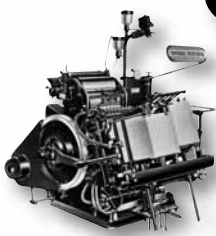


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Volunteers sought by board of ed

Crittenden County School District is beginning the process to explore the four-day school week and is looking for volunteers to serve on exploratory committees. "As a school district, we want to make our best effort to explore and investigate all of the different aspects before a decision is made about implementation," Superintendent John Belt said. "We would like your help!" There will be four different committees - academic, child care, communication and financial - formed to aid in this process. The Board of Education will assign members to each committee. If you would like to volunteer, contact Holly White or Belt by July 27 at 965-3525.

Park fix-it day slated for Aug. 11

A volunteer workday is being planned at Marion-Crittenden County Park for Aug. 11. Groups of volunteers will be divided to complete various projects, including painting, minor maintenance projects and clean-up at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Organizations and businesses are needed. Call 704-0279 to join a team. Participating groups will be recognized with signage at the park provided by the Marion Tourism Commission.

Iraq vote split along party lines

Kentucky Republicans say stay the course, while the state's Democrats in Congress say it's time to bring 'em home. A vote last week in the U.S. House of Representatives saw a proposal for pulling troops out of Iraq pass the Democratic-controlled chamber 223-201. Kentucky's two congressmen with the majority party, Ben Chandler and John Yarmuth, voted to withdraw from Iraq within four months. The four GOP legislators in the House, including Ed Whitfield who represents all of western Kentucky, sided with President Bush in opposing the pullout. Meantime, U.S. Sens. Mitch McConnell and Jim Bunning continue to support the president. In fact, when Bunning was asked if he might support the pullout by 2008, he responded with only two words: "Hell no."



Bunning

According to The Associated Press, the war has claimed the lives of more than 3,600 U.S. troops and is costing U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$10 billion a month.

Local meetings

UPCOMING
• Livingston Fiscal Court will meet 5:30 p.m., July 19 at the courthouse.

Rain gauge

Reported by UK Agriculture Weather Service as of Wednesday at Paducah.
7 days 30 days 2007
0.27" 5.38" 23.88"
below average: 5.76"

Forecast

Reported by the National Weather Service.
Thursday 20% Cloudy, showers 92/71
Friday 30% Showers 86/65

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Marion welcomes home its Guard unit B Company returns



Steve Pace, of Salem, embraces his son Sean as the soldier steps off the bus Tuesday at the Carson G. Davidson National Guard Armory during a welcome home ceremony for the unit. At right, a banner commemorating B Company, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor's service during a 20-month Iraq deployment hangs inside the armory

PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

20-month deployment over

Amid the pomp and circumstance of a grateful community was a homecoming that only a military family could understand.

More than 500 people came out Tuesday afternoon for the return of the Marion Kentucky National Guard unit following its 20-month active-duty deployment, most of it in Iraq. The crowd overflowed from the Carson G. Davidson Armory as military and local officials led a welcome home ceremony that lasted about 30 minutes.

"There's no place more patri-

otic than Marion." Major Gen. Donald Storm, the state's adjutant general, told the crowd gathered inside the armory for the welcome.

Between waving stars and stripes, hugs, kisses and warm greetings were lives that somehow went back together like pieces of a puzzle. Company B, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor went to Iraq in March of 2006 and its stay was extended by orders from President Bush. The men had originally been scheduled to return after a year of deployment, which would have been

up four months ago. Vicki Martin said the extended deployment was difficult, nearly tearing her to pieces when she learned her son, Spc. Josh Jackson, wouldn't be returning home until mid-summer.

"There are so many emotions," said Martin, who jumped into her son's arms as he stepped off the bus that brought the soldiers into Marion. "There were times I talked to him on the phone, I wondered if I'd ever see him

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Kindergarten teacher, 25, arrested on drug charges

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
MANAGING EDITOR

It's still unclear whether a Crittenden County kindergarten teacher will be on the job next month after being arrested last week on drug charges. Her fate ultimately rests in the hands of her uncle, Superintendent John Belt.

Amy Tabor, 25, of Marion remained in jail Tuesday morning after being arrested by state police early Friday morning in Trigg County on felony and misdemeanor drug charges. She and a passenger in her car, Dylan Winn of Ledbetter were initially stopped by Trooper T.J. Williams for speeding on Interstate 24. An ensuing search of Tabor's vehicle led to the discovery of a half gram of alleged methamphetamine, 19 Lortabs, a single dose of methadone and other drug paraphernalia.

