a Supreme Court Justice who says that is not scary enough, let me remind you of some other news stories you may have missed.
In August of last year, just seven months ago, Vice President Joe Biden joined Rep Mike Doyle (D-PA) in

accusing Tea Party Republicans of "acting like terrorists" in the fight to raise the nation's debt limit. More recently, Rep Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) called Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) demons and claimed they were destroying America. This is the same Maxine Waters who let her true goals slip on May 30, 2008 while questioning oil company executives when she said "this liberal would be about socializing" (long pause when she realized what she had actually said out loud) then she said "basically taking over, and the government running all your companies" Any of this sound familiar?
What is truly disturbing to me is the do over. Just this past week Energy Secretary Steven Chu testifying before congress admitted that the administration's goal was not to bring down gasoline prices rather it was to break our dependence on foreign oil, we have only been saying that since the 1970s. Then a couple of days later when asked if he would like to take back that statement, he states, yes our goal is to bring gas

prices down.
I also remember then-Sen. Obama stating he wanted \$5 a gallon gas and that under his plan for cap and trade, energy prices would necessarily skyrocket, he also said that companies could open coal fired power plants but he would bankrupt them through regulations.
The institutional bias and the administration's goals are clear for anyone willing to listen carefully to what they said candidly without the do over. Make no mistake, our country is heading exactly where this president wants us to go. All of the people who serve the president in cabinet positions advance the policies of the administration so when they make statements like that of Secretary Chu that is the policy of the administration. The do over is the result of the boss saying something like this: I can't believe you told them the truth; go back out there and give them the answer arrived at by our focus group.
Contrary to the line in "A Few Good Men" I believe most Americans can handle the truth and that is exactly what we need and deserve.

What's best for America, in my mind, is truth from our legislators, blind justice from our courts and leadership from our executive branch — all I fear is lacking at this point in time. Furthermore, I don't believe we will get the truth from most of our politicians or the media and yet I believe the truth will set you free. So, how is one to determine what is true when it comes to politics where everyone has their own version of the truth? I recommend using their own words which are easy to find, at least for now. While we are searching for the truth, please remember it is our elected officials who actually have an effect on our lives through enactment or approval of laws, rules, ordinances, regulations and taxes. So, do we want a country of kings and serfs or do we want a country where liberty prevails? It really is up to you.
(Gatewood is a retired naval officer and former Evansville police officer. He is a resident of Crittenden County. His opinions are his own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper. His column appears in this newspaper periodically.)

State’s \$19.5 billion budget up for consideration

As it normally does during the first full week of March in even-numbered years, the Kentucky House of Representatives will vote on its proposed \$19.5 billion two-year budget this week to run state government.
We have been studying the two-year spending plan since Governor Beshear presented his proposal in mid-January. While it is too soon to say what the final version will look like — that won't be known until the legislative session ends next month — we do know that it won't be easy, though there is hope that the recent signs of growth in the economy may help. Next week, I will take an in-depth look at what the House wants to do, and I expect there will be some who can find some good news and others who will find nothing to be pleased about.
As the final details of that plan were being hammered out last week, the House moved several other key initiatives forward, either in committee or in the full chamber.
On Wednesday, for example, the House Judiciary Committee put its support

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House District 4



Frankfort Front

behind two bills that have the same goal: cutting illegal drug use. One would expand the state's prescription drug monitoring system, making it easier for law enforcement to track both doctors who improperly prescribe strong pain medicine as well as addicts who doctor shop. This will help us shut down the often fly-by-night "pill mills" that have cropped up in recent years.
The other bill, meanwhile, will provide a more comprehensive approach when it comes to taking unregulated and dangerous synthetic drugs off the shelves for good. These drugs, often intentionally mislabeled as bath salts or plant food, have become especially prominent during the last two years. In 2010, for example, the American Association of Poison Control Centers said there were

3,200 calls nationally involving synthetic drugs. Last year, that number jumped to 13,000, and it will undoubtedly be much higher this year.
Kentucky has been very proactive in battling synthetic drugs, but the underground chemists have been able to change the formulas of these drugs faster than the law can keep up. This legislation would stop this cat-and-mouse game by broadening the drug's definition and enacting much stiffer penalties for those who peddle them. That would include time in prison and potentially significant fines.
Several bills making it through the House last week involve education. One calls for more study of middle school sports, which are not overseen at the state level like high school sports, while another would boost opportunities in career and technical education, in an effort to better help those students who might otherwise drop out of high school.
The House also gave final approval to Senate legislation that will now grant alternative high school diplomas rather than just a

Staying in touch with Frankfort

Stay informed of legislative action on bills of interest this session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 1-866-840-2835. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 1-800-633-9650.

To share comments or con-

cerns with any legislator about a particular bill under consideration, call the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 or write any legislator by sending a letter with their name to: Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601.
Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton) can be reached by e-mail at mike.cherry@lrc.ky.gov and Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) at dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov.
certificate to special needs students who complete their modified curriculum.
In a related matter, the House also approved "green schools" legislation that will open up a pool of money school districts could access for low-cost loans to pay for energy-saving upgrades. This would apply to qualified manufacturers, too.
In matters of public safety, the House voted on several other bills worth noting. They would:
■ Clarify what steps a coal miner has to take if he or she fails a drug test, in an effort to get them the treatment they need. Ken-

tucky was the nation's leader in 2006 when we passed a law requiring miners to be drug free to be certified to work.
■ Give the owners of motorless, slow-moving vehicles the opportunity to use reflective tape rather than the current reflective triangle. This has been a pressing issue in areas of the state where the Amish have refused to use the triangle for their buggies. Hopefully, this will prove to be a workable compromise.
■ Ensure that those ordering catfish in restaurants know from which country their meal came. This will better promote

American-raised catfish.
On a personal note, I want to thank many of those who took time out of their schedule to travel to the Capitol last week for "Disabilities Awareness Day." This event recognizes the estimated 874,000 Kentuckians who have a disability, and it highlights the need for services that help them maintain fulfilling lives.
With the legislative session having only a few weeks remaining, it's very important that you continue letting me know your thoughts and concerns on the issues before the General Assembly. If you would like to contact me, my address is Room 370A, Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. You may also e-mail me at mike.cherry@lrc.ky.gov.
I hope to hear from you soon.
(Rep. Cherry Princeton Democrat serving House District 4. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of McCracken County in Frankfort. His column appears regularly when the Kentucky General Assembly is in session.)

Senate works on state’s drug issues

We have many and various goals when we convene in Frankfort for any legislative session, but while specific bills change from year to year, our over-arching impulse remains the same: To make Kentucky a better, safer place to live, especially by providing needed protection to our most vulnerable citizens.
Last week, much of our work targeted that continuing effort.
We took a step toward eliminating the problem of meth production and abuse in the State by approving Senate Bill 3.
The bill would decrease the current monthly over-the-counter purchase limit of pseudoephedrine, a required precursor to 'cooking' methamphetamine, or 'meth,' from nine grams to 7.2 grams, and enforce a 24-gram-per-year limit. Those limits, sponsors say, will still provide any law-abiding Kentucky family a more-than-adequate supply of over-the-counter cold and allergy medicine, without having to see a doctor. Amounts in excess of these limits could be obtained by a doctor's prescription.
Under the measure, the real time tracking system for purchase of pseudoephedrine products — Sudafed, Claritin D, Mucinex D and the like — would remain in effect. This will continue to permit law enforcement agencies to

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Senate District 4



Senate Week

monitor and trace purchases that have been made for illicit purposes, such as "smurfing," in which meth dealers hire a group of people to visit multiple pharmacies to collectively acquire large amounts of decongestants beyond individual-purchase limits.
In an effort to keep people safe on our roads, we passed Senate Bill 89 by a 31-5 vote. This bill would expand the current law that only requires seat-belt use in vehicles designed to carry ten or fewer passengers to now include up to 15-passenger vehicles. Vehicles seating more than 15 people are federally classified as buses, and are not affected by State regulation.
The measure comes as the result of a deadly 2010 crash on Interstate 65 near Munfordville involving a semi-truck and a 15-passenger church van. Most of the van's occupants were unrestrained and 11 people died. Supporters of the legislation say the accident's human carnage could have

been alleviated if seat belts had been used.
Another transportation-related bill gained unanimous support in the Senate this week. Senate Bill 124 would remove the requirement that learner's driving permit holders be physically accompanied by a passenger who is at least 21 years old — but only when they are being supervised by a driver's training instructor on a closed driving range. Supporters say the provision will allow schools to offer training programs for students to safely practice on a closed multi-vehicle course without the burden of added staffing requirements.
Senate Bill 115 also received unanimous support this week. The bill would require a medical examination, including a medical history, physical examination, and diagnosis, of patients prior to their admission to a personal-care facility. It was proposed in memory of Joseph Lawrence "Larry" Lee, Jr. who passed away last year after escaping from a personal-care facility. Advocates for the measure say Lee's mental condition made him unsuitable for residence in a personal-care home and that a medical examination could have prevented his placement and death.
Other legislation approved this week includes

Senate Bill 165 (by a 33-4 vote) which would require that State Fair Board members appointed by the governor also be confirmed by the Senate and restricts fair board members from being reappointed more than once.
Another measure, Senate Bill 152, expands 'call before you dig' requirements to include some timber harvesting activities and creates three types of requests, each allowing a separate response time, to locate underground utilities. It also requires any newly-installed underground facilities be locatable from the surface.
All of these bills now go to the House for its consideration.
We will consider many more bills in an effort to positively impact the Commonwealth in the final third of this year's legislative session. I am most interested in hearing your thoughts and concerns about the legislation impacting you personally. If you are not already, I encourage you to get involved in the law-making process.
(Sen. Ridley is a Henderson Democrat serving state Senate District 4. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Webster, Union, Caldwell and Henderson counties in Frankfort. His column appears regularly when the Kentucky General Assembly is in session.)

The Press LETTERS

Weston Cemetery work appreciated
To the editor
I want to thank Boy Scout Troop 30 of Marion, grown ups and leaders for the recent cleaning of Weston Cemetery. My cousin Shirley Melloy and her daughter Leigh Elsey and my sister, Gwen Gass Wilson had the pleasure of

treating this group at Jones' 88 Dip with pizza and ice cream cones.
We appreciate the hard work this group did and will always be grateful for you. Thanks for caring about these old cemeteries and helping to preserve them.
Your work will not be forgotten.
Bonnie R. Gass
Marion, Ky.

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Fire station work almost complete

Construction of Marion's new fire station is almost complete, but it could be several weeks before the fire department calls it home.

City Administrator Mark Bryant said Tuesday that detail work on the fire department will be done within a couple of weeks, but it could be another month after that before trucks are parked there.

Bryant said a concrete apron that will be poured in the back of the station will need extra time to dry because of the heavy loads it will bear. Bryant said fire trucks could be backed into the station during the 30-day drying period, but it's still unclear if that will happen.

"It may set there empty for a month," Bryant said.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled at a later date, he added. Henry and Henry Monuments has donated a black granite 9/11 Memorial to punctuate the building and the Masons have provided a cornerstone. Both contributions will require some type of formal dedication, Bryant said.

Flooding possible along Ohio River

The National Weather Service in Paducah has issued a flood warning along the Ohio River from Owensboro to Shawneetown, Ill. The warning area includes Crittenden County and begins this afternoon (Thursday) and continues to Sunday. At 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, the river stage at Shawneetown was 31 feet. Flood stage is 33 feet and minor flooding is forecast.

The Ohio River is expected to surpass flood stage by Thursday afternoon at Shawneetown and continue to rise to a crest of 33.4 feet by Saturday evening. The river is expected to fall below flood stage by Sunday morning. The flooding should be limited to primarily bottomlands and surrounding low-



Congressman Ed Whitfield (far right) and his district director, Michael Pape (second from left), visited with Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom (far left) late Friday afternoon as Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department Chief and Deputy Emergency Manager Billy Arflack (center) looks on. The GOP congressman had just come from a dedication of Livingston County's new library and county offices building. Whitfield stopped by Marion to visit with Newcom as well as to pay respects to the family of late Judge-Executive Victor "Pippi" Hardin, who died last Thursday from cancer.

lying areas.

The minor flooding is not expected to affect operation of the Cave In Rock Ferry.

Teen mothers can seek assistance

Teenagers currently working or going to school and who have either had a baby or are pregnant can seek assistance through the Crittenden County Family Development Center/Early Head Start.

The center provides a safe learning environment for enrollees' children at no cost to the parent while they attend school. Not only is there no cost for being in our program, the center also provides diapers, wipes, formula and food for children while they are in the care of Head Start.

Participants will have the opportunity to be with their child and participate in parent-child activities.

"You and your child will experience a happy, loving atmosphere and develop friendships that will last a lifetime," said Early Head Start teacher

Stacy Hardin.

For more information, contact Hardin at 704-1183 or Rachel Byford at 704-9559 or by calling the office at 965-5846.

Grand jury to hear case of assault

The case of a Marion man accused of assaulting another is headed to a grand jury next month after a preliminary hearing in district court last week.

Jeffrey G. Joyce is charged with second-degree assault, first-degree wanton endangerment and third-degree terroristic threatening for a Feb. 11 incident at the home of Barry Beard of Marion. Joyce reportedly entered the home along with two female companions and threatened to kill Beard with a shotgun after Beard was awakened by the scream of his ex-wife Laura. She had entered the home with Joyce after being let in by Beard's daughter, reported Crittenden County Deputy Sheriff Greg Rushing.

