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Press closing 2 days for holiday

The Crittenden Press will be closed today (Thursday) and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. We would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous time with friends and family this holiday.

Mineral museum discounting gifts

The Clement Mineral Museum in Marion will be closed today (Thursday) and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving, but will reopen at 10 a.m., Friday with 10 percent off all gift shop merchandise.

Salem GED class to begin Jan. 3

Livingston County Adult Education Center has scheduled a six-week adult education and GED class at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Enrollment, orientation and diagnostic testing for this class will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Dec. 6 and 13. Classes will be conducted on Tuesday nights starting Jan. 3. Anyone who is interested should call 928-3777 for more information or to pre-enroll. Seating for the class is limited.

Numbers reflect economic woes

If the recession that economic experts say ended in 2009 is truly over, the numbers are not adding up in Crittenden County:

- 150 individuals signed up through Monday for \$24,331 in aid from the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program;

- 206 families, or 565 people, fed by Crittenden County Food Bank last Friday alone;

- Almost 60 percent of students in the school system on free or reduced meals; and
- Almost one in 10 workers out of a job.

The figures paint an unhealthy picture of the local economy. Next week, The Crittenden Press will take a closer look at poverty in the county.

Meetings

- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Monday at the office in Salem.

- Ellis B. Ordway American Legion Post No. 111 and its auxiliary will have their Christmas potluck dinner at 6 p.m., Dec. 5 at the Crittenden County Senior Citizen's Center. All members and spouses are urged to attend.

ON THE WEB

Press online poll

This week's poll at The Press Online asked readers the following question: "The hospital says it needs more money to operate the ambulance service. It currently receives no local taxpayer funds. Who do you think should pay?"

Voters were split dead-even on who should be responsible for supplementing any shortfalls incurred by EMS. Here is what 292 voters said:

- Hospital 126 (43%)
- Taxpayers 126 (43%)
- I don't care 3 (1%)
- I need more info 37 (43%)

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EMS, hospital hand off funding issue to public, fiscal court

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

If Kevin Hilkey and other hospital officials intended for a series of public meetings to be a brainstorming session for solutions to the financial woes of the county's ambulance service, they finally got their wish last Friday.

The third and final informational meeting on the emergency medical

service (EMS) hosted by Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion drew its largest crowd yet, despite starting at 7:30 in the morning. More than three dozen people filled the meeting room at the facility to hear Hilkey, EMS director, provide basic information on how the ambulance service works and how it is funded. Many, including members of Crittenden Fiscal Court which has

been asked by CHS to subsidize the service, raised questions and made suggestions as how to solve the financial crisis the hospital claims it faces with EMS.

"A lot of ideas were brought up during our public meetings, and now is the time to put the pen to the paper and see what may work and what may not," Hilkey told The Crittenden Press in an e-mail. "One of the dead-

liest ideas at this point is to simply assume that nothing will work."

Friday's meeting, by far, raised more interest from the general public than the two previous meetings combined. Hospital officials were happy with the turnout, but the fiscal court and CHS are still far from reaching any type of agreement as to what

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PHOTO PROVIDED

Mark Beduhn of Marion works on building the frame of a new aircraft in the garage of his Airport Road home. This will be the second plane built by the licensed pilot. Below, Beduhn and his wife Regina are shown beside the frame of his new Breezy aircraft. Inset is an Internet image of the two-seat, lightweight personal aircraft in flight.

Marion pilot realizing his dream of building own personal aircraft

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

When Mark Beduhn talks aviation, his face lights up with a twinkle in the eye.

To him, aviation has always been a point of interest. Growing up, bonding time with his dad included building model planes, as well as flying — and occasionally crashing — radio-controlled ones.

But after 20 years of small-scale planes, Beduhn took a giant leap. In 1995, he told his wife Regina that he wanted to build an actual airplane and get his pilot's license. It took only three months to earn his license, and soon after, Beduhn was on a mission. He wanted to build a plane that would be fast but still affordable, and that's when a friend recommended building a Cozy Mark IV.

"I had never seen one before I started building it," Beduhn said. "I just followed the directions and built it part-by-part until the plane started to form."

After two years of dedication and working on the plane, he finished the Cozy in 1998 and had it inspected by a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) examiner who issued Beduhn an airworthiness certificate.

Now, years later, Beduhn has felt the familiar urge to build a plane. After a discussion with his wife, he set out for the perfect one for his second construction project.

Unlike the Cozy that Beduhn says is more for long-distance trips, he wanted to build a plane that was made for shorter trips.

"Each plane has a different mission, and I wanted one that was more for just flying around locally. I also wanted a plane that was more open than the Cozy," Beduhn said, referring to his plane's cockpit. "I researched a lot of planes, and I knew that I wanted something that I could keep in the garage. That's how I decided on the



Breezy. And you can't get much more open than."

And Beduhn is right. When looking at his Breezy still under construction, it features two seats secured to the bottom of the plane and not much else. Beduhn said that after attending the world's largest fly-in at Oshkosh, Wisc., this summer, he was able to ride in a Breezy. After a bit of sliding around with just a lap belt, Beduhn made the decision to

like I am in the Cozy."

Starting work on the plane in May, Beduhn has finished the body of the aircraft and has been able to salvage parts from other planes no longer in working order.

While building an airplane may seem like a rather daunting task to anyone else, Beduhn's background certainly helps. A degree in mechanical engineering helped him out quite a bit while building both planes. He also carves out time to work on it.

"You have to get in the habit of doing something every day," Beduhn said. "Even if it's a tiny thing like tightening a bolt. Doing things like that and setting time aside can help move the project along."

And while there are always risks, Beduhn's wife says she's confident in his abilities.

"I know he's very capable in what he's doing, and I know that he's safe," she said.

Unlike the Cozy, the Breezy proves to be a less labor-intensive project, and Beduhn looks



modify his plane with shoulder harnesses for a more stable feel. Looking at a picture of a completed Breezy, it reveals an open cockpit housed toward the front of the skeletal frame. Also a hobby photographer, Beduhn said the openness allows him to freely move around while flying.

"I can use my camera anytime I want to," he said. "I'm not enclosed in tight quarters

Restaurant tax receipts record for city quarter

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Mom's been getting a break from the kitchen of late, if revenue from Marion's dining and lodging tax is any indication.

Of course, not all kitchens are staffed by Mom, but receipts from the city's three-percent tax on prepared food and overnight lodging were higher than ever in the first quarter of the current fiscal year — July through September. Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant said the levy generated \$51,000 last quarter, about \$3,000 more than the previous high.

"We have strong restaurants here that continue to do well," Bryant said. "And I think (they) have an increasingly loyal base."

McDonald's and Dairy Queen alone combined for almost half of last quarter's total. Less than \$500 of the record revenue came from the levy on lodging.

The money collected from the tax goes to Marion Tourism Commission to promote the city and county to outsiders. Though the city retains 1.5 percent of total receipts for collection and administration costs, the current pace puts the tourism commission in line for about \$200,000 over the next year in order to attract more people to the area.

Bryant believes the efforts are already working. "We do generate customers from tourism," the city administrator said. "On a recent Saturday at (Marion) Café for lunch, I did not recognize a single person other than the one I was with."

Of course, Bryant doesn't know every face in the county, but he says he has a pretty good feel for who is local and who is visiting in his travels around town. One trend is the amount of camouflage he's seen of late. Deer season fills the restaurants with out-of-towners who arrive each year for the prime hunting in Crittenden County. Those outdoorsmen perhaps provide the largest amount of outside dollars spent in the city all year.

Bryant said with hunting season landing in the current quarter, it stands to reason that tax receipts for this three-month period will be even greater than \$51,000.

Last fiscal year, the city collected about \$180,000 from the tax.



"We have strong restaurants here that continue to do well."

— Mark Bryant

Marion City Administrator on record receipts from city's restaurant tax

Firefighters consider asking optional dues be included on tax bills

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Crittenden County's seven volunteer fire departments have formed a committee to help find a solution to financial strains faced by each unit, and their solution could lead to an extra charge found on property owners' tax bill.

Increased expenses and dwindling revenue have the fire departments scrambling for an answer to funding problems. One possible solution from the committee comprised of representatives of each all-volunteer squad would ask the fiscal court to approve a measure that would ensure each property owner is asked to support their fire department.

"Basically what's being looked at is a dues notice put on property tax bills," Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said.

"The proposal put out is based on what state regs say can and cannot be done."

Currently, the departments' primary source of funding is from those fire dues paid by residents and businesses in their respective districts. The voluntary dues are generally \$25 for residents and businesses in order to avoid a \$500 charge allowed by Kentucky law if the fire department is called a person's property. But in tough times, the number of dues being paid is dwindling across the



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Crittenden County Judge-Executive on new proposal for collecting fire dues

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Americans: Is this slavery for you?

We're hearing much about socialism these days, especially since the government is taking over the banks, the automobile industry and the insurance companies and making back door deals with the big unions, the drug companies and are trying to take over our health care which covers us all the rest of our lives.

So let's look at the definition of socialism from the Encyclopedia Britannica: "Socialism is the complete discarding of the institution of private property by transforming it into public property and the division of the resultant public income equally and indiscriminately among the entire population. In Socialism, private property is considered an evil and equal distribution of income the first consideration.

"Thus it reverses the policy of capitalism which means establishing private or 'real' property to the utmost physically possible extent, and then leaving distribution of income to take care of itself." (i.e., the



owner receives its rewards.)

This freedom of making what you can and using it as you see fit is the system of present America called capitalism which the left, atheists, socialists, communists and the powers that are in control in Washington want to take away from us. Which do you want?

Both The Living Webster Encyclopedia Dictionary and The American Heritage Dictionary identify socialism as a "Marxist theory." Karl Marx was the father of communism. He was an atheist and reported by many as being a satanist.

Socialism is the government taking over everything, and dividing the income or proceeds equally among all

the people as the powers that be see fit. But, of course, the leaders get paid over and above what they deem fit for the rest of the people.