"Friday the 13th was not a good day for Crittenden County Schools or for me personally," Superintendent Belt said in a

news release Monday on board of education letterhead which he hand delivered The Press. In that same release, he acknowledged his relationship to Tabor, who has taught at Crittenden County Elementary School the last four years and was on staff prior to Belt being hired as superintendent.

Tabor was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance (meth), as well as first-degree possession of a drug paraphernalia, two counts of second-degree possession of a controlled substance and first-degree possession of a controlled substance in an improper container.

Winn, 27, was also charged with felony possession of meth.

On Tuesday in Trigg County court, the teacher waved arraignment. A pre-trial date has been set for July 31 in Cadiz.

Tabor and Winn remained lodged in

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Tabor

93-year-old sure to steal show at fair talent contest

STAFF REPORT

It'll be hard to beat Ellen Buchanan's crowd appeal when she takes the stage in a couple of weeks.

Buchanan, a 93-year-old, self-taught keyboard player, has already put her name in the hat as one of the first six contestants to sign up for the first-time talent show at the Crittenden County Fair. And, she doesn't seem too shy about competing.

"She warned me, 'I play it loud, and I play it fast,'" talent show coordinator Chris O'Leary said of Buchanan when she signed up for the July 31 contest. "She's a very lively lady."

O'Leary has labored for weeks putting together the entertainment concept for Night 2 of the annual county fair. A member of the sponsoring Lions Club, he's a bit of a showman himself.



Inside...

Local copies of this week's Crittenden Press carry a two-section Fair catalog with all you need to know about this year's event.

"I like to make sure everyone's in a good mood," he said. O'Leary will emcee the inaugural talent show, aimed at fill-

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What you eat or throw can come back to haunt you

"You are what you eat," as purported by an age-old saying.

Does that mean I'm a shrimp or a blackberry?

I like to think of myself as a bowl of sherbet – maybe a little oozy on the edges, but firm and cool in the center.

While the literal interpretation of that adage is quite difficult to show, it's easier to swallow once we understand the metaphoric thesis of the phrase.

In other words, what it really means is that we are perceived by how we conduct our lives, because how we conduct our lives shapes who we are.

We are what we do. We are where we work. We are how we talk. We are how we vote. We are where we go at night.

Chris EVANS

News & Comment
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About Town



We are where we go to church, if we do. We are how much we drink or how much we swear. We are whatever we do.

Because we live in a society that considers certain people – because of what they do, who they are or where they work – public individuals with fewer rights to privacy than the average mill worker, then we must conduct ourselves more deliber-

ately in order to avoid embarrassment. In assuming certain roles, we must accept transparencies uncommon for the common man.

In actuality, what we do in our private lives is no longer our business.

What we find is that our bedrooms are not a refuge from public scrutiny, our habits are held in public display, old scars are never allowed to heal and politics and money drive everything including Aunt Daisy.

Public people can't afford to make mistakes as can the average Joe. Good, bad or ugly, that's the cold stark reality of a free society that's evolved through the Information Age. There's no room for a stubbed toe in a world of kick-ball mentality

where the game is viewed on slow-motion replay at 6 and 10.

Last week, the woman selected to be Kentucky's next education commissioner declined to take the position after increasing scrutiny from the media. She blamed news reporters for the so-called "noise" that affected her decision to not accept the job. Barbara Erwin, whom the state Board of Education selected in May, said she would retire rather than start her new post in Kentucky amid such a circus. Questions about a missing personnel file and a police investigation at her old job near Chicago had been raised by reporters over the past few weeks.

Despite the investigative

reporting and her subsequent resignation, state education officials said they still believed she was the best person for the job.

For Erwin the stakes had become too high. She recognized the treacherous road ahead and took a different path.

For all of us, there are roads to success and roads to disaster. They are not clearly marked. Safe travel along the public roadways requires near-divine self control – retroactive to pre-adolescence – cautious steering in heavy traffic whether you commute through a big city or along rural highways, and it takes a whole lot of luck to get home unscathed.

As the parable of Job tells us, there are pitfalls and

rocky roads even for the righteous. The ultimate judgement is not granted by friends, neighbors, kinfolk nor news anchors.

No, mere mortals cannot rule on the big question, but they can darn sure publish a stinging appraisal that lasts a lifetime. The piling on mentality sometimes seizes public control of public – and private – scrutiny and compels some to act as though they might not normally.

What we, as civilized individuals should do, is answer the question of whether we have compassion for the sinner along with that natural contempt for the sin. For without empathy, we are guilty of casting an unfavorable first stone. And sometimes, they bounce back.

EDITORIAL

Welcome home Bravo Company

What a welcome sight it was, that bus full of soldiers headed down Main Street, turning right at the spotlight en route to the armory.