During the confrontation with Beard, Joyce reportedly hit the victim in the head with his gun and broke his left arm as Beard tried to shield himself from the blow. Beard's head wound required staples. He appeared in court last Wednesday with his left arm in a sling.

Having left the scene after police were called, Joyce was apprehended by Marion Police and his gun taken as evidence.

February sees one sub-freezing day

Only four days averaged below freezing last month, with Feb. 11 never making it above the 32-degree mark. The following day registered the coldest temperature of the month at 16.9 degrees. By contrast, Feb. 23 reached 72.2 degrees, the highest temperature of the year to that point. The average temperature was 42.5 degrees, 3.5 degrees warmer than February 2011 and 11.1 degrees warmer than February 2010.

Only 1.37 inches of rain fell in February. Just over four inches of precipitation has fallen in 2012, about 3.5 inches below normal, according to climate data from Paducah.

St. Patrick's Day dance aids park

There will be a St. Patrick's Day dance to benefit Marion-Crittenden County Park. The event will be held March 17 starting at 7:30 p.m., with a live band, Reflection, from 8 p.m., to midnight at Marion Country Club.

The cost is \$30 for a couple or \$15 per individual. Tickets may be purchased at the door. There will be finger food and soft drinks available. For more information, call Allen Lynn 965-5154 or Tony O'Neal 965-5452.

Sex abuse charges head to grand jury

The case against a Marion man accused of locking an 11-year-old girl in a camping trailer and fondling her will be presented to a grand jury next month.

Lawrence Allen Davidson, 34, of Marion is reported to have lured an 11-year-old girl into a camper parked near a family member's address by offering her and her six-year-old brother a "treat." He was on conditional discharge from prison for a previous sex-crime conviction.

Davidson appeared before District Judge Daniel Heady last Wednesday. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing and his case will be heard by a Crittenden Grand Jury on April 2. He is charged with first-degree unlawful imprisonment and first-degree sexual abuse of a victim under 12 years of age.

Court records indicate Davidson rubbed the victim's

breasts and crotch with his hands and kissed her on the mouth with "his mouth and tongue." When the children tried to leave the camper, the police report says Davidson allowed the boy to leave, but kept the girl inside.

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

The incident happened on Feb. 12 in the North Weldon Street area near Veteran's Park. Davidson, who has an extensive criminal record, is listed on the state's sex offender registry, which says he is a 20-year registrant on supervised release.

Upgrades to park focus of meeting

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, an open meeting is being held on 2 p.m., March 20 at the Crittenden County Courthouse.

The meeting is sponsored by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court and Pennyryle Area Development District.

The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss lighting and electrical upgrades at the Marion-Crittenden County Park through the application of funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund 2012 Grant cycle.

Anyone with a significant supporting or opposing view is invited to voice that opinion at this meeting or in writing to: Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, Governor's Office, Department for Local Government, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Ste. 340, Frankfort, KY 40601

HARDIN

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his career as an officer of the law with a two-year stint at Marion Police Department. In the May 8, 1997 edition of The Crittenden Press, Hardin said he was drawn to criminal justice at the age of 12 when he was in Boston for heart surgery. A detective working on the case of the Boston Strangler spoke with him, piquing his interest in the law.

After graduation, he went to Murray State University, but said he couldn't settled on a major before starting his career as a policeman, so he never got his degree. A brief stint at Potter and Brumfield before donning a badge just wasn't for him.

"I didn't care for that job," he told The Press in an interview just three weeks ago.

He began gravitating toward law enforcement and never looked back after graduating the police academy.

A former KSP supervisor who worked alongside Hardin virtually his entire career with state police called him a "prince of a fellow."

"Pippi was joy," said Ed DeArmond, now mayor of Greenville. "He was a character in some respects."

Hardin served as a sharpshooter on a KSP SWAT team with DeArmond, who as a sergeant was Hardin's superior officer at the time.

"There were times, to be honest, I wanted to choke him," DeArmond said, laughing. "But he could always defuse the situation."

The two spent a lot of time together out of uniform, but not necessarily on the golf course where Hardin was always at home. The Madisonville post out of which the officers served had its own softball team.

"He was quite a second baseman," DeArmond said.

"We had a lot of good times together," he added. "Crittenden County has lost a great commodity in losing Pippi Hardin. I've lost a good friend. It's very difficult for me."

Hardin never once had to fire his weapon as a policeman, something he was proud of upon his first retirement, which was short-lived. In fact, he said at the time he left KSP that he intended to run for the top post in Crittenden County.

In 1998, he defeated three-term incumbent Judge-Executive John May as a

Republican newcomer to politics. In 2002 he was re-elected to another term. During his time in office he faced hardships — Tyco pulling up stakes along with 300 jobs and a tornado that devastated Crayne. But there were also plenty of accomplishments.

In fact, Hardin's fingerprints as judge-executive are on numerous projects he helped to move along, including construction of the new U.S. 641, extending municipal water to all county residents, building of the Ed-Tech Center in Marion, the Blackford Veterans Walk of Honor and improvements at Marion-Crittenden County Airport just to name a few.

Hardin loved Crittenden County, his friends said. He was a huge supporter of the high school's football team, on which he played as a teen, and he never left the county, always calling it home.

"People do not realize what this community meant to him," Myers said of his friend.

The man behind the Blackford memorial said Hardin was never your typical political leader.

"I was amazed because I went up to see him, and you know how some people in high places just don't have time..." said Brent Witherspoon. "But when I went up to see him, he took time."

Witherspoon had met Hardin years earlier, during a traffic stop.

"When I first met him, he was with the state police. I liked him a whole lot better as judge-executive," Witherspoon joked Monday.

Rep. Mike Cherry, who first took office representing Crittenden County in Frankfort in 1999 just a few weeks after Hardin began his role as judge-executive, said he, too, has lost a dear friend.

"I feel a personal loss with Pippi," Cherry said Tuesday, recalling their professional and personal relationship.

"It was something a little bit special for both of us," Cherry, a Democrat, said. "Our party affiliation had nothing to do with our ability to work together. It was nice to have that rapport."

Party never mattered to Hardin, whether in Frankfort or in his own office. Sue Padgett, now county treasurer, said Hardin hired her on the spot in 2002, knowing her registration was opposite his.

Cherry said his first major speech in the Kentucky House of Representatives was

railing for Crittenden County's need for proper transportation routes. Hardin and his wife were upstairs in the gallery at the time. Cherry made sure to emphasize his point by recognizing Hardin before his 99 fellow lawmakers on the floor.

The Hardins were dear friends to him and his wife.

"Pippi left owing Gale and I dinner," Cherry quipped. "I hope to see him in the hereafter and collect my dinner."

While in office, Wednesday afternoons would find Hardin on the golf course, often with Myers. He told The Press in February that it always bothered him that people thought he was shirking his duties by hitting the links midweek. But Hardin took his golf game very seriously, and if he had it to do over again, he said he wouldn't have changed.

"As long as he was hitting the ball well, he was a blast," Myers said. "He forgot more about golf than I'll ever know."

Myers said Hardin continued to golf even after being diagnosed with cancer last summer, swinging the clubs even with the tubes in his arm for treatments. He also enjoyed duck hunting.

As judge-executive, Hardin always made time for his employees, Padgett said, adding that he would sit and discuss the Bible, sometimes with her and then-county treasurer Roberta Shewmaker over breakfast from Mel's Market.

"We had some good conversations over coffee," Padgett said Monday.

Hardin opted to leave politics midway through his second term. Two years after being re-elected, in April 2004, he was appointed by Gov. Ernie Fletcher as Western Region Parks Manager for the state parks department.

He retired for good when Democrat Steve Beshear took first office in December 2007 after defeating Fletcher and making his own appointment to the parks position.

In speaking with The Press just three weeks ago, Hardin was at peace with his fate. In his later years, he had grown closer to God, he said.

"He's blessed me. I have no qualms if I die right now."

In his last days, he never got tired of the visits or calls.

"I'll tell you why," he said. "Because everyone who comes shares a part of their life that we had together that meant something to them. And that means so much to me."

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WHO WE ARE



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



Morgan and Bentley Driver

At seven-months-old, Bentley Driver wasn't much on conversation, but he seemed rather content riding out last Friday's storm tucked away safely in the basement of Crittenden County Courthouse. He wasn't alone. There were probably a couple dozen local residents — and some pets — hiding out from the severe thunderstorm warning. Bentley, of course, was also with his mother, Morgan, who came across her son's somewhat unique name while browsing the Internet.

Morgan had just left her shift at Dairy Queen before taking refuge in the basement rather than heading to her Marion home that has no basement. In fact, even while she was at work, the wind knocked out power a couple of times before her day ended there. A recent high school graduate, Morgan may have been singing songs from her favorite movie Friday to pass her time hunkered down from the storm. That movie, nearly twice her age, is the 1978 American

musical "Grease" with John Travolta and Olivia Newton John, who play high school lovers in the 1950s. She blames liking the movie on her mom, who apparently had the video on more than once in Morgan's youth. But don't ask the 17-year-old about the sequel, "Grease 2," because she'll turn her nose even at the mention of the follow-up to the original. Ironically, country music is Morgan's favorite genre. There wasn't a lot of that on the soundtrack to

"Grease," though. To pass the time, Morgan likes to drive around. It's not exactly a hobby, but it's something to do. No word on Bentley's favorite pastime, but "he talks all the time," said his grandmother, Ina. "Of course, you can't understand what he's saying." He also seems to like having his photo taken, frantically waving his arms and smiling as the flash from the camera took his picture as he stood on his mom's lap last Friday.

County dodges worst of Friday storms that kill 22 in Kentucky

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS
Crittenden County dodged the worst of a violent storm system Friday afternoon that spawned tornados from the Gulf Coast into Virginia and north to Indiana and Ohio, killing more than 40 in its wake, including 22 from Kentucky. With dire predictions from forecasters just days after tornados killed several people in southern Illinois, many local residents hunkered down in basements from the courthouse to churches, riding out the high winds and heavy rain in relative safety. Schools were even let out in Crittenden County at 12:30 p.m., to give students and faculty time to shelter from the storm.

No injuries were reported as the storm moved out of the county late Friday afternoon and only minor damage was reported within the border. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, however, did report that part of the roof and radio antenna of Caldwell Springs Volunteer Fire Department were ripped down by the wind. Strong gusts also knocked down the radio tower at Crittenden County Detention Center. Sporadic and temporary power outages occurred as well, and county road crews were busy removing downed limbs and trees from a few roadways.

"We were lucky," the judge-executive said, adding that damages to the fire station were probably no more than \$1,500. Two funnel clouds were reported as having been seen over the county, though neither touched down. One was spotted in Crayne and another in the northwest area of the county, Newcom said. In fact, trained spotters and law enforcement officers throughout the state reported tornados in 19 different counties, according to Kentucky Emergency Management. Thirty-nine counties reported damage as of Saturday. To the west of Crittenden County, state and federal officials gathered for the dedication of Livingston County's



Several Crittenden Countians and their pets took refuge Friday in the basement of the courthouse from the potentially deadly storms passing through the area. The courthouse basement is generally open to the public for such purposes during threatening weather. Below, gusting winds Friday tore a hole in the roof of Caldwell Springs Volunteer Fire Department and brought down an antenna.

new library and county offices building were forced into the county clerk's vault to ride out tornado warnings in the Smithland area. Congressman Ed Whitfield told The Crittenden Press that he, state Rep. Mike Cherry and state Sen. Dorsey Ridley were all crouched on the floor in the metal-encased room along with others who had gathered for the 2 p.m. ceremony. In nearby Hopkins County, Emergency Management Director Frank Wright told The Associated Press that the gymnasium at North Hopkins High School near Madisonville was empty when the storm tore off the roof. Schools had dismissed early as the storm approached. A skating rink in Madisonville was also empty when

the roof fell onto the floor. Several tornado warnings were issued for western Kentucky Friday with a twister having touched down in neighboring Webster County and traveled through Henderson and Daviess counties. But the brunt storm system's wrath held off until reaching central Kentucky and eastern Indiana. It continued through eastern Kentucky, where most of the lives were claimed. It is believed one of the tornados traveled more than 90 miles through Kentucky and into West Virginia. More than 300 injuries were reported in the commonwealth. "The scope and magnitude of devastation in some of our communities is unlike anything I have ever seen," Gov. Steve Beshear said in a statement issued by his office. Beshear called up hundreds of National Guard troops to assist those coping with the devastation. The National Weather Service (NWS) said the four twisters to hit Kentucky were the worst in the region in 24 years. The storms scarred the landscape over hundreds of miles, leaving behind a trail of shredded sheet metal, insulation, gutted churches and crunched-up cars. Making matters worse, a late weekend front dumped as much as six inches of snow on areas recovering from the damage.

Friday's tornado outbreak had been forecast for days; meteorologists at the NWS Storm Prediction Center had said the day would be one of a handful this year that warranted its highest risk level. The weather service issued 297 tornado warnings and 388 severe thunderstorm warnings from Friday through early Saturday.



