

2012 tax bills  
are in the mail

Crittenden County tax bills are due starting in October. Tax notices are being mailed this week. If you are a property owner and do not receive a tax bill in the next few days, contact the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department at 965-3400. Credit cards are an acceptable form of payment, but an extra fee is charged for their use.

Fall dress up for  
Pumpkin Fest

Time is quickly approaching for the Oct. 13 Pumpkin Festival. The Chamber of Commerce is asking local merchants to decorate their storefronts with fall colors. Judges will pick the best-decorated business.



U.S. 60 Yard Sale  
next weekend

Anyone having a yard sale along the route of the seventh annual Highway 60 Yard Sale next Friday and Saturday can contact the Marion Tourism Department for signs and other benefits. Call 965-5015. See Page 3 for details about the 200-mile sale.

Four roads to be  
reaved this fall

Magistrates last week approved paving four county roads, namely Sugar Grove Church Road, Blackford Church Road, Bells Mines Road and Irma White Road. The resurfacing will be done this fall, before bad weather.

Distinguished  
alumni nominees  
sought by Oct. 15

Crittenden County's Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee is accepting nominations for 2013 honorees. Nomination forms are at The Press Online or at the local school district's website. Deadline is Oct. 15.

Changes: Clerk  
will now be open

Crittenden Circuit Court Clerk's office was going to be closed Friday, but, ironically, due to complications with a new computer system will now be open. However, there will be no driver's testing.

ON THE WEB  
Press Online Poll

This week's Web poll at The Press Online asked readers to answer the following question: "If I could add something to Marion it would be:" Here is what 415 respondents said:

- A theater 169 (40%)
- A hotel 100 (24%)
- An ATV park 25 (6%)
- A mall 41 (9%)
- None of these 80 (19%)

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# Deadbeats at dead ends

## Almost \$1 million owed by Crittenden Countians for child support; another \$1 million-plus collected

BY JOHN WALKER  
PRESS REPORTER

When it comes to delinquent child support in Crittenden County, there's no joking around.

A Princeton man learned it the hard way earlier this month when District Judge Daniel Heady sent him directly to jail after the man appeared in court without an acceptable reason for failure to make child support payments. It wasn't his first brush with the law regarding those payments.

The next day he pleaded guilty to a felony diversion which will keep him on probation for five years. Meantime, he'll have to make timely payments or go to prison. The problem is that Ronald Frutiger is like most other deadbeat parents, he's way behind. He's in arrears by \$6,096.24. Catching up will be difficult. Many times, parents who owe the money end up skipping town to avoid paying. In Frutiger's case, he stopped re-

porting to child support services after the court allowed him a furlough this summer to complete an in-patient rehabilitation program. But he got kicked out of the program and didn't tell anyone. When court officials found out, they issued a warrant for his arrest.

The problem is, when deadbeat parents are in jail, they can't make child support payments.

"We want the obligors to find work or complete rehab if needed, but sometimes they simply refuse to do so even when they have the opportunity," said Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson. "Those are the ones who end up in jail. Jail is always the last option. We obviously realize that when they end up in jail they aren't paying their support."

However, without the threat of jail, Johnson says some parents would never pay.

Debbie Brown, a child support advocate for the county attorney's of-

fice, testified that she had been trying to track down Frutiger for several weeks because he hadn't made payments, owed thousands in back payments and had not contacted her office about his obligations.

Frutiger isn't alone. Deadbeat parents owe about \$900,000 in Crittenden County alone, about half of that is due to guardians in this county — some are mothers, some are grandparents, and others are fathers who are raising their children alone. Some of it has been owed for years.

In Jefferson County, deadbeat parents are in arrears by almost \$500 million.

"Statewide it is a huge problem with the numbers in the billions," said Brenda Croft, another local child support advocate.

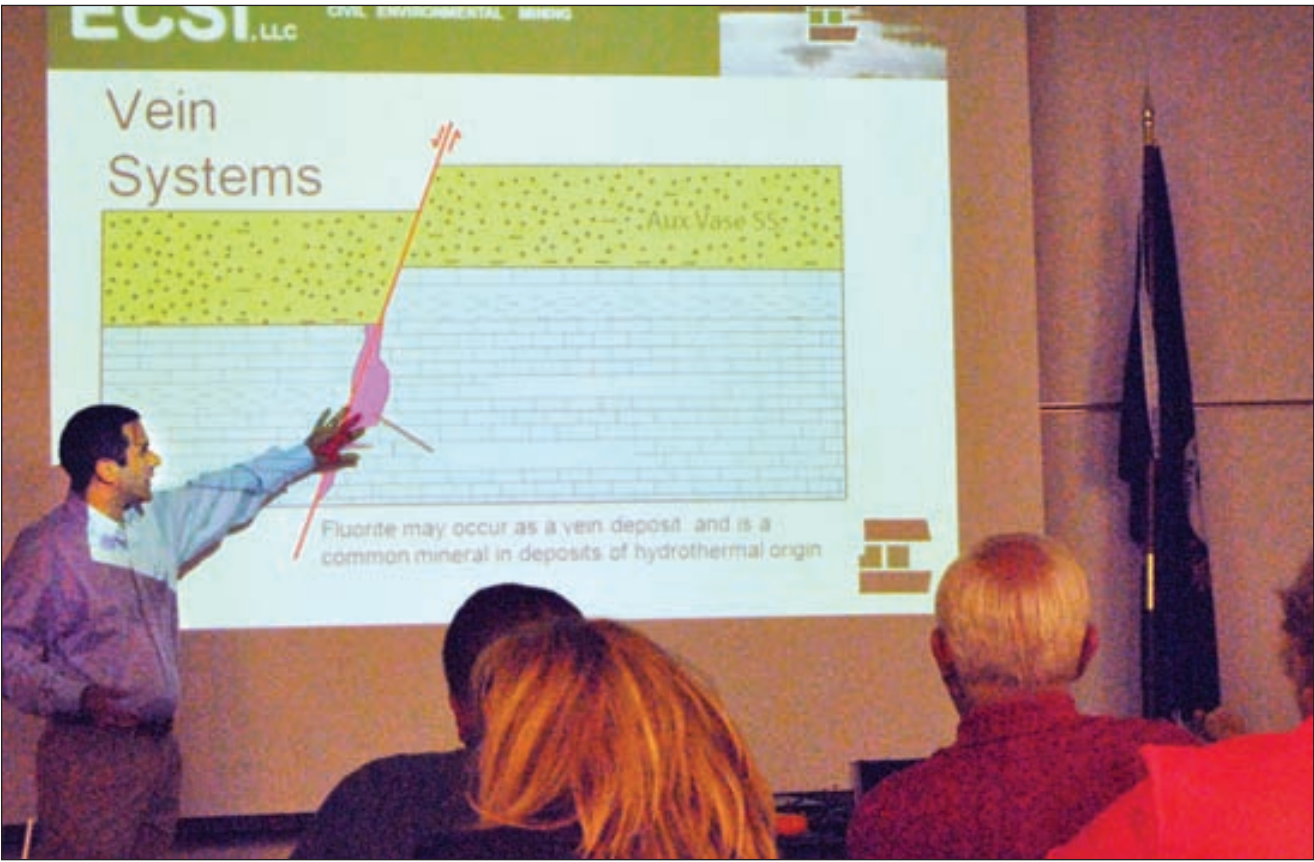
Last year, Crittenden County collected about \$300,000 in payments owed in arrears, or otherwise de-

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### CHILD SUPPORT BY NUMBERS

- Crittenden County obligors are 85% male and 15% female.
- 32% of all collecting mothers in Crittenden County are under the age of 18.
- Crittenden County establishes paternity 98.68% of the time.
- Crittenden County collects more than \$1 million annually.
- Child support owed annually statewide in Kentucky is \$499 million.
- Child support paid annually in Kentucky: \$291 million.
- As of June 30, Crittenden County had collected more than \$1.1 million in child support for the previous 12 months.



Jeff Baird, fluorspar exploration manager, shows local chamber members a slide depicting a typical spar deposit. His company has also printed Friends of Spar stickers (below), which are appearing on the bumpers of area vehicles.

# Spar hunters seek more friends

## County officials say jobs would be windfall for local economy

BY CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR

These new spar hunters are working on relationships throughout Crittenden County, and now they're passing out friendship stickers.

Playing off the popular slogan started by coal miners, spar explorers have printed hundreds of Friends of Spar bumper stickers and distributed them around the community where they're hoping to find minable reserves.

Jeff Baird, project manager, with ECSI, one of the lead companies involved with fluorspar exploration here over the last 10 months, was guest speaker at Monday's quarterly Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce luncheon. He said the company is fortunate to have found open arms as it searches for a mineral that was once very familiar to the local populace.

Susan Alexander, executive director of the chamber, says there's definitely

a comfort level for the work these explorers are doing.

"I guess it's because fluorspar is so much a part of our heritage, plus we have a good number of coal miners here," Alexander said following Baird's presentation, which laid out the company's progress and plans for the future.

Baird said mining would be done so deep in the earth no one on the surface would realize it's going on. He also said that once exploration is finished, investors could sink about \$30 million into a processing plant. If that all comes to fruition, it would mean 200 jobs. One hundred-and-fifty of those would be miners with pay averaging \$50,000 a year.

"The jobs are so important, too," Alexander said. "We are an economically depressed community and we need more job opportunities like these. And they would be highly-skilled, high-paying jobs."



Almost three dozen chamber members listened to the presentation and watched an informative slide show offered by the company's spokesperson. The chamber's regular quarterly luncheon was hosted by The Peoples Bank.

Baird said the company and contractors exploring here are concentrating on an area in the southern part of the county, but could branch out later, even into Illinois. The company qualified for financing from the City of Marion Revolving Loan Fund to help it buy property on East Gum Street where workers are being housed. The home, Baird pointed out, was built by a fluorspar miner about 100 years ago.

Local historian Brenda Underdown said Avery Reed, who indeed had the home behind NAPA built, was a spar mining engineer and opened and owned many of the fluorspar mines in

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# GED is changing after '13

## Test-takers should finish before switch

STAFF REPORT

Local GED instructors are strongly encouraging residents who want to take what's commonly called the equivalency test to get it done. Because starting in 2014, there will be major changes and the certification will be more expensive.



Myers

Missy Myers, director of Marion GED testing services located on East Belleville Street, says anyone who has started the testing process should also make sure it's complete in the coming months or else everything done to this point will be lost.

"They're changing everything," Myers said.

Myers said the current test is a series of five examinations. Several people in Crittenden County have taken one or more of the exams, but haven't completed all of them. This version of the GED certification process will expire in 2013, Myers said.

"If those people don't come back in they'll have to take the whole series again and it's going to cost \$120 instead of \$60."

Myers and the local staff are trying to notify as many people as possible about the changes. However, they don't have complete records of those who have started the testing process, but never finished it. Nationwide, GED Testing Service has launched a new campaign, Your Future is Calling, to alert test-takers who need to finish the GED test by the end of 2013.

Myers said how the test is

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Free Food Distribution Day is Friday at the Crittenden County Assistance Center. The Crittenden County Food Bank will distribute food from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m. Distribution is behind the former Health Department building.

# Straight from the communist playbook

On Page 15 of the Communist playbook to turn a nation from capitalism to communism it states: "The masses must at last come to believe that only taxation of the rich can relieve them of the "burdensome leisure class"..."