They are home! After 20 long months and a world of separation, the troops of B Company are home. And we welcome them with open arms.

It's such a proud tradition, that of the citizen soldier. Since the Minutemen were first called to arms on Lexington Commons so many years ago to today's ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the civilian-turned-soldier has proudly fought in place of or alongside the regular military. Performing a Superman-like quick-change from civilian to hero, today's National Guard is more ready, better trained and more needed than ever before.

Bravo Company comes home with its heads held high, knowing it has answered the call to duty that so few of us who enjoy American freedoms have done. We are proud of them, grateful for their service and honored to have them back among us.

But the transition back from hero to co-worker, parent, husband and friend will perhaps be more difficult than that into a battle-ready soldier. The men are surely eager to settle into their roles as ordinary citizens, but they are certainly just as weary after 20 months in a foreign, dangerous world.

Time. Patience. Understanding. That's what it will take on the part of both them – the part-time soldier – and us – the full-time citizen.

We cannot expect these men to ease uneventfully ease back into everyday life after what they have experienced. They have returned from a stay in an inhospitable southern Iraq, both in climate and atmosphere. They were thousands of miles and eight time zones away from the somewhat leisure lifestyle and the general safety we in Crittenden County enjoy. The relief of being home, will soon be supplanted by disorientation to a world that may seem as foreign for a time as Iraq did in March 2005.

Much has changed. Children have grown. Acquaintances have passed. Camrades have fallen. Trees on the lawn have shot from a spindly sprout to bushy green. The A/C, remote control, leather recliner and ice-cold drinks for a time might seem excessive. Driving down the road, too, will take adjustment, for no longer will they have to be wary of objects along the roadside. Additionally, the war they have just returned from has become even more political, controversial and divisive.

Perhaps most importantly, the return home takes away that constant camaraderie of a soldier's brothers-in-arms fraternity – the sharing of the same dangers and hardships for such a long time. The void left will not be easily filled, nor understood by loved ones.

For us, too, the soldiers must also allow adjustment. They must endure our relentless questions, cameras, requests for sharing their experiences and opinions, the gawking crowds and our failure to fully understand what they have seen and endured.

Because of the perspective our soldiers of Bravo Company have gained on life and the planet on which we live, their world will never be the same. They have left pieces of themselves in Iraq, both physically and mentally.

Let's we forget that. Our welcome must not end with a grand ceremony on the day of their return. It must continue if that greeting is to be genuine.

Letters to the Editor

Wal-Mart is not as bad as it was made out to be

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Mr. Tabor's editorial in a recent issue of The Crittenden Press regarding Wal-Mart.

He speaks of the store in such a way, that someone unfamiliar with Wal-Mart (as if someone existed) would be terrified to enter the doors. I'm sure that Wal-Mart is not a perfect place to work, but we'd all be hard pressed to say that where we work is perfect. But, I have first-hand knowledge that Wal-Mart isn't as hard on their employees as Mr. Tabor makes them out to be.

A close family member of mine is currently employed with Wal-Mart. He has been an employee of the company's for years. He barely graduated high school, and was working in a hospital cafeteria washing dishes while still in high school. He was hired by Wal-Mart to work in the meat department, cutting meat, a job for which he had no previous experience.

After some time there, he was promoted to manager of the meat department, and is currently the day shift store manager of the Henderson Wal-Mart. He achieved all of this without ever having attained a degree higher than his high school diploma. This is a man who came from a poor family, and who was never expected to achieve

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much in his life. His job at Wal-Mart has afforded him a life well beyond what anyone would have imagined, and he enjoys his work.

We can't blame Wal-Mart for being a successful business and putting "the little man" out of business, we can only blame ourselves for becoming dependent on their low prices and not seeing the harm we caused "the little man."

I don't agree with all that Wal-Mart does, nor do I agree with Mr. Tabor. I believe everyone should look at the big picture and draw his own conclusions and not rely on one person's opinions as fact.

I do however, wish to thank Mr. Tabor for his opinion and helping draw attention to the fact that the small businesses are affected greatly by all "box stores" and that we should shop at home first.