It all adds up to this. Socialism, a pretty word for communism. Communism establishes that the politicians and bureaucrats should take over the ownership of all property — private and otherwise — and everyone work for the government that owns all this. It allows it to let them also divide up all the income from our work and give it to everyone equally, whether they work or not.

It all ends up being a welfare state with the politicians controlling all, and making sure they get a hefty salary, a super healthcare plan and a lifetime pension, even if serving only a few years.

America has been going in that direction for many years. The way that works, the politicians that can give people the most out of the taxpayers' pocket book, get the most members to their

party and therefore get the most votes to keep them in power. Then, they can run rough shod over all the people that disagree with them, which puts in play the majority rules and becomes a dictatorship.

This is what happens when people get so party loyal that they will vote for their party regardless of what that party stands for. If you try to tell any of them that their party has been hijacked by the ungodly left, they will retort, "Well, the other is just as bad." They can't see any bad in their party and can't see any good in the other one.

This is unAmerican, un-Christian and destroys a republic form of government and puts us eventually under a dictatorship rule that we are seeing in Washington right now.

Any time one party controls all branches of government for any length of time it becomes a dictatorship, because it feeds on itself and cares only for itself and perpetrated power.

For all those who won't work, socialism sounds like heaven on earth for them. They get equal parts of everything that others work for and they don't have to turn a hand for.

This Obama health care law is a socialist takeover of the most important part of our physical lives. People that want handouts and government to take care of them, thinking their health care would be free, do not realize that nothing is free.

People that work hard and should be able to keep their money have to pay for those that won't work or have not been frugal and planned for their future.

Another horrible thing about the so-called "free" health care; it causes more people to go to the doctors for every little thing, which overloads the doctors and raises the cost for health care for everyone that is footing the bills with their government-confiscated, hard-earned money. Eventually, the money starts to run out and health care rationing

sets in, and many who really need help won't get it.

Every nation on earth that has developed socialism, the prelude to communism, has become a cruel and brutal dictatorship where all freedom is confiscated, along with our guns, rights, property and choices. People become slaves obeying their masters and religion has always been the first to suffer.

The 20th century saw 60 million people brutally murdered in the name of communism. And we want it here?

Just look how the American Civil Liberties Union has fought us for years to strip us of all Christian symbols, our First Amendment rights to pray in public and using the name of Jesus.

They are setting us up for God's wrath on our nation. Please read Isaiah 60:12!

(Rev. Tedrick is a Marion minister. She shares her views regularly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

ThePressLETTERS

Writer apologizes for Facebook fiasco

To the editor

This is a public apology to the Crittenden County animal shelters and all employees.

Due to a series of mix-ups involving a pet's name, description and tag, I received a call from a local shelter about a cat which had been found in a trap and taken to the shelter. The information did not seem to relate to me or my family in any current way. It seemed to be about a cat which had been taken to the shelter by me a long time ago, been adopted and the old tags left on the collar.

I was confused by the matter, to say the least. I did promise that employee that later in the day I would call a family member and hopefully resolve the mystery.

Well, I forgot. Because of that, the cat was placed on the shelter Facebook page for adoption. Comments were made which, as we all know, have a tendency to go viral on Facebook. They were harsh and accusatory against the shelter. And though the cat was eventually returned to its owner, the damage was done.

I'd like to apologize, in this public forum, for failing to

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make that call and thereby causing a series of events which erupted. The shelters we have in Crittenden County do a remarkable job with limited resources. The employees and the volunteers are dedicated to the welfare of the animals.

If you don't already know that, you need to. They deserve our support, our respect and my apology.

Jeannie Marshall
Marion, Ky.

Giving thanks can be done with giving

This week is a time set aside to give thanks for the many blessings we each enjoy in America. Having the forum of a regular newspaper column, I thought it would be a good opportunity to list the many things for which I am thankful.

Instead, however, this space serves a better purpose in asking what you are grateful for this week. Disturbingly, for many, the honest answer is that it's merely a time to give thanks for the early-bird specials and midnight madness of Black Friday. Before the turkey and dressing even settle in the stomach, many of you will be headed out the door with a Christmas wish list in one hand and a forest of sales circulars in the other.

For those, Thanksgiving is simply a bump along the road that leads to Christmas.

Meantime, there is a faction of people who will wake up this Friday cold and hungry. And I'm not talking about in some far away, Third World country or slums of an American metropolis. No need to look that far, because those unfortunate people are right here, living in this community.

For those individuals and families, it's not just the Friday after Thanksgiving that is black. Each and every Friday — or any other day — is dark



and bleak for them. Their Christmas wish list isn't filled with the latest fashions or video games, but includes money for prescriptions, a check to cover the utility bills or maybe even a bag of groceries.

Unwitting shoppers may head out the door this Friday with a clear conscience that all this need is covered by the charities, churches and government assistance available to families. Sure, in part, the unselfishness of a few will make things better for a period. But that generosity is spread as thin as that new iPhone on Junior's wish list.

In today's economy, few have much to spare and tightfistedness is understandable. It may be particularly hard for some to turn loose of hard-earned cash to help others when you see the bread-line peppered with people holding a cigarette and talking on a cell phone. Not exactly the poster image of poverty needed to loosen the purse strings, huh?

But the needs of the many should not be spoiled by the deeds of a few. There are countless families in the community in true need of help.

And it can take so little. Just a \$30 donation — about the cost of your meal and a drink to take the edge off between shopping spurts this Friday — can feed a person for a week. Though it makes for a modest diet, it can be done with bare necessities like juice, cereal, milk, bread, peanut butter and jelly, a few canned goods, some boxed side dishes and a frozen dinner or two.

In a letter distributed to media across the district, Rep. Ed Whitfield of Hopkinsville is urging such generosity.

"Thanksgiving is a time for us to reflect about how fortunate we all are to live in a country that allows for each and every person to determine his or her own future," he wrote. "We should all give thanks to be so richly blessed.

"Yet, many of our neighbors are struggling this year, and have been for several years. At Thanksgiving, I am reminded of how generous we are as a society toward others. This Thanksgiving, many families will open their homes and wallets to those who are struggling, in the spirit of charity to others. We can all

be thankful that so many acts of charity by generous and giving Americans take place every day across this country. Ours is truly a grateful nation."

This Christmas season, I challenge each and everyone reading this column to give a little bit and live up to those expectations Rep. Whitfield speaks of. Though there are many worthwhile charities around the community, if you can think of no other, write out a \$30 check — or any amount — to Crittenden County Food Bank to help feed a family. You can drop off the check with Fred or Minnie Lou Brown, find Ron Padgett or send the money to the Pennyryle Allied Community Services office at 402 N. Walker St., in Marion.

With such a contribution, you can check your conscience at the county line en route to your Christmas shopping spree. Though you won't find me trolling for presents anytime between now and Dec. 25, I've made my donation. It may not atone for all my sins, but greed won't be on my list of things to explain to St. Peter.

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Mediacom increases rates for programming

By DARYL K. TABOR

MANAGING EDITOR

Crittenden County cable subscribers will start paying more for their television entertainment beginning Dec. 15.

All of Mediacom's TV packages will see increased rates. The Broadcast Basic plan will be up \$2 to \$29.95 per month while the Family Cable package will jump \$5 to \$65.95. All specialty packages and premium channel subscriptions will also increase. Even a \$1 discount for paperless billing will be eliminated. No additional services or channels are planned.

In a letter to both Marion City Council and Crittenden Fiscal Court explaining the across-the-board increases, Mediacom's senior manager of government relations, Lee Grassley, blamed the hikes on the company's increased costs to offer programming. The explanation hardly softens the blow, said one city official.

"I think you'd all agree, it's a pretty substantial increase," Marion City Ad-

ministrator Mark Bryant told council members Monday when the plans for rate hikes were publicly presented.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Dale Haney of Mediacom was scheduled to speak to the Marion council about his company's new rate plan. Haney, however, called last Friday to cancel his presentation. Bryant said he has been rescheduled for the council's next regular meeting on Dec. 19.

Meantime, Grassley's letter detailed the reasons for the rate increases.

"Our programming expenses, particularly with respect to broadcast television channels and live sports content, are escalating at a pace well in excess of inflation," he wrote in his correspondence to elected officials.

"Contrary to public perception, cable companies are reluctant to raise video prices, because when we do, we lose subscribers," Grassley continued. "Mediacom does not make more money when we raise video rates, since we remit vir-

tually every penny of the increase on to the programmers."

Such an increase seems self-defeating, Bryant said, if the company plans on losing customers with the action.

Both the City of Marion and Crittenden Fiscal Court have franchise agreements with Mediacom that allow the cable company to operate within each's jurisdiction and use the rights-of-way for their cable lines. It also allows both government bodies to collect a fee from Mediacom for those rights to operate.

Despite questions Monday by city councilmen as to whether anything can be done to curb the almost annual increases, Bryant said they are virtually powerless.

There are no other cable providers in Crittenden County to compete with Mediacom, therefore satellite TV is the only alternative for those subscribers Grassley said the company will lose as a result the rate increase.

Architectural plans for new EOC may exceed grant

By DARYL K. TABOR

MANAGING EDITOR

After many delays, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom was able to spread the architectural plans for the county's new emergency operations center (EOC) on the table before the fiscal court. But some magistrates are doubtful the center can be built for what remains of a \$750,000 U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant for its construction.

"There is a little over \$60,000 laying there," Newcom said of the cost of the plans. "Kind of staggering."

That leaves \$690,000 available for construction of a five-bay, two-meeting room facility to be built across from the Ed-Tech Center on Industrial Drive in Marion. If bids for construction don't come in at or below what is left of the grant, Newcom said it will be rebid. If the

estimated cost is still too high, the project will have to be parred down.

Newcom is trying to remain optimistic.

"Supposedly, we can get it done for that," he said of the \$690,000.

The county is required to match 25 percent of the original grant, but most, if not all of that can be accommodated by in-kind contributions. In fact, Newcom said the cost of the property alone was almost half of the \$187,500 the county must pitch in.

Construction of the EOC has been plagued by delays from its conception. Initial hold-ups resulted from required studies to determine if building would create environmental consequences for endangered species or disturb any potential Native American archaeological sites.