Pamida-Shopko merger final

STAFF REPORT
A Marion store will benefit from the merger between two of the nation's leading Midwest-based general merchandise retail chains. The Shopko and Pamida union announced earlier this year is now complete, creating one of the largest U.S. retailers focused on serving small, rural communities. With nearly \$3 billion in annual revenues, the combined entity, which is retaining the Shopko name, features nearly 350 locations in 22 states with more than 20,000 employees. Shopko will be headquartered in Green Bay, Wisc., and Pamida's corporate headquarters in Omaha, Neb., will be consolidated into the Green Bay office in coming months. "A great deal of work and planning was required to get us to this point, and we're excited that the merger is now complete," said Shopko President, Chairman and CEO W. Paul Jones. "Our aim is to

combine the best of both companies as we become one Shopko team with a shared vision to become the nation's leading general merchandise retailer focused on serving smaller communities across the country with our Shopko Hometown store format." Shopko also announced the conversion plans for Pamida stores. The company announced that the Pamida stores will be converted to the Shopko Hometown store format by the end of 2012. As part of the continual review process, the company has identified six stores that will be closed in August. None of those stores are Kentucky. The Shopko Hometown retail format, developed over the past three years to augment Shopko's larger store model, offers a differentiated and financially successful merchandising strategy. Shopko Hometown combines pharmacy services with a broad and dynamic offering of strong national brands and high-

value private label brands of apparel, home furnishings, toys, consumer electronics, seasonal items, and lawn and garden products. It's not certain as to how the Marion outlet that opened in 2001 will be changed during the conversion. "It is likely that there are some stores that will have pharmacies added but those decisions have yet to be made," said Tara Powers, Shopko spokesperson. "Once they are, we will certainly announce it." Shopko announced approximately \$80 million will be invested into Pamida store conversions which will begin in June and occur in phases through the end of the year. Each individual store conversion will take approximately five to six weeks from start to finish and will include new interior and exterior signage, updated supplemented fixtures, improved store design and layout, as well as an expanded merchandise mix.

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GROWTH

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here again in the future and bring all of that work back to Marion. But right now, such actions don't fit into its well-structured business plan. Eventually, it will.

"When you have a lot of debt, you have a lot of stress," Nielsen said. "We don't want to get too big too quickly. That's just not our style."

As customers and assets grow, Nielsen said it's natural to start thinking bigger, but for now he and his wife are sticking to their plan of steady, organized growth. Eventually, he hopes to fill the four acres the company owns on their Sturgis Road property.

"We just don't want to borrow a lot money to do it," he said.

The increase in sales has been largely due to picking up new business such as door handle assembly his company started marking recently. That product for Ford third-door automobiles calls for the manufacturing of 1,500 parts per day.

But sales have also increased to existing customers. Demand for a woofer air shaft they make for BMW vehicles was recently bumped up five-fold.

Those are just a couple of examples of the increased demand, Nielsen said. When the tsunami hit Japan in March of last year, it stalled sales to Toyota, but Nielsen said other automakers put the pedal down and haven't slowed since.

Nielsen said companies like his that survived the economic downturn of the past five years will continue to reap rewards.

"They're still going to make cars and they're still going to need parts," he said.

Now, there are just fewer manufacturers filling orders. And that means more work for companies like the one here.

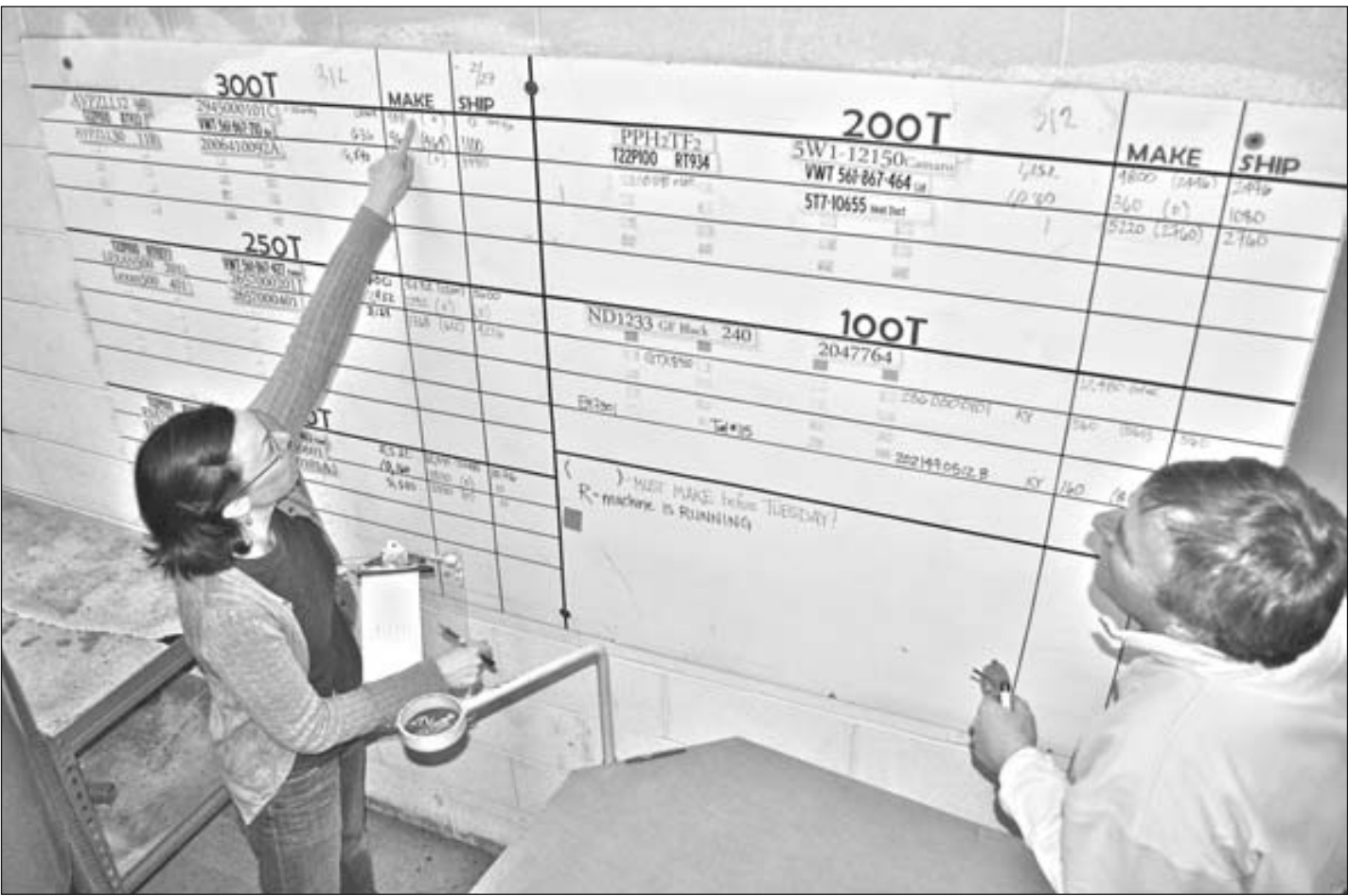


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Above, Maple Leaf Plastics and Harminie Enterprises production control manager Kathleen Guess and co-owner Paul Nielsen discuss the day's production schedule. Nielsen, who owns the two manufacturing companies located on Sturgis Road in Marion along with his wife Harumi, said sales have tripled at the joint facility over the last six months. At left, Wendell Nickell (left) and Ty Hosick, both of Marion, work on one of the manufacturers' five presses, making parts for the auto industry. The operation, which primarily produces injection molds, moved into the former Chrysler building on the north side of town in 2006 and completed a \$500,000, 5,000-square-foot expansion last summer.

Detention center prisoner count

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

CLASSIFICATION	MALE	FEMALE
Federal	1	0
State	94	10
Crittenden	9	5
Other	0	0
Gender total	104	15
Total population:	119	

Last week, 36 detention center work release inmates put in 1,524 hours of community service, saving taxpayers approximately \$11,049.

Crittenden helps water district buy generator

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom handed over \$8,000 Monday to help keep the county's rural water utility up and running in the event of a major power outage.

Newcom presented Crittenden-Livingston Water District with the money to pay for his county's half of a bill for a new generator after state and federal emergency management grants were applied to the total cost of the equipment. Livingston County will also pay \$8,000 toward the generator.

The \$124,000 power supply will be used at the Pinckneyville treatment facility as a backup for times of electrical outages such as during the major ice storm three years ago.

"I feel if you took a census, after what everybody went through in the ice storm, they'd agree with it," Newcom told magistrates last week in requesting the funds for the payment.

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court as much as \$240,000 and might be mandated by 2014 if Obamacare goes into effect. The U.S. Supreme Court, however, is scheduled to hear oral arguments later this month questioning the constitutionality of the proposed mandatory health care legislation.

County leaders have yet to say exactly how much they would recommend giving the ambulance service, but Newcom told those attending last week's Tolu meeting that he didn't foresee covering the entire Emergency Medical Services' shortfall.

City sees no obligation to EMS

A few residents want to know why the City of Marion isn't being asked to help. Ambulance officials say 60 percent of its runs are inside the city limits.

"There should be some pressure applied to the city, too," said Barkley Hughes, a Tolu-area resident. Sid Bean, also of the Shady Grove area, also questioned Tuesday if the city had been asked to pitch in.

Newcom said Tuesday he has received a "frigid" response when posing that question to city officials. He said CHS has also approached the city about subsidizing EMS.

City Administrator Mark Bryant told The Crittenden Press this week that it would be unfair to city residents because they would, in essence, be paying twice. The city currently has a three-quarters of one-percent occupational tax that generates roughly \$400,000 a year. Bryant says city residents will also have to pay the county's tax, if it's implemented.

Who pays is unclear to some

"How are you going to police it?" Tolu resident Sherry Tinsley asked during last week's community meeting.

Newcom said there is no way to enforce the tax plan with 100-percent effectiveness.

It's largely an honor system. If a company or individual does business in the county, it will be required to buy a \$25 occupational license. That will be the minimum amount due. If it is profitable or has employees who have withholdings taken out of their check, there will be more to pay.

"What about all these deer hunting operations?" asked Jimmy Hughes.

"They will have to pay it, too," Newcom said.

Roy Belt, a Tolu farmer, said he'd be hit twice because he farms and also works at Invenys.

John Boyd, another Tolu citizen, said more transparency is needed at the ambulance service. He questioned its management efficiency.

Newcom said that an independent audit would be required of EMS after the first year of county support.





Three border counties already have an occupational tax. Livingston and Caldwell's rates are one percent and Union has a one-half-of-one-percent tax. Webster and Lyon do not have an occupational tax, but Lyon has an ambulance tax of 7.5 cents per \$100 of property assessment.

Several residents said they are unsure based on what they've read and heard so far about the tax whether they will be liable for it.

Based on information from local accounting professionals, farmers will pay one percent of what they report on Schedule F of their federal tax return. Businesses such as sole proprietorships and partnerships will pay one percent of what is reported on Schedule C of their tax return. Basically any income such as W2 wages, rental income or compensation for services rendered will be taxable at one percent.

The fiscal court will next meet in session at 1 p.m., March 22. Newcom assured residents that no vote would be taken at that time.

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To help make giving easier for those who are interested in donating to her trip, Jimenez and her mother, Vickie Hodges, have set up a savings account at Farmers Bank in her name. All donations are tax-deductible. To find out more the Thailand missionary trip, visit www.thailand.campusoutreach.com.



In preparation for a trip to Thailand, Anna Jimenez and other participating college students have been given guidelines on what to expect and how to act once arriving. Needing to raise \$6,000 with the help of friends and family, she has already put aside \$1,200.

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The Press OBITUARIES

Short

Katrina Wallace Short, 43, of Fort Wayne, Ind., formerly of Marion, died Sunday, March 4, 2012 at her home.

Born in Little Rock, Ark., Short worked as a registered nurse and bachelor of science nurse in the health field for many years. She was a member of Sigma Theta Tau sorority and was involved in mission trips in China.

Surviving are her husband, Mitch Short of Fort Wayne.; parents, Doug and JoAnn Wallace of North Port, Fla.; four children, Brian Clifford, Victoria Clifford, Danielle Short and Mitchell Short, Jr., all of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Marty and wife Lisa Wallace of Florida, Kevin and wife Michell Wallace of Kentucky, Keith Wallace of Indiana and Doug and wife Stacy Wallace of Kentucky; two sisters, Paula and husband Kevin Mayfield of Missouri and Karla and husband John Barker of Texas; five grandchildren, Breylan and Brennen Clifford and Carter, Mallory and Stella Short.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday at White's Chapel Cemetery in Crittenden County. Visitation will be from 11 a.m., to 1 p.m., at Gilbert Funeral Home prior to the funeral.

D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of Indiana arrangements. Gilbert's is in charge of local arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., 2000 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombbandsons.com.

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Guess

Eula Mae Guess, 93, of Valparaiso, Ind., a native of Dycusburg, died Saturday, March 3, 2012 in Valparaiso.

She was a homemaker and a member of Grace Baptist Church in Valparaiso.

Guess is survived by two sons, Jerry E. and wife Janice Guess, Sr., and Eddie G. and wife Marsha Guess, all of Valparaiso; two daughters, Joyce and husband Jim Wright, and Pamela J. and husband Michael Murray, all of Valparaiso; nine grandchildren, Donna Jean and husband Jeff Shelby, Jerry Guess, Jr., Jimmy and wife Tammy Wright, Trisha and husband Mark Salerno, Tina Marie and husband Gareth Robertson, Eddie G. and wife Tina Guess II, Kerri and husband John Jacob, Mike Murray and Mark Murray; two brothers, Willie "Bill" and wife Louise Duncan of Hobart, Ind., and Donald and wife Agnes Duncan of Salem; one sister, Mary Cloyd of Princeton; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Edward Guess; parents, Charlie R. and Alma Mae Guess; five brothers, Freeman, Charlie Ray, Glen, Jay and Robert Duncan; and two sisters, Geneva Wright and Lucielle Traywick.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home Portage Chapel in Portage, Ind., with Pastor Dennis Ticen officiating. Burial was in McCool Cemetery in Portage.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.EE-FH.com.