Nathan Graham
Marion, Ky.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

RECEIPTS	
Property Tax	\$242,914.96
Vehicle Tax	\$32,646.46
Insurance License	\$188,296.40
Occupational License	\$41,710.65
Payroll Tax	\$298,809.11
Base Court Revenue	\$12,111.20
Restaurant & Motel Tax Commission	\$2,363.66
Restaurant Tax	\$155,001.59
Motel Tax	\$2,607.14
Municipal Aid Fund	\$46,305.64
LGEAF Fund	\$19,521.66
Franchise Tax	\$80,322.03
Coal & Tobacco Fund	\$0.00
State Appropriations	\$0.00
Parking Meter Fines	\$65.00
Warrant Fees	\$1,740.00
Patient Transportation	\$1,540.00
PNTF Overtime	\$0.00
KLEFPF	\$20,135.91
Permits	\$630.25
Code Enforcement	\$0.00
Water Sales	\$562,336.24
Bulk Water Sales	\$2,456.40
Service Charges	\$5,760.00
Penalties	\$6,590.19
Sewer Service	\$383,546.65
Water Meter Taps	\$900.00
Sewer Taps	\$900.00
Kentucky Sales Tax	\$11,321.71
Crittenden County School Tax	\$17,948.63
Consumer Deposits	\$13,950.00
Rent Income	\$29,580.00
Other Income	\$6,741.12
Interest Income	\$91,813.99
Revolving Loan Pymts.	\$264,248.42
Litter Abatement Fund	\$2,297.10
Sewer Project	\$0.00
Building Payments Received	\$39,347.63
Police Drug & Alcohol	\$389.23
Transfers	\$154,208.83
Total Receipts For The Year	\$2,741,057.80
RECAPITULATION OF CITY FUNDS	
Balance On Hand At Beginning of Year	\$3,647,709.63
Total Receipts For The Year	\$2,741,057.80
Total Balance & Receipts	\$6,388,767.43
Total Disbursements For The Year	\$2,585,660.82
Balance On Hand At Close Of Year	\$3,803,106.61
Bank Balance, June 30, 2006	
Certificate of Deposits	2,977,400.64
Checking Accounts	844,866.17
Savings Account	56,684.09
Combined Balance At Close Of Year	\$3,878,950.90
Outstanding Check At Close Of Year	\$76,271.47
Deposits In Transit	\$427.16
Actual Cash Balance At Close Of Year	\$3,803,106.61

I, Melinda Gipson, hereby certify that this is a true report of the receipts and expenditures of the City of Marion, KY and the balances on hand for for year ending June 30, 2007.

Melinda Gipson, Treasurer

I, Rozella Singleton, of the Farmers Bank & Trust Company hereby certify that the balances of the City of Marion, KY Funds Investments and

Checking Accounts, amounted to:	
General Fund	\$1,529,400.64
Insurance Account	\$41,124.00
Oper. & Maint. Fund	\$122,594.62
Sewer Fund	\$8,309.13
Sinking Fund of 1988	\$13,099.55
Sinking Fund of 1993	\$12,744.31
1969 Repl. & Impr. Fund	\$255,313.05
1988 Repl. & Impr. Fund	\$33,283.31
Payroll Account	\$4,851.17
Consumer Deposits	\$86,041.82
Municipal Aid Fund	\$8,191.77
Police Drug & Alcohol	\$389.23
Expend. Rev. Fund	\$69,078.99
KIA Sinking Fund	\$10,984.68
KIA Repl. & Impr. Fund	\$35,458.72
Building Fund	\$60,882.95
Reserve Fund	\$50,000.00
Revolving Loan Fund	\$470,000.00
Walking Trail	\$3,395.65
Sewer Project Repl. & Impr. Fund	\$13,646.28
Police Equipment Fund	\$5,339.14

I, Sandra Stephens, a Notary Public in and for the County of Crittenden, State of Kentucky, certify that on this 16th day of July 2007, Rozella Singleton, appeared before me and acknowledged this to be her true act and deed. My commission expires November 29, 2010.

I, Betty L. Lynn, of The Peoples Bank hereby certify that the balance that the balance of the City of Marion, KY Funds Investments and Checking Accounts, amounted to:	
General Fund	\$286,980.48
Municipal Aid Fund	\$119,172.56
LGEA-Mineral Serv.	\$43,837.01
LGEA-Coal Serv.	\$31,982.69
Weldon St Housing Project	\$450.44
88 Repl. & Impr. Fund	\$50,000.00
Restaurant & Motel Fund	\$104.13
Revolving Loan Fund	\$154,294.58

I, Joe Ann Asbridge, a Notary Public in and for the County of Crittenden, State of Kentucky, certify that on this 16th day of July, 2007, Betty L. Lynn, appeared before me and acknowledged this to be her true act and deed. My commission expires September 17, 2009.

I, Tony James, of Fifth Third Bank hereby certify that the balance that the balance of the City of Marion, KY Funds Investments and Checking Accounts, amounted to:	
General Fund	\$250,000.00
Operation & Maintenance	\$108,000.00

I, Pam Enoch, a Notary Public in and for the County of Crittenden, State of Kentucky, certify that on this 16th day of July 2007, Tony James, appeared before me and acknowledged this to be her true act and deed. My commission expires December 8, 2007.