After both of those hurdles were

cleared, deciding upon a design to accommodate both the county fire department and rescue squad presented its own problems. The grant was insufficient to construct a building large enough to house equipment and vehicles for both the volunteer services, so with less equipment, the fire department was given favor. The most recent snag was a need to resurvey the land the building is to be placed on because the initial survey did not show elevation or mark utilities.

While no sewer line is currently run to the eventual location of the EOC, Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant said that the city will see an extension of the utility is run to the facility. Bryant said grant money left over from a project that will take sewer lines down Airport Road should be enough to fund connecting the EOC to the city's wastewater system.

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



Community Spotlight



Jon Akers, executive director of Kentucky Center for School Safety, presented Livingston County Schools Superintendent Darryl Chittenden with a certificate of achievement recently at the Safe Schools, Successful Students Conference in Louisville. Pictured are (from left) Akers; Chittenden; Regina Durard, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) sponsor; Ronica Woodard, school board member; Daniel Hurt, STLP member; Samantha Williams, school board member; Cole Zimmerman, STLP member; Brandy McKendree, STLP member; and Tony Lasher, school board member.

Livingston Schools honored for safety

Livingston County was among three far western Kentucky school districts to recently be recognized with the "Outstanding Achievement Award" at the 17th Annual Safe School, Successful Student Conference in Louisville for obtaining more than 1,000 pledges for the safe, smart use of the Internet.

Seven total schools were honored for the Kentucky Safe Schools Week achievement of obtaining 1,000 Cyber-Survivor pledges each, offering basic internet safety and following digital communication guidelines to promote online safety.

In Livingston County, lessons were taught that outlined the growing problem our schools are facing with peer-to-peer cyber-bullying and on-line harassment.

As the exponential growth of the internet becomes part of students' daily in-school and out-of-school life, and with the powerful advancements in technology come potential risks and misuse. State-of-the-art technology in schools is essential for Kentucky's students to be ready to compete in the global job market, but education and policies to combat the misuse and abuse are hall-

mark.

Livingston County Superintendent of Schools Darryl Chittenden, board of education members and members of the Livingston Central High School Student Technology Leadership Program were present at the conference earlier this month to accept the award for the district's focus on school safety. There are just under 1,400 students enrolled in the Livingston County school district.

Also honored for the 1,000-pledge mark was Calloway County School District, which is headed by former Crittenden County High School principal and football coach Ken Bargo.

Karen McCuiston, the director of the Kentucky Center for School Safety Resource Center and a former Crittenden County teacher, will be presenting Cyber-survivor information to parents and staff at Rocket Arena on Dec. 4

Three Rivers Rock Quarry receives fifth safety award

Three Rivers Rock Quarry between Burna and Smithland recently received its fifth Sentinels of Safety Award from the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

According to MSHA, the quarry compiled 143,158 hours worked during 2010 without a reportable on-the-job accident.

Scott Weinhold, quarry manager, said it's the fifth time the mine has received the award, and the Three Rivers quarry is one of just two others recognized in the entire Southeast for its safety record.

Weinhold and other quarry representatives traveled to Washington, D.C., last month to accept the honor. Also making the trip were Jason Rednour, Daryl Manning and Dale Oliver.

The quarry was recognized this month by the Southeast Mine Safety and Health Conference for being a multi-year safety award winner. Before 2010, the last Sentinel of Safety honor came in 2004.

The Martin Marietta quarry employs a number of residents from Crittenden County.

Marion Dispatching hires two part-timers

Marion Central Dispatching has hired two new part-time E-911 dispatchers.

Nicole Watson, 34, and Cheryl Fox, 28, have joined the dispatch center at Marion Police Department. The two will be working varied shifts, filling in for vacationing full-timers and covering many holidays.

Watson lives in Dixon and works full time at Webster County 911, where she has been employed for about eight months. A graduate of a private high school in Indiana, Watson is currently working toward her bachelor's degree. She has an eight-year-old son.

Fox lives in Fredonia with her husband, who is a Princeton fireman, and their children. Fox graduated from Caldwell County High School in 2001 and has earned an associate's degree from Madisonville Community College and a bachelor's degree from Murray State. Fox is also employed at Pennyridge Central Dispatching



Watson



Fox

in Princeton where she has worked full time for five years.

Both new employees are certified telecommunications. Fox is also certified by the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

Amy Pagitt sworn into Texas State Bar

Amy Graham Pagitt, daughter of Scott and Priscilla Graham of Marion, was sworn into the Texas State Bar on Nov. 14 in Austin, Texas. She is a 2002 graduate of Crittenden County High School.



Pictured are Martin Marietta Three Rivers Rock Quarry representatives (from left) Scott Weinhold, Jason Rednour, Daryl Manning and Dale Oliver.



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Grant should allow for repairs at park track

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Walking enthusiasts and track stars have reason to celebrate.

The City of Marion has been awarded a \$15,000 federal Land Water Conservation Fund grant for improvements to the oval track at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Though the grant is a big step toward making necessary improvements to the crumbling track, City Administrator Mark Bryant said the total project will take about twice that amount to complete.

"That should be enough to get fixed what needs to get fixed," he said.

A more extensive fix was put before the city, but Bryant said it ap-



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— Angela Starnes
Crittenden County track coach and athletic director on repairs to oval track

proached \$100,000 and could not be afforded.

He said the city will contribute

some in-kind work as well as cash toward its obligation of the lesser repairs. Those repairs will fix drainage issues that caused the problems in the beginning and resurface the portion of the track in disrepair. It should be worth it, Bryant said.

"I believe it is the single most identifiable tourism draw we have," he said of the park's overall benefits.

The city administrator said many residents prefer the oval track to the walking track around the park's parameter because it is short, more open and without rises that can be difficult for some people to traverse. Bryant added that if everything remains on course with

the funding as expected, the repairs could be finished by spring, weather permitting.

Repairing the track will allow the high school's track team to once again host meets in Crittenden County.

"I am so excited that in the near future our track athletes will have an opportunity to compete at home," said track and field coach and district athletic director Angela Starnes. "Surrounding counties will also be very excited to know that Crittenden County will be hosting track meets in the near future."

The track team has been hosting "home" meets at Caldwell County because of the track's poor condi-

tion.

Starnes said last year, close to 40 Crittenden County students were on the track team. She hopes exposure to meets in Marion will bring out even more athletes.

"When other students have the opportunity to attend track meets, they will see how track is a sport for everyone: throwers, jumpers, sprinters, distance runners and hurdlers," she said. "Hopefully, this will be a great recruiting tool, and we will get students that are not involved in a sport interested in track."

"I look forward to the hill being lined with cheering fans again. Our kids deserve and will appreciate that support."

Trover Health, Baptist negotiating merger

FROM AP AND STAFF REPORTS

Two major Kentucky health care systems, each with more than a half-century of providing medical services to Crittenden Countians, have entered exclusive negotiations about a merger.

Last week, Trover Health System of Madisonville announced its decision to discuss terms of a merger with Louisville-based Baptist Healthcare System about a strategic partnership whereby Trover would become a member of the Baptist system.

Trover Health System CEO Bert Whitaker says any deal would ultimately result in Baptist Healthcare purchasing the assets of the Madisonville facility. Whitaker told The Messenger in Madisonville that Baptist Healthcare won out over LifePoint Hospitals Inc. of Brentwood, Tenn., and Owensboro Med-

ical System. Each finalist was selected based on its ability to assist Trover with objectives for the affiliation process that included assistance with the design and implementation of new models of care and payment reform, providing access to capital, experience with recruiting and sustaining physician relations, and developing service line partnerships.

"All three of the finalists are highly respected healthcare organizations," said Whitaker. "We are confident that Baptist's sterling reputation and commitment to quality care will assist us in serving our region of Western Kentucky. By joining the Baptist system, Trover joins the Baptist state-wide network of hospitals and will gain access to a broad range of operational and financial resources, as well as Baptist's

clinical quality initiatives and experienced leadership."

Trover Health System is an integrated healthcare provider serving western Kentucky residents for more than 55 years. With seven locations in six counties, including neighboring Webster and Caldwell counties, Trover offers 55 services and specialties and employs more than 170 primary care, mid-level and specialist physicians, 450 registered nurses and nearly 1,000 licensed healthcare professionals.

Baptist Healthcare System owns Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, which opened its doors in 1953, and four other hospitals in Louisville, Lexington, Corbin and La Grange totaling 1,650 beds. It also manages Hardin Memorial in Elizabethtown and Patty A. Clay in Richmond.

Baptist reports annual rev-



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Impeccable timing

Carola Todd had a real homecoming from active deployment overseas. Straight from Spain where she's been serving with the Air National Guard, Todd showed up at Crittenden County Middle School just in time to see her daughter, eighth-grader Katie Travis, participate in middle school basketball homecoming festivities as part of the homecoming court. Todd has served in the military for 15 years. She is currently a full-time member of the Air National Guard.

FIRE

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seven fire districts.

To help out, each year Crittenden Fiscal Court does out discretionary funds — \$1,000 this year — to each department and covers insurance on vehicles and fire houses, according to longtime Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department member Donnie Arlack. Even with that — and fund-raising events required to help further close the gap in expenses and revenue — some departments' ability to keep equipment in working order, stay up-to-date on fire safety technology and maintain a firehouse are in jeopardy.

Newcom said the tax bill solution to come out of the firefighters' joint-committee

would give departments a more reliable source of income, though the dues would remain voluntary.

Arlack said dues notice would likely ask for the same \$25, but an opt-out clause for property owners would allow for right of refusal. Arlack said, however, that some members of the committee believe they would receive enough money from the revamped means of collecting dues that subsidies from the fiscal court would no longer be needed.

The solution would also help the departments in a couple of other ways. By acknowledging a refusal to pay dues placed on tax bills, each department would have an unquestionable annual record of who has paid for fire protection. Often, when responding to a fire on the

property of a non-dues-paying landowner, fire chiefs get the same response, Newcom said.

