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Ex-teacher pleads guilty to sexual charges

Agreement lessens penalties but could see Winders serve up to 5 years in jail

STAFF REPORT

Former school teacher Blair Winders pleaded guilty Friday to five felony charges and one misdemeanor in connection with a state police investigation charging him with having an illegal sexual relationship with a 16-year-old female student.

Winders, 37, has been jailed since Oct. 31, 2013. He will be formally sentenced by Circuit Judge Rene Williams on June 12. Raymond McGee, the special prosecutor for the case, has recommended a five-year sentence on each of the felony charges and 12 months for the misdemeanor. The prison terms would run concurrently for a total sentence of five years.

Winders originally faced 56 criminal charges, including 51 counts of possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor, which are Class D felonies. Those 51 counts were merged into just one charge as part of the plea agreement arranged between the commonwealth and Winders' attorney, Don Thomas of Benton.

Winders pleaded guilty to one count of the aforementioned charge plus one count of use of a minor under 18 in a sexual performance, a Class C felony; one count of first-degree sexual abuse, a Class D felony; one count of use of an electronic communication system to procure a minor regarding sexual activities, a Class D felony; tampering with physical evidence, a Class D felony; and distribution of obscene material to a minor, a Class A misdemeanor.

Winders had been a math teacher and golf coach at Crittenden County High School before resigning his position last fall after the investigation had begun.

According to court documents, Winders has admitted that between May and August of 2013, "while being in a position of authority," he had sexual contact with the teen and engaged in the creation of obscene photos of the minor.

Winders

Winders will be required to complete a sex-offender treatment program while incarcerated. McGee, the prosecutor assigned to the case, said the program generally takes two to three years to complete. There is a waiting list to enroll in the program and, Winders will have to be assigned to a prison that offers it.

McGee is the assistant commonwealth attorney in McCracken County. He was assigned to the case when Zac Greenwell, the state prosecutor in Marion, asked to be recused.

According to court records, Winders had incriminating photographs and text messages on his cell phone and tried to destroy the evidence by deleting them. Police investigators are able to use special software to recover data from phones even though messages or photographs have been trashed.

McGee said the commonwealth will oppose probation, and if Winders does not

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kynect sign-ups extend to Friday

Because of high demand, kynect has scheduled a special enrollment period to give Kentuckians who had trouble starting or completing applications during open enrollment a final opportunity to apply for subsidies and purchase new affordable health coverage through midnight Friday.

Kentuckians who completed their applications by March 31 can visit the kynect.ky.gov website to select a plan. All individuals must select a plan by midnight Tuesday, with coverage beginning May 1.

Committee set to vet candidates

Crittenden County School District is making progress toward finding a new superintendent. The board of education has established a superintendent screening committee, consisting of board appointee Pam Collins, principal representative Melissa Tabor, teacher representatives Denis Hodge and Larry Duvall, classified representative Holly White and parent representative Teresa Foster, who is a former teacher in the school system.

The screening committee will vet all candidates and report its recommendations to the board on April 29.

The application deadline for superintendent candidates is Tuesday. The board hopes to make a hire by May 12.

Museum set to host open house

Crittenden County Historical Society will be hosting an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the historical museum on East Bellville Street in Marion.

Crittenden County Middle School Student Technology Leadership Program participants and instructor Ben Thompson will be the tour guides, featuring audio-visual presentations the students have put together for different exhibits throughout the museum.

Refreshments will be served.

Public meetings

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the judge's courthouse office.
- Crittenden County Board of Education meets for its monthly work session at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Rocket Arena.
- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall.
- The Crittenden County Election Board will meet at 9 a.m. next Thursday in the county clerk's office. Certification of the absentee machine will also take place.

What's your opinion? Web poll results

For this week's online poll, we asked, "Which of the proposed nicknames would you choose for this year's Kentucky Wildcats NCAA Final Four team?"

The results were:

- Redeemers: 18%
- Fiddlin' Freshmen: 12%
- Believers: 28%
- Reversibles: 10%
- Other: 30%

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Road to recovery

PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Five-year-old Isaac James (center) is recovering at his Sheridan home from having his hand caught in a lawnmower two weeks ago. Above, he is pictured Monday (from left) with his brother Grayson, his mother Paula, his father James and his twin sister Becca.

Boy on mend from lawnmower accident

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS PUBLISHER

There is hardly a hint of pain in 5-year-old Isaac James' recollection of getting his hand caught in a lawnmower two weeks ago.