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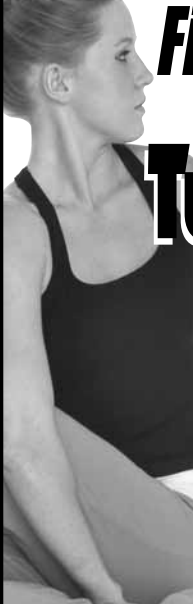
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Council denies \$400,000 sewer extension project

STAFF REPORT
With the prospect of a motel still in question, Marion City Council has decided to not grant a sewer extension to owners of property west of town where the 20-room overnight lodging has been proposed.
At Monday's council meeting, spending \$400,000 in economic development grant money was refused for running an extension to S&J RV Park, which lies about a mile

outside of the Marion city limit on U.S. 60 West. The council voted 5-0 to deny running a sewer line to the property, with Donnie Arflack abstaining.
Jerry and Linda Holsapple, owners of the RV park and S&J Barbecue restaurant on the property, have discussed placing a motel on the site, but are currently developing 20 RV sites they would like to be connected to city sewer. At some point in the future, according to Mayor Mick Alexander, if

Linda Holsapple's health improves, they will get the motel project off the ground.
The mayor was clearly disappointed with the council's vote.
"They're not looking into the future," he said of the council.
Councilman Jason Hatfield was the most vocal against granting the extension, which would cost the city nothing from its own coffers. He, like Councilman Darrin Tabor, didn't fore-

see much benefit to the city.
"I don't see the purpose of spending \$400,000 for 20 RV sites that might be filled one month," Hatfield said.
"I don't see much money coming back to the city," Tabor added.
The Holsapples were not at Monday's meeting.
The grant money had been earmarked for an extension to this location. It could still be used elsewhere,

according to Alexander, but it must be used for an extension.
Though Arflack did not cast a vote, he would rather see sewer run to homes within the city that currently do not have the utility.
Alexander pitched the "if you build it they will come" approach, saying that the motel or other development in the area, which is near the airport, are more likely to be attracted if sewer is already available.

Board press release

(Editor's note: Superintendent John Belt submitted the following press release to The Crittenden Press on Monday. The release is reprinted here in its entirety.)
Friday the 13th was not a good day for Crittenden County Schools or for me personally. Most of you know by now that an elementary teacher, who is my niece, was arrested on drug charges early Friday morning.
Drug abuse and the use of illegal drugs are an insidious scourge upon our society and this incident drives home the point in a way that cannot be ignored. The use of illegal drugs affects people in all segments of our society, but it is especially troublesome when the individual is a teacher. Teachers are held accountable to a higher moral standard than most citizens and, consequently, must not ever place themselves in situations that even hint at impropriety. I want to reaffirm to you now that at no time are the possession of drugs and the use of illegal drugs acceptable in our schools.
The Crittenden County Board of Education made a bold move last year by implementing a drug testing policy for students and faculty/staff. I fully support those policies. Drug testing, however, is not a preventative. It is, hopefully, a deterrent. Good people still sometimes make bad choices. Some of those bad choices have repercussions that can be life changing.
The law, board policy, and state regulations will dictate what happens regarding the legal and employment issues in this matter. My niece's family is focused on getting her the help she needs to recover from this problem and salvage her life. Your prayers toward the success of this effort will be very much appreciated.
John W. Belt, Superintendent, Crittenden County Schools

DRUG

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Christian County Jail on \$10,000 bond as of presstime Tuesday evening.
Whether Tabor will be back in her classroom when students report for the first day of school on Aug. 8 remains questionable.
"I will obviously investigate and get the facts on this matter and make a decision based on board policy," Belt told The Press Monday morning as to whether the teacher would be suspended.
The superintendent said suspension of a teacher is based upon situational charges and whether the educator is deemed a threat to student safety. Board policy, he said, allows for dismissal on several specific infractions, as well as conduct unbecoming a teacher.
"That covers many situations," Belt.

Starting his third year as head of the school system, Belt has 30 days from the time charges were filed to inform the state's educational professional standards board of the charges against Tabor. He said he plans to do so this week.
Once the standards board is notified, it will determine over a lengthy process whether to allow Tabor to keep her teaching certificate.
"If deemed probable cause, it would be acted upon," said Alicia Sneed, director of ethics/legal services for the Frankfort-based board.
Sneed said in any such situation, the board could suspend or revoke a person's certification to teach in Kentucky. It could also issue a formal reprimand or dismiss the case. In the interim, she said, it is entirely a local board decision whether to suspend or terminate an employee.