Who is constantly harping on taxing the rich which are only two percent of the American population and the only ones who can afford to start a business to give people jobs?

The Left's constant talking points for all that get before the camera is "The rich must pay their fair share" over and over.

It is a known fact that if all the rich people in America gave every dime they own it would only run this bloated, dishonest government 2 1/2 months. Then who would have money to build factories, etc., for jobs for the masses?

We would not have the high standard of living in this country had people not stayed up late at night, working seven days a week, to get ahead so they could build a business, a factory, a company, a refrigerator, deepfreeze, electric stove, television, radio, automobiles, grocery stores stacked with food, trains and trucks to transport them, and all the hundreds of other items that have made our life much easier than our parents, grandparents and the founders of this great nation.

Another from the Communist



Playbook: "Divide the people into hostile groups." Who is constantly spewing out class warfare?

Another one on us: "By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent." Who has put us five trillion dollars in debt in four years and caused us to lose our credit rating and be given a #3 credit rating that was number #1 for years and now #7 is in the pipe line?

Another one: "Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless."

Hillary Clinton and President Obama are working with the United Nations to do just that. It is on the news.

Another that is so evident in our nation: "Destroy the family, lessen the value of marriage, make divorce easy."

Another: "Make various drugs,

alcohol, sex literature available to the young, create an attitude of idleness giving the teenager complete freedom."

Another: "Support homosexuality and lesbianism making it seem natural." Not only do we have a miss-fit U.S. Congressman who just recently "married" another man, but we have a president who supports such ungodly acts.

This one is being so ingrained in the minds of our young: "The church must be discredited. Religion must become unfashionable, convince that the soul is non-existent, and that man is an animal."

A continuation of that one: "The power of the church must be denied at every hand." Hasn't the atheistic American Civil Liberties Union been working on that day and night to tell us when and where we can pray, display the cross, read the Bible, etc.?

We are like a bunch of sheep, willingly being led to the slaughter not taking a stand on our very First Amendment right. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof: or abridging the freedom of speech..."

Our young brave youth are on foreign soil right now, giving life, limb, eyes, family, mind in some cases, fighting for the likes of us, who do not deserve their sacrifice, while we let these atheists take

away our rights.

When the military that do survive do get to come home, what are they coming home to? Their rights are being taken away just as the rest of ours are.

When will the Americans that get to stay home, wallow in self pity, eat themselves to death, sit and watch TV in air-conditioning, do their thing, not give God the time of day, only thinking of themselves, send their children to the government schools, who constantly raise our taxes and teach less and less of the true values of American history and world history for that matter, and all the needed basic curriculum to better themselves and their country, and teach all the not so hidden communist (socialist) dogma, and now being demanded to teach from K-12 the merits of homosexuality, even giving them demonstrations in many of the big schools in this country, let their conscience hurt and care enough for their children and grandchildren, and even their own freedoms stand up and say "Enough already,"and mean it and do something about it?

To top it all off, pay a big salary to a president that says he is a Christian, who only went to church until he became president, so he could get the Christians' vote, and then quit, who supports same-sex marriage which the Bible teaches the participants will

burn in hell, and support killing the babies that live through a botched abortion, because: His words: "If we let them live it would show they were human before they were born and that would be murder and against the law." Go figure that one! Two of the most dangerous that are already in place in the Playbook are: "Get control of all the news publications, and take control of one or both of the political parties."

Now Americans, the choices are up to you. According to nature, I won't be around to suffer many years of what is coming, if we do not repent of our sins, take control of our destiny and government, but many of you will be, your children and grandchildren will be.

Your parents and grandparents will also suffer if Obamacare stays in, and so will you when you get old and need health care. The Death Panels are for real. Look it up!

For any that want to see what the people go through that have lived in Communism, read the stories of people who lived in that hell on earth. If any of you want to really care and know, call me and I'll give you names and book names, and the library will also surely have them. If not call me.

Rev. Tedrick is a Marion minister. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.

# Obama is not the man to elect as president

As you read this column I ask you to consider the Declaration of Independence as our owners' manual and the Constitution of the United States as our operators' manual. Now bear with me for moment.

The recent attacks on our consulates and embassies in the Middle East have proven the War on Terror is far from over even if the current administration is reluctant to admit it. Nine days after the attacks the administration issued a statement that the attacks were terrorism and that was self evident.

We have seen eight days of denying the attacks were acts of terror and blaming them on a YouTube video that described Islam's prophet Mohammad as less than favorable. What these last days have pointed out clearly to me is that our freedom of speech is under attack. Can anyone explain to me why it is seemingly just fine to make fun of and or denigrate any religion except Islam?

The events of the past 10 days regarding our nation's foreign policy, or lack thereof, are stunning and the lack of leadership and truth coming from the current ad-



ministration is breathtaking. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton tells us the attack on our "consulate" in Libya was spontaneous and apologies were issued for America's First Amendment right of free speech. Susan Rice, our ambassador to the United Nations (who has nothing to do with this particular issue), echoes Secretary Clinton's comments on last Sunday morning's news shows. These people actually expected the American public to believe the attacks on our embassies and consulates in the Middle East on Sept. 11, 2012 were spontaneous and must be blamed on that YouTube video.

They were pushing this video as the reason for the attacks and the ongoing demonstrations in the Middle East. It couldn't possibly be the lack of American leadership and a workable foreign policy or perceived

weakness, it couldn't possibly be because we are leading from behind, it couldn't possibly be the failure of our monetary policy and excessive spending; oh no, it couldn't possibly have anything to do with setting timelines for withdrawal from Afghanistan or throwing the Pakistani doctor who pointed us to Bin Laden under the bus or the simple fact that radical Islam hates America and in fact have been at war with us for a very long time.

The worst of the attacks was in Libya and resulted in the deaths of four, including two former Navy SEALs and our Ambassador to that nation, Christopher Stevens. The attacks on our diplomatic compounds in Libya and Egypt continue and spread to other nations in the Middle East and more U.S. troops die in Afghanistan by those who are supposed to be our friends. Our reaction is to end joint patrols with the Afghan troops we must train so we can leave Afghanistan on a schedule. How do you think that plan will work out?

While all this is taking place, U. S. authorities bring the maker of this film

that no one has seen, in to question him about a possible probation violation involving use of the internet and our President snubs Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu again. It's obvious to me the attack in Libya was premeditated and coordinated and in my experience demonstrators rarely bring heavy weapons to protests.

As the violence spreads to more countries in the Middle East and Al Qaeda urges Muslims to kill any U.S. government representative in the Middle East and the Egyptian government orders the arrests of seven persons involved in making the film that once again no one has seen, here at home our government lies to us and our Department of Justice conspires to discredit some media outlets for covering scandals coming out of the Justice Department.

General Motors asks the government to sell its ownership in the company and the government says thanks, but no thanks. Then GM says we never asked the government to sell its stock, and the chairman of the Federal Reserve is printing money faster than the Roadrunner can escape

from Wile E. Coyote.

Who in the heck is making decisions in this administration? What are their priorities? It seems the only thing on Obama's mind is fundraising and re-election. Ladies and gentlemen, this is not a good situation, and I am not buying what they are selling.

With all this news from home and abroad, all the media wants to talk about is Mitt Romney having the nerve to speak out about what happened in Libya while Barack Obama goes to Vegas on a fundraiser. Folks you can't make this stuff up!

And still, what is truly frightening is the administration's lack of defense of our First Amendment right of free speech.

No elected official should ever apologize for Americans' right of free speech. The old saying "I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend your right to say it to the death" is an American reality. If we lose the right to free speech, little else will remain of our founding documents.

The First Amendment also guarantees freedom of religion, the press, assembly and redress of grievances.

It is clear we enjoy freedom of the press, but wouldn't it be great if we actually had a national press that was non-bias?

The real challenge to our First Amendment right to free speech is connected to one of the other First Amendment rights and at this point it may be prudent to simply quote the First Amendment to the United States Constitution "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right to the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

With this fresh in your mind I ask once again; why is it okay to poke fun, real or perceived, at any religion except Islam? Why does Islam issue death warrants for people who insult their religion while no other religion even considers such an act? Where are the so-called moderate Muslims? Why are they not standing up to "the radicals?" The War on Terror is over, I think not! I think it is in full swing except in the minds of some of our leaders.

# Middle school students create preschool storybooks

BY JASON TRAVIS  
PRESS REPORTER

It was an opportunity to learn while teaching others. That was the goal for Tiffany Blazina's sixth-grade language arts class when it visited with preschool students for a special class assignment.

"Our class had been studying theme in literature," Blazina said. "As an extension activity, I asked this group of young people to think of a theme, or life lesson, they feel would be important for a preschooler to learn. I shared the idea with Karen Nasser, associate principal of CCES, and she invited us to actually bring our creations to the preschoolers there."

Students RheaVynn Tabor, John Claude Duvall, Paige Gilbert and Kenlee Perryman participated in the writing assignment, which included writing short stories for the preschool children.

The assignment also proved to be a collaborative effort with the middle school art classes. Blazina said the art students lent their talents to the project.

"The project began to blossom, and we decided to ask our very talented CCMS art students to illustrate the storybooks," she said.

The middle school students illustrated each of the four storybooks. They included seventh graders Bailey Barnes, Kylie Collins and



PHOTO BY JOHN WALKER

Middle school students read books they wrote and designed themselves. They are (from left) Rachel Butler, John Claude Duvall, Kelsie Webster, RheaVynn Tabor, Bailey Barnes, Kenlee Perryman, Kylie Collins and Paige Gilbert.

Rachel Butler, and sixth grader Kelsie Webster.

As the middle school students presented their work to the preschoolers, Blazina said it was thrilling to see the interaction between the students.

"The response was so uplifting," she said. "Seeing the excitement on the preschoolers' faces, along with the sense of pride on our middle school students' faces was empowering."

Blazina witnessed how influential the older students

really were to the preschoolers. She is the mother to one of the preschool students, four-year-old Mollie Blazina.

Mollie couldn't wait to brush her teeth that night," Blazina said. "That's not usually the first thing on my mind when I get home from school in the afternoon. I asked her why she was so eager to brush and she said, 'the big kids told us how important it was!'"

Blazina wants to develop similar projects for her stu-

dents in the future. She describes the project's success as a great, collaborative effort across disciplines and grade levels.

"Getting that real world sense of working as a team to achieve a common goal is an important part of the college and career curriculum we are striving to instill in our students," Blazina said. "Likewise, the feeling of accomplishment they experienced as a result goes well beyond a lesson from a textbook."

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24-HOUR TOWING

# County close to passing fire dues ordinance

**BY JOHN WALKER**  
PRESS REPORTER

A proposed fire dues ordinance is close to passage, but has been delayed by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court until it can be refined.

Magistrates reviewed language in the plan during last week's regular monthly meeting and will likely act upon the measure at the October meeting. The ordinance, if enacted, will put fire dues on county property tax bills. If approved, the plan would not go into effect until 2013.

The idea has been talked about for years. Rural, volunteer fire departments struggle to maintain equipment on small budgets. Citizens are asked to voluntarily pay dues to the community departments near where they live. Firemen say a larger percentage of

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citizens do not pay their dues even though most departments send reminders in the mail.

The six county fire departments have mostly agreed that a better collection system needs to be in place. Firemen have asked the fiscal court to help create such a plan and putting the dues on tax bills has become the most popular solution. Still, there's some question as to the details of the plan.