Brown

William Glenn Brown, 73, went home to be with his Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, March 2, 2012 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

Brown served the Lord as a Deacon for over 30 years and most recently attended Lola Baptist Church. He was surrounded by angels and his family as he entered his eternal reward.

The son of Leland Russell and Mildred V. Brown, he was born on Jan. 3, 1939, in Muscatine, Iowa. He graduated from Oakville High School in 1957.

Brown earned his Master of Inland Waterways Pilot License at the age of 16, and upon graduation from high school, moved to Smithland with his grandfather as co-owner of Mason & Brown Towing Co. Their company was the last to operate a ferry at the Golconda, Ill. landing. A picture of one of their boats still hangs in Smithland City Hall.

In 1969, Brown went to work for what was then Airco Alloys in Calvert City where he was a member of the United Auto Workers Union until his retirement in 1996. He was a deputy sheriff in Livingston County from 1976 until 1992 and was a charter member of the Livingston County Disaster and Emergency Services. He was instrumental in the establishment of fire departments throughout the county and was the first licensed emergency medical technician in Livingston County. He was still active in the Burna Fire Department and still responding to emergency calls until recently.

Brown was an accomplished guitar player. He played with several groups through the years, but his musical passion was southern gospel music. In the early 1980s he played bass guitar for the Smith Family Quartet, then in the early 1990s founded, was lead singer and played lead guitar for the Victory Way Quartet. He was an active member of the West Kentucky Gospel Music Association.

His passion was Jesus Christ, but the love of his life was his wife Paula Dean Sunderland Brown, whom he married on May 4, 1968, at Emmaus Baptist Church in Salem. For 44 years they complimented one another, being an example of sacrificial love and devotion to their children, grandchildren and the surrounding community.

Brown is survived by his wife; two sons, Roy Russell and wife Denise Curnel Guess of Burna and Glenn Paul and wife Melissa Phelps Guess of Salem; nine grandchildren, Christopher, Meagan, Tristen, Emily, Mitchell, Dalton, Laken, Skylynn and Kassie; one cousin who was raised with him and was dear like a sister, Sandra Kaye Lessinger of Fruitland, Iowa; one brother, James Arther Brown of Muscatine Iowa; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Leland Thomas Brown.

Services were Monday at the Boyd Funeral Chapel with Rev. Joe Baker officiating. Burial was in Smithland Cemetery.

(Editor's note: Extended obituaries require a nominal fee. Ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.)

Hardin

Victor P. "Pippi" Hardin, 62, of Marion died Thursday, March 1 at his home.

Prior to retiring from the Kentucky State Police in 1997 after 20 years of service, he spent two years with the Marion Police Department. Hardin served as Crittenden County Judge-Executive from 1999 to 2004 and was appointed Director of Western Kentucky State Parks by Gov. Ernie Fletcher in 2004, serving in that position through 2007 before retiring. He was a member of Marion United Methodist Church.

Hardin is survived by his wife, Phillis Hardin of Marion; three daughters, Vicki Hardin Hatfield of Morganfield, Stefanie Hardin of Marion and Kayla and husband Daniel Gachoka of Murray; one brother, Richard M. "Dickie" and wife Wilma Hardin of Grand Rivers; two sisters, Kathy and husband David Edmondson of Chandler, Ind., and Teresa Davenport of Lexington; and three grandchildren, Hogan and Addie Hatfield of Morganfield and Malaika Gachoka of Murray.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ewell Francis and Martha Lynn Hardin, Jr., and one brother, Ricky Hardin.

Services were Sunday at Crittenden County High School's Rocket Arena with interment in Maplevue Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Marion United Methodist Church, 112 S. College St., Marion, KY 42064.

Lewis

Helen Johnson Lewis, 93, of Marion died Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012 at Crittenden Health Systems.

She was a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, American Cancer Society, Eastern Star No. 135 of Marion, Marion Woman's Club, Evening Bells Homemakers, Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary, the Red Hat Society and the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Association. She was a founding member of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Crittenden County.

Lewis is survived by two daughters, Olivia and husband Bob Hillyard of Marion and Judi Thompson of Ledbetter; two sons, Bobby Joe and wife Rosene Lewis of Marion and Larry and wife Marcia Lewis of Sturgis; two sisters, Vilaine and husband Gary Stegal of Smithland and Wanda Goldsberry of Crown Point, Ind.; one brother, Harry and wife Evelyn Johnson of Lynch, Ky.; five grandchildren, Kenny and wife Anna Hillyard, Leslie and husband Kent Riley, Chad and wife Amie Lewis, Justin and wife Tammy Lewis and Darek and wife Shannon Lewis; and nine great-grandchildren, Dustin, Jordan, Bo, Kobe, Tyler, Mason, Daylan, Barrett and Seth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Grace Johnson; her husband, Oliver W. Lewis; two sisters, Dorothy Hardin and Jackie Shirtz; two brothers-in-law, Howard Hardin and James Shirtz; and one nephew.

Graveside services were Saturday with burial in Maplevue Cemetery. Eastern Star rites were held Friday at Myers Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Crittenden County Relay for Life, c/o Sue Padget, 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208, Marion, KY 42064.

Johnson

Martha M. Johnson, 80, of Henderson, formerly of Marion, died Monday, March 5, 2012 at Transcendent Healthcare in Boonville, Ind.

She was a member of Eastview Baptist Church in Henderson.

Johnson is survived by her daughter, Pam Newlin of Newburgh, Ind.; and three grandchildren, Alissa, Alec and Aaron Newlin, all of Newburgh.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rex Marvel and Virgie Lystila; one sister; and one brother.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m., today (Thursday) at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

McKinley

Regina McKinley, 43, of Sturgis died Saturday, March 3, 2012 in Paducah.

She was a member of Ohio Valley Baptist Church.

McKinley is survived by her husband, Charles McKinley of Sturgis; one son, Robert Simpson of Sturgis; one daughter, Hannah Simpson of Sturgis; one step-daughter, Kenzie McKinley of Sturgis; her father, William Riley of Paducah; her step-mother, Barb Riley of Paducah; five sisters, Tammy Keiffer of Perryville, Mo., Sherry Murrissia of Robards and Bonnie Purvis, Cindy Javor and Jennifer O'Nan, all of Paducah; and two brothers, Tony Sealock of Nebo, Ill., and Rusty Sealock of Detroit, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Brenda Riley, and one brother, William Riley.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday at the funeral home.

Taylor

Alberta Dean Threlkeld Taylor, 74, of Marion died Monday, March 5, 2012 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She was a member of Tolu United Methodist Church.

Taylor is survived by two daughters; Jane Taylor and husband Chris Anderson of Greensburg, Pa., and Brenda and husband Terry Adams of Marion; four sons, Bruce and wife Vicki Taylor Smithland, Donnie and wife Robyn Taylor of Marion and Michael and wife Theresa Taylor and David Taylor, all of Salem; five sisters, Jane Patmor, Betty Travis and Cherie Henshaw, all of Marion, and Dottie Easley and Anna Easley, both of Tolu; 10 grandchildren, Stacy Wallace, Travis Taylor, Adam Reynolds, Jake Flannery, Brad Adams, Jeremy Smith, Chad Taylor, Taylor Ander-

son, Christopher Anderson and Lynsey Day; and nine great-grandchildren, Lane Wallace, Shelby Wallace, Emily Adams, Wesley Taylor, Georgia Taylor, Rylan Colhagen, Aisley Flannery, Alexia Flannery and Allie Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Neil Taylor; one daughter, Linda Faye Taylor; one brother, Tommy Threlkeld; one sister, Faye Riley; and her parents, Henry "Jack" Wilson and Marie Dunning Threlkeld.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., today (Thursday) in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors with the Rev. Russ Davidson officiating. Burial will follow in Maplevue Cemetery.

Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may also be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

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The family of Joan Thomas wishes to express our gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Thank you for the many prayers, phone calls, visits, food, cards, beautiful flowers, monetary gifts in memory of her.

Thank you Bro. Dennis Winn and Charles Love for the words of comfort and the ladies and members of Emmanuel Baptist Church for the meal that was very much appreciated. Thank you to the staff of Boyd Funeral Directors for their kindness shown to our family.

John Edd, Wade, Estie and Grandchildren

The Repton Cemetery Association is now taking bids for mowing the cemetery for the 2012 Mowing Season.

The cemetery needs to be mowed and the rocks trimmed around every other week (less if a dry season.) The fence surrounding the cemetery may be sprayed. Any flowers that have blown off the stones need to be picked up and put in the basket before mowing. After mowing, the grass needs to be blown off the rocks.

The cemetery can be located by traveling 5 miles north of Marion of Hwy. 60 E., turn right onto Fishtrap Rd., travel approx. 2 miles and turn right onto Repton Cemetery Rd.

All bids need to be submitted to Audra Hunt, 2498 State Route 1901, Marion, KY 42064 by March 31, 2012.

Thank you

The family of Thelma G. Melton wishes to express our thanks and appreciation to all who helped and cared for her at Crittenden Health Systems and Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center. The love and care you gave her is beyond words. Thanks to the staff of Melton Funeral Home and to family and friends for their prayers, flowers, food, and anything anyone did.

Thank you again,
The family of Thelma G. Melton

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We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

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Locals featured in magazine about health

BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

Two Crittenden Countians have found themselves gracing the pages of the spring 2012 edition of The AG Magazine.

Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service Agent Nancy Hunt and Extension Homemaker Micki Crider have been featured in article about Kentucky's health.

In October 2011, Hunt received an email from Agricultural Communications Specialist Katie Pratt asking if she knew anyone who participated in ongoing diabetes programs. That's when Hunt thought of Crider.

Not long after, it was confirmed that Crider and Hunt would be featured in the article that explains Kentucky's health ratings and how getting the proper screening and support can help to battle the sometimes unforeseen health issues,



Pictured above is part of the feature that highlighted Micki Crider and Nancy Hunt. There are additional copies of the magazine available at the Extension office if interested in one.

like Crider's ovarian cancer.

In 2004, at the urging of another Homemaker, Crider attended a free UK ovarian cancer screening. Her results showed that she had Stage 1 ovarian cancer. Because it was in its early

stages, Crider was able to have it successfully removed, crediting the health screen for catching a potentially life-threatening illness.

Aside from Type 2 diabetes, Crider is a picture of health thanks to the several

screenings made possible through the Extension office.

Since the article has been published, Hunt has received several calls from not only locals but others statewide who told her they have seen the article.

"Micki and I had fun doing it and chose the county park for the picture because it was the location of a recent Extension Homemaker Twilight Walk," Hunt said. "It's an annual October event that promotes fitness."

The Extension service offers a diabetes support group at 10 a.m., the third Friday of each month in the Extension office and is open to the public. Each session includes a speaker such as a dietician, pharmacist, nurse and more.

For more information about health screenings or diabetes support groups, call Hunt at 965-5236.



Brent, Jennifer, Isabella and Jude Ferrell recently vacationed on the island of Oahu in Hawaii. They are pictured here at Pearl Harbor in front of the USS Arizona Memorial and the Battleship Missouri.



PHOTO BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN

Food Pantry receives nearly 1,000 pounds of food

After receiving tons of donations during its six-week fitness program, Steps of Faith in turn handed those donations over to organizations that helped to make the program successful. Marion United Methodist Church's Food Pantry was among the organizations that received donations. Rose Hill, Ethel Tucker and Betty May, members of the church and Food Pantry volunteers, estimate that the total donations were close to weighing 1,000 pounds, including canned goods, boxed items and even laundry detergent. "We're very grateful for what Steps of Faith has done for us. The people that come to us needing groceries will be as equally grateful," Hill said. Pictured above are Zumba instructors Laura Wood and Mary Jo Mills, fitness trainer Heather Culvey, Steps of Faith sponsors Trayce and Johnny Newcom and pantry volunteers Hill, Tucker and May.

Learn to let go of your child gracefully

Parents of high school seniors often arrive at their children's last semester before graduation with mixed feelings. They could be dealing with a mixture of excitement, anticipation, anxiety, sadness or even a little bit of grief. How should parents prepare to let go?

Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg, in his new book, Letting Go with Love and Confidence, says that letting go is tough stuff. "Helping our children move toward a responsible, self-sufficient adulthood is every parent's goal, but in accomplishing it we are planning ourselves out of a job that gives us tremendous pride and joy. There's a real sense of loss as we begin to get glimpses of childhood's end."

Here are questions that Ginsburg suggests parents ask themselves:

- Is she "not ready" or am I not ready to see her grow up?
- Do I cherish her innocence and dependence too much?
- Do I consider his current abilities, or do I still see him through the lens of memory as a little boy?
- What am I feeling as I see her becoming more independent? Excitement? Pleasure? Relief? Loneliness?
- Am I using this opportunity to reinvest in myself, relationships, skills and talents?

There is no right or wrong answers to these questions. You may respond one way one day, and another way on another day. However, if the intensity of your love causes you to feel empty inside as



you picture life without your child, you may need to consider what is missing from your own life.