"People will tell them that if they had gotten their dues notice in the mail, they would have paid," the judge-executive explained. "Then they usually get away with paying only the \$25."

In addition to eliminating doubt, placing the notice on tax bills would save each department on postage used to mail the notices to potentially hundreds of property owners.

Furthermore, the method would help departments with budgeting. Because all county tax bills are sent out at the same time, usually in late September, department treasurers would have a better idea of when the revenue from voluntary dues would be coming in.

Arlack said not all firefighters are on board with the tax bill proposal, but a strong contingency seems to favor the solution. Ultimately, however, the decision to make the change would have to be made by the fiscal court.

For his part, Arlack is ready to hand the issue over to magistrates for a vote. But if the fiscal court is waiting for unanimity among firefighters from all departments to move ahead with the change, it's not likely to happen, he said.

"If that's the case, we may as well quit debating the issue," Arlack said.

As a compromise for those departments who feel like placing dues on tax bills is strong-arming property owners, he suggests they be given the opportunity to continue collection of dues by mailing their own notices.

EMS

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should be done to fill an annual hole in the EMS budget. Last year alone, that shortfall was just shy of \$230,000.

From the comments he is receiving, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said he is sensing alarm among the community that the ambulance service may be shut down. He assures that is not going to happen.

"That is not an option. The ambulance service is not going to close its doors," Newcom said Tuesday, frustrated with what he is hearing. "We can't do without it."

Newcom said the fiscal court has yet to get more specific financial information it has requested from hospital administrators in order to take a more informed look at the situation. Until then, any decision to help is simply in a holding pattern.



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Crittenden County Emergency Medical Services director Kevin Hilkey last Friday made his third and final informational presentation to the public regarding the operation and general finances of the struggling ambulance service.

"This panic is not helping," he said. "There is a lot of misinformation out there."

Newcom agrees with Hilkey that the worst thing to do is give up on finding a solution to the issue at this stage.

"I can't lay on the table," Newcom said. "We can do without a hospital before an ambulance service. But I don't think we should have to do without either."

"There's more discussion to be had."

Hilkey appears to be on a similar page.

"I believe the second round of discussions will need to delve deeper into the different possible solutions," he said.

One thing Newcom is sure of, however, is that the county cannot fund the entire deficit CHS is showing in the EMS budget.

"There's no way the court can fill the whole gap," he

said at Friday's meeting.

Regardless of individual leanings Newcom and magistrates may have on the issue, they have not shown their hand. And Hilkey believes it is not fair to ask the fiscal court to make a decision without more feedback from the community.

He places the future of the ambulance service squarely on the backs of the people it serves.

"I believe that the fate of EMS is in the hands of the people of Crittenden County and addressed through the elected officials of the fiscal court," he said. "My hope is that the community will continue to keep in touch with their elected officials as this issue progresses."

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STAFF REPORT

All Crittenden County Courthouse offices, Marion City Hall and state agencies and will be closed until Monday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Meantime, only Thanksgiving Day is a federal holiday, so post offices and other federal offices will be open Friday.

Crittenden County Public Library will be closed today (Thursday) and Friday for the holiday, but will be open Saturday for its regular hours, 9 a.m., to 1 p.m.

All Crittenden County schools are out until Monday.

The Crittenden Press will also be closed until Monday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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County OKs funds for black fly eradication

STAFF REPORT
Farmers and residents along the Tradewater River will get a break from a nagging pest next spring thanks in part to money made available by Crittenden Fiscal Court. Last week, magistrates voted to approve \$8,600 to contribute to a multi-county black fly suppression program carried out by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

The black fly, or buffalo

gnat, has been a problem along the Tradewater and its tributaries starting more than 100 years ago, according to the department. A recent rise of the pest has been attributed to the ebb of pollution along the river.

Though the department classifies the variety of black fly along the Tradewater as a non-human biting species, infestations can be more than a nuisance to farmers. Swarms of the biting insects



Wood

can harass animals and spread disease among livestock. Magistrate Dan Wood said he has seen cattle unwilling to leave the barn to feed because of the pest. He even attributes the loss of at least one calf to the flies.

Recent larvicidal treatments like the one planned for late winter have lessened the problem.

"Last year it was very effective," he said of the pesticide that is dumped directly into the river at points designated by Department of Agriculture workers. "When they don't treat those things, they're horrible."

The treatment program involves five counties along the Tradewater.

ThePressAG NOTES

State police invite farmers to program

The Kentucky State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division is partnering with the UK Cooperative Extension Service to provide a "Farmer Outreach" forum to forge enhanced relationships between law enforcement and the agricultural community.

The meeting is set for 6 p.m., Dec. 6 at the Cooperative Extension office located at 1118 U.S. 41A South in Dixon. Topics of discussion will include safety regulations, licensing requirements, driver qualifications and new legislation in effect for Kentucky farm operations.

For additional information, contact Officer Chris Green at (270) 388-2979 or Vicki Shadric at (270) 639-9011.

Pike counties.

For more information on SURE program eligibility requirements contact your local County FSA office or visit the website at www.fsa.usda.gov/sure.

Pest management workshop Dec. 1

An Integrated Pest Management workshop Dec. 1 at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton will provide two general and one specific hour of pesticide Continuing Education Units. The program begins at 1 p.m.

For a program and registration, visit www.ca.uky.edu/HLA/Dunwell/IPMGreenIndustryProgram111201.pdf.

For more information, contact Win Dunwell at wdunwell@uky.edu or (270) 365-7541, ext. 209.

Apps for livestock loss benefits open

U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency State Executive Director John W. McCauley reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers who had livestock losses or grazing losses during the 2011 crop year that the deadline for applying for benefits under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program is Jan. 30, 2012.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, on FSA's livestock disaster assistance programs, please contact your local County Office. Information may also be obtained on line at www.fsa.usda.gov.

SURE enrollment already under way

U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency State Executive Director John W. McCauley recently announced that the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program enrollment for 2010 crop year losses began Nov. 14.

To qualify for a SURE payment, the producer's operation must be located in a county that was declared a disaster, either as a primary or contiguous county, for 2010 and have at least a 10 percent production loss that affects one crop of economic significance. Producers with agricultural operations located outside a disaster county are eligible for SURE benefits if they had a production loss greater or equal to 50 percent of the normal production on the farm.

All Kentucky counties received a disaster designation, either as a primary or contiguous county, during 2010, except Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Martin and

Electronic news service offers Kentucky farmers efficient, timely notices

STAFF REPORT
U.S. Department of Agriculture Kentucky Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, John W. McCauley recently announced that farmers and ranchers in Kentucky now have a more efficient, timely option for receiving important FSA program eligibility requirements, deadlines and related information.

"FSA is now offering free online communications through our GovDelivery electronic news service," said McCauley. "News will now be sent via e-mail right to your home or farm office or to your Smartphone – allowing you to receive immediate notification of farm program news that is pertinent to your agricultural operation," he said.

Through FSA's GovDelivery electronic news service, producers can establish subscriber preferences by choosing to receive federal farm program information by topic, by state and/or by county. Producers can select as many subscriber op-

tions as they want, which allows producers who farm in multiple counties or across state lines to receive updates from each county in which they operate or have an interest.

According to McCauley, GovDelivery is a one-stop shop for the most up-to-date USDA program information.

"If, after using this online system, producers no longer wish to receive hard-copy newsletters from their local county office, they should contact the office and make their preferences known," said McCauley. "GovDelivery will enable FSA to keep producers better informed and allow us to conserve resources and reduce taxpayer expenses associated with the preparation, printing and distribution of hardcopy newsletters," he said.

To begin using GovDelivery, subscribe online at www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe or contact the local office in Salem at 988-2180 for subscription assistance.

Road sign thefts a continuing problem

STAFF REPORT
Road sign theft continues to be a costly problem across the county, according some on the county's fiscal court.

Dan Wood, Crittenden County's magistrate for the far eastern portion of the county, said the problem is increasingly bad in that area. He claims it's not only costly for the county at about \$80 to replace a road identification sign, it could endanger the lives of residents when emergency personnel cannot easily identify a road.

"They can put them up, and they're gone as quick as they get put up," said Sheriff Wayne Agent of the continued problem. "If we could catch a few, it might stop."

Wood reported at last week's Crittenden Fiscal Court meeting that many of the signs seem to be broken off their posts by thieves

bending the metal piece that holds the green name plates to the poles until it breaks off. The magistrate said he using fiberglass signs to replace metal ones possibly being sold for scrap metal doesn't seemed to have slowed the problem much.

Though scrap metal dealers are supposed report any road signs found among drop-offs, magistrates said the signs can be easily hidden under any pile of scrap metal when taken to a yard.

However, Agent said many of the signs don't make it any further than a ditch near where it was posted. Others, he said, end up in creeks of Lake George in Marion.

The sheriff added that the green road identification signs seem to the be the biggest target, with very few safety markers ripped from their posts.

FFA members eligible for \$1,000 scholarships

STAFF REPORT
Monty's Plant Food Company, a Louisville, Kentucky-based manufacturer of plant and soil enhancement products for the agriculture, horticulture, lawn and garden and turf industries, is now accepting applications for four, \$1,000 college scholarships. The awards will be made in conjunction with the National FFA Organization to high school seniors who are members of FFA.

To be eligible, Kentucky students must also meet criteria including:

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Scholarship applications are available online at www.ffa.org/scholarships. The deadline to apply is Feb. 15, 2012. The Monty's Plant Food Company scholarships will be awarded in May.

"FFA is a wonderful leadership program and we are proud to partner with such an influential organization to offer scholarships to young people in agriculture," said Dennis Stephens, president, Monty's Plant Food Company. "We value education and are pleased to help students pursue a college degree."

Each year, the National FFA Organization awards approximately \$2 million in scholarships sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation. Scholarships are awarded for a wide variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans. Students can complete one application to be considered for all scholarships offered through the National FFA Organization.

Ag development funds likely down in Kentucky in coming fiscal year

STAFF REPORT
State and regional agricultural projects will likely have 36 percent less available state agricultural development funding this fiscal year because of the struggling economy, the Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture was told earlier this month.