Magistrates want an opt-out clause in the ordinance, which will allow residents to sign a waiver if they don't want to pay the dues. In other words, the dues will not be mandatory just because they're listed on a county tax bill.

However, magistrates want the ordinance to be very clear that anyone who opts out must do so by signing an annual release form. When they do that, fire departments will be able to charge them a service fee, generally \$500, if called to a fire on their property.

•Magistrates updated Crittenden County's five-year solid waste plan. Newcom said the plan is very similar to the previous one, with the exception of more effort in recycling. Newcom said there will eventually be more trailers around the county where residents can drop off recyclable materials. The plan also calls for more promotion of recycling efforts.

•The court voted to approve a resolution introduced by Tony O'Neal, a representative of the

United Mine Workers of America, to support retired and active coal miners in Crittenden County. O'Neal introduced his original resolution during the court's August meeting. After changing some language in the resolution, it gained court approval. The UMWA is organizing support in many of its member communities because of a legal battle with Patriot Coal Inc., which recently filed for bankruptcy. O'Neal said his union is worried the company's financial problems could lead to a reduction in pension and benefits for many of its current and former employees. That, O'Neal said, would negatively affect local economies.

•The court approved the Crittenden County Rescue Squad's purchase of a new support vehicle. The

squad plans to buy a new truck with an extended crew cab. Rescue squad volunteer Billy Arlack said this will help transport more squad members than the agency's current vehicle. The new truck will cost \$45,123. Arlack said the squad plans to pay \$15,000 down payment and will pay \$6,000 annually. The rescue squad will pay for the new vehicle from its own budget, but fiscal court approval is required to release the funds.

•The court granted a contract to Dunkerson and Associates to pave the parking lot at the new Emergency Operations Center in Industrial Park South. Newcom said construction of the EOC is 95 percent complete. Mostly interior work remains, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom told magistrates.

# Check with FSA for CRP opportunities

Greetings Livingston and Crittenden County farmers and cattle producers. I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather we have been having. Tremendously better than the awful drought we suffered this summer.

Several members of the staff and I just went to Conservation Reserve Program training this week and have brushed up our skills for CRP. We just want to remind everyone we have on-going continuous CRP practices so you can address resource concerns without having to compete. We can put in many different practices under these continuous sign-ups.

We can offer waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers and wildlife habitat buffers to name a few. We do have a few practices that border water sources that offer cost-share on fencing and water development.

I know we have more cattle producers in our area so this might be of interest to you. We have a new continuous CRP contract that allows you to enroll entire fields into a pollinator habitat. So those of you who offered acreage into the general sign-up and did not get accepted, this is an opportunity to enroll your property into CRP. The pollinator habitat mixes are made up of wildflowers and other bee-friendly habitat. We have a number of options available so please contact us if you have any interest in CRP.

**Currently in Progress**

We are preparing for upcoming payments and appreciate your help with sending your items back timely. We also want to take this time to remind you that if your ground changes ownership you will need to send



us a copy of your deed or let us know so we can verify ownership. When your deed is filed, we do not automatically get anything from the courthouse.

This not only applies to the sale of land but also if you put your property in a trust, limited liability corporation, partnership or another entity. We are trying to keep our records as current as possible. The more accurate our records, the more timely we can issue payments. Along the same lines, please notify us as timely as possible in the event of a death.

•I also want to touch base on Adjusted Gross Income (CCC-931) forms. These forms are required every year and must be signed by the individual that is receiving payments. The FSA powers of attorneys do not work on these forms. So if you receive one of these in the mail and your tenant usually takes care of your paperwork, please fill out and return the form yourself. If you are in a situation that the person is incapacitated, contact our office and we will help you through the paperwork you will need.

•Low-interest loans are available on 2012 commodities. The September interest rate is 1.125 percent.

•Here are some upcoming deadlines and dates to remember:

■ On Oct. 9 2012 DCP payments will start to be released.

■ Nov. 15 is final date to certify wheat, rye or any other fall seeded crops.

## LIVESTOCK REPORT

AREA REPORTS WEEKLY BY USDA MARKET NEWS

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY - Ledbetter**  
Tuesday, September 25, 2012  
KDOA-USDA Market News  
Livingston County Livestock Ledbetter Ky.(Cattle Weighed at time of Sale)  
**Receipts:** 426 head  
Compared to last week: Slaughter cows steady, Slaughter bulls 2.00-4.00 lower. Feeder steers and heifers 1.00-2.00 lower.

Slaughter Cows: %Lean	Weight	Avg-Dress	High-Dress	Lo-Dress
-Breaker	75-80	1085-1705	65.00-75.00	65.00-68.00
-Donor	80-85	990-1380	65.00-71.00	74.00-75.00
-Lean	85-90	735-1200	53.00-62.00	
Slaughter Bulls: %G	Weight	Avg-Dress	High-Dress	Lo-Dress
#1	1625	95.00		
#2	1250-1855	87.00-92.50		80.00-85.00

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2**  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

4	100-200	169	180.00-185.00	183.12
6	200-300	258	184.00-191.00	188.52
6	300-400	318	176.00-186.00	179.92
17	400-500	417	154.00-166.00	159.20
4	500-600	554	145.00-148.00	145.71
8	600-700	661	130.00-135.00	132.09
2	700-800	757	126.00	126.00
1	800-900	870	109.00	109.00
4	900-1000	980	115.00	115.00

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2**

1	100-200	175	176.00	176.00
5	200-300	245	157.00-174.00	165.70
2	300-400	372	156.00-174.00	164.58
5	400-500	476	125.00-149.00	136.12
2	500-600	528	130.00-135.00	132.46
3	600-700	600	121.00-124.00	122.00
1	700-800	735	110.00	110.00

**Feeder Steers Small and Medium 1**

1	400-500	440	124.00	124.00
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**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2**

2	100-200	156	178.00-185.00	181.97
2	200-300	221	165.00-176.00	169.37
8	300-400	326	156.00-165.00	159.35
44	400-500	436	140.00-153.00	147.14
23	500-600	541	132.00-141.00	138.35
16	600-700	647	120.00-129.00	124.82
4	700-800	766	104.00-109.00	106.74

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2**

5	200-300	243	150.00-161.00	158.33
5	300-400	362	150.00-153.00	151.69
8	400-500	466	130.00-138.00	134.77
8	500-600	554	110.00-129.00	121.29
5	600-700	635	102.00-110.00	107.97

**Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1**

1	500-600	505	102.00	102.00
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**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2**

16	300-400	355	159.00-171.00	163.74
17	400-500	443	145.00-159.00	150.78
26	500-600	521	130.00-141.00	134.58
13	600-700	625	120.00-123.50	121.91
6	700-800	744	106.00-117.00	108.24
1	800-900	835	85.00	85.00

**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2**

3	300-400	377	133.00-155.00	147.80
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8	400-500	481	120.00-142.00	136.49
6	500-600	581	127.00-129.00	127.31
2	600-700	667	115.00	115.00

**Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1**

1	500-600	540	102.00	102.00
1	700-800	765	100.00	100.00

**Stock Cows:** Cows 3 to 4 years old and 3 months bred 1130.00 per head.  
**Baby Calves:** 60.00-210.00 per head.

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**Receipts:** 340 head, September 19, 2012  
Compared to last week: Slaughter cows 1.00-3.00 lower. Slaughter bulls steady. Feeder steers and heifers 2.00-4.00 lower.

Slaughter Cows: %Lean	Weight	Avg-Dress	High-Dress	Lo-Dress
-Breaker	75-80	1150-1765	68.00-76.00	65.00
-Donor	80-85	1000-1585	63.00-69.00	61.50-62.00
-Lean	85-90	790-1050	51.00-60.00	
Slaughter Bulls: %G	Weight	Avg-Dress	High-Dress	Lo-Dress
2	1890-1960	85.50-90.50		

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

5	300-400	377	171.00-175.50	172.77
7	400-500	454	155.00-162.00	158.06
15	500-600	559	138.00-150.25	144.32
19	600-700	638	125.50-132.50	130.85
9	700-800	724	115.50-123.50	117.52
1	800-900	855	107.00	107.00

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2**

1	200-300	255	151.00	151.00
1	500-600	515	135.00	135.00
1	600-700	605	108.50	108.50
2	700-800	760	115.00	115.00

**Feeder Steers Small and Medium 1**

2	500-600	548	94.00-106.00	99.48
1	600-700	600	89.50	89.50
1	700-800	795	99.00	99.00

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

1	200-300	265	154.00	154.00
5	300-400	364	153.50	153.50
15	400-500	455	142.50-150.50	144.42
26	500-600	553	127.00-133.00	130.44
97	600-700	655	120.00-132.50	131.16
1	700-800	725	113.00	113.00
1	800-900	870	102.00	102.00

Groups: 76 head 660 lbs 732.50 MBLK

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2**

1	300-400	320	130.00	130.00
1	500-600	540	115.00	115.00

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

6	300-400	361	168.00-170.00	168.59
28	400-500	451	141.75-160.00	146.64
21	500-600	539	120.00-125.00	124.03
4	600-700	664	110.00-120.00	112.30
1	800-900	815	97.50	97.50

**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-400	315	142.00	142.00
2	400-500	465	115.00-131.00	123.34
1	700-800	745	84.50	84.50

**Stock Cows:** Cows 6 years old to aged and 4 to 7 months bred 800.00-1200.00 per head.

## Area News and Information

### After Tuesday, no burning before 6

Starting Monday, burning will not be allowed until after 6 p.m., in the evenings. The statewide burn ban prohibits burning during daytime hours from 6 a.m., to 6 p.m., within 150 feet of a grassland or forestland. Local firemen say that no burn zone is virtually everywhere in Crittenden County because forests and grassy areas are so widespread.

Fines can be assessed up to \$500 for violating the burn ban. The ban will remain in effect until Dec. 15.

### Parking stripes not likely on new Main

Parking spaces along Main Street will not likely be striped, says City Administrator Mark Bryant. In fact, he says there have been no designated parking spaces in town for quite some time.

The new coat of pavement on Main Street makes downtown's thoroughfare look bare, but Bryant said there have not been striped parking spaces downtown in more than four years, since the last time the street was paved.

Bryant said the city's maintenance crew is not equipped to stripe the street. The city would have to hire a contractor if it decides to stripe parking spaces and Bryant says there is no money in the current budget to do it.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet spokesperson Keith Todd said the state has no plans of painting parking spaces although it has striped the center lines, turning lanes and crosswalks.

Bryant did say there will be some striping done on North Main near Johnson's Furniture and McDonald's. There, he said some parking spaces will have to be designated as a safety measure.

### U.S. 60 Yard Sale will be 200 miles

Imagine 200 miles of shopping, sightseeing, snacking and cruising through Kentucky's scenic river counties. That's what folks can expect next weekend with the annual U.S. 60 Yard Sale which stretches from Smithland to Brandenburg.

On Oct. 5-6, eight western Kentucky counties team up for the seventh year of the Highway 60 Sale. The sale will stretch through Livingston, Crittenden, Union, Henderson, Daviess, Hancock, Breckinridge and Meade counties. Cities along the route include, Salem, Marion, Sturgis, Morganfield, Waverly, Corydon, Henderson, Owensboro, Lewisport, Hawesville, Cloverport, Hardinsburg, Irvington, and Muldraugh, as well as dozens of quaint communities in between.