Do you need to be good to yourself by making new friends or volunteering for meaningful community activities? Would you like to find a way to gain more education and perhaps a different career?

In any case, this is a good time to prepare your child for increasing freedom and responsibility, if you haven't already done so. Teach her to manage monthly bills, a budget, a checkbook, and credit cards. Coach him on doing his own laundry, cooking his favorite foods, and keeping his room clean.

Finally, be a good adult role model by staying as stress-free and calm as possible, even when big problems arise. Spend plenty of time with your spouse or partner, while not neglecting your children. A healthy primary adult relationship gives budding young adults confidence that they can establish that kind of relationship themselves.

Remember that letting go will get easier as you practice. You'll look back on the process and see the confidence in your child and yourself that you have acquired.



Claycomb-Millikan

James Lax and Dorothy Claycomb of Louisville announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Candice, to Wayne Millikan, son of James "Clim" and Mildred Millikan of Marion.

Claycomb is the granddaughter of Roy and Mary Claycomb of Brandenburg and James and Betty Lax of Louisville. She is a graduate of Elizabethtown High School

and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Millikan is the grandson of Gordon and Dorothy Hazel of Marion and Pepper and Mary Millikan of Marion. He is a graduate of Crittenden County High School and is employed by Liberty Tire.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 4 p.m., March 17 at Lake George in Marion.

Community continues its support of ACS' Blackburn

Donations are still being accepted for a Marion family with a member battling a serious cancer diagnosis.

An account established for Frank and Glenda Blackburn to help with expenses while Frank undergoes medical treatment remains open. People

who wish to make contributions may deposit them in the Frank Blackburn Benefit Fund at Farmers Bank and Trust Co., in Marion.

Blackburn has been a member of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life committee for many years.

ThePressCALENDAR

Saturday, March 10

■ The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday in the Crittenden County Public Library's meeting room. The program will be a discussion on writing your personal family history.

Tuesday, March 13

■ There will be a Project Graduation meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday in the Crittenden County High School's teachers' work room.

■ Marion's VFW Post 12022 is sponsoring WKRBC's blood drive from 2-7 p.m., Tuesday at the VFW Post on 412 North College St. All donors will receive a t-shirt.

Ongoing

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

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

■ AARP Tax Aide Program is provided each Wednesday at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Tax counselors will be on hand from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., to assist local individuals in filing their tax returns. This

free service is for seniors or anyone considered low to moderate income level. Services will be provided each Wednesday through April 11. Please make an appointment by calling 704-2160. Walk-ins accepted, but appointments preferred.

Upcoming

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

■ The Crayne Cemetery Association will have its Crayne Cemetery Clean-up day at 9 a.m., March 17. Rain date will be the same time, March 24.

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



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EDGE Outreach is an organization that turns your old shoes into water purification systems for communities without access to clean water worldwide. Shoes donated to EDGE help in two ways. All new and good used pairs of shoes are sold for export. These shoes are then put into the hands of people in less developed countries for resale to earn a living for many families. Single shoes or those that are not reusable are sold for recycling. Less money is earned for these shoes but every bit counts.



Bonnie Baker
4-H Extension
UK Cooperative Extension Agent

All of the money EDGE receives for the shoes is then used to purchase supplies to create water purification systems. The water purification systems are simply PVC pipe, salt and a car battery. This simple system has the ability to purify 50,000 gallons of water a day! EDGE takes the system to a community in need. There they train the villagers to install, maintain and repair the system. A civic organization, church or missionary that is stationed in the community stays in touch with EDGE so items can be replaced as needed but EDGE doesn't stop there. They also provide health education to the people of the communities teaching them to help themselves.

The Crittenden County 4-H Council in partnership

with the school system and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom are holding a shoe drive for EDGE Thursday, March 29 at Crittenden County middle and high schools and Friday March 30 at Crittenden County Elementary. You may also bring your shoes to the Crittenden County Extension Office on either of these two days. All types of shoes are accepted from flip-flops to high heels to boots. The only thing we ask is that they not be moldy.

It takes approximately 1,000 pairs of shoes to purchase supplies for one water purification system. If everyone in our county donated one pair of shoes we could purchase nine systems. That is nine communities that would have access to clean water! What a difference our community can make on the world!

With just a simple act of donating a pair of shoes you can save the life of a child! Please look into your heart then look into your closet and collect all of your unwanted shoes for the drive. For more information please contact the Extension Office



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Hamilton still receiving WWII recognition

After 66 years, Marion resident R.C. Hamilton is still getting recognition for his military service during WWII where he received the Purple Heart and was also a prisoner of war (POW). On March 7, Marion's VFW Post 12022 and the Ladies Auxiliary presented Hamilton with a wooden heart-shaped plaque with the American and POW/MIA flags. Pictured are Hamilton (sitting) and Ladies Auxiliary President Connie Hunt and Chairman of the Hospital and Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services representative Rhonda Steward.

Blue Knights compete at state

Submitted by Greg Hollamon

All four Crittenden County Chess teams competed at the State Team Chess Tournament March 3 in Louisville at Seneca High School. The best teams from across the state competed head to head for state titles in high school, middle school, elementary and primary school divisions in a 4x4 format. Alternate team members also competed in an individual tourney for extra players.

In the high school division Marcus Hughes, Micah Hollamon, Korey Mayes and Will Hayes defeated Oldham County and Louisville Trinity while losing to Louisville Manuel and Lexington

Catholic. The team tied for fifth place overall, barely missing a trophy. In the alternate part of the high school division, Cole Foster won two games finishing seventh.

The middle school team of Jantzon Croft, Hayden Brooks, Arry Schofield and Clay Stevens had draws against Georgetown, Murray, and Oldham, while losing to Carithers finishing 10th. In the middle school alternate tourney Benny Tucker won three games finishing fifth, and Gage Moore won two games placing seventh.

The elementary team of Ethan Stone, Skyler James and Deken Platfoot played one player short each round

and failed to win any rounds. They did gain excellent experience and look to improve next year.

The primary team of Chase Stevens, Dennon Wilson, Gage Russell and Evan McDowell defeated Sacred Heart and Jackson Independent, drew against the Lexington School, and lost to Locust Grove finishing tied for 5th, also barely missing a team trophy. Mya Moore won one game in the alternate tourney.

A few of the Blue Knights plan to compete March 17 at State Individuals in Bowling Green, while the entire team plans to end its season at the WKU Open also in Bowling Green April 21.



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During separate birthday celebrations, first cousins Mary Sherer and Nancy Landreth bumped into one another at Cracker Barrel in a chance encounter. Pictured are (from left) Sherer, Landreth Naomi Jackson.

Cousins share Leap Year birthday

STAFF REPORT

With Leap Year only occurring every four years, it's a unique opportunity to say that a person was born on that day. But it's even more unique to share the same birthday with a family member.

Marion residents Nancy Landreth and Mary Sherer, first cousins, share the same Leap Year birthday and though neither will disclose

their true ages, it has been said that Sherer remains younger than both of her two sons and Landreth is finally able to get her driver's license.

As both celebrated their birthdays individually on the rare day while dining out, Landreth's daughter Suzian Cunningham, said that the back of a woman walking by in the restaurant caught her eye.

"For some reason, Mary came to my mind and I asked mom if that was her," Cunningham said. "She said she wasn't sure so of course I had to find out."

And as it would be, both cousins had decided to celebrate their special day with a dinner at Cracker Barrel.

"What are the odds of that?" Cunningham asked. "To be in the same place, same time, celebrating these

Best selling author to visit public library

STAFF REPORT

New York Times and USA Today Best Selling author Shelley Shephard Gray will be visiting the Crittenden County Public Library at 11 a.m., March 24.

Gray will be talking about her new book, "Missing," book one of the "Secrets of Crittenden County" series.

After visiting Crittenden County in October of 2011,

Shephard decided to base her Amish romance novel here because of its prime location and ties to the Amish community.

Crittenden County Public Library Director Regina Merrick said Shephard's visit is "one of the biggest things we've done in a while."

Copies of her novel will be available for purchase and

signing during her visit. For more information, call the library at 965-3354. Gray is the author of several Amish romance series, as well as other fiction. To learn more, visit her website at www.shelley-shephardgray.com. A compiled list of all her published works is available for viewing online.



Three CHS registered nurses pass ATCN

At Crittenden Health Systems, the staff is dedicated to being ready for whatever comes through the door in the emergency department. Last fall, Marcie Ellington, Nancy Saavedra and Ginger Johnson, registered nurses, completed Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN),



Ellington

passing with flying colors according to Materials and Marketing Director Donnetta Travis.

Chamber of Commerce adds two members

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce added two new members this week to fill unexpired terms of former board members. New to the board are Shannon Lain of Marion Auto Body and Elliot West of Botanicals. They replace Tom Potter and Bob Briley, who have recently resigned.

The Chamber has two other board positions now open, including the post left by the resignation of former president



Angie Hurley (center) was the recipient of the 2012 Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year.

Corey Payne. An agriculture specialist with the University of Kentucky's Extension Service, Payne is leaving to take job in Oklahoma. The Chamber accepted his resignation during Tuesday's meeting.

The Chamber will host its annual meeting on May 3. Tentative location will be the First

Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Marion.

Hurley awarded as Ambassador of the Year

Former Marion native and 1988 Crittenden County High School graduate Angie Ritch Hurley was awarded the Mt.

Juliet Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year on Jan. 26 for her involvement and support of the Mt. Juliet business community during 2011.

Hurley transferred from Salem offices of TDS Telecom in 2006 to the Mt. Juliet, Tenn., office to accept the position of residential sales advisor. In 2007, she moved into the role of account manager and since then, senior account manager.

Hurley is the daughter of Jerry and Peggy Ritch of Marion. She has two children, Azia and Brayton.

ACR accreditation in Computed Tomography

In 2011, the Diagnostic Imaging Department at Crittenden

Health Systems was awarded the American College of Radiology (ACR) gold seal of accreditation in Computed Tomography (CT). Director Stacey Crider and staff are dedicated to providing the highest level of imaging quality and radiation safety and have gone through a vigorous review process to ensure the department meets nationally-accepted standards of care.



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Marion/Crittenden County Park

Saturday, March 17

7:30 p.m.- Midnight

Marion Country Club

Live Band: Reflections Starting at 8 p.m.

Cost: \$30 Couple • \$15 Single

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Finger foods and Soft Drinks Available.

For more information call

Allen Lynn 965-5154 or Tony O'Neal 965-5452

Rolling out the red carpet for past businesses

During the months of July and August 1975, some of the merchants of Marion made an 'All-Out Effort' to attract shoppers. The merchants that sponsored these special days had ads in The Crittenden Press to advertise their businesses. Thursdays would be Red Carpet Days with bargains in the participating stores. Let's take another trip back and visit some more of the businesses and owners as they told about their stores. See if you remember these businesses, their owners and employees.

Rudd and Hart

Rudd and Hart Building and Home Decorating Center located on the Princeton Road, can make your home decorating easier. J.A. and Sue Rudd, Earlene and Hank Hart will show you the complete line of carpets, fixtures, tile, Georgia Pacific paneling, paint, wallpaper, ceramic tile and all the many additions they stock for your home. You'll find carpet by Barwich, Dan River, Jorges, Patcraft, Kentile vinyl tile and NafGlo never wax vinyl tile, and paints by Glidden. Rudd and Hart has one of the area's largest selections of wallpaper to compliment their decorating department.

You can also get the assistance you need for those "do-it-yourself" projects. Visit their lumber warehouse for your building needs or talk with Hank and J.A. about commercial and residential construction, they'll be glad to review your building needs and aid you in construction.

Cruce Mobile Homes

Guaranteed satisfaction in a new mobile home is what you will find when you visit Cruce Mobile Homes in Marion on the Princeton Road. Richard Cruce, Cheryl Hina, Jack Conway and Mick Alexander will show you the convenience of mobile home living and also the dependable and experienced service



provided to all customers at Cruce Mobile Homes. Servicemen Doug McDowell and Brad Wheeler cater to your every need, and their excellent reputation has been built on satisfied customers. Cruce is Kentucky's leading dealer for the Windsor line. They offer quality homes in a variety of price ranges. They're open six days a week from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Gene's IGA

Waiting to serve you in the meat department at Gene's IGA are Margaret Shouse, Franklin Croft and Billy Bloodworth. These are only three of the friendly clerks you'll find when grocery shopping at Gene's IGA. Featuring a large selection of products at budget prices, you'll find everything at Marion's convenient IGA Store.

Owned and operated by Gene Beard, the store has built one of the finest reputations in western Kentucky, and Gene is always on hand to assist you personally (he has only missed one day of work in the 11 years the store has been open). Friendly service, quality products at budget prices – these are only a few of the reasons so many area shoppers head for Gene's IGA on the Princeton Road.

Crittenden Motor

Crittenden Motor Company at 515 South Main in Marion, has been serving the people of Crittenden County continuously since 1929. You'll find satisfaction built on experience, and they offer their customers friendly and professional service, which



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Pictured above, the friendly staff of Beavers Brothers Texaco (from left) Joey Kimsey, Ricky Brown, Ken Beavers, Jerry Beavers, Steve Gilland along with "Red" Marshall and Vernon Lanham are ready to assist you when you drive in.