Kentucky Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP) Chief of Staff Joel Neaveill told the members that the likely reduction in available Agricultural Development Fund dollars for state and regional investment fol-

lows a revision of Kentucky's official revenue estimate for fiscal year 2012 by the Consensus Forecasting Group, an independent panel that forecasts the state's revenue growth. The CFG revised the state's revenue estimate for the current fiscal year last month in Frankfort.

The anticipated reduction in available state and regional ADF dollars for fiscal year 2012 would exceed a 24.6 percent reduction in ADF dollars for state and regional investments that Neaveill said occurred in fiscal year 2011.

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6	843	843	121.00	121.00

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56	405-493	460	149.00-160.00	155.74
111	516-596	551	138.00-157.00	148.80
167	610-698	653	129.00-136.00	132.51
173	711-797	744	123.00-133.10	131.15

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It's on! Deer hunters are moving into the most important period of the entire hunting season – the rut. Bucks have completed their pre-rut rituals of staking claim to turf, marking it and establishing dominance. Now, it's time for hunters to take advantage of the aggressive daytime movements of mature bucks. Big bucks seldom travel or feed during daylight hours. Now, they are forced from the cover of darkness by a natural urge to breed. This puts them in a vulnerable situation. Here are some tips for the coming days: Stay clean, reduce human scent, avoid touching vegetation while going and coming from stands. Avoid getting too close to buck sign. If you see a scrape or rub, admire it from a distance, then move away. Do not walk near or touch either. Pay attention to rub and scrape lines. Several tree rubs or ground scrapes on a particular trail is good indication that a buck will be returning to that area. Keep your grunt tube handy. This is the time of year to challenge mature bucks by mimicking their sounds. It doesn't always work, but when it does it's like magic. Good luck during rifle season and remember, always be certain of your target before you pull the trigger.

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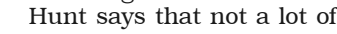


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BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN
PRESS REPORTER

Hunt has made candy for friends and family every year since before the birth of her daughters, Lisa Cooper and Julie Herrin. Once they were old enough to help, candy-making became a bonding mo-



For the Christmas Bazaar, Hunt will offer chocolate-covered cherries, raspberry and



While Hunt is preparing her

Kaiser is the owner of Kaiser Creations, a business that deals in selling succulents already planted and ready to go. Having grown and collected plants for more than 20 years, her idea to sell them came

Also stopping by the event will be Santa Claus from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Parents are welcome to bring their cameras to take pictures of their children with Santa, according to Bechler. Funds raised by the event will be donated back to the church by Our Lady's Guild.



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Thanksgiving traffic deadliest of holidays

STAFF REPORT

Thanksgiving is the most dangerous holiday of the year for motorists, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This includes the four-day holiday driving period surrounding that date when heavy traffic, weather and long-distance road trips combine to create severe travel conditions. Often, family celebrations include alcohol, which later evolves into impaired driving. Add that to heavy holiday traffic, and you have a recipe for disaster.

Last year, traffic crashes across Kentucky claimed the lives of nine people during the Thanksgiving travel period that included 1,305 traffic crashes with 405 injuries during that time frame. During the 2009 Thanksgiving holiday travel season, 303 passenger vehicle occupants were killed in motor vehicle crashes nationwide. Of those, 52 percent were unrestrained, based on known restraint use.

"The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is traditionally one of the most traveled weekends of the year," said Kentucky State Police (KSP) Commissioner Rodney Brewer. "To ensure we all make it to our destinations safely, troopers will be on Kentucky roadways looking

Kentucky traffic fatalities at 643

Kentucky State Police regularly report year-to-date traffic fatalities across the commonwealth. Below, the number of deaths through Nov. 20 are represented as well as the change in number from the same time period in 2010. Fifteen died on Kentucky's roadways last week alone.

2011 DEATHS	CHANGE FROM 2010	ALCOHOL RELATED
Deaths...643-47104
MODE	DEATHS	NO SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Automobile.....	506262
Motorcycle.....	6033
ATV.....	2521
Pedestrian.....	46n/a
Bicycle.....	2n/a
Scooter.....	2n/a
Horse-drawn.....	1n/a

for unsafe driving practices, including safety belt and impaired driving violations."

KSP will also participate in the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign.. This campaign coincides with the Thanksgiving holiday travel period where occupant protection is a major focus.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal is also urging local residents to use seat belts during the 2011 Thanksgiving holiday period.

OBITS

Tabor

Nadine Tabor, 93, of Marion died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 at Crittenden Health Systems.

She had been employed as a telephone operator for AT&T and Indiana Telephone and was a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Tabor is survived by her sister, Ada Lou Hughes of Princeton, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Addie Carlton Tabor, five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were Monday at Marion Baptist Church with Rev. Tommy Tackett officiating. Burial was in Mexico Cemetery. Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Marion Baptist Family Life Center, 131 E. Depot St., Marion, KY 42064.



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Four county roads to be resurfaced

Four county roads will get new asphalt in the spring with \$200,000 of discretionary funds from Frankfort.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said Claude Belt and Cave Springs roads will get new blacktop to finish paving that was started this year. Meantime, the entire length of Tabor Road and Country View Drive will be resurfaced with the money.

Newcom said the fiscal court considers the population and traffic count of a route when deciding on the road work. But the formula can get tricky.

"You have to make your distance work out to your money," he said.

Providence woman, 30, dies in wreck

A 30-year-old Providence woman died in a single vehicle accident Saturday in Hopkins County.

According to Kentucky State Police, Pricilla Dean Garrison was killed after being ejected from her 1996 Mercury Sable subsequent to leaving the roadway, striking a tree and overturning off Barnhill Road in Hopkins County. She was not wearing a seatbelt.

The wreck occurred at 11:37 p.m., Saturday.

TipLine seeks info on tractor vandals

Crittenden County TipLine is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the prosecution of the person or persons who stole a tractor radiator and damaged a John Deere and box trailer near Dam 50 last week.

The incident happened Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, Nov. 15 or 16, off Ky. 387. Burglars stole a radiator from a 4400 John Deere tractor and badly damaged the rig in the process. They also busted into a box trailer owned by

Detention center prisoner count

Following is a census of the Crittenden County Detention Center beginning Monday, which denotes type of prisoners being held there:

TYPE	MALE	FEMALE
Federal	0	0
State	109	16
County	6	2
Other	3	0
Gender total	118	18
Total population: 136		

Last week, 47 detention center work release inmates put in 1,996 hours of community service, saving taxpayers approximately \$14,471.

T&T Concrete. The tractor belongs to Ronnie and Dennis Thomas. Value of damage and stolen property was estimated at more than \$2,000.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department is investigating the incident. Anyone with information can call 965-3000 and remain anonymous. The owner is offering half of the reward and Tipline the other half.

City police land two cruiser computers

Marion Police Department will be adding new computers to two additional cruisers in order to make life easier for patrolmen.

On Monday, Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant said the city has been approved for a \$17,000 Department of Homeland Security grant to purchase two computers to be placed onboard police vehicles. Police Chief Ray O'Neal said that brings the number of cruisers outfitted with the computers to four.

The chief said having the computers makes life easier for officer by allowing them to check warrants, driving records and other data from their vehicles without having to radio in a request to dispatch.



O'Neal

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Thank you also to Brad Gilbert and the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for your kind and professional service. And to Bro. A.Y. Hodge for the words spoken at our loved one's memorial service.

May God bless each of you and your families.

David Hunt
Brian, Danielle & Ethan Hunt
Nancy Jones and family
Barry Hudson
Pam Groves

Tips aid with turkey prep for the holidays

Holiday meals, especially Thanksgiving, often go hand-in-hand with turkey. In fact, it's probably safe to say that more homes will be serving turkey on the major fall and winter holidays than any other item. Many family cooks have prepared this favorite for years and years with recipes and instructions that have been lovingly handed down through generations and which they, in turn, will hand down to their children. In some homes, cooking the first turkey might even be seen as a rite of passage.

Others however, might not have this expert guidance. Whether you've cooked



turkeys for the last 50 years or are just beginning a new tradition this year, it's a good idea to look at some of the latest safety updates as well as shopping tips.

To get the most out of your meal, keep the following hints in mind when selecting a turkey. If it's fresh, check for the sell-by date. Make sure you cook and serve within

two days of this date. Vacuum-packaged fresh turkey has a shelf life of up to 10 days.

Before you buy, inspect the package and do not accept if it has holes or tears. A frozen turkey will keep up to one year. In all cases, look for the USDA symbols: Inspection and Grade A stamps. Figure 1¼ pounds per person for generous portions and leftovers (you know you'll want those).

Thawing is best done on a tray in the refrigerator. Figure 24 hours for each five pounds of weight. Another option is to use cold water immersion. In order to do this, place the wrapped turkey in the sink

and cover it with cold water. Change the water every 30 minutes.

A thawed turkey can remain in the refrigerator for 1 to 2 days. If necessary, a turkey that has been properly thawed in the refrigerator may be refrozen.

REMEMBER! Always wash hands, utensils, the sink, and anything else that comes in contact with raw turkey and its juices with soap and water.

Stuffing is almost as essential as turkey at a holiday meal. To prepare, get the ingredients ready a day in advance. Store dry items at room temperature. Keep the produce in the refrigerator.

Stuff a whole bird immediately before cooking, but remember, dressing expands, so don't overstuff. The stuffing should reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees.

To roast, place the bird breast side up on a rack in a shallow pan. Cover it with a loose aluminum foil tent. Insert a meat thermometer through the foil and into the inner thigh muscle. Cook in a 325-degree oven; do not cook at low heat. Remove the foil during the last 20 to 30 minutes for browning. Cook until the meat thermometer reads 165 degrees.

If your turkey has a "pop-up" temperature indicator, it is recommended that you also

check the internal temperature of the turkey in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast with a food thermometer. The minimum internal temperature should reach 165 degrees for safety.

When finished cooking, remove the bird from oven and let cool for 20 minutes. While it's cooling, remove all of the stuffing. You can now carve the bird. Afterwards, keep warm in 200-degree oven.