Hundreds of local individuals, businesses and groups are expected to participate this year, setting up yard sales and craft booths on their properties along the highway. Visitors from across the region will be going from county to county, shopping and taking in the distinctive flavor of the Ohio Valley's unique restaurants, shops and southern hospitality, said Michele Edwards, Marion's tourism director.

The local tourism agency is providing advertising and signs

for participating sales.

Anyone who needs a site to hold a yard sale or would like to offer your property for a sale, call Marion Tourism at 965-5015. The tourism department also has a list of all yard sales in the county.

Sales do not have to be on U.S. 60 to participate.

The Green River Area Development District Arts and Crafts Festival will be held concurrently at John James Audubon State Park in Henderson.


To learn more about the event, go to Highway60YardSale.com or call 1-800-489-1131.

### Furry 5K winners

Here are results from the Sept. 15 Furry 5K Race and Walk hosted by the Mary Hall Ruddiman Animal Shelter:

Overall winners: Male: Bob Yehling (23:00); Female: Angela Starnes (25:33). Age Division Winners: 10-under 1. Jayden Carlson, 2. Maddox Carlson. 20-29 Division 1. Johnny Calabrese, 2. Meghan Travis, 3. Mary Rohrer. 20-29 Division: 1. Neal Bryant, 2. Tony Belt, 3. Johnny Newcom. 40-49 Division: 1. Chris Evans, 2. Ann Newcom, 3. Doug Schnittker. 50-59 Division: 1. Bob Yehling, 2. Angela Starnes, 3. Brenda Hopkins. 60-69 Division: 1. Lee Carlson, 2. Paula Belt.

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the area. Some locals refer to it as the Runyan Home because former postmaster Ed Runyan had lived there until a few years ago.

"I think the community has been very receptive," said Jeremy Wheeler, director of the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation. "I think the company has done a good of job of practicing what it preaches. It's creating partnerships with landowners and doing what it says it's going to do."

Wheeler said the jobs multiplier is what excites him and others interested in improving the local economy. Baird said studies show that mining jobs have a multiplier effect of 2.5 or three. That means a mining operation and processing plant might generate 600 or more jobs. Baird predicted it could even be more.

"Realistically, it might even be 1,000 new jobs for this community because of this project," Baird told the group.

If exploration finds minable reserves, Baird said construction jobs – those building mine shafts and a plant – could start within a couple of years. It might be five years before the operation kicks into full gear, employing miners and plant operators.

Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, superintendent of local schools, applauded the idea of greater opportunities for Crittenden Countians.

"Anything that offers these types of opportunities – that raises the standard of living in this community – is good for our children," she said. "Our schools and economic development work closely together. As the economy improves, so does education."

Baird said exploration will continue a few more months. Samples taken from deep beneath the earth's surface are already being analyzed by geologists. From those samples, the company will generate a three deminsional computer model depicting underground mineral deposits. If that data provides sufficient interest, Baird said the company behind the exploration will move forward with mine development. Although Baird and others have not named the company backing this venture, he said Monday that it's a Fortune 200 company. Others in the mining industry have speculated that Honeywell is behind the deal.

## Jail numbers

Type	Male	Female
Federal	3	1
State	71	35
County	9	6
Other	6	0
Gender Total	89	32
Total Population	131	

•Last week, 55 jail work release inmates from the Crittenden County Detention Center put in 2,424 hours of community service, saving taxpayers approximately \$17,574 in wages at the current minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour.

# Invensys trainees earn certificates

BY JOHN WALKER  
PRESS REPORTER

A select group of Invensys Rail employees were able to celebrate last Thursday after completing the first section of a new training program to advance in the company.

Invensys has partnered with Madisonville Community College to train current full-time employees to become certified as electrician technicians. The company's electrician technicians are responsible for inspecting and knowing the inner workings of circuit boards. Fifteen student-employees were awarded the first of three certificates that will help them learn skills needed to for this position, which in turn will help them advance through the company.

Jason Brown, Human Resources Specialist for Invensys in Marion, said the company is looking for new ways to attain skilled employees without having to go

through the traditional hiring methods.

"It's very hard to find an electrician technician in this area," Brown said. "And it is even harder to get a degree in that skill. The only two places in state where you can find that is ITT and Daymar College."

Brown said Invensys wants to hire people who plan to stay in the area and commit to the company. That is why they decided to offer a training program in-house.

The program relies on students to commit one to three hours a week. Brown said many students have families and other commitments, so the program allows for them to make up any lost time. Overall students will commit between 12 and 15 months for the training.

Brown said in the long run these students will be able to apply these training classes to an associates degree or even a bachelors degree if they choose to go that far in their education. Program participants should be finished by Spring 2013.

"That is one of the great things about partnering with Madisonville Community College," Brown said. "They are supplying these

highly trained instructors to help us. But they are also showing these employees that their education does not have to stop here."

Some of the students were not qualified to take college level courses, but were able to receive help from the Adult Learning Center in order to get them ready. The best part for Invensys and the employees is its close proximity to Marion's Ed-Tech Center.

"We have nothing but gratitude for the Ed-Tech Center," Brown said. "They opened their doors to us and it really helps that our employees just have to go a couple of hundred feet down the road to take these classes. It has made a really big difference."

Kentucky is long known for its "brain drain." Many highly educated persons or skilled workers leave the state to find work in other states because of better pay or more stability.

Brown said partnering with Madisonville Community College is just one more way for Invensys to invest in a more localized education for its students, who it hopes will choose to stay with the company for many years down the road.

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# Mantle Rock Cultural Center prepares for first herbal festival

BY JASON TRAVIS  
PRESS REPORTER

It's a busy time at the Mantle Rock Native Education and Cultural Center. Officials are making renovations to the facility, organizing an herbal festival on Oct. 27 and embarking on a new Native Herbal Education Program.

With activity surrounding the center, Executive Director and Elder Jon Pittman pauses from a tour of the facility to inspect the area. Pittman points to the bloom of goldenrods in a nearby field and cites the benefits of extracted oils from goldenrods in treating bone and muscle injuries.

"This is what I do. I teach," Pittman said.

A Master Herbalist, Pittman is excited about the center's new direction. It's beginning a new Native Herbal Education Program that is designed to develop the center into a specialized herbal training facility. They will grow and harvest herbs and teach herbal knowledge. In addition, plans



Stella Brown, treasurer and elder; volunteer Steve Hecklinger; Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom; and executive director and elder Jon Pittman speak about the state's recent donation of 50 computers for the center's educational programs.

call for an herbal library to be developed along with the teaching program.

The center is also preparing to host its first Herbal Festival on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a \$2 entry fee. Children under 18 are admitted free.

The center is made up of a group of volunteers that work to educate the public on native ways that enhance mind, body and spirit.

In 2002, Cherokee Elder Momfeather Erickson founded the center as a 501 c 3 non-profit organization. Its mission has been to connect

the health and well-being of the people and Mother Earth through indigenous-based education and training.

Steve Hecklinger recently joined as a volunteer. He is an IT specialist and has a background in marketing.

"The Herbal Festival is the primary event we are using to

kick off our Native Herbal Education Program," Hecklinger said. "We're trying to put this facility into a regional herbal education facility that specializes in herbal education."

Hecklinger said in addition to herbal education, other teaching areas include crafts, youth education, spiritual wellness and nature classroom education. He said community involvement is important and encouraged. Programs are open to everyone, whether or not they are of native decent.

Every Thursday, the center is open to the community for educational activities. Schools and community groups are encouraged to contact the center about tours and programs.

Recently, the state of Kentucky donated 50 computers to help build educational programs. Hecklinger said community donations are also greatly appreciated. Donations can be in the form of money, resources or time.

They would especially appreciate donations of pressure-treated wood. Ramps are being built to make the center more handicap-accessible.

"We need help out here at the center. We are in desperate need of wood and building supplies right now. That's our primary goal. It's the building supplies and the financial gifts that we really need to get this program going," he said.

Donations can be made by visiting their website at <http://www.mantlerock.org>. There you can also find a complete listing of the center's Calendar of Events.

The Mantle Rock Native Education and Cultural Center is located in Marion at 318 Sturgis Rd., next to Pamida. It can be reached by e-mail at [thecenter@mantlerock.org](mailto:thecenter@mantlerock.org) or phone at 965-5882. You can also visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MantleRockCenter](http://www.facebook.com/MantleRockCenter).



The Press traveled with Tom, Darlene and Becky Tedford of Salem as they vacationed in Alaska.



The Press traveled to the Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., Sept. 16 with Sabrina Murphy, Garry Gerard and Joe Gerard.

## Reusable grocery bags are a step in the right direction

It used to be when you were standing in the check-out line at your hometown grocery store the clerk would ask, "Paper or plastic?". Most stores today assume you want to use their plastic bags and no longer give you a choice or ask your preference. Hopefully, if you are asked you would respond by saying, "Neither" because you have reusable grocery bags. However, you have to remember to take them in the store with you!

Reusable shopping bags definitely are a step in the right direction, but they require some care and attention. If not properly cared for, reusable bags can possibly nurture and spread bacteria.

Nearly all shoppers who use reusable bags forget to clean them regularly. If your reusable bag is not cleaned properly between uses, this can create the potential for cross-contamination of foods. This is especially true if raw meats are carried in the same bag with cooked or ready-to-eat foods like breads or produce.



You can minimize health risks when using reusable by:

- Using separate bags for raw meats and ready-to-eat foods.
  - Wrapping meat, poultry and fish in paper bags before placing in the reusable bag.
  - Frequently washing reusable bags in warm soapy water.
  - Storing your reusable bags in a clean, dry location; leaving the bags in the trunk of your vehicle, where it is usually hot, can be a breeding ground for bacteria.
  - Cleaning all areas where you place your tote.
- Reusable shopping bags definitely are a step in the right direction but remember to keep them clean so that you minimize health risks.



## Stinson-McKinney

David "Hunky" Stinson of Hickory and Steve and Leta Norman of Mayfield announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, April Dawn, to William Dempsey McKinney, son of Willard "Mac" and Linda McKinney of Marion.

Stinson is the granddaughter of Chester and Norma Summerville and Ray and Martha Norman, all of Mayfield, and the late Ruth Stinson and Bud Haley.

She is a 2004 graduate of Graves County High School

and is enrolled at West Kentucky Community and Technical College, majoring in health sciences.

McKinney is the grandson of the late William "Billy" Nesbitt and Shirley Nesbitt of Marion.

He attended Crittenden County High School and is employed by Invensys Rail in Marion.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 2 p.m., Oct. 13 at Trace Creek Baptist Church in Mayfield. All friends and family are invited to attend.

## KSP seeks poster entries for Missing Children's Day

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky State Police is looking for fifth-grade artists to compete in the National Missing Children's Day poster contest sponsored by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in Washington, DC.

KSP will select a nominee from Kentucky and forward it to DOJ, where one poster from all state nominated entries will be selected as a winner. The artist of the national winning poster will win a free trip to Washington, D.C., and participate in the National Missing Children's Day Ceremony where they will receive an

award and a U.S. Savings Bond.

The Kentucky nominee will receive an Award of Excellence from KSP and their poster will be prominently displayed at the Kentucky State Fair in KSP's Safety Town Exhibit.

The theme for the contest is 'Bring Our Missing Children Home.' The contest is open to fifth graders across the country. Many schools incorporate this campaign as part of a lesson plan in the classroom.