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Pictured above are (from left) Jimmy Tabor, Doug Tabor and Tom Teer with a portion of the Scotti Muffler equipment which is used in their operation.

has been a tradition during those 46 years of operation. Offering the complete Ford and Mercury lines, you'll find everything from the economical Pinto, featuring 34 miles a gallon, all the way to the luxurious LTD Landau.

If the 1975 Mercury is what you're looking for, you can test drive the new Bobcat or relax in the spacious Marquis. Ford implements are always available at Crittenden Motor Company along with a complete line of parts and accessories.

Scotti Muffler - Teer & Tabor

Exhaust problems have disappeared in Crittenden County thanks to the new Scotti Muffler Center recently opened in its new location at 110 W. Gum St., by the Teer & Tabor Standard Service. The Scotti Muffler products carry a lifetime guarantee. With the custom installation offered at the center, no car, truck or foreign car is a problem.

In addition to the muffler center, Teer and Tabor has added the Lee tire line to the popular Atlas line, which



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Pictured above the employees of Big Scot. They are (from left): Gary Damron, Co-Manager; Margaret Robertson, Meat Manager; Dale Meeks, Produce Manager; Tommy Meeks, Floor Manager and Charles Hunt, Manager.

they have carried at the Standard Station. Found in all price ranges, Teer and Tabor offers tires for every need. And don't forget the proud service reputation, which has been a trademark of Teer and Tabor – offering the full line of Chevron products and also both major and minor engine repair and mechanical work. (Price for a 4-ply polyester Atlas cushionaire bias ply whitewall tire was \$24.95.)

Beavers Brothers Texaco

This week marks the 15th anniversary for Ken and Jerry Beavers at Beavers Brothers Texaco on South Main in Marion. For the celebration, the station will be discounting gas two cents a gallon on Friday and Saturday. They stock Goodyear and McCreary tires, Titan batteries and the complete line of Texaco products for your car and truck.

The friendly staff is ready to assist you when you drive in. Whether it's for lubrication, minor repairs, tune-ups, auto accessories or gasoline, you know you can "Trust the Man Who Wears the Texaco Star."

Big Scot

Big Scot in English Manor in downtown Marion invites you to share in the profits –

by shopping Big Scot you can pocket savings by taking advantage of their many weekly specials. A trademark at Marion's newest grocery is that of variety, selection and service. You'll find an expanded list of specials advertised in the paper each week. Five-minute specials are a feature in the store where extra special buys can be found. Quality meats, fresh produce and an ever-growing list of canned goods makes Big Scot the favorite store for many shoppers.

T&W Electric

T&W Electric Company for 16 years has been serving the people of Marion and Crittenden County. Building their business on dependable service, the firm offers the very best in heating, air conditioning and electrical contracting. The business is located at 216 South Main. The appliance center features the Westinghouse line of refrigerators, washer and dryers. T & W Electric will assist you in planning for a new home, remodeling or updating your present heating and cooling system with the ever-popular York system. They are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., six days a week. Your friendly sales personnel are Lora and Marlene.



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Upcoming seasons

Youth Turkey April 7-8
Spring Turkey April 14 - May 6
Spring Squirrel May 19 - June 15
Groundhog Year Round
Coyote Year Round

Hunter education class

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

SOFTBALL

8-u tryouts Saturday

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

BASEBALL

Registration now open

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

Paid umpires wanted

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

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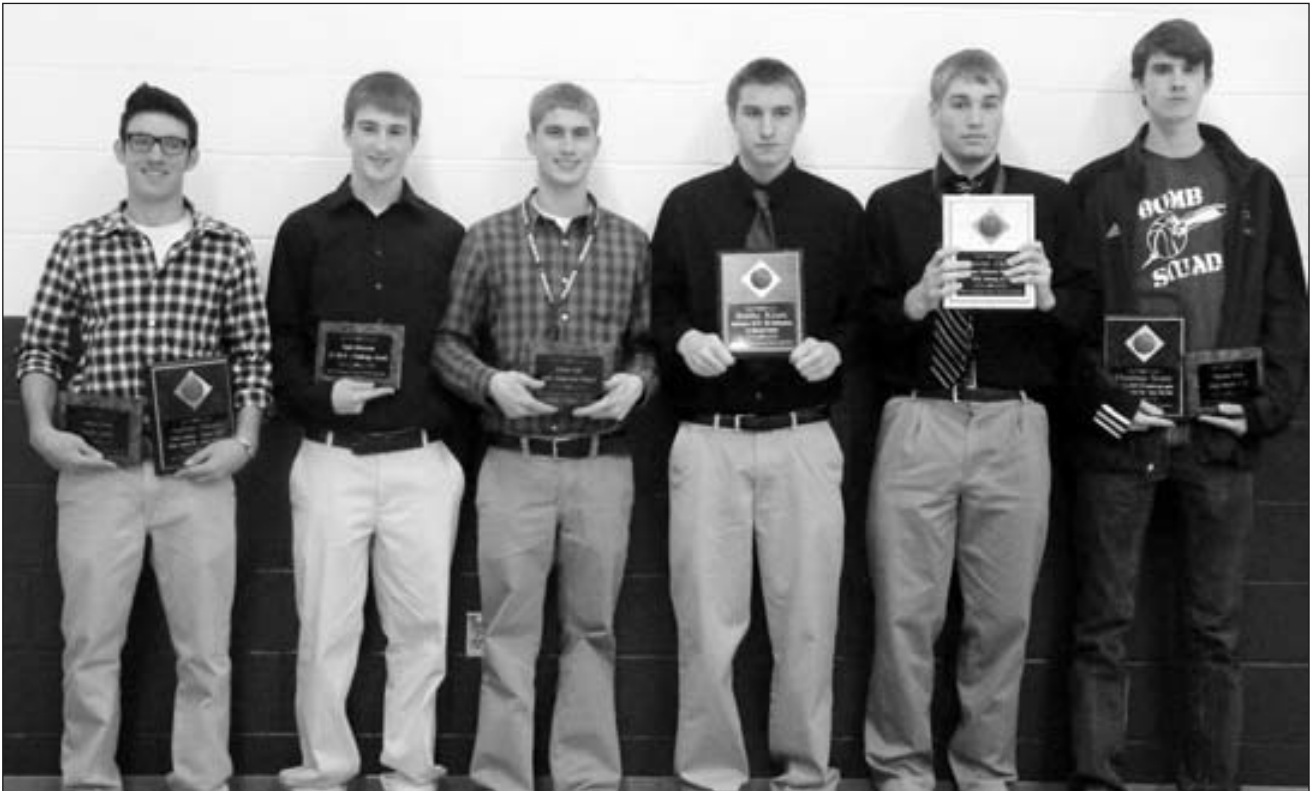
Youth league sign up

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

GOLF

Lizak scores ace

John Lizak scored a hole in one at the Marion Country Club last week. He aced the 135-yard, par-3 seventh hole using a 6 iron. He was playing with Jack Richardson, Doyle Jennings and Richard Maxfield.

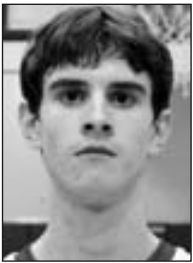


ALL-SECOND REGION

Crittenden County had two players named to the All Second Region Team, which was announced last week:



Bailey Brown
Season Stats
16.1 ppg / 5.1 rpg



Thomas Scott
Season Stats
15.5 ppg / 6.3 rpg

BASKETBALL
Tournament
Results

BOYS 2nd REGION

At Madisonville

First Round Results

Madisonville 52, Lyon County 34
Christian County 74, Webster County 62
Henderson Co. 69, Livingston Central 42
Hopkinsville 79, Caldwell County 48

Semifinals

Madisonville 70, Christian County 56
Hopkinsville 66, Henderson Co. 54

Championship Game

Tuesday, 7 p.m.,
Madisonville vs. Hopkinsville

GIRLS 2nd REGION

At Christian County

First Round Results

Livingston Central 66, UHA 58
Webster County 62, Caldwell County 41
Hopkinsville 30, Madisonville 14
Henderson County 61, Lyon County 31

Semifinals

Livingston Central 43, Webster Co. 29
Hopkinsville 54, Henderson Co. 49

Championship Game

Hopkinsville 51, Livingston Central 35

New Union
crowns
dodgeball
champions

New Union Baptist Church hosted a dodgeball tournament recently. Winners are pictured at right from each age division. Pictured are (top photo from left) the Red Tornadoes: Ian Ellington, Sammy Greenwell and Tate Roberts; (middle photo from left) the Louisville Sluggers: Audrey Croft, Gavin Hunt and Daley DeBoe; (bottom photo, front from left) Miracle Word Church: Elliott Parks, Joey Jones, Kent Wilcox, (back) Jarried Griffin, Jason Forsythe, Jamie Belt and Jacob McDaniel.



Rockets
honor
leaders

Crittenden County's Rocket basketball team held its annual awards banquet last weekend. Among those honored were (from left) Aaron Owen, Team Captain, Varsity MVP, Hustle Award, Most Assists (88) and Most Steals (59); Noah Dickerson, Challenge Award and Junior Varsity MVP; Ethan Hill, Most Improved Award; Bobby Knox, Defensive MVP (90 deflections and 31 blocked shots); Devin Clark, Hustle Award, Best Attitude Award, Most Efficient Player Award, Best Field Goal Percentage; Thomas Scott, Offensive MVP (15.5 points per game), Best 3-Point Percentage (32.8), Best Free Throw Percentage (78.9) and Most Blocked Shots (32).

CRITTENDEN COUNTY DUGOUT CLUB
2012 Youth Baseball / Softball
Registration Form

For Official Use:
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Check # _____ Initials: _____

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

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

NOTICE:

- The cutoff for age grouping for Baseball is a player turning a year older before **May 1st**
- The cutoff for age grouping for Softball is a player turning a year older before **January 1st**
- All Leagues with the exception of T-Ball & Co-ed rookie will have away games.
- With the exception of T-ball and Co-ed rookie league, boys must play baseball and girls must play softball.

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Player Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Last Team to Play for: _____ Year Played: _____

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

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

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

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR TREATMENT:

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

Allergies: _____ Pre-existing Conditions: _____

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

Player covered Under Insurance Policy: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of Insurance: _____ Policy #: _____

Signature: _____ Relationship: _____ Date: _____

Return to: Dugout Club P.O. Box 5 Marion, KY 42064



Eleven for Number Eleven nets \$572

Farmers Bank and Trust Company of Marion donated \$572 to the Jake Hodge Memorial Scholarship Fund through its Eleven For Number Eleven Program. For every three-point shot made in Rocket Arena during the basketball season, the bank donated \$11, which was the jersey number commonly worn by Hodge, the late son of coaches Denis and Shannon Hodge. Pictured are a number of Rockets and Lady Rockets who made long-range shots this season in support of the effort. They are (front from left) Farmers Bank representative Barrett Belt, Kaitlin Binkley, Bailey Brown, Travis Gilbert, Denis Hodge (second row) Ethan Hill, Tucker Frazer, Aaron Owen, Bobby Knox, (third row) Thomas Scott, Devin Clark and Zach Tinsley.

for sale

Oak firewood for sale by Audi Maraman. 965-0276. (4t-36-p)

Large collection of silver coins. 20th and 25th anniversary Silver Eagle sets and lots more. Serious inquiries only. 704-0316 or 965-3063. (2t-37-p)

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p)

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every way. Must see to appreciate.
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8545. (3t-38-p)

wanted

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37-p)

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Land for sale: 134 acres off Hwy.
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dential property. Wooded, food
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summer. This is a paid, contract
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sume and references to Dugout
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42064.(35-tfc-c)

River's Bend is currently seeking
CNA's for 6a-6p on Sat. and Sun.
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efits with shift differential. Please
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ential. Please contact Kim Shoul-
ders at 388-2868 ext. 212 or apply
within at 300 Beech St. Kuttawa,
KY. (1t-36-c)1010

notices

Legal Notice
Notice is hereby given that on Feb-
ruary 29, 2012 Linda Kupisch of
160 Country Club Road, Marion,
KY 42064 was appointed Exec-
utrix with will annexed of Arthur
G. Kupisch, deceased, whose ad-
dress was 160 Country Club Road,
Marion, Ky 42064. Hon. John P.
Kirkham, P.O. Box 585, 1404
South Virginia St., Hopkinsville, KY
42241. All persons having claims
against said estate are hereby no-
tified to present the same properly
proven as required by law to the
Executrix with will annexed on or
before the 29th day of August,
2012 and all claims not so proven
and presented by that date shall
be forever barred. All persons in-
debted to the estate of the above-
named decedent, will please call
and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court
Madeline Henderson, Clerk
(1t-36-c)

NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND
RELOCATION OF GRAVESITES

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

Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH OF
KENTUCKY

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CASE NO. 11-CI-00114

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DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Parcel No: 070-10-16-010.00

Legal Description:

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

Beginning at an iron pin on the
East side of North Walker Street,
corner to J.D. Hunt lot, being his
Northwest corner and the South-
west corner of the lot herein con-
veyed; thence in an Eastern
direction with line of said Hunt 150
feet to an iron pin, another corner
to said Hunt in first parties line,
thence with an agreed line this day
established to second parties in a
Northern direction parallel with
said street 78 feet to an iron pin;
corner to Douglas Bebout and
being his Southeast corner; thence
in a Western direction with line of
said Bebout 150 feet to an iron pin
on the East side of the aforemen-
tioned street; thence in a Southern
direction with East line of Walker
Street 77 feet to the point of be-
ginning. Except any interest in the
coal, oil, gas and other minerals
underlying the land which has been
heretofore conveyed or re-
served in prior conveyances, and
all rights and easements in favor of
the estate of said coal, oil, gas and
other minerals, if any. Being the
same property conveyed to
Marthamary E. Scherer, a single
person who acquired title by virtue
of a deed from Elizabeth H. Abell,
a widow, by and through her Attor-
ney in Fact, Charles K. Hunt, dated
November 5, 2003, filed Novem-
ber 10, 2003, recorded in Deed
book 197, Page 662, County
Clerk's Office, Crittenden County,
Kentucky. The description pro-
vided herein was provided by the
parties and is contained in the
Judgment and Order of Sale.