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Teens get practice run at health field

By JERRITT HOVEY
PRESS STAFF WRITER
When parents push their kids to go to college to be something great, like a doctor, they never really inform them that there's several different medical fields outside of being a doctor. To them, anything in the medical field is wonderful, but the doctor status is what the parents' really zone in on.
That's why Missy Stokes, the Health Careers Coordinator for the Purchase Area Health Education Center (AHEC), helped to create the camp that concluded at Crittenden Health System's annex last Thursday.
"This camp is beneficial to the students for many reasons," Stokes said. "It helps to expose them to other careers besides just doctors and dentists."



Kaitlin Maynard (left) and Kimberly Harris practice wound care last Thursday at the Purchase Area Health Education Center camp at Crittenden Health Systems annex.

"The students have this mannequin torso that has the liver, heart and other organs simulated inside of it," Stokes said. "They had to make their incisions into the abdomen and remove the simulated gallbladder that has fake bile in it."
"If they were to accidentally cut into the gallbladder, the bile would leak out and they would have to think of a way to fix it."
The students also were given breathalyzers and shown how they worked. They looked at each other's teeth and were given ultrasounds on their carotid artery.
Each activity was a new experience for the kids, allowing them hands-on opportunities as opposed to sitting in a chair and listening to someone talk about it.

The week-long camp was geared toward incoming high school freshmen who are interested in the medical field and want to know more about it. With only 20 slots available, Family Resource coordinator Kathryn Turner helped select a few students to participate in the program. Of the 20 that were selected, about nine really expressed interest and decided to go to camp.
The camp is free to both the participants and hosting hospital, however, the hospital does fund the food and drinks for the entire week. AHEC funds the camp because it's actually a grant program funded through the state. Since it's state funded, the program has to be housed at either a hospital or university. It is currently housed at Murray State University.
For the week that the kids were at camp, they were involved in several hands-on activities that allowed them to get the feel for the medical world. One of the big activities that went over well was the simulated gallbladder surgery.

Stokes

"I enjoy seeing kids discover new interests," Stokes said. "It lets them know that there's more out there in the medical field than just being a doctor or a nurse. It shows them options."

CRITTENDEN COUNTY HOMES

SALE PENDING WELCOME HOME......is what you will be saying in this 3 bedroom brick home. Located on nice landscaped corner lot not far from town. Features eat-in kitchen with appliances, living room with gas log fireplace, French doors leads to deck and large back yard for the children to play. This won't last long so call for more information.

FOR THE BUDGET MINDED......this 4 bedroom house has full size basement. Main level has 2 bedrooms, bath, living room, eat-in kitchen. The deep basement has 2 additional bedrooms and unfinished bath. Great potential property on nice lot located walking distance to school. Priced at \$19,500.

AFFORDABLE AND CONVENIENT......location to center of Marion. This home would be a nice starter home or an addition to your rental investments. Features: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Call for appointment. \$27,500.

SOLD INVESTORS TAKE A LOOK......3 bedroom house and large lot. \$18,000.

SALE PENDING ECONOMICAL & AFFORDABLE......is this 3 bedroom, 2 bath split plan home. Located on nice corner lot with unattached garage & large storage building.

SOLD CHECK THIS ONE OUT......Investors take a look at this nine-room fixer upper house that was formerly used as a duplex. Features 2 kitchens, 2 baths, laundry room, floored attic and partial basement. Situated on nice lot in Marion and located 2 blocks from Main St. REDUCED TO \$22,500.

NEW HOUSEto town from this neat vinyl siding 1 bedroom home. Nice kitchen including dishwasher, laundry room, basement and large back yard. Price reduced to \$34,500.

FIXER UPPER......investors take a look at this 3 bedroom, 1 bath house located in Marion. Priced at \$14,500.

SOLD 2 +/- ACRES......plus 3-4 bedroom house. This one and half story home has been completely remodeled with new kitchen cabinets, large living room, laundry & replacement windows, central heat & air, county water. Located in Crayne and priced at \$54,500.

GROWING PAINS?......this vinyl siding 2 story family home has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, foyer w/lopen stair case, living room, formal dining room enhanced with beautiful fireplace mantle, modern kitchen with major appliances, TV/entertainment room; partial basement, plus more. Located on large deep lot on West Bellville St. Marion. PRICE REDUCED.

533 E. DEPOT ST......commercial building. Was being used as a doctor's office. Features large multi purpose room, offices, 2 baths, and a lot of parking space. Also has apartment with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Many possibilities. PRICE REDUCED.