In 2011, Kentucky had 4,520 minor children reported missing and 179 of those are still active cases. Nationally,

800,000 children are reported missing every year.

Saint-Blancard hopes that this contest will remind parents to talk with their children about safety awareness and remind youth of simple basic rules:

- Never go out alone.
- Always tell an adult where you're going.
- Say NO if you feel threatened physically or sexually and tell a trusted adult.
- Don't let peer pressure lure you into drugs or alcohol. Have the confidence to say NO to substances that could harm your body and cloud your judgment.

KSP contest guidelines and information are available at <http://mecptraining.org/poster-contest/poster-contest-resources/>

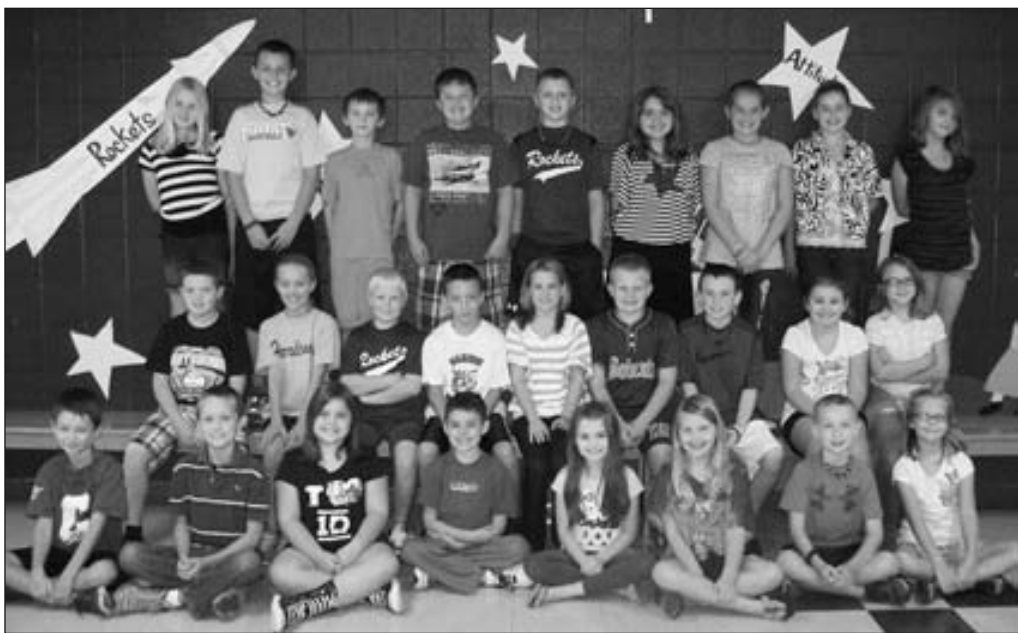
Posters must be original, handcrafted artwork; 8 1/2 x 14 inches in size, with the words "Bring Our Missing Children Home" appearing on the poster.

Poster entries should be mailed to Kentucky State Police on or before March 1, 2013 to the KSP Public Affairs Branch, 919 Versailles Road, Frankfort, Ky., 40601. For more information please contact the Branch at (502) 782-1780.

## CCES August Rocket Role Models



Rocket Role models for kindergarten through second grades include (front from left) Tallyn Tabor, Sawyer Menser, Andrew Candelario, Jaylea Bivins, Layla Winn, Bryan Chaney; (middle) Taylor Haire, Hayden Hildebrand, Hannah Long, Travis Champion, Lizzie Campbell, Kaylee Hewitt, Jayden Conner, Conner Simpkins, Adrienne James; (back) Jazmyn Lineberry, Jacob Hoover, Seth Guess, Hanna Collins, Wesley Fritts, McKenna Myers, Natalee Buchanan and Jack Reddick. Not pictured: Aubre Conyer, Alex Connor, Asa McCord, Hannah Mott and Levi Piper.



Rocket Role models for third through fifth grades at Crittenden County Elementary include (front from left) Hayden Jones, Brysen Baker, Samantha Tinsley, Dennon Wilson, Alyssa Bozeman, Aliyah Frutiger, Cale Minton, Addy Kirby; (middle) Trace Adams, Belle Minton, Landen Crider, Tate Roberts, Jada Hayes, Tyler Boone, Gabe Mott, Lily Atchison, Addison Myers; (back) Trinity Hayes, Jayden Carlson, Dougie Conger, Tanner Way, Hunter Jones, MacKenzie Dennis, Alaina Cowser, Jenna Potter and Madison Morgeson.

# Woman’s Club presented with healthy tips

Submitted by Sandra Belt

The Woman's Club of Marion celebrated its 92nd anniversary Sept. 13. The evening meeting was highlighted by speaker Dr. Johnny Newcom on "Becoming a Better You."

Dr. Newcom graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1994 and went to Murray State University for his undergraduate work. After Murray, he moved to Atlanta to study chiropractic care at Life Chiropractic College. He finished his clinicals in St. Louis at Logan Chiro-

practic College. In 2005 he and his wife, Trayce opened their practice and fitness center, Health Quest Wellness Center in Marion.

Dr. Newcom spoke on eating healthy and said he was committing food suicide. After watching a Joe Cross documentary, he started juicing his fruits and vegetables and lost 50 pounds.

Now he, along with Trayce and Dr. Rex Manayan conduct speaking engagements to inform the public on how to become healthier.

He points out three essen-

- tials:
- Diet - be conscious of what you eat.
  - Exercise - find a way to move, give up the sedentary lifestyle.
  - Spiritual health - praying people are healthier people.
- Dr. Newcom credits God with helping him overcome unhealthy living.
- A free massage from Tommi Paulson was won by Carolyn Belt and Judy Winn won the Make it-Bake it.
- Next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 3.



Dr. Johnny Newcom takes a moment to talk to Nancy Hunt after his presentation during a Woman's Club meeting.



## Bluegrass Vinyl relocates operations to Marion

After 17 years in operation in the heart of Crittenden County's Amish community, Bluegrass Vinyl has relocated to Marion.

The company was recently purchased by John and Valerie Newcom of Marion from Indiana resident John Graber.

Alvin Yoder has managed the business for seven years and continues in that capacity at the new location, 1006 S. Main Street.

"We offer the same products – vinyl siding, metal roofing and new and replacement windows –

as always, we just moved to town to make it more convenient for our customers," said Newcom, a long-time Marion businessman.

The company will add an on-site metal roll framing business in the spring, allowing it to fabricate its own metal roofing material.

Bluegrass Vinyl employs seven people, including a building crew which constructs pole barns, and a window installation team.

While the move is complete, Newcom and his employees are putting finishing touches on a showroom which will display the many different windows and building products available.

### Crazy for perfect attendance

Crittenden County Elementary School celebrated state-wide High Attendance Day Sept. 18. The theme was "We are crazy about school," and it was demonstrated by wearing crazy hair and crazy clothes. Classrooms with the best attendance for the month were presented a traveling trophy. Winners were Mollie McGowan's and Cindy Crabtree's classes. Pictured are Sophie Watson, Tia Stoner, Mrs. Daphne James, Kira Belt and Allie Combs.

## ThePressCALENDAR

**Saturday, Sept. 29**  
■ Webster County Ducks Unlimited will host its annual fall banquet at 5:30 p.m, Saturday at the Providence VFW building on Ky. 41-A. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with a live auction and raffle following. For more information, call 293-0275.

■ Crittenden County Animal Shelter volunteers and animals will be at Tractor Supply in Princeton 11 a.m - 5 p.m., Saturday for Pet Appreciation Day. Everyone that visits will receive a coupon.

**Monday, Oct. 1**  
The Marion American Legion Ellis B. Ordway Post No. 111 will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday in the basement meeting room at Fohs Hall. All members are urged to attend.

■ Crittenden County Democrats will meet at 6 p.m., Monday at the courthouse.

**Upcoming**  
■ Livingston Hospital Auxiliary will have an annual benefit yard sale from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Oct. 4-5, rain or shine at Rozanne's place in Salem.

■ Community Christmas sign-ups will be held from 9 a.m. - noon, Oct. 4 and again from 2-6 p.m., Oct. 18 at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Participants must bring proof of income. For more information, call 965-5236.

■ West Kentucky Regional Blood Center and Crittenden Health Systems will sponsor a blood drive from 11 a.m - 6 p.m., Oct. 8. The blood mobile will be parked in the medical office building's parking lot.

■ Diabetes self-management classes will be held from noon - 4 p.m., Oct. 10 and Oct. 17 at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. Class is free to anyone wishing to become better informed about Type 2 diabetes. Pre-registration

is required by Oct. 3 or until all spaces are filled. Call 965-5215 to reserve a space.

■ Rocket 5K Run/Walk event will be held at 8 a.m., Oct. 27. Proceeds from the event will benefit the American Cancer Society. Cost is \$20 per runner, \$10 per child under 10 years of age. Participants will receive a goodie bag, t-shirt, water, fruit and free registration for the 2013 Relay for Life season. Registrations can be mailed to Sue Padgett at 107 S. Main Street, Suite 208, Marion, Ky., 42064. For more information, call 704-1558.

**Ongoing**  
■ The Crittenden County Animal Shelter volunteers will be holding a yard sale Oct. 6. If you would like to donate items (please no clothing), take them to Beavers Car Wash during business hours

8 a.m - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday before Oct. 5. All proceeds benefit the animals at the shelter.

■ If anyone has names of local soldiers who are deployed and might enjoy receiving care packages, call Lee Carlson at (847) 204-2872 or (270)206-1868.

■ The Crittenden County Public Library is accepting donations of LEGO sets to use in an upcoming "LEGO Club!" Bring any donations of LEGO sets to the library during regular hours, and watch for information on dates, times and ages.

■ The Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center will host bingo at 10:30 a.m., every Friday.



Expressing a big thank you  
Lorie Curtis and Ricca Guess, employees of Cash Express in Marion, present the Crittenden County Ambulance Service with a cake and signed thank-you board for the service they provide in the community.

We would like to thank everyone who was involved with my daughter's search on September 15 - 16.

I am amazed with the county's involvement and the program that calls to alert the community about missing people.

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Also, a special thanks to the Marion Baptist Church choir and Sunday school classes for the placement of Gideon Bibles in memory of Frieda. To all our friends and neighbors throughout the tri-county area, may God add His richest blessings to each and everyone.

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Robert Belt Jr. and Alyssa Mallory would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Dale Belt.

Born September 10, 2012 at 7:42 p.m. Emma weighed 6 lbs., 3 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. Grandparents are Carla and Robert Belt, Scarlett and Jamie Hodge and Johnny Mallory.

Great-grandparents are Paul and Jewell Chittenden, Pat and Calvin Mallory, Gene and Joyce Belt and Dale and DL Glore.

Great-great-grandparents are Christine and the late George "Lewis" Chittenden.

**Lordy, Lordy Look Who's 40!**

# Bells Mines population largely made up of foreigners

As was noted in last week's article, the majority of miners and laboring population of Bells Mines was principally foreigners from all parts of Europe; there were English, Scots, Irish, French and Germans. Some of these foreign names were: Lofin from Germany, Tate from England, Manjin from France, Wheatcroft from England, Cook from Pennsylvania, Piper from France, Hoyt from New York and Miller from Pennsylvania.

Good sources of these names are found in the 1850 Crittenden County census in the Bells Mines district. The migrants from Europe or the East sometimes purchased small tracts close to the small mines. The wages of the mines aided the migrant in purchasing his land.