The youngster simply grins and giggles a bit when asked about the hurt. He lies on his back in the carpeted living room floor of his parents' Sheridan home, kicking his feet and waving the hard cast on his left hand that runs up to near his elbow. Isaac shows no sign of soreness.

Despite no apparent discomfort from nearly losing his fingers, there's a pressure-pulse of agony on his father's face. You can hear the distress in Chris James' voice as he talks about the accident that happened in the back yard next to the children's swing set. It happened in a flash, a split second.

"Daddy had just told me to stay away," Isaac says, recalling the moments before he leaped chest-first onto a swing seat, then dove forward, hands outstretched and right

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Man shot while hunting at new WMA over weekend

STAFF REPORT

A 15-year-old boy turkey hunting on the new Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area in Crittenden County accidentally shot an Amish man who was accompanying another youth hunter Saturday.

The victim was not gravely injured, but was taken to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

Saturday was the opening day of the youth wild turkey season, and the WMA was open to public hunting.

Josh Gunn, a conservation officer from Webster County, investigated the shooting accident. He said Chester Beachy, 34, of Marion was alongside his nephew who was taking part in the youth hunt when he was hit in the upper left shoulder, neck and face with pellets from a 12-gauge shotgun.

The boy who fired the shot was from Henderson and was accompanied by his father. The boy was a step or two in front of the father while stalking a group of turkeys they'd seen earlier that morning. Gunn said the father did not see the victim before the boy pulled up his shotgun and fired one shot.

Gunn said the Amish man was not wearing traditional camouflage clothing. Instead, he was donned in denim and green clothing.

Gunn said the boy mistook the man for a turkey. He said the Henderson pair were walking alongside a field and the Amish man and his nephew were moving through a ticket behind the field.

The accident occurred at about 8:30 a.m. on a remote stretch of the WMA near the Ohio River. Gunn said the man and his son from Henderson believed they were the only people in the immediate area.

The victim was picked up by WMA of-

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School field trips offer invaluable lessons to students

Chris Evans
Publisher of The Crittenden Press
About Town

School field trips are on the decline nationwide, and that's truly a shame.

There are a variety of reasons, but it's largely a financial situation as districts are under pressure to allocate dwindling resources toward their schools instead of the broader classroom. A survey by the American Association of School Administrators found that more than half of schools eliminated field trips in 2010-11.

For ages, the field trip has been a hallmark of education. It's learning at its best – children piling onto a yellow bus and heading off for trips to cultural institutions of art, natural history or science, zoos, theaters or historical sites. Broadening our cultural experience is key to becoming well-rounded and productive citizens.

Schools are the great equalizer when it comes to providing the experiences that field trips provide. It allows students across a wide cultural and economic spectrum to enjoy and soak in the sites and sounds of museums and parks that many might otherwise never experience. It is indeed troubling to note that one-third of these trips are being sliced out of the academic year.

Last week, The Crittenden Press was invited to ride along with Denis Hodge's military history class to Fort Donalson at Dover, Tenn. Hodge, a former U.S. Army

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PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

A day at Fort Donalson afforded Crittenden County High School students a part of something that is dwindling nationwide – school-related field trips to cultural and historical sites.

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Crittenden Fiscal Court convenes in regular session at the courthouse at 8:30 a.m., on the third Tuesday of each month

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the courthouse open on Saturday? Yes. Most offices are open a half-day Saturday except during holiday weekends. The PVA and judge-executive's office, however, are closed on Saturday.
When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open? Monday through Friday from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m., to noon. It is closed only on Sunday.
Do I have to have a dog license? Yes. Licenses are available for $5 through county Animal Control Officer Denise Peek (969-1054) at the animal shelter on U.S. 60 East.

EDITORIAL

Is outside help truly needed in search for new superintendent?

It goes without saying that our current board of education has only the best intentions when it comes to finding a new head of schools. We do trust this board to make the right hire. But we have to question whether taxpayers find it prudent to unnecessarily spend so much on this task. After all, the last four superintendents brought to this community have come from nearby places like Warren County, Fulton County, Union County and Webster County. If this were a nationwide search, some third-party hired hand might be needed; but, historically, it has not been that broad.

Still, our board of education has chosen to hire outside help to conduct the search for a new superintendent.

Dr. Rachel Yarbrough last month resigned her position in Crittenden County effective June 30. She is headed home to the place where she was raised to be superintendent in Webster County. We wish her well. She's been a nice fit for Crittenden County. We understand her need and desire to go home.