For information on other methods for cooking a turkey, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) or visit their website at www.fsis.usda.gov.

Salem Garden Club prepares for decorated home tours

SUBMITTED BY JANET HUGHES

With Christmas right around the corner, everyone is thinking about decorating their home. Several families in Crittenden and Livingston counties have been working on decorating for weeks now in preparation for the Lighted Christmas Home Tour that is sponsored by the Salem Garden Club.

With so many homes on the tour this year, Chairperson Linda Padon decided to have two tours. She also fulfilled the request to have a night tour so everyone could enjoy the lights.

The first tour will be held in Crittenden County from 5-8:30 p.m., Dec. 3. Homes on the tour include Raymond and Sharon Belt at 2331 U.S. 60 West; Allen and Paja Crider at 127 E Mound Park; Don and Diana Herrin at 4002 U.S. 60 East; Will and Vicky Collins at 130 Briarwood Drive; and Tommy and Lisa Beard at 3936 U.S. 641, Marion.

If you like an old-fashioned country Christmas, you will love the home of Tommy and Lisa Beard. Known as the Cruce house, it has been handed down through the years and always remained in Lisa's family since construction

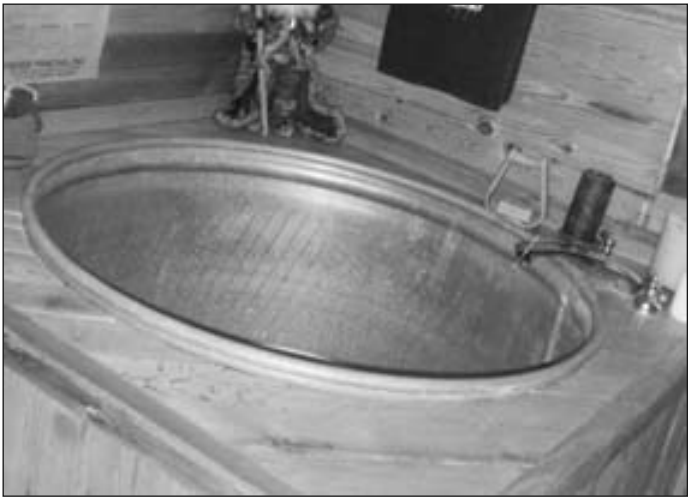


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Pictured above is the galvanized water trough used as a bathtub in the home of Tommy and Lisa Beard of Marion.

in 1840. The original part of the home was built as a two-room log cabin. They have patiently removed years of wallpaper and other coverings to reveal the original logs.

Pictures from 1901 show the home with a front porch which had an upper and lower level. Later pictures show a porch addition on the side. Today a country porch invites you to step back in time and view many antiques from years past.

Once you enter the home, you will find a Christmas tree

in every room. They love to decorate for Christmas. The most talked about room is the bathroom they installed in 1997. Tom suggested they use Dolly Parton's idea of installing a galvanized water trough for the bathtub and a metal bucket for the sink. From there, the ideas of rough lumber walls and rustic decorations took shape.

In the kitchen you will find a spice tin tree and throughout the house there are other trees such as a snowman tree, patriotic tree, and a little

NASCAR along the way.

First and foremost, the Beards want everyone to remember Jesus Christ is the reason for the season. Each year they put a manger scene on the front lawn with only baby Jesus in the manger. After all, that's what it's about.

You may purchase a \$10 ticket at Marion Tourism Office in Marion or Harris Gas Company in Salem. The night of the tour you may purchase tickets at the homes of Raymond and Sharon Belt or Tom and Lisa Beard.

The Livingston County tour will be from 5-8:30 p.m., Dec. 9. There are eight homes on this tour and you may purchase tickets the night of that tour at the home of Sunnie Jim and Doris Belt at 715 Spicer Road in Burna or Jamie and Christy James at 114 Maddux Ave., in Salem. Other homes on the tour include Mark and Candy Champion, Larry and Angie Barnes, Phillip and Sandy Barnes, Lynn and Maxine Sunderland, Randy and Diana Kitchens, Michelle Duncan and Jamie and Christy James. For more information on these tours please call Linda Padon at 988-3330 or Janet Hughes 988-3835.

Birth

Gray

Shayne and Amber Gray announce the birth of a daughter, Kinslee Ann, August 4 at Deconess Women's Hospital in Evansville. Kinslee weighed nine pounds and was 20 ½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Victor Polk and Eddie and Gay Ann Priest. Maternal great-grandparents are Aubrey and Donna Belt of Marion and the late Lela Reed. Great-great-great grandmother is Mable Guess.

Paternal grandparents are the late Wayne and Sharron Gray. Paternal great-grandparents are Lauren Gray of Sturgis and the Harold Gray and the late Ernie and Wanda Edens.

Kinslee has a sister, Maycee Shayne, 20 months old.



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Marty Hodge donates rifle to VFW Ladies Auxiliary

After being presented with a Henry Rifle on Oct. 17 by the Marion VFW as the result of a fundraising event, Marion Police Lt. Marty Hodge then donated the rifle back to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. The .22LR will be raffled off for cancer awareness.



Rogers guest speaker for Woman's club meeting

Brandi Rogers was the guest speaker for the October meeting of the Woman's Club of Marion. A 1999 graduate of Crittenden County High School, Rogers has been practicing law in Marion since 2006. She is president of the Crittenden County Library Board and current co-chair of the Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community, which was also the subject of the meeting. The coalition's goal is to secure drug abuse classes and treatment beds for anyone in the county who wants them. Five beds are available for Crittenden County in the Boulware Center in Owensboro. Aftercare is available from several different groups in Crittenden

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Ongoing

■ Story Hour for preschoolers is conducted at Crittenden County Public Library at 10 a.m., each Friday throughout the school year.

■ Farmers Bank and Trust is selling "Farmers Bank Family Favorites" cookbooks for \$12 as a fundraiser for Community Christmas and Helping Hands. The cookbooks can be purchased at any Farmers Bank location.

■ Community Christmas angel sponsor tags are still available at Pamida and Farmers Bank. Financial donations are requested to be turned into Farmers Bank or the County Extension office by Dec. 9. Food donations are requested to be dropped off at Marion Baptist Family Life Center by Dec. 9. For further information contact Nancy Hunt at 704-0057 or Mona Manley at 969-0964.

Upcoming

■ Cash Express is sponsoring its sixth annual toy and coat drive for the Children. Toys, coats, shoes and non-perishable food items can be dropped off at Cash Express. Cutoff date will be Dec. 14.

■ The Crittenden County Christmas Parade sponsored by the Critten-

den County Chamber of Commerce will be held at 2 p.m., Dec. 3. The theme this year is "An Old Fashion Christmas." Jeff Ellis will be chairing this event and can be contacted at 704-3234.

■ The Salem Garden Club will have its Christmas lighted home tour in Crittenden County from 5-8:30 p.m., Dec. 3 and again from 5-8:30 p.m., Dec. 9 in Livingston County.

■ The American Legion and Auxiliary Ellis B. Ordway Post No. 111 will have its Christmas potluck dinner at 6 p.m., Dec. 5 at the Crittenden County Senior Citizen's Center. All members and spouses are urged to attend.

■ The Livingston County Historical and Genealogical Society is having a Civil War Christmas dinner fundraiser at 6 p.m., Dec. 9 in the Senior Citizens Center at 508 Rudd Street in Smithland. Tickets are \$10 each (under 6 free). Only a limited number of tickets are available and they must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available at the Log Cabin Welcome Center at 117 State Street in Smithland. The center is open from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 928-4656 for additional information or to purchase tickets call 928-4656.



Macey Shoulders took her Crittenden Press along when she visited Mexico Beach, Fla., on fall break with her grandparents.



4-Hers receive special guest at monthly meeting

Crittenden County Middle School 4-H Rocket Club met on Oct. 19 at the Crittenden County Extension office where they invited Anna Collins to be their guest. Collins, who will celebrate her 100th birthday Dec. 8, is a retired school teacher that began her career at the age of 18. She graduated from Marion High School and received degrees from Western Kentucky University and Murray State University. She taught for more than 30 years in Crittenden County and 14 years in Missouri. During her teaching career in Crittenden County, she coached the Mattoon High School boys' basketball and baseball teams. Collins was also a charter member of the 4-H program. She became a leader in 1977 for a club that met in her home for 14 years. She has also been very active in the Homemakers program. Rocket Club members interviewed Collins to learn more about local and national history on a personal level; to hear from someone who has experienced world-changing events. Pictured are (front from left) Dallas Haire, Anna Collins, Sylvana Hunt; (back) Raj Patel, Nate Haire, Mason Haire, Anna Bryant and Sarah Valle. Not pictured but present were Sarah Ford, Donna Haire, Elizabeth Tosh, Lois Anne Tosh and Anne Crider.

History debates LaFayette’s 1824 Marion visit

The Crittenden Press
August 19, 1927.

The fact that Marquis de LaFayette spent a night in this county is a previously unwritten event to the history of Crittenden County. This was brought to the attention of the public this week by Dr. T.A. Frazer, who gleaned the particulars from descendants of LaFayette's chance host.

It happened in the year 1824, over 100 years ago, when LaFayette was on one of his visits back to the United States on invitation of President Monroe and Congress. At this particular time, he, with his party, were en route to Nashville, Tenn., to visit Andrew Jackson at his Hermitage home. Their itinerary included a boat trip up the Ohio to the mouth of the Cumberland and thence to Nashville. Near Caseyville, the drive shaft of the boat on which the distinguished Frenchman and party were traveling was broken and it became evident that a great deal of time would elapse before necessary repairs could be made. To avoid a tedious wait it was decided to make an overland trip to Eddyville where a boat Nashville-bound could be boarded. Night overtook the party near Repton, in this county, and thus it happened that Alfred Moore was permitted to entertain overnight the famous Revolutionary officer.