The dangers of the early coal mines surely took their toll on human life by explosions from gas and roof falls. From 1835 to 1861 there must have been a weekly arrival of migrants from Europe or the eastern United States. Consequently many stayed a while and then moved to other places.

Each family's history is a tale of success or tragedy with lots of hard, boring work. Death, disease, harshness of nature and accidents claimed the life and promise of many families.

Other more familiar names of some of the first settlers of this rugged countryside were: Travis, Dailey, Simpson, Dempsey, Adamson, Sarlls, Wilson, Lamb, and Newcom, just to name a few. All have stories of joys and sorrows if we only knew them. A few family histories and incidents have been preserved through the years. A walk through the old cemetery, all which is left of the once rural community, reveals the scattered stones of these early settlers. You will also see names of other families that lived, worked and died in the Bells Mines community. Most worked at the mines and when the mines weren't in operation during the summer months, they farmed or did other odd jobs to provide for the needs of their families. Although the cemetery was once lined with stones, the center is now bare, as someone wanting the stones for another purpose removed many of the stones in 1981. How tragic the removal of these old stones is, for when they were removed, we lost a lot of history from this area. I can only mention a few of the stones that are here, for they are only names now as there isn't any printed history of these immigrants of long ago. Their unfamiliar names on the stones are all that is left.

Joseph A. Hina, clerk of the Bells Mine Church session, was born in the town of Frickingen on the Boden Sea of Germany. His father, being wealthy, the Hina children were given the best of opportunities for obtaining an education; consequently their attainments were far above the average. Working under surveillance of the Catholic Church they learned to write English well. *This would be the reason Mr. Hina had such a beautiful handwriting.*

There was a rebellion in Germany, and Joseph and his brother, Benedict, were drafted for the Kings army. They objected and ran away from the school and away from the country. After reaching New York City, Joseph turned to the Northwest and went to work in a copper mine somewhere along the Great Lakes. Benedict turned toward the South, and landed on a plantation in South Carolina. After a time, Joseph united with a labor leader and came straight to Bells Mines. He worked for the John Bell Mining Company for a long time. He professed faith in Christ soon after coming to Bells Mines and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church here and remained a faithful member until his death Nov. 29, 1915. At the second organization of the church in about 1880, Joseph A. Hina, was made clerk of the session in February 1888. He remained clerk until Aug. 16, 1913, a total of 25 years and until he was 82 years of age. George A. Hina was then appointed and remained the clerk until shortly before his death. Thus the clerkship of the session of the church has been in the hands of the Hinas during the life of its second organization except the two or three years that E. Jeffrey Travis was clerk. Uncle Joe became a naturalized citizen soon after coming to Crittenden County and remained a loyal subject



Charles Travis died tragically from the explosion in November 1910.



Pictured above is the headstone of George Pickles, a mine worker and owner of the Pickles Boat of Recreation.

the rest of his useful life. Joseph A. Hina and his wife, Margaret Murphy Hina, are buried in the Bells Mine Cemetery.

Elizabeth Crommack and her husband, James, were from England. James worked in the mines. Elizabeth's stone is broken and James doesn't have one, so it isn't known when he died. His naturalization papers found in the Crittenden County Courthouse, fiscal court order book six, page 17, dated June 13, 1877, state: This day James Crommack, an alien, personally appeared in Court and upon his Solemn oath made the following declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States. That he came to the United States on the 19th day of September 1853 from the Kingdom of England that it is his bonafide, intention to become a citizen of the United States: to abjure all alliance and fidelity to any Prince Potentate, State and Sovereignty whatever and particular to Queen Victoria and the Kingdom and Parliament of England of whom he was subject, which is ordered to be certified.

Another unusual name is that of George Pickles, also listed as an immigrant from England. He worked in the mines, and also owned and ran a houseboat or recreation boat tied up on the Tradewater river. It seems it was known as a place for drinking, gambling and fighting. A favorite place for the men folk to go during the summer months when the coal mines weren't in full operation. George and wife Elizabeth Smith Pickles are listed on the same stone as Elizabeth's mother and sister, Sarah and Erenia Smith.

John W. Cook, Sr., and wife Mary Salome, were from Strasburg, France and came to America in the early 1800s and settled in Pittsburgh, Pa. In 1857 they traveled to Crittenden County and settled in the Bells Mines community. His profession was that of a cabinet maker. They have stones in the cemetery.

The Culley family came to Crittenden County in the 1860s and made their home in the Bells Mines Community. They migrated here from Bedford County, Tenn. The father and mother of the family, Thomas and Sarah Culley, are buried in the cemetery but they have no stones. One of their sons, John N. Culley was magistrate for the Bells Mines district in 1884. He was also a Civil War Veteran, serving in 110th Illinois Inf. He died Oct. 14, 1915. John N. Culley was my great-grandfather. John and wife Katherine Snodgrass Culley have a stone to mark their graves. This family name is not familiar in Crittenden



Pictured above is the headstone of Joseph A. Hina, the clerk of session for the Bells Mines Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His stone shows he was born in Germany.

County, as the later members of this family moved into neighboring Union County.

As mentioned earlier in this article, there were many dangers of working for the coal mines and many tragedies as a result. One that stands out is about a horrible boiler explosion. It was graphically detailed in The Crittenden Press, Dec. 1, 1910.

Two men are dead and much property destroyed. The scene of the latest horror is the Bell Coke and Coal Mining Company's mine, which is located about a mile from Tradewater, in an isolated spot in the hills of north Crittenden. The first intimation neighbors had that anything had happened was shortly before midnight Monday by the shaking of houses and rattling of windows. Many people waked from a sound sleep terror-stricken and waited for further manifestations, but from the dull heavy sound they decided that there had been an explosion. The machinery at the Bell Mine was being run at night in order to pump water out of the shaft.

The men in charge were J.T. Gifford and Charles Travis. When last seen by the other men of the mine they were alive and well, but when the men rushed to the mine after the explosion they found only mangled pieces of human beings. The big boiler had exploded with terrible force, wrecking the building and hurling the men high into the air and mangling them almost beyond recognition.

Sorrowfully their friends gathered the torn remains together. Travis's head was missing entirely and was not found until a later search. The men were both well known and had families. Gifford came from St. Joseph, Mo. Travis is a brother of E. Jeffrey Travis, our county school superintendent, who left Marion immediately for the scene of the accident. (E. Jeffrey

Travis was my grandfather.) On December 8, 1910. Rev. W.T. Oakley was called to Bell Mines on a sad mission Thursday, that of preaching two funerals in one day. At the church at 11 a.m., he preached the funeral of Charles Travis and at the residence he

preached, J.T. Gifford's funeral. Travis remains were buried at Bells Mines and Gifford's were taken to his old home. Charles Travis and his wife, Nannie B. Sarlls Travis, are buried in the cemetery, but neither have a stone to mark their location. Charles,

or Charlie as he was called, was 43 years old.

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The Press OBITUARIES

Crider

John Earl Crider Sr., 71, of Greenville, died Sept. 18 in the Muhlenburg Community Hospital.

Crider is survived by his wife, Shirley Ann Dunn Crider of Greenville; two sons, John Earl Crider Jr. of Woodlands, Texas, and Jeffrey Dunn Crider of Madisonville; one brother, William Howard Crider of LaBelle, Fla.; two sisters, Judith Rhodes of Pegram, Tenn., and Freida Alexander of Owensboro; and eight grandchildren.

Services were Friday, Sept. 21 at the Greenville United Methodist Church. Gary's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Penn

Jerald Allen Penn, 52, of Marion, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012 at his home in Marion. He was a member of Marion Baptist Church and a Navy Veteran of Desert Storm.

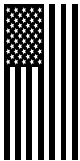
Penn is survived by his mother, Shelby Jean Penn of Marion; two sisters, Marilyn D'Amico of Waveland, Miss., and Sandy Belt of Marion; three brothers, Gary Chittenden, Kenny Penn and James Penn, all of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

Penn was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Elbert Penn, Jr..

Services are today, (Thursday) Sept. 27, at 11 a.m., at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, with interment in Maplevue Cemetery.



Penn



Nichols

William L. Nichols, 91, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2012 at Princeton Health & Rehab. He was a retired teacher and administrator in the Caldwell County School System for 45 years.

Nichols is survived by his wife, Christabel Brown Nichols; four nieces: Shirlida French, Alice Segree, JoAnn Mitchell and Carol Simpson; six nephews, Don Nichols, Gary Nichols, Tom Heaton, Kenny Nichols, Mark Nichols and Alan Nichols; several great-nieces and great-great-nieces and nephews; and caregivers Reba Bloodworth and Robbie Holland.

Nichols was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Johnnie Hays Nichols; five brothers, Vernon, Charles, Edwin, Fred and Jack Nichols; and two sisters, Alice Lucinda Nichols and Mary Beth Heaton.

Funeral services were Sunday, Sept. 23 at Morgan's Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Wicker

Mary Lois Wicker, 88, of Marion, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She was a retired health-care worker.

Wicker is survived by her daughter, Terry Wicker of Owensboro; her son, Ed Wicker of Marion; two brothers, Don Hodge and Sam Hodge, both of Marion; and three grandchildren.

Wicker was preceded in death by her husband, William Wicker; parents, Emil and Stella Thomas Hodge; three brothers and one sister.

Services were Sunday, Sept. 23 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with Rev. Ed Clement officiating.



Wicker

King

James D. "Jim" King, 77, of Homosassa, Fla., died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012, at his home.

After his retirement, he moved to Eddyville where he owned and operated the Twin Tiki Motel and Restaurant. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

King is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jean Boyer King of Homosassa, Fla.; one son, Bradford J. King of Harrison Township, Mich.; two daughters, Jamie King and Tracy King-Bennett of Marion; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

King was preceded in death by one son, Cameron King; granddaughter Andrea Kay LeFan; and his sister, Dorothy Sue Curry.

The family will hold a celebration of King's life 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 at the home of Eddie and Tracy Bennett, 1605 State Route 295 in Marion.



King



Maness

Charlotte Ann Maness, 69, of Marion, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2012 at St. Mary Hospital in Evansville.

Maness is survived by her husband, Larry Maness of Marion; daughter, Juanita Maness of Marion; sons, Mike Maness of Marion and Tim Maness of Cleveland, Tenn.; brothers, Edward Wayne Brantley of Henderson, Tenn., and Kenneth Ray Brantley of Marion; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, David E. Maness and parents, Kenneth and Velda Brantley.

Services were Saturday, Sept. 29 at Gilbert Funeral Home, with interment in Blackburn Cemetery.

Scott-Rowe

Sarah Scott-Rowe, 32, of Princeton died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012 at her home.

Scott-Rowe is survived by her mother, Sandra K. Radford of Bowling Green; two sons, Gage Wyatt Thomas Rowe and Ian Michael Scott Rowe; four brothers, Kristopher and wife Melinda Scott of Georgetown, Aaron Scott of Lexington; Nathaniel Scott of Princeton, and Austin and wife Johnetta Taylor of Salem.

Scott-Rowe was preceded in death by her father, Thomas "Puddin" Scott, paternal grandparents, Archie David "Pete" Scott, Sr. and Frances M. Scott and maternal grandparents, J. D. and Elizabeth Radford.

Funeral services will be today (Thursday), Sept. 27 at 11:00 a.m. at Morgan's Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the White Sulphur Cemetery.