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

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

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

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may disclose. Said property shall
be sold with the improvements
thereon "as is".

3. The purpose of this sale is the
satisfaction of a Judgment entered
on January 12, 2012 on behalf of
the Plaintiff against the Defendant,
Marthamary Scherer, et al for the
principal sum of \$53,823.45, inter-
est on the principal sum at the rate
of 6.5% per annum from May 1,
2009 until paid; the costs and fees
of this action; reimbursement for
attorney's fees in this action, sums
advanced in payment of ad val-
orem taxes, insurance premiums,
winterization or in preservation of
the real estate; and late fees,
costs, attorney's fees, and other
advances made pursuant to the
terms of the Note.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated this the 27th
day of January, 2012.
Brandt D. Rogers
MASTER COMMISSIONER,
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
(3t-36-c).

Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH OF
KENTUCKY

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-CI-00171

PAUL DEAN CURNEL

PLAINTIFF

vs. RICKY CURNEL,
PHYLLIS DEORE,
HAZEL MCDOWELL,
RICKY CURNEL,
JOANNE MCKINNEY,
MARGIE LANHAM,
VERNON MCCLURE,
PAULA BERRY,

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky
issued an order on January 30, 2012, sched-
uling a hearing to be held on March 20, 2012,
at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in
Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices
located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort,
Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-exam-
ining witnesses in Case No. 2011-00375,
which is the Joint Application of Louisville Gas
and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities
Company for a Certificate of Public Con-
venience and Necessity and Site Compatibility
Certificate for the Construction of a Com-
bined Cycle Combustion Turbine at the Cane
Run Generating Station and the Purchase
of Existing Simple Cycle Combustion Turbine
Facilities from Bluegrass Generation Com-
pany, LLC in LaGrange, Kentucky.

Louisville Gas and Electric Company
Kentucky Utilities Company
220 West Main Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

BRUCE MCCLURE
DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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

LESS AND EXCEPT the following
described parcel having been con-
veyed to Phyllis A. Jackson and
her daughter, Lala R. Curnel, by
Sarah E. Curnel by Deed dated
July 22, 1992, and recorded in
Deed Book 163, at Page 306 and
more particularly described as fol-
lows: A certain tract or parcel of
land lying and being in Crittenden
County, Kentucky, and more par-
ticularly described as follows:

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

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

SOURCE OF TITLE

This being the remainder of the
property conveyed to William H.
Curnel by Harmon C. Curnel by
Deed dated April 14, 1950, and
recorded in Deed Book 82, at
Page 584; William H. Curnel died
intestate and title vested in Sarah
E. Curnel, his widow, and William

H. Curnel, Jr. John Russell Curnel,
Paul Dean Curnel, Phyllis Jack-
son, Rugina McClure, and Hazel
Vassure. See Affidavit of Descent
of William H. Curnel of record in
Deed Book 161, at Page 101; The
issue of William H. Curnel, William
H. Curnel Jr., a single person, et al,
conveyed their one-half undivided
interest to Sarah E. Curnel by
Deed dated August 19, 1991 and
recorded in Deed Book 161, at
Page 103; Sarah E. Curnel died in-
testate October 28, 2002 and title
vested in William H. Curnell, Jr.
John Russell Curnell, Paul Dean
Curnel, Phyllis Jackson, Hazel
Vassure, Margie Lanham, Vernon
McClure, Paula Berry, and Bruce
McClure. See Affidavit of Descent
of Sarah E. Curnel of record in
Deed Book ____, at Page ____.
William Curnel, Jr., died intestate
on October 22, 2008 and his undi-
vided interest vested in Ricky Curnel
and JoAnn McKinney. See
Affidavit of Descent of William Curnel,
Jr. of record in Deed Book
213, at Page 800. John Russell
Curnel died intestate June 13,
2010 and his undivided interest
vested in Ricky Curnel, JoAnn
McKinney, Paul Dean Curnel,
Phyllis Jackson, Hazel Vassure,
Margie Lanham, Vernon McClure,
Paul Berry, and Bruce McClure.
See Affidavit of Descent of John
Russell Curnell of record in Deed
Book ____, at Page ____.
The Master Commissioner of this Court
is hereby authorized and directed
to sell the above described prop-
erty as herein provided, and all the
right, title and interest of the par-
ties hereto, and he will sell same
at public auction on a credit of
thirty (30) days, or the purchaser
may pay cash, to the highest and
best bidder at the Courthouse
door, with said sale to be held on
Friday, MARCH 09, 2012, at 10:00
AM., said sale to be made free and
clear of any and all liens, claims,
rights, title and interest of any and
all parties to this action. The pur-
chaser shall execute a good and
sufficient bond with approved
surety thereon for the purchase
price, the bond to bear interest at
the rate of twelve percent (12%)
per annum from the date thereof,
until paid, and to have the force
and effect of a judgment, but a lien
shall be retained on said property
to further secure the payment of
the purchase price. At his option,
the purchaser may pay cash or
pay the bond with accrued interest
at any time before its maturity.

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

GIVEN under my hand this the
24th day of January, 2012.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT
Special Master Commissioner
(3t-36-c)

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In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky
Transportation Cabinet will destroy noxious weeds on state-owned right of
way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named
in this law are Johnson grass, giant foxtail, Canada thistle, nodding thistle,
multiflora rose, black nightshade, wild cucumber and kudzu.
Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved
in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the
highway district office in their area. Applications and addresses for each dis-
trict office can be obtained from state highway garages.



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Land and Water Conservation Fund
2012 Grant Application

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act
of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded
the opportunity to express their views concerning
the recreational needs of their community. To
provide a forum for discussion, an open meeting
is being held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at 2:00
p.m. at the Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 S.
Main, in Marion, Kentucky sponsored by the
Crittenden County Fiscal Court and Pennyriple
Area Development District.

The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss
lighting and electrical upgrades at the Marion/Crit-
tenden County Park through the application of
funding from the Land and Water Conservation
Fund 2012 Grant Application cycle.

Anyone with a significant supporting or opposing
view is invited to voice that opinion at this meeting
or in writing to : Land and Water Conservation
Fund Program; Governor's Office, Department for
Local Government, 1024 Capital Center Drive,
Suite 340, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

LIVESTOCK REPORT

LEDBETTER AUCTION RESULTS FROM USDA MARKET NEWS

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

KDOA-USDA Market News

Livingston County Livestock Auction

Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed upon arrival)

Receipts: 767 head.

Compared to last week: Slaughter cows 1.00-3.00 lower. Slaughter bulls steady to 2.00 higher. Feeder steers under 500 lbs 4.00-5.00 higher, over 500 lbs 4.00-5.00 lower. Feeder heifers steady to 2.00 lower.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	800-1200	1102	73.00-75.00	74.03
1	800-1200	1125	69.00	69.00 LD
16	1200-1600	1373	70.00-78.00	74.65
2	1200-1600	1382	82.00-83.00	82.43 HD
1	1600-2000	1840	75.00	75.00

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
12	800-1200	1026	63.00-72.00	67.02
1	800-1200	1080	60.00	60.00 LD
3	1200-1600	1243	70.00-72.00	71.01
1	1200-1600	1285	63.00	63.00 LD

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	700-800	780	54.00-64.00	58.41
10	800-1200	925	55.00-63.00	59.85
1	800-1200	830	52.00	52.00 LD

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1000-1500	1435	98.00	98.00
6	1500-3000	1790	99.00-104.50	101.27

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	1000-1500	1373	89.50-95.50	92.25
3	1500-3000	1568	90.00-93.50	92.13

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	1000-1500	1240	86.00-88.50	87.59

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	100-200	177	200.00-214.00	205.02
15	200-300	273	212.00-230.00	223.75
21	300-400	347	204.00-226.00	212.07
10	400-500	415	191.00-204.00	196.04
15	500-600	530	160.00-175.00	170.52
1	500-600	580	150.00	150.00 F
6	600-700	657	146.00-155.00	153.52
2	600-700	650	126.00	126.00 F
13	700-800	770	136.00-143.00	141.80
5	800-900	842	135.00-139.00	136.17

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
11	200-300	257	191.00-200.00	195.49
47	300-400	355	177.00-191.00	184.28
43	400-500	435	165.00-181.00	172.21
43	500-600	528	150.00-166.00	156.25
18	600-700	641	136.00-148.00	140.69
4	600-700	600	133.00	133.00 F
8	700-800	752	118.00-123.00	119.95

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	100-200	178	145.00-165.00	148.55
6	200-300	253	182.00-195.00	188.10
14	300-400	372	145.00-170.00	161.63
10	400-500	471	150.00-164.00	160.19
12	500-600	554	120.00-149.00	136.48
11	600-700	645	114.00-133.00	123.21
3	700-800	758	106.00-113.00	110.74

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
14	300-400	362	185.00-207.00	195.29
15	400-500	440	180.00-190.00	182.48
27	500-600	529	152.00-164.00	157.93
3	500-600	520	135.00	135.00 F
18	600-700	631	140.00-150.00	143.47
4	700-800	768	120.00	120.00
2	800-900	840	107.00-110.00	108.44

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	300-400	339	155.00-180.00	161.73
11	400-500	465	144.00-175.00	164.13
4	500-600	560	127.00-147.00	140.75
5	600-700	643	125.00-138.00	135.00

Stock Cows: Cows 3 to 9 years old and 6 to 8 months bred 800.00-1450.00 per head. Heifers 8 months bred 800.00-1250.00 per head.

Stock Cow/Calf Pairs: Cows 2 to 9 years old with calves at side 970.00-1550.00 per pair.

Baby Calves: Beef Breeds: 240.00-270.00 per head.

Market Specialist: Chip Stewart

Source: Kentucky Department of Agriculture-USDA

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Bald eagle struck by car recovering in Louisville

STAFF REPORT

The bald eagle struck by a vehicle in Crittenden County two weeks ago continues her recovery in a Louisville facility that treats injured raptors.

“Actually she was at the vet Friday and she is healing nicely,” Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky, Inc. (RROKI) volunteer Eileen Wicker said Monday.

RROKI has the mature eagle on an anti-fungal drug to treat aspergillosis, commonly called asper.

“We sent plasma to the University of Miami to test her for this, as bald eagles are very susceptible to asper, and it is a deadly disease,” the volunteer said.

Coal money tied to mine reopening

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

While county leaders juggle with the decision over instituting a new tax to shore up the county's fiscal future, a one-time allotment from coal impact funds could provide a measure of temporary relief, but only if it remains in the state's proposed two-year budget plan.

State Rep. Mike Cherry (D-Princeton), reports there is a possibility Crittenden County could receive \$400,000 in coal severance money, yet only if the coal mine in the northeast area of the county is restarted by Sept. 30. However, that is not likely to happen.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom's reply when asked if any interest had been shown in reopening the local mine?

“None whatsoever. It just kills me that we can't keep that going,” he said. “It would definitely help ease the need of or necessity for this tax.”

But Cherry reported Tuesday the current House version of the state's biennial spending plan allows for \$111,000 in coal severance money from previous operations at the mine. Only the additional \$289,000 in the budget is predicated upon reopening of the mine.

“Once that passes the House, which I expect it to by the end of the week, it will be Sen. Dorsey Ridley's job to keep it in the final budget that passes the Senate,” he said.

Even if the money remains, its uses are restricted over the next two years by the language of the budget. The entire amount can be spent within certain economic development parameters or on prescribed allocations for the mandatory purchase of a generator for the new emergency operations center tied to grant stipulations, upgrades at Marion-Crittenden County Park, fire equipment, courthouse renovations, road department equipment or a required \$80,000 fix of the animal shelter's septic system.

REPORT

FROM USDA MARKET NEWS

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	200-300	246	172.50-205.00	181.28
7	300-400	377	197.00-203.00	201.03
8	400-500	447	162.00-184.00	175.61
5	500-600	542	138.00-159.00	151.44
2	600-700	612	142.00	142.00
1	700-800	795	128.00	128.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
11	200-300	257	191.00-200.00	195.49
47	300-400	355	177.00-191.00	184.28
43	400-500	435	165.00-181.00	172.21
43	500-600	528	150.00-166.00	156.25
18	600-700	641	136.00-148.00	140.69
4	600-700	600	133.00	133.00 F
8	700-800	752	118.00-123.00	119.95

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	100-200	178	145.00-165.00	148.55
6	200-300	253	182.00-195.00	188.10
14	300-400	372	145.00-170.00	161.63
10	400-500	471	150.00-164.00	160.19
12	500-600	545	120.00-149.00	136.48
11	600-700	654	114.00-133.00	123.21
3	700-800	758	106.00-113.00	110.74

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
14	300-400	362	185.00-207.00	195.29
15	400-500	440	180.00-190.00	182.48
27	500-600	529	152.00-164.00	157.93
3	500-600	520	135.00	135.00 F
18	600-700	631	140.00-150.00	143.47
4	700-800	768	120.00	120.00
2	800-900	840	107.00-110.00	108.44

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	300-400	339	155.00-180.00	161.73
11	400-500	465	144.00-175.00	164.13
4	500-600	560	127.00-147.00	140.75
5	600-700	643	125.00-138.00	135.00

Stock Cows: Cows 3 to 9 years old and 6 to 8 months bred 800.00-1450.00 per head. Heifers 8 months bred 800.00-1250.00 per head.