Alfred Moore, grandfather of Dr. R.L. Moore of Marion, was at that time one of the largest land owners and slave holders in this part of Kentucky. His son, Dr. Moore's father, was a small boy at the time and remembered the incident, which was described by his father as the greatest event in his life, and it was he who related the story to Dr. Moore. Part of the house in which LaFayette was entertained still remains standing and was owned by J.R. Moore, who passed away in one of its rooms last week.

The visit of Marie Paul Jean Roch Yves Gilbert Motier, or the Marquis de Lafayette, to this county was his second to the United States, having previously visited this county in 1784. While here, he received many marks of respect and revisited the sections he knew when he was major-general in the Revolutionary Army. It was during that visit that Congress voted him a gift of \$200,000 and township of land.

This story had been passed down for years after the article was first written. People just didn't forget an important item such as this happening in our county.

On July 4, 1969, Mrs. Clara Lee Whitt, a lady who loved to research local history, shared with The Press her findings of this event.



In regard to the Alfred Moore house near Mattoon and the account of LaFayette's visit, some puzzling questions seem to arise. Having heard versions of this story ever since coming to Crittenden County, I have been tremendously interested in establishing some sort of documentary corroboration of the event in order that an authentic and clear historical marker might be petitioned for the site.

However, in this quest I seem to run into blank walls. In investigating the local accounts of the story, they all lead back in origin to the one Moore family account, which I believe states positively that the General was conducted from there over the Flynn's Ferry Road directly to Eddyville where he caught a steamboat going up the Cumberland to Nashville. In doing other research I found accounts of an address made in the 1930s by Dr. T. Atcheson Frazer, of Lafayette's passage through Princeton – no mention of the Moore house sojourn, but firmly declaring that he had stayed overnight at Thomas Frazer's Inn in Princeton, before traveling the Varmit Trace to Eddyville. Unfortunately, Dr. Frazer did not name any sources of documentation of his revision.

I made personal requests for research help on the matter to the Curator of the Filson Club in Louisville, and she told me that frankly she had to doubt the story because she could find no mention of it in their annuals and archives and collections, and she did believe he had journeyed to Nashville by a different route. She did very kindly search the accounts of Lafayette's secretary who kept a full written journal of the entire American visit, and sent me copies of pages in the published version, graphically describing the steamboat wreck which occurred on the general's return to Louisville after the Nashville visit.

This nearly fatal disaster happened to the party right after they left Shawneetown, and dumped the aged soldier and his party out in the night in a rainstorm on a lonesome stretch of wilderness on the Indiana side of the river. They lost most of their baggage, gifts and souvenirs.

But I do not despair of authenticating the local account. I have requested



Pictured above is the one-room log cabin that was left of the original Alfred Moore home. The picture was made in 1995. To the left, Florence Amanda Moore holds the foreign coin that her family had thought was left by Lafayette for a night's lodging at the Alfred Moore home in 1824.

friends to try and search old newspapers of the time at Nashville to see if there is any mention, because every detail of this protracted tour was minutely reported in The Press. It was a blow this past week when at the Paducah Library in a rare volume, "Steamboatin" on the Cumberland", on page 23 to find the following account:"on May 4, 1825, the distinguished guest of the Nation, General LaFayette, arrived in Nashville on board the steamboat "Mechanic" to spend several days and to be dined and feted.

Before his arrival in Nashville, General LaFayette had reached Smithland aboard the Natchez, one of the larger Mississippi packets. He had just previously made a short visit to St. Louis, Mo, and Kaskaskia, Ill.

At Smithland he was transferred to the smaller Mechanic, a light draft packet more suitable to the Cumberland. This would seem to preclude the probability that he would have been traveling own the Ohio past Caseyville landing where our local account says that a mechanical mishap occurred to his steamboat. But, books, as well as individuals, do make errors and incorrect versions get perpetuated by one author's copying an earlier version without going to the trouble of examining the sources. For this reason it is vital for anyone who presumes to write historical material to expand every effort to authenticate his work by examining so-called source materials. These are court records, newspaper accounts and personal letters



and journals written at the time of the event. The accuracy of even these must be carefully evaluated. It is most exciting and helpful when a vivid traditional account can be backed up by a scrap or two of solid evidence for the day to day writings of the period. History researchers delight in this sort of mystery-story puzzle solving. Clara Lee Whitt, Mrs. Oliver Whitt, Route 1, Marion, Ky.

In 1999, when the Crittenden County History Book, Volume II was in the beginning stages and people were submitting family articles to be published in the book, I received a request from David Scott, great-great-grandson of William Calhoun Love Moore with an article to be submitted from his grandmother. The following story is that article. Ernestine Scott was born in Madisonville, Ky., and moved to Henryetta, Okla., in 1946. While growing up in Madisonville, Scott made many trips to Crittenden County to visit her grandmother Moore's family. Mrs. Scott said that at her Uncle Robert Moore's funeral in 1927, the minister told a story about Lafayette spending the night at Alfred Moore's home and leaving

some coins for payment. At one time, Florence Amanda Moore, Ernestine's grandmother, was experiencing financial difficulties and attempted to sell one of the coins to a coin dealer, but was told that since it was a foreign coin, it had no marketable value. Florence Amanda Moore's father was William Calhoun Love Moore, who donated the land

to build a school in Crittenden County Amanda attended this school and ended up marrying her teacher, Ernest Hibbs. They had one daughter, Buleah Hibbs, and she in turn had one daughter, Ernestine Scott. This coin has been in the hands of the Moore family descendants for over 170 years.

I also talked with Rip Wheeler, who is the great nephew of Alfred Moore that owned the cabin. He told me that family history passed down through his family told of this story and also stories of other dignitaries that had stayed at the Moore home.

At the time the Moore cabin was located on the main road through the county, the Flynn's Ferry Road, which was the main highway for the overland traveling pioneers to Illinois and the trans-Mississippi region to its west and northwest.

Alfred Moore was also Captain and Drillmaster of the 24th Regiment of Kentucky Militia in 1819, and the large rolling field directly in front of his home was called Calvert Field. From 1820 until 1842, Calvert Field was one of the two foremost militia muster places in West Kentucky. I'm sure Capt. Moore had made many friends and acquaintances during his military service and his home was a haven to some of these traveling men on a lonely stretch of road.

If the visitor that stayed at Alfred Moore's farm home in 1824 wasn't the royal Marquis de Lafayette, who was the traveler that left the foreign coins for payments for their stay, it surely was someone important that the story of their overnight stay at their home had been kept alive all these many years.

The Alfred Moore place today is owned by Becky Fornear.

Kentucky sees job growth during October

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky's jobless rate has dipped to 9.6 percent but remains above the national rate of nine percent.

The Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet says the state's October figure fell from 9.7 percent the previous month and

10.2 percent for October 2010.

Office of Employment and Training research and statistics director Ron Crouch says jobs increased in October for the first time since July, including the highest level of nonfarm employment since December 2008.

The agency says six of the 11 leading nonfarm job sectors reported an employment increase in October, while four declined and one remained the same. The greatest increase was in manufacturing with 2,900 more jobs, while the largest loss was 600 jobs in the pro-

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"The increase in manufacturing jobs occurred mostly in the durable goods subsector which includes items that are expected to last more than three years such as appliances or furniture," said Crouch.

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BASKETBALL

High School schedule
Crittenden County teams
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Girls at Community Christian
TUESDAY

Girls host Union County

Season tickets

Season tickets for Crittenden County High School basketball are still on sale. Chairback, reserved seats for all boys' and girls' home games are \$60. Post-season is not included. Contact Denis Hodge at 704-0643.

CCMS results

Here are results and individual scoring for Crittenden Middle School basketball teams during recent games:

8th Grade Girls
Livingston County 42, Crittenden 10
CCMS - Terriana Johnson, Kristen Perryman, Megan Hunt, Bailey Howard, Kasey Herrin, Francesca Pierce 3, Meredith Evans, Elizabeth Tosh 2, Haley Sisco, Cassidy Moss 5.
LCMS - Carlee Mayhugh, 14, Audrey Zimmerman 3, Chloe Knotts, Jansen Mitchell 6, Tabby Padon 6, Kaylyn Campbell 4, Laken Givens.

Union County 29, Crittenden 18
CCMS - Pierce 4, Perryman, Hunt, Howard, Herin, Johnson 3, Evans, Tosh, Nesbitt, Moss 11.

Caldwell County 29, Crittenden 10
CCMS - Pierce 4, Herrin 4, Perryman, Tosh, Hunt, Howard 1, Johnson, Evans, Nesbitt, Moss 1.

7th Grade Girls
Livingston County 28, Crittenden 11
CCMS - Francesca Pierce 2, Terrianna Johnson 2, Cassidy Moss 3, Kiana Nesbitt 2, Meredith Evans 2, Courtney Beverly, Jessi Brewer, Amanda Lynch, Alexis Tabor, Stephanie Sitar, Emily Tinsley, Mauri Collins, Madison O'Dell, Madison Champion, Chaylee Wolf.
LCMS - Tabby Padon, Kaylyn Campbell 6, Jansen Mitchell 8, Chaney Adams, Sarah Williams 8, Deriann Cowser 2, Alley Campbell 2, Laken Givens 2, Alyssa Wright, Tristen Brown.

Crittenden 19, Caldwell County 18
CCMS - Pierce, Lynch, Moss 7, Nesbitt 6, Beverly, Evans 2, Johnson 2, Champion 2.

8th Grade Boys
Webster County 52, Crittenden 49, OT
CCMS - Dakota Watson 28, Dylan Hicks 9, Dylan Hollis 6, Nick Castiller 4, Reid Baker 2.

7th Grade Boys
Webster County 26, Crittenden 23
CCMS - Shelby Robinson 7, Paxton Riley 6, Will Tolley 4, Bobby Stephens 3, Ethan Hunt 2, Mason Meyers 1.

RUNNING

Sturgis turkey run

The annual Thanksgiving Day 5K run/walk starts at 9 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 24 at the Sturgis Fairgrounds' John A. Arnold Arena. Registration is at the nearby C&C Ford Mobility Complex building. For more information, including entry forms contact Mike Creasey at 333-2131 or 952-2099, or e-mail at 1mcreasey@att.net.