GOLFER'S FANTASY......Enter down the private drive to this landscaped estate that joins Marion's County Club Golf Course. This magnificent two story home includes 4 to 6 bedrooms, open grand staircase, 2 master suites, 4 bathrooms, kitchen w/appliances, 2 laundries, study, great room with gas log fireplace, recreation room plus bonus kitchen, enclosed glass solarium & private deck overlooking the beautiful greens. In addition this lovely home has a large walk-out heated basement, an attached oversized double car garage plus many additional amenities. Fulfill your dreams by calling for an appointment today. **Owner says sell. Reduced to \$292,500.**

RELAX ON LARGE BALCONY......overlooking your own private stocked lake. Attractive brick features: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, kitchen w/built-in appliances; formal Living & dining room with full glass panels overlooking lake. Has 2 car attached garage plus nice double unattached garage/workshop w/wheat & air plus other amenities. Located on 3 beautiful lots in Salem Heights.

CHILDREN WANTED......in this 4 bdrm., 1? story family home that enters into living rm. w/grand open staircase. The nice colonial column front porch house has vinyl exterior with replacement windows and concrete double drive with large 30' x 40' building. Situated on beautiful corner acre lot in Salem.

LARGE FAMILY HOME......This home speaks children...Features: 5 bedrooms, 2.75 baths, living room, formal dining room, and kitchen with major appliances, large laundry, TV/Rec. room and only 3 years old. Located in Salem on approx. 3 acres.

SOLD GREAT CORNER LOCATION......describes the setting for this 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath brick with attached double car garage. Home redecorated last year with new carpeting includes nice kitchen w/major appliances; formal dining room, family/Florida room, laundry hook up w/washer/dryer, central heat & air plus private deck. Situated on 2 nice lots in Salem. Call today for details. **129 W. MAIN ST. ...FRESHLY PAINTED.** This building has many possibilities. It could be your home or a place for your business. Features 2 rooms that could be used as bedrooms or office space. Large kitchen, bath, and a large living/dining room. It depends on how you want to use it. Come take a look and see for yourself. Great location right on Main St in Salem. Priced to sell at \$32,500.

SOLD VINYL SIDED......frame build home. Features: 2 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, extra den or dining area and vinyl replacement windows. Plus a small storage building and black top drive. REDUCED TO \$38,000.

SALEM......this corner lot listing located East Main and College Streets has a three bedroom, 1 bath home with Livingston Co. stone exterior. Convenient location within walking distance to Bank, grocery, churches, beauty shop, etc. Would also make excellent commercial / office property. Call today for details.

LOTS / SMALL TRACTS / FARMLAND

SOLD 1.88 ACRES......located on Hwy 60 West.

SOLD 2 MOBILE HOMES & LOTS......located in Salem.

BUILDING LOT......located in Crayne. County water, natural gas available.

LAKE AREA LOT......located south of Eddy Creek Marina on Hwy 93. Perfect for mobile home or build your dream home. Utilities already on property. Call for more information.

7 BEAUTIFUL LOTS located in Hickory Hills Subdivision. Call for more information.

GREENWOOD HEIGHTS......looking at building your dream home? Here are the lots for you. Priced to sell at \$8,000. Call for more information.

SOLD 5.59 ACRES......all open. Located in Crayne.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

GREAT LOCATION......in Salem. Commercial building and lot. Many possibilities. Call for more information.

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS......from this 30' x 50' garage. Features (3) 10' x 12' overhead doors, office space, propane heat, exterior lighting, concrete floors, city water. Call for more details.

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

SAT. AUG. 18, 9:30 AM - House, lot and personal property. Location: 420 Mill St., Smithland, KY. Owner: Raymond Johnson Est.

FRI. AUG. 24, 5:30 PM - Commercial Property & lot located 420 S. Main St. Marion, KY.

SAT. SEPT. 15, 10 AM - Household & personal property.

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Guard troops return

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Steve Pace welcomed his son, Sean, with an emotional hug Tuesday. The father himself deployed to Iraq in 2004 with a Guard unit out of Owensboro.

"I had been pretty calm about the whole thing until I saw the bus," he said. "My wife's been bouncing off the walls."

Having seen Iraq made it worse for Steve, knowing his son was in harm's way, at times running patrol for convoys, one of the most dangerous jobs in Iraq.

"It's a relief to have him home," he said of his son's return.

When soldiers started stepping off the chartered bus about 1:45 p.m., the tears began flowing down faces of other mothers, wives, girlfriends and children. The sight was like countless others played out all across this country over the last 231 years of freedom fighting.

One man in the crowd Tuesday to experience that scenario some 62 years ago returning home from World War II. Marion's Evan Shelby was among the last National Guard troops based in Marion to return home from combat. He is one of only four still living from that group that returned on Oct. 8, 1945, almost five years after mobilizing on Jan. 17, 1941.