Online condolences may be offered at [gilbertfunerals.com](http://gilbertfunerals.com) [boydfuneraldirectors.com](http://boydfuneraldirectors.com) [myersfuneralhomeonline.com](http://myersfuneralhomeonline.com)

State preparing for election turnout

STAFF REPORT

The Nov. 6, 2012, General Election is only six weeks away, and Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes reports Kentucky's county clerks started sending absentee ballots to military and other eligible voters last week. Resources for voters can be found on the Secretary of States website at

[www.sos.ky.gov](http://www.sos.ky.gov).

For all voters, the deadline to register to vote is Oct. 9, 2012, and the deadline to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot is October 30, 2012. In order to be counted, executed absentee ballots must be received by the county clerk no later than 6 p.m., local time, on November 6, 2012.

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Local Sports Roundup

Soccer  
Crittenden loses 2 straight matches

Crittenden County lost 4-1 at Dawson Springs in a game more competitive than the final score indicated.

The Lady Rockets played most of the game without Jesalyn Duncan and Kali Travis, who were injured. Striker Adrienne Phelps scored the Lady Rockets' only goal.

At Lyon County Thursday, Crittenden trailed 7-2 at the half, but bounced back offensively the second half and finished with a 9-5 loss in district play. The Lady Rockets actually led early in the match.

"We displayed yesterday an offensive level that they didn't achieve before," Crittenden coach Juan Gonzalez said. "Both teams focused more on the offensive than the defensive part of the game. I was very pleased to see two of my freshmen score twice during the game."

Kali Travis and Nikki Shuecraft scored two goals apiece and Anna Schnittker added the other one. Scoring assists were recorded by Rakara McDowell and Margaret Sitar. Sylvana Hunt, Charity Sitar and Whitney Williams all played well, the coach said.

The Lady Rockets are 0-11 on the season.

Volleyball  
Girls on losing skid

Illnesses and injuries continue to plague the Crittenden County (5-13) volleyball team as it continues to struggle through the season. The last win for the Lady Rockets was Sept. 11 when they played Webster County. Now, the girls have lost four straight.

First-year Coach Carol West remains optimistic.

"They're all doing a fantastic job, including Haylee Young, Erin McDonald, Chloe Mckenzie and Keylee Gibson with serving. Stacie Hearell remains a strong defensive player," West added.

Here are the team's most recent scores:

CCHS defeated Webster County Sept. 11, 25-15, 25-15, 25-19

CCHS lost to Graves County Sept. 13, 25-13, 25-23, 24-26, 25-13.

CCHS lost to Livingston Central Sept. 18, 23-25, 25-17, 25-16, 25-22.

CCHS lost to Union County Sept. 20, 25-18, 25-22, 25-20

CCHS lost to Muhlenberg County Sept. 24, 25-21, 22-25, 25-15.

Football  
CCMS wins big at Trojan Bowl game

Crittenden County Middle School won a shootout at a Webster County Bowl game Saturday. The Rockets beat Muhlenberg South 52-38 as Maeson Myers scored six touchdowns.

Ironically, coach Donnie Phillips said his defense played pretty well.

"I know that's hard to believe with us giving up 38 points, but we had several stops. They just made some big plays. They had one kid who was 6-foot-5 and we just couldn't stop him."

The Rockets (3-4) also got a touchdown from Shelby Robinson. Daniel Riley scored three conversion runs and Ethan Hunt and Robinson had one apiece. Crittenden never punted, instead scoring on every possession it had during the game. The Rockets' methodical offensive attack dominated time of possession,



Fifth- and sixth-grade Junior Pro running back Peyton Riley (11) looks for running room around the end as teammate Gavin Dickerson (4) hustles up to help block.

too, keeping the ball about 25 minutes during the 32-minute game.

Coach Phillips also praised the defensive effort by Robinson and Hunt.

Junior Pro teams sweep Webster

Crittenden County's Junior Pro football teams swept three games from Webster County Sunday at Rocket Stadium.

The fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets won 30-8, the third- and fourth-grade team beat the Trojans 38-6 and the B-team won its game 32-8.

The fifth and sixth graders are now 1-2 this season.

Here are results for each game:

5th and 6th Game					
Crittenden 30, Webster 8					
Score By Quarters					
Webster	0	0	0	8	
Crittenden	8	6	8	8	

**SCORING PLAYS**  
CC-Gavin Dickerson 1 run (Dickerson run) 6:14, 1st  
CC-Ethan Dossett 9 pass from Hunter Boone (run failed) 3:57, 2nd  
CC-Dickerson 60 run (Dossett pass from Boone) 3:19, 3rd  
CC-Devin Nesbitt 35 run (Nesbitt run) 9:38, 4th  
WC-Four-yard TD run (conversion run) 2:19, 4th

**TEAM TOTALS**  
First Downs: Crittenden 9, Webster 8  
Penalties: Crittenden 7-50, Webster 3-11  
Rushing: Crittenden 25-218, Webster 25-110  
Passing: Crittenden 5-8-0, 52 yds., Webster 3-8-2, 43 yds.  
Total Yards: Crittenden 270, Webster 153

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing**  
Crittenden-Dickerson 9-110, Payton Riley 6-52, Nesbitt 4-38, Sean O'Leary 1-16, Dossett 1-5, Hunter Jones 3-(-4), Boone 1-1.  
**Passing**  
Crittenden-Boone 5-8-0, 52 yds.  
**Receiving**  
Crittenden-Jones 2-33, Dossett 1-9, Nesbitt 2-10.  
**Defense: Tackles**  
Jones 1, Dickerson 4, Riley 4, Boone 4, Dossett 4, Nesbitt 2, Crider 2, Blake Curnel 2, Tucker 1, Wood 4, Manness 2, Ford 1, Urbanowski 2.

**3rd and 4th Game**  
**Crittenden 38, Webster 6**  
Gabe Mott scored four touchdowns and Caden McCalister scored one. McCalister and Xander Tabor had two conversion runs apiece. The team is now 3-0 this season.

**Rushing**  
Mott 9-147, McCalister 9-103, Tabor 4-23, Luke Crider 4-16, Tanner Beverly 3-8, Dalton Wood 3-7.

**Defense: Tackles**  
Tyler Boone 5, Lathen Easley 5, T.H. Nolan 5, Tabor 4, Ian Ellington 4,



Lady Rocket senior Stacie Hearell returns a shot during a recent high school volleyball match against Livingston Central.

Braxton Winders 3, Caden McCalister 2, Ben Evans 2, Ben Dobyns 2, Peyton Purvis 1, Coleman Stone 1, Dalton Wood 1, Tucker Sharp 1.

**B-Team Game**  
**Crittenden 32, Webster 8**  
Peyton Purvis scored two touchdowns and nearly every other Rocket running back got into the scoring action. Trace Derrington and Dalton Wood each ran for touchdowns. Tanner Beverly, Luke Crider, Gavin Hunt and Maddox Carlson rushed for conversions. The team is now 1-2 this season.

**Rushing**  
Purvis 2-93, Derrington 1-70, Wood 1-28, Beverly 1-3, Crider 1-3, Hunt 1-3, Carlson 1-3.

**Defense: Tackles**  
Tucker Sharp 4, Ben Evans 4, Douglas Ford 4, Gavin Hunt 1, Braydon Hill 2, Crider 1, Derrington 1, Seth Sarles 1, Ethan Beverly 1, Jimmy Newland 1, Holden Cooksey 1, Carlson 1, Tyler Pigg 1, Wood 1. Fumble recoveries: Hunt and Wood.

SCHEDULE  
CCHS matchups

**THURSDAY**  
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**FRIDAY**  
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Students Sage Winternheimer (front), Tyler Smith, Kaylee Graham and Landry McKinney become familiar with a new learning app in their eighth grade social studies class.

# CCMS students learn with iPads

BY JOHN WALKER  
PRESS REPORTER

Crittenden County Middle School social studies classes are now working and learning with Apple Inc.'s iPad technology. The school has been given 30 iPads for classes to share and use to create more technological literacy and learning in the classroom.

Teachers from five school districts have partnered with Murray State University's Teacher Quality Institute in an effort to improve student achievement. TQI has provided each district with a content specialist and a classroom set of 30 iPads to be used for instruction. The TQI content specialist will be working with teachers to enhance content knowledge and classroom teaching.

At CCMS, social studies

teachers will be working with retired teacher and TQI representative Richard Grainger. Having worked closely with the social studies teachers of Crittenden County Middle School in the past, Grainger is well aware of their professionalism and dedication to student learning as well as their knowledge of technology in the classroom.

Because this is a partnership, and because the iPads are seen as an investment in the school, TQI's only request is that the new tools be used as much as possible in order to increase the students' knowledge and appreciation of the use of technology.

"Since the beginning of school this fall, I have been in the school at least once a week working with social studies teachers that re-

ceived the iPads," Grainger said. "I am very well pleased with how these iPads are being used in the classrooms. When they are not being used in the social studies classes, they are being used in other classrooms like language arts and math. That is exactly what we want to see."

"I really enjoy being invited into these teachers' classrooms to provide enrichment activities and assisting them in any way that I can. Although I teach at the University level now, most of my career was spent teaching middle school, and that is what I enjoy most."

Other schools who received iPads through TQI were Carlisle County Middle School, Livingston County High School, Lyon County High School and Trigg County Fifth Grade.



Hannah Roberts (left), Ashley Harris and Terra Williams display the trophy and plaque won by the high school band at the 2012 Festival of Champions.

# Rocket Regiment second at FoC

BY JOHN WALKER  
PRESS REPORTER

Crittenden County High School Marching Band, also known as the Rocket Regiment, placed second place in Class A this weekend at Murray State University's Festival of Champions.

The Rocket Regiment was narrowly defeated by Murray High School, but placed ahead of Mayfield. The Rocket band ended up placing 13th in the overall competition.

Band director John Nash said this is the first time the band has ever placed in the Festival of Champions.

"The kids were really happy to find out all their hard work had paid off," Nash said.

Nash is impressed by the amount of work and commitment from this year's band. Crittenden County is

no stranger to a small band. But the numbers are not the only surprising aspect. Newer and younger participants dominate this year's regiment.

"We have so many younger members this year," Nash said. "More than 50 percent are freshmen and sophomores. We have quite a few juniors and only three seniors."

Currently the band has 26 members.

The band's success with so many young members has a confident Nash looking to the future and seeing a very successful program.

Nash has been director for two years, but this weekend showed his discipline and ability to pick up a small program and take it to new heights.

"We really tried to feature our strong points, which

were two really good soloists," Nash said. "But we also targeted areas we need to work on, and for me that was tone."

He said a small band does not allow for anyone to take a breath or a short break while playing, which makes competitions much harder because it requires everyone to play at one time to be heard by the judges.

"We were the second smallest band at the competition this year," Nash said. "So that just shows the work ethic of the kids involved with this program."

Although the Rocket Regiment would like to take a break, he said they are gearing up for another tournament this weekend at Hopkins Central. And after that they will prepare for regional and statewide competitions.



Brent Morrison (left) and Elizabeth Floyd (center) of Holland Medical Supplies talk with Kristi Beavers of the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter. They are holding puppies Gemma and Clover. Both are available for adoption. Holland Medical donated sheets and blankets for the shelter to use during the coming winter. Floyd said she wants to do anything she can to spread awareness about the shelter and help the animals before the weather turns cold.