OUTDOORS

Upcoming seasons

Dove	Nov. 24-Dec. 2
Dove	Dec. 31-Jan. 6
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Deer Turkey	Sept. 3-Jan. 16
Shotgun Turkey	Dec. 3-9
Deer Rifle	Nov. 12-27
Bobcat	Nov. 19-Jan. 31
Deer Crossbow	Nov. 12-Dec. 31
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 12-Dec. 31
Rabbit	Nov. 15-Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 14-Feb. 10
Duck	Nov. 24-Nov. 27
Duck	Dec. 5-Jan. 29
Goose	Nov. 23-Jan. 31
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 4-5
Crow	Jan. 4-Feb. 29
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round

No hunt zones open

Land Between the Lakes will open certain areas typically marked as "No Hunting" zones for archery deer hunting Dec. 1 through Jan. 16. Hunters are encouraged to harvest deer without antlers in these areas to reduce deer populations. Areas open to archery hunting include Hillman Ferry Campground, Piney Campground, and Brandon Spring Group Center. Archery hunting will also be permitted in the South Nature Watch Demonstration Area across The Trace from South Welcome Station, in the eastern portion of Hunt Area 16. Energy Lake Campground will remain open for camping this winter. No hunting will be permitted at the campground. Hunting is not allowed within 150 yards of developed facilities. All LBL deer hunters age 16 and older are required to purchase an LBL Hunter Use Permit. Hunters must possess a hunting license and big game tag appropriate for the state portion of LBL on which they hunt.

LBL opens small game

Small game hunting season opens at Land Between the Lakes beginning Dec. 1. Hunters (age 16 and older) must have an LBL Hunter Use Permit and appropriate state license. Details regarding hunting areas and bag limits can be found in the LBL hunting guide or at lbl.org.



Crittenden County's Rocket football team held its annual banquet Sunday. Award winners are (front from left) Austen Chambliss, Coaches Award, Senior Award; Elliot Day, Determination Award, Senior Award; Travis Gilbert, Most Improved Defensive Player; Bryce Willis, Iron Man Award, Most Valuable Player Award, The Crittenden Press-Paul E. Mick Leadership Award, Rocket Captain Award, Senior Award; Bobby Knox, Most Valuable Defensive Player Award, Tackling Points Leader Award; Zach Tinsley, Junior Varsity Offensive MVP Award, Junior Varsity Defensive MVP Award, 110-percent Award; (back) Korey Mayes, Perfect Attendance Award, Solid Rocket Award, Senior Award, Coaches Award; Micah Hollamon, Most Improved Special Team Player Award, Most Valuable Special Team Player Award, Record Setters Award; Brenden Phillips, 110-percent Award; Wes Evers, Senior Award; Dugan Overfield, Perfect Attendance Award, Junior Varsity Captain Award; Grant Gardner, Greg "Dozer" Belt Award, Most Valuable Offensive Player, Most Improved Offensive Player; Stephon Cozart, R.B.I. Leader Award, Rocket Captain Award, Most Valuable Lineman Award, Marion Feed Mill-Rocket Grit Iron Award.

Rocket
FOOTBALL
2011 Awards



Crittenden County Middle School recently held its annual football awards banquet. Among those honored at the event were (from left) Austin Sitar, Defensive MVP; Devin Hopper, Offensive MVP; and Dylan Hollis, Team MVP.



Trace Derrington, 7, took this six-pointer the second day of season while hunting with his uncle Chad Perryman.



Kevin Collins harvested this 12-point buck Saturday. It weighed 147 pounds.



Ranetta McDowell, 15, took this 10-point buck opening morning of gun season. It was her first deer ever. It field dressed 178 pounds.



Gavin Davidson, 10, bagged his first deer, a three-point buck, while hunting on a private farm in Crittenden County.



Andy Hunt bagged this eight-point buck with an 18¾-inch spread on Nov. 17.




Crittenden County's basketball teams held the annual Meet the Rockets kickoff to the season last weekend. The Rockets and Lady Rockets each played a Blue-White Scrimmage. There was a three-point shooting competition between the boys' and girls' teams, along with various other skills competitions pitting boys against the girls. Pictured are (above) freshman guard Noah Dickerson driving toward the paint with sophomore Tristan Cullen defending him; and (at left) junior Randa Leidecker driving past freshman Mallory McDowell in Saturday's action at Rocket Arena.



David Walker downed this nine-point buck last week. It had a 15½-inch inside spread, but most unique was a length of woven wire wrapped around its left main beam. The wire was some tangled between the G2 and G3 tine. It was such a unique configuration of antler and wire that Lucas Taxidermy is providing a free mount for the successful hunter.



Brandon Stinnett of Marion bagged one of the largest bucks taken in Crittenden County this year. The Dycusburg deer scored around 205 on the Boone and Crockett measuring scale. It sported 14 points and was taken on Thursday, Nov. 17.



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Airport lands weather monitoring system; reports not just for pilots

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

Mark Twain once said that everyone complains about the weather but nobody does anything about it. A new automated weather observation system, or AWOS, at Marion-Crittenden County Airport may not be able to change the weather, but it will provide everyone, not just pilots, the opportunity to know exactly what they're complaining about.

The local airport is one of 14 in the state to get the latest in weather observation equipment with funding from the Kentucky Department of Aviation.

"These new systems will increase flying safety near each of the airports served by this technology," Gov. Steve Beshear said earlier this month in announcing funding for the weather monitoring systems.

With AWOS, aircraft can receive weather information at altitudes up to 10,000 feet and distances up to 25 nautical miles from each installation. Local residents, too, will be able to call in and get accurate, up-to-the-minute weather details once the equipment is installed. Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board Chairman Jim Johnson explained to magistrates the project at last week's Crittenden Fiscal Court meeting after request-

ing disbursement of \$6,000 budgeted by the county for the facility.

"This is going to be a wealth of information," he said of AWOS.

Johnson said the weather reports will be available to aviators over a private frequency, but can also be obtained by calling the local 965-number that will be assigned to allow general access to the latest conditions. AWOS will measure conditions of specific concern to aviators like barometric pressure, wind speeds and direction, temperature, dew point, cloud coverage, ceiling and visibility.

"Of course, a lot of that is just standard weather information," Johnson said of the interest to the general public.

The airports selected for AWOS upgrades were based on recent inspections of existing weather observation systems at the facilities. Department of Aviation Commissioner Winn Turney said each \$160,000 AWOS was necessary due to the out-of-date or nonexistent observation systems at the airports. Johnson said the local airport is the only to get AWOS that had no system already in place.

Unlike Sturgis Airport, which already has AWOS, data observed at Marion will also be disseminated nationally, available to pilots anywhere in the United States.

"When you look at the weather charts, there's a big hole in western Kentucky," Johnson said of reported conditions checked by aviators. "This is going to fill that hole."

He said the contract for installation will be put up for bid this month. He expects the AWOS to be operational eight to 10 months from now.

"We just keep showing up on more and more people's radar," he said of continued improvements.

When Tyco pulled up stakes in Marion in 2000, taking with it 300 well-paying jobs, one of the reasons it listed was the community's lack of an adequate airport for business travel. Since that time, the local turf runway and limited-service airstrip has undergone a multi-million dollar transformation with a paved runway capable of handling jet traffic and facilities to handle most every general aviation need. Those needs include 24-hour fueling, ramp or tie-down parking, hangars, hangar leasing and sales, passenger terminal and lounge, pilots' lounge, large-screen TV, Internet capabilities and restrooms.

Johnson said traffic is ever-increasing at the airport with more jet fuel being sold than anticipated. At last week's fiscal court meeting, he reported a total seven planes were parked at the airport at that moment.

2011 Crittenden County Middle School basketball Homecoming royalty holds court



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Members of the sixth-grade Crittenden County Middle School homecoming court are (from left) Madison Champion, Ross Crider, Mauri Collins, Trent Champion, Duchess McKinzie Simpkins, Duke Logan Belt, Emmalea Barnes, Noah Sallin, Madison O'Dell, Mason Hunt, Emma Atchison and Cody Belt. In front are crown bearer and flower girl, Braden Poindexter and Mollie Blazina.



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Members of the seventh-grade Crittenden County Middle School homecoming court are (from left) Sage Winternheimer, Maeson Myers, Jessi Brewer, Jake Ellington, Kaylee Graham, Prince Ethan Hunt, Princess Francesca Pierce, Will Tolly, Alexis Tabor, Bobby Glen Stephens, Emily Tinsley and Shelby Robinson. In front are crown bearer and flower girl, Braden Poindexter and Mollie Blazina.



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Members of the eighth-grade Crittenden County Middle School homecoming court are (from left) Sadie Easley, Reid Baker, Kristen Perryman, Seth Birdwell, Katie Travis, King Alex Maynard, Queen Autumn Jones, Dylan Hollis, Madasyn Jones, Dylan Hicks, Kali Travis and Nick Castiller. In front are crown bearer and flower girl, Braden Poindexter and Mollie Blazina.

PLANE

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to possibly finish it in nine months.

"It's exciting because it's the perfect thing for just flying around in," Beduhn said. "It's unique, and I can't wait to take it flying."

Originally from Neenah, Wisc., Beduhn and his family moved to Marion more than a year ago, buying a home close to the Marion-Crittenden County Airport on Airport Road. The convenient set-up serves as the perfect arrangement for Beduhn. He's able to house his Cozy in a hanger at the local airport, using it daily to fly back and forth from his job in Princeton and sometimes on long-distance trips



INTERNET IMAGES

The Cozy Mark IV was the first aircraft Mark Beduhn built.

that include visiting Oshkosh for the fly-in event.

"I always enjoy visiting the event and meeting other enthusiasts," Beduhn said. "Pilots have their own network, and they take care of one another. It's neat."

"We have made friends that we wouldn't have made

otherwise," Regina added. "It's fun to be able to fly whenever we want too."

Once the Breezy is completed, Beduhn doesn't have plans to build any more planes, unless he sells one of the other two.

"I'm content right now, but we'll see," he said.

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