At that time, the local unit was Company I of the 149th Infantry Regiment. Tuesday, it was another generation's turn.

Gen. Storm said 8,700 Kentucky National Guardsmen have been



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR AND CHRIS EVANS
 (Clockwise from above) Jonathan McMackin greets his wife Megan after the welcome home ceremony as Kyle Craig looks on. Vickie Martin gives her son, Joshua Jackson, a hug after he got off the chartered bus that brought the soldiers to the local armory Tuesday. Brothers Brandon (left) and Mark Wilson of Sturgis look for family members. A crowd gathers to greet the bus of soldiers as it passes down Main Street. James Young and family members pose for a photo.



deployed in support of the war on terror since 9/11. And "none have performed better than Company B," he told the family of the returning soldiers.

About 45 guardsmen were attached to the Marion unit when it mobilized Thanksgiving weekend of 2005 for training at Camp Shelby, Miss. A couple were unable to be with the rest of the troops Tuesday for the ceremonial homecoming.



Matthews

Sp. C. Chase Matthews, of Marion, remains at Walter Reed Army Hospital undergoing rehabilitation for injuries suffered in a roadside bombing, Matthews four months ago lost half of one leg and his other foot from the ankle down. His personal homecoming is planned for around Aug. 13, his father, Rudy Matthews, said Tuesday afternoon by phone from Walter Reed Hospital.

Chase says he is doing well

and is anxious to get home. He is hoping to put together a barbecue get-together with his guard buddies and other friends. Matthews has stayed in contact with many members of the unit since he was injured in March, and has received visits at the hospital from friends back home.

Another member of the unit, Staff Sgt. Thomas Clemons, 37, did not return with the unit. He died of a heart attack on Dec. 11 of last year while preparing to go out on patrol in Iraq. The Litchfield, Ky., soldier, affectionately known as "Turtle" to his buddies, did not leave with B Company, but joined the unit once in Iraq.

Marion's Sgt. Jonathan McMackin, also injured in the explosion that hurt Matthews, was able to reunite with his fellow soldiers after their plane touched down at Paducah's Barkley Regional Airport Tuesday just after noon. The troops had been in Fort McCoy, Wisc., for a few days since leaving the Middle East. McMackin has been stateside since his leg was broken in the spring bombing.

For Kevin McMackin, Jonathan's father, Tuesday was a breeze. He dealt with the flood of emotion early this year when he learned only his son had been seriously injured in an attack. The anxious moments did not subside until speaking to his eldest child on the other end of a phone at a military hospital in Germany.

But more of those antsy moments could be in store for Kevin McMackin. His daughter, Lynise, is a cadet in the U.S. Air Force, and another son, Garrett, graduates from boot camp at Fort Jackson, S.C., next week. Like Jonathan, he enlisted between his junior and senior year of high school.

Kevin is proud of his chil-

dren's choice to join the military, especially seeing the change the National Guard has made in his oldest's life.

"I'm tickled to death with him," the glowing father said.

Other soldiers from the immediate area who returned this week with Bravo Company were Kyle Craig and James Young of Marion; Brandon Wilson and Mark Wilson of Sturgis; and Gerald Quinn of Providence. Each enjoyed enthusiastic fellowship with their families and friends at the armory before the brief ceremony. Now, the soldiers will work on returning to the lives they left behind more than one and a half years ago.



ANOTHER GREAT CHAPPELL AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2007 AT 10:09 A.M.

Location: 204 Park Ave., Eddyville, KY
 Watch for sign on Highway 641



FURNITURE & APPLIANCES

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COLLECTIBLES & MISCELLANEOUS

R S Prussia, several fancy dolls, baby quilt, several baskets, lots of what nots (some collectible), large butter dish, fancy glassware, lots of nice dishes, Green wheat glasses, Dirilyte dinner ware & box, flatware, Elec. appliances, costume jewelry, several fans, pots & pans, Kettle, blankets, towels & wash cloths, sheets, Rainbow vac., Dust Devil, plastic train set, old men's & ladies hat boxes & ladies hats, bedside jar, metal step stool, metal bird cage, Christmas decorations, several fans, concrete bird bath, concrete flower pots, metal bench, wood bench w/flower pots on both ends, umbrella vase, books, cassette radio, weather alert, sad iron, fishing rod & reel, binoculars, bathroom shelf, blood pressure kit, sewing thread, metal tub, wheel barrow, hose reel, crock, Sterling beer bottle opener, walker, squirrel cage, assortment of garden tools, Elec. weed eater & leaf blower, 6' aluminum step ladder, old AMF kids wagon, 8X12 portable storage bldg. (must be moved by Sat, July 28th) & other miscellaneous

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