Stock Cow/Calf Pairs: Cows 2 to 9 years old with calves at side 970.00-1550.00 per pair.

Baby Calves: Beef Breeds: 240.00-270.00 per head.

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From pilot to planter

Hunt, 31, jumps ship into life of sodbusting

By CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

There are not too many 31-year-old, single men going into farming right now. But you can count Jamie Hunt as one cutting against the grain, so to speak.

Hunt, who grew up in a farming family and dabbled in it part-time for several years, quit a well-paying job as a river barge pilot just over a year ago and leaped headfirst into full-time row cropping.

It's something that even the hardest, old farmer might say takes a great deal of courage, or something else.

Hunt's grandfather, Marvin, has been watching closely from the sidelines. Marvin once operated a sizable farm, but high interest rates ran him out of the business along with many others in the 1980s. He knows all too well how quickly the tide can turn.

"I hope he makes it," grandpa says about his third grandson who's now a full-time farmer. "But it's hard.

"Most of these older guys got some help by growing up in it and having some land and equipment left to them," Marvin said. "Otherwise, it's tough to make it."

Jamie says his family has indeed helped him get some traction whether it's borrowing equipment or having a flagger or someone to fetch parts. He also used a nest egg acquired from working on the river as seed money to start his operation mostly from scratch. Now,

Hunt has two new tool sheds on the edge of U.S. 641 with three large grain bins, five tractors, two combines, two semis, a trackhoe, brand new John Deere spray rig and all sorts of implements. It's easy to get millions tied up in a farming operation.

"I don't make nearly as much as I used to," Jamie said. "And I'm keeping my pilot's license up to date in case I go broke."

For now, he's hitting it hard, getting ready to plant almost 2,000 acres this spring. Corn, wheat and soybeans are his crops and he says last year was his best ever.

"If it's in your blood, you're just going to do it," he said.

Grandpa knows what he's talking about, too.

"Everybody likes to get their hands in dirt and get a little dirty," he said.

Jamie's father, Mike, and his brother, David, have a large forage operation in the area. They sell hay all over the United States. His uncle, Van, and cousin, Cody, are also row croppers and they generally help one another out if needed.

But when it comes time to making his own way, Jamie says he likes the idea of being his own man.

"You're your own boss and make your own decisions and you have to live with the results," he said. "Sometimes that's good, sometimes it ain't so good."



Farming no young man's occupation

Crittenden County. Census of Agriculture, 1987-2007*

	1987	2007
Farmers' age group		
Under 25	17	7
25-34	56	41
35-44	110	111
45-54	110	154
55-64	97	179
65 and over	112	206
Average age	51.2	55.9

Above, Jamie Hunt, 31, of Marion drives his sprayer across some of the 2,000 acres he plans to plant this spring. At left, Hunt (center) takes a break from his life of farming to chat with his cousin Cody Hunt (left) and his uncle Van Hunt.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS EVANS

Farms double in size from 1909

Crittenden County. Census of Agriculture, Farms: Number, acres, value, 1909-2007*

YEAR	FARMS	ACRES	AVG SIZE	VALUE /ACRE
1909	2,170	216,088	100	\$14
1919	2,041	210,711	103	\$29
1924	1,818	193,736	107	\$20
1929	1,665	196,473	118	\$19
1934	1,777	205,460	116	\$13
1939	1,641	197,024	120	\$16
1944	1,624	204,508	126	\$20
1949	1,444	195,227	135	\$35
1954	1,157	173,156	150	\$39
1959	826	142,216	172	\$64
1964	755	150,410	199	\$71
1969	764	163,524	214	\$115
1974	572	142,437	249	\$252
1978	597	138,644	232	\$572
1982	569	135,974	239	\$622
1987	502	127,845	255	\$489
1992	509	125,133	246	\$500
1997	698	154,735	222	\$781
2002	698	156,656	224	\$1,043
2007	740	160,116	216	\$1,890

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KCF asking for aid to help storm victims

NEWS RELEASE

The Kentucky Cattlemen's Foundation (KCF) will be accepting monetary donations to address the needs of cattlemen in rebuilding fences and facilities following the storms of last week.

"Farmers across the state have been calling our office since the tornados hit wanting to know how they can help," said Kentucky Cattlemen's Association Executive Vice President Dave Maples.

Phone calls from some of the hardest hit areas have been received in the KCA office and are being dealt with on an individual basis. Many farmers have had buildings and fences destroyed while others have had entire herds killed in the storms. The monetary donations sent in will be used to directly assist producers in need and are tax deductible. Many areas affected are also in need of fencing supplies.

"We just want to do anything that we can to help," said KCA President Mike Bach.

Those interested in donating to relief efforts coordinated by the Kentucky Cattlemen's Foundation can donate online at www.kycattle.org or mail a check to the office at KCF Disaster Relief Fund, 176 Pasadena Drive, Lexington, KY 40503.

For questions or more information call the office at 859-278-0899.

\$5.3 billion of state economy in farms

NEWS RELEASE

Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) will joins other farming organizations across the country in celebrating National Agriculture Week. This week is set aside annually to draw attention to the many ways America's food system improves the quality of life for everyone.

"The commitment, hard work and innovation of our farmers provides us with a stable supply of high-quality, affordable food," said KFB President Mark Haney.

The United States has the safest, most abundant and lowest-cost food supply of any nation in the world due to the incredible efficiency of its farmers. Agriculture also provides components of almost everything people eat, use and wear on a daily basis – and is increasingly contributing to consumer demand for alternative fuels and other bio-products.

"Just a few generations ago most families in Kentucky were directly connected to farming," said Haney. "We realize that is not the case today. We need to make sure that all people, and especially our youth, understand the major role that agriculture has in everyday life."

Although the number of farms in the United States has steadily declined over the years, agricultural production continues to meet the needs of a growing American and global population. Today's farmer grows twice as much food as

his or her parents did, but uses less land, water and energy to do so. About 90 percent of those farms are operated by families or individuals.

Additionally, an estimated 20 percent of U.S. farm production is exported and, according to government statistics, agriculture is one of the few remaining industries with a positive balance of trade. This production comes from the 2.2 million farms currently operating in America and accounts for more than 24 million jobs nationwide.

Kentucky's economy is strongly supported by agriculture as well, accounting for more than \$5.3 billion in annual economic activity plus more than 270,000 jobs, according to a University of Kentucky survey. Only four states have more farms than the 87,000 found in Kentucky.

Healthy as American ag production is, the amount of exported goods from the U.S. will need to increase even more if global demand for its food and fiber continues at the current pace. It is projected that the world's population will grow by one-third its current size to an anticipated nine billion people by the year 2050.

"Feeding people has always been the central role of farmers," said Haney, "but feeding a growing world population while the amount of farmland is simultaneously shrinking is a real challenge."

Comer touts donations for farm efforts

NEWS RELEASE

Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner James Comer has kicked off a series of visits to county clerks' offices throughout the commonwealth to encourage Kentuckians to make a voluntary \$10 donation to be divided evenly among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA and Kentucky Proud when they renew their farm license plates.

Comer was scheduled to visit Union and Trigg counties today (Thursday).

"FFA and 4-H give Kentucky's young people opportunities to participate in constructive activities while they learn the value of hard work and discipline," Comer said.




Comer has about 15,000 members in nearly 140 chapters. FFA is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. It is open to any student age 12-21 who is enrolled in an agriculture course in a public school.

Some 205,000 youths are involved in Kentucky 4-H programs, and Kentucky ranks in the top 10 in several 4-H enrollment categories nationwide. 4-H is found in every Kentucky county and is a community of more than 6 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

Kentucky Proud is the official state program for food and farm products that are grown, raised, made or processed in Kentucky. Nearly 3,000 farmers, processors, retailers, restaurants, farmers' markets, school systems, Kentucky state parks, and Kentucky Farm Bureau roadside markets are members of Kentucky Proud.

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STATE 2010-11 NASS REPORT

Cash receipts - 2010 estimates

released Sept. 21, 2011

	TOTAL CROPS	TOTAL LIVESTOCK	ALL CASH
Crittenden	12,942	9,668	22,610
Kentucky	1,844,090	2,596,056	4,440,146
		<i>in thousands of dollars</i>	

Soybeans - 2011 estimates

released Feb. 23, 2012

	ACRES HARVESTED	YIELD /ACRE	PROD.
Crittenden	19,700	42.0	828,000
Kentucky	1,490,000	39.0	57,720,000
			<i>in bushels</i>

Non-alfalfa hay - 2010 estimates

released April 15, 2011

	ACRES HARVESTED	YIELD /ACRE	PROD.
Crittenden	27,500	2.0	47,200
Kentucky	2,300,000	2.2	5,060,000
			<i>in tons</i>

Sheep & goats*

The total number of sheep in Kentucky on Jan. 1, 2012, was estimated at 40,000 head, an increase of 6,000 from the previous year's estimate. All meat and other goats in Kentucky were estimated at 68,000 head, down 4,500 head from January 2011. Milk goats at 7,000 head, was up 1,500 head from the previous year's estimate.

Cattle*

The Kentucky cattle and calf inventory for Jan. 1, 2012 was estimated at 2.15 million head. Total inventory was down 40,000 head from last year.

Crops*

Kentucky's 2011 crop production climbed from 2010 levels for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay and dark tobacco. Despite storms causing flooding early in the growing season and the usual July and August heat, crop yields increased. Most areas of the state received adequate moisture with some areas receiving record high rainfall totals in 2011.

Winter wheat*

Kentucky farmers seeded an estimated 600,000 acres to winter wheat during the fall of 2011 for harvest in 2012. This was up 60,000 acres from the 2011 crop.

*According to the Kentucky Field Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service

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Springing to early action

Grazing on sprouting grass in a field along Wilson Farm Road in eastern Crittenden County, a solitary horse enjoys a warm early March day in the late afternoon. Blossoming yellow daffodils lined the barbed wire fence along the roadway. Daffodils are early spring bloomers, but this winter's mild temperatures have many other plants and trees already blooming with the threat of a hard freeze still possible in early March.

FARM BRIEFS

2012 ag census currently under way

Surveys are arriving in mailboxes around the nation to help identify all active farms in the United States. The National Agricultural Classification Survey (NACS), which asks landowners whether or not they are farming and for basic farm information, is one of the most important early steps used to determine who should receive a 2012 Census of Agriculture report form. The Census of Agriculture, conducted every five years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them.

NACS is required by law as part of the U.S. Census of Agriculture. By this same law, all information reported by individuals is kept confidential. NASS will mail the 2012 Census of Agriculture later this year and data will be collected into early 2013.

NASS provides accurate, timely, useful and objective statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.

CRP sign-ups begin Monday, end in April

Conservation Reserve program (CRP) general sign-ups will begin Monday and end April 6.

Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP can be offered during sign-up if all eligibility requirements are met. Also, CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall can make new contract offers during the sign-up period. Contracts awarded during this general sign-up period will become effective Oct. 1.

CRP is probably one of the Farm Service Agency's most recognizable programs. The various CRP practices help improve water and air quality, increase wildlife habitat and prevent soil erosion, which benefits us all. Landowners enrolled in CRP receive annual payments and cost-share assistance to establish

long-term, resource-conserving covers on eligible farmland. Contract duration is between 10 to 15 years.

For information about general Conservation Reserve Program sign-up, contact the Salem FSA Service Center or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

Workman to keep fair job... for now

It appears Harold Workman, Kentucky State Fair President and CEO, will get to keep his job a while longer. Workman, who has ties to Crittenden County, had been asked to resign by Gov. Steve Beshear for unspecified reasons. But in a fair board meeting last week, members opted to keep Workman on the job.

Workman's current contract expires on June 30 according to WBRB.com.

Kentucky inventory of 2011 cattle down

USDA's cattle inventory report, as expected, indicated that beef herd liquidation continued during 2011, despite the stronger fall markets. The severe drought that plagued much of the southern plains pushed many cows to slaughter and forced many ranchers to reduce their herd size. Estimated beef cow numbers fell by three percent,

which is the largest single-year decrease in many years.

One number that has gotten some attention in the press was a one percent increase in the number of heifers held for beef replacements. However, it is important to note that the increase in heifer development amounted to 73,000 heifers, while the three percent decrease in beef cow numbers was a drop of nearly one million cows. So, while the increase in heifer retention is significant, it is premature to suggest that expansion is under way.

The implications are clear: The 2011 calf crop will likely be around three percent smaller.

Kentucky cattle inventory showed a continued decline in beef cow numbers as well despite the higher prices and more favorable weather. Competition for pasture and hay ground for row crop production was likely a major factor behind the decline. Kentucky beef cow numbers were estimated to be down by 28,000. USDA's estimates of Kentucky's beef cow numbers have decreased by more than 200,000 cows since January 2007. Also of note was another decrease in heifers held for beef cow replacement in the state, suggesting that Kentucky beef cow numbers are not likely to increase during 2012.

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