# Kentucky jobless rate rising

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary unemployment rate in August 2012 increased to 8.5 percent from a revised 8.3 percent in July 2012, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The preliminary August 2012 jobless rate was 1.1 percentage points below the 9.6 percent rate recorded for the state in August 2011.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate fell to 8.1 percent in August 2012 from 8.3 percent in July 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

In August 2012, Kentucky's civilian labor force was 2,068,631, an increase of 2,201 individuals compared to the previous month.

"An uptick in the unemployment rate, especially when accompanied by a drop in the number of people employed, does cause some anxiety," said economist Manoj Shanker of the OET. "But given the sluggish national economy and the recent strength of the Kentucky economy some fallback was expected."

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment

added 2,500 jobs in August 2012 from the previous month. On an over-the-year basis, the state's nonfarm employment has grown by 2.1 percent with the addition of 38,500 jobs.

Kentucky's trade, transportation and utilities sector gained 2,100 jobs in August 2012. This is the largest sector in Kentucky with 368,900 positions, and accounts for about 20 percent of nonfarm employment. Since August 2011, jobs in this sector have increased by 5,500.

The leisure and hospitality sector increased by 900 jobs in August 2012. Since August 2011, the sector has grown by 7,400 positions or more than 4 percent.

This sector includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services.

The government sector, which includes public education, public administration agencies and state-owned hospitals, added 800 jobs in August 2012. The sector had 500 fewer jobs compared to August 2011.

Employment in the mining and logging sector went up by 200 from July 2012 to August 2012.

The number of jobs in this

sector has dropped by 1,600 or 7 percent since last August.

"The glut of natural gas in the U.S. market has put downward pressure on the price and production of coal," said Shanker.

Construction jobs rose by 200 in August 2012 from a month ago. Since August 2011, employment in construction has fallen by 3,400 positions or 5 percent.

Civilian labor force statistics include nonmilitary workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work.

They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted.

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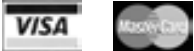
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Woman's Club bake sale, trash and treasure yard sale. Clubroom, East Carlisle St., Fri., Sept. 28, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (21-13-p)

Garage sale, rain or shine, 1152 SR 120, Thurs. and Fri., 8 a.m. - ? Fireplace set, household stuff, purses, clothes all sizes, shoes, boat, camper, men's items, refrigerator and lots more. (11-13-p)

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notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Marion-Crittenden County Airport, in compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulation 49 CFR, Part 26, has established its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which includes the Board's Overall Goal and Methodology for the fiscal years 2013 - 2015. The Board has done so in anticipation of receiving Federal Aviation Administration financial assistance.

In compliance with all provisions set forth in 49 CFR, Part 26, the Board has established an overall DBE goal of 3.7% for its federally funded projects throughout FY 2013-2015. The DBE Program and its components are available for public review for 30 days from the date of this publication between the hours of 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, in care of:

Mr. Jim Johnson, Chairman

Marion-Crittenden County

Airport Board

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The Marion-Crittenden County Airport and U.S. Department of Transportation will accept public comment for forty-five (45) days concerning the plan and its components commencing with the date of this notice. Comments should be sent to the attention of Mr. Johnson at the address above. (11-13-c)

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PLAINTIFF V.

RALPH H. MORROW,  
ANNIS L. MORROW,  
And UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS  
AND/OR

TENANTS OF 305 FORDS  
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DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Crittenden Circuit Court on August 10, 2012 I will on Friday, September 28, 2012, beginning at the hour of 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate (hereinafter described and all the right, title, and interest of the parties hereto, to-wit:)

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1. The Master Commissioner will sell same at public auction to the highest and best bidder at the Courthouse door for cash or a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. The successful bidder shall be required to give a bond with good surety for the unpaid purchase price with said bond bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of the sale. In the event Plaintiff is the successful purchaser, the Plaintiff may take credit for, and apply towards the purchase bid, the full amount of the judgment granted herein for all amounts due under the Note, including interest accrued to the date of sale. Should the Plaintiff become the purchaser for an amount equal to, or less than, the amount of its judgment for amounts due under the Note, no bond shall be required of Plaintiff and the settlement obligations of Plaintiff shall be deemed satisfied upon payment of the costs of the sale in accordance with the statement of costs presented by this Master Commissioner.

2. The Purchaser shall be required to assume and pay any ad valorem taxes and all taxes assessed against said property by any City, State, County or any school district which are due and payable at any time during the year 2012 or thereafter. Said sale shall be made subject to: all easements, covenants and restrictions of record; assessments for public improvements; and any facts which an inspection and accurate survey may disclose. Said property shall be sold with the improvements thereon "as is".

3. The purpose of this sale is the satisfaction of a Judgment entered

on August 10, 2012 on behalf of the Plaintiff against the Defendant, Farmers Bank and Trust Company of Marion, Kentucky for the sum of \$8,810.85, plus interest accrued through November 4, 2011 in the amount of \$211.38 and interest thereafter calculated at the per diem rate of \$1.7501, plus applicable late fees in the amount of \$15.00 and all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff as a result of this action.

4. Plaintiff's lien against the Real Property and Mobile Home shall attach to the proceeds of the sale of the Real Property and Mobile Home, and the proceeds of the sale shall be applied first to the costs of this action, then to the payment of unpaid ad valorem property taxes, then to satisfy the amounts owed to Plaintiff under the Note, with any remaining proceeds to be distributed pursuant to further Orders of the Court.

Dated this the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
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Brandi D. Rogers  
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A public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the offices of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, to examine the application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Kenergy Corp. for the period November 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. Individuals interested in attending this hearing shall notify the Public Service Commission in writing of their intent to attend no later than October 8, 2012. If no notices of intent to attend are received by that date, this hearing will be cancelled and the matter shall be considered submitted for decision based on the evidence in the record. Written notice of intent to attend this hearing should be sent to: Executive Director, Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

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The Kentucky Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on October 11, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the case of *In the Matter of: An Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Big Rivers Electric Corporation from November 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012*, Case No. 2012-00323, for the purpose of examining the application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation's Fuel Adjustment Clause from November 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. The hearing will be held at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

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scribed as delinquent payments. Courts are often reluctant to order child support obligors to make large payments on arrears in addition to regular payments. As a result, it takes non-custodial parents years to pay off child support they owe, Croft said.

While figures are high for the amount of child support that goes uncollected, the money which is collected is even greater. Crittenden County collects more than \$1 million a year in child support and is No. 1 in the commonwealth for establishing paternity and No. 3 in overall state child support rankings, just behind Morgan and Allen counties.

County Attorney Johnson has made child support a prime mission since she was elected to office in 2007.

“This is a major issue for the county and it’s something I really wanted to address,” she said.

Johnson said her office works diligently to establish paternity and get families the money they’re owed and need. Despite a seven-percent cut in her budget, the child support unit continues to be a strong advocate for parental rights, Johnson said.

“In this small community we know the people who are not paying,” Johnson explained. “Many of their friends and relatives will tell us where they are or where they are working. Sometimes it is their own parents who hand them over. And we track them down any way we can.”

The office also has procedures to collect from out-of-state parents. Croft said it can be harder to find someone who has crossed the state line, but when a non-custodial parent owes money there are administrative measures that can be taken such as wage garnishment or passport rejection. Those parents can be tracked through a variety of means such as workers



County Attorney Rebecca Johnson (left) and Brenda Croft, a child support advocate, check their database for information about a recent case.

compensation and bank records.

The child support office is located on the second floor at Johnson’s law office on West Bellville Street. She said staff members Croft and Debbie Brown are tireless advocates for children.

“We are very aggressive when trying to collect from these parents,” Croft said.

Through the Right Choice Program, child support workers help parents find jobs so they can make their payments.

Johnson said her office keeps a list of open jobs throughout the county.

“That is the most important thing,” Johnson said. “The economy has created a big impact on the ability for many people to find work. But as long as they are looking we try to help.”

Thirty-two percent of the mothers for whom paternity has been established since 2007 in this county have been under 18. Yet, not all who pay child support are men. Women make up 15 percent of the total number of those who are required to pay child support in this county.

In many cases there is a

third party, such as a grandparent, taking care of the child while both parents are required to pay child support.

Croft said the most important thing is to establish paternity and help families get back on their feet.

“It is not all about garnishing wages and hunting people down,” Croft said. “Many of these people are going to struggle for the next 18 years. And what is worse is when you see so many of the children of these parents fall into the same vicious cycle when they become parents.”

She would like to see a mentoring program for families in these situations to help break the cycle. Education can also help break it. It is not uncommon for the judge to require a non-custodial parent to get his or her GED as part of court-ordered terms.

Anyone with issues regarding child support in Crittenden County can contact the county attorney’s office or the child support unit, both located on West Bellville Street.

Park track, sidewalks among improvements

BY JOHN WALKER  
PRESS REPORTER

The City of Marion is trying to wrap up the last of several improvement projects before winter arrives.

City Administrator Mark Bryant presented a list last week during the regular meeting of the Marion City Council. Bryant said his crews and contractors are trying to complete the projects before weather becomes a factor. He said everything has been moving very smoothly and all projects are ahead of schedule.

Here is an overview of each project:

- The West Elm Street sidewalk project is on its way to completion. Anyone living in the area will have noticed the crews and equipment. The sidewalk has taken more than four years to get finished, with much of the delay attributable to the 2009 ice storm.
- Bryant said the project will be finished at the end of October. The contractor will wait to put on the finishing touch – a new bridge across Rocket Creek, a tributary of Crooked Creek – when school is out for fall break Oct. 8-12. When students return from break, they will be able to traverse the creek on a new bridge which will replace the grated metal one



Work on West Elm Street will be done next month.

that exists there now.

The project is part of a Safe Schools grant the city and school system received a few years ago. The area of town where improvements are being made are commonly used by students walking to and from school.

- The new oval track at Marion-Crittenden County Park will be ready about the same time. Bryant said the contractor should be on the job this week, resurfacing the track.
- “The city has gone in and fixed the issues we were having with drainage and poured concrete in the (cracks) that needed it,” Bryant said. “Right now we are waiting for the contractor to come in and finish up.”
- The long awaited track repairs will enable the Crittenden County track team to host home meets and practice more effectively. The track is also heavily used by walkers and fitness runners.
- Bryant said the contractor will be finished by the end of October, if not before. The track will also be restriped.
- The city is finishing the last of its Main Street water-line project. Bryant said city workers are still looking for an old water line. The line needs to be shut down before the project can be completed. Their work has been made more difficult because maps showing old water lines do not exist.
- Workers have finished about 50 percent of the Airport Road sewer project. Bryant said 25 homes and businesses will connect to the new sewer line. Although the contract calls for the project to be finished by November, Bryant believes it will be complete earlier.

Woman’s club hosts sale Friday

Photo contest open to public

STAFF REPORT

The Marion Woman’s Club is gearing up for several activities at its East Carlisle Street headquarters.

The community is invited to the Woman’s Club Build-

ing starting at 9 a.m., Friday to look for some bargains at the club’s Trash to Treasure Sale.

A bake sale will also be held in conjunction with the event at the club building.

The Woman’s Club is also sponsoring a photography contest during the Pumpkin Festival next month. Entries will be accepted 3-6 p.m.,

Oct. 11. A registration form along with information about the types of contest categories is available at the Marion Welcome Center, University of Kentucky Extension office or upon request by e-mailing [huntnd1@gmail.com](mailto:huntnd1@gmail.com).

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