To find a replacement, Crittenden County Board of Education has contracted the services of Phil Eason, a consultant with the Kentucky Association of School Administrators. Eason will see that all state guidelines are met during the search and act as an advisor for board members throughout the entire hiring process.

He could be paid as much as $7,000 for his services. To be clear, Eason will have no say in who is hired as the next superintendent of Crittenden County Schools. The board has sole authority to do that. In fact, hiring a superintendent and controlling the district's purse strings are among the few true authorities charged to boards of education.

Similar hired help was contracted in 2005 in the search that led to Yarbrough's hire and the previous superintendent, John Belt. That's a good bit of money for a small county that pinches pennies to keep teachers and utilities paid and buildings maintained.

Certainly, we applaud our board's good intentions. Hiring a head of schools is the most important task laid before an elected board of education. However, we think our five-member board along with local resources and help from the Kentucky School Board Association would be more than adequate to hire the best person for the job. From our vantage point, keeping taxpayers in mind, we see no need for costly outside help.

Our opinion on this matter is neither a question of the integrity of the contractor nor an indictment of our board members. We still have confidence in the process and faith in our elected officials. We just think it could be done in-house with equally satisfactory results.

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State budget mix of good, bad

Last week, the General Assembly passed the biennium revenue bill and executive, judicial and legislative budgets but did not pass the transportation budget and road plan. The judicial and legislative budgets passed with essentially no opposition, but the executive budget engendered much debate.

As with any compromise, there are good points and bad points, depending on one's point of view, in the end product; and the executive budget was no exception.

The $20.3 billion budget for the next two fiscal years includes pay raises for teachers of 1 percent in Fiscal Year 2015, and 2 percent in Fiscal Year 2016. It directs that excess funds from Kentucky's Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) formula go toward additional expenses accrued by teachers in their health insurance plans. Any money left over would go into the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System.

The budget also provides pay raises to state employees who have not had a raise since 2008. In Fiscal Year 2015, the raises are tiered from 5 percent for the lowest earners to 1 percent for the highest earners. In Fiscal Year 2016, all will receive a 1 percent raise.

The budget directs about $4 billion in state funds to Medicaid services with federal funds of $12.1 billion also being used for Medicaid services which includes funds for Kentucky's Healthcare Connection (kynect), the governor's unilateral implementation of the Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare," as it is more widely known. No state money was allocated for kynect.

The budget takes over $100 million from lottery proceeds and $1 million from teachers' insurance fund and "sweeps" that money into the general fund.

The budget increases Kentucky's debt capacity from the current 6.29 percent, which I believe is already too high, to 6.7 percent. The debt service in the budget is a staggering $1.1 billion.

The budget leaves the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System (KTRS) funded at less than 55 percent.

The budget does not provide the retention bonus required by law for corrections officers. In fact, the budget ignores existing law over 100 times.

The budget cuts the operating budgets of our state's universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), but yet we are spending hundreds of millions of dollars on bricks and mortar. This, in all likelihood, will result in a tuition increase for our students in post-secondary education.

The budget is 235 pages long and was not available to be viewed on our computers until the day we were required to vote on final passage, and I did not receive a printed copy of the budget until after the budget vote was taken. I did not want to vote on a plan before I read and understood it.

As I indicated earlier in this article, the budget was a compromise of good and bad. Unfortunately, I felt the bad outweighed the good; and with the increased debt capacity the budget allows, I had to keep my campaign promise of not raising the state's debt. Therefore I voted no.

The General Assembly is adjourned until Monday to allow the governor the constitutionally-mandated time to veto any legislation passed by the General Assembly. When the General Assembly returns, we will have the opportunity to override any veto the governor made (should he make any).

The transportation budget and road plan is currently in committee, and it is my hope that a final proposal will come out of that committee well before we reconvene on Monday so that the same last minute shenanigans don't happen again.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the 4th House District.

(Rep. Bechler is a first-term Republican representative from Marion. He represents House District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of Christian County.)

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Jailer clearly most important spot on ballot

It's almost time.

There aren't many on the edge of their seats, though; at least there don't seem to be. Never really are.

It's election time.

(Boom. There, I've lost half or more of my audience, but if you hang in there, we're going to discuss the jailer's race.)

The deadline to register for the vote is near. Absentee voters can start requesting ballots. Candidates have put up their signs and are knocking on doors. And there is something to talk about besides the weather over a cup of coffee at the local diner and a high-and-tight at the barbershops.

(That's not to specifically exclude beauty shops, but with all those Glamour and Cosmopolitan magazines lying around, who has time for talking politics?)

There is a very important race in the primary this year…for both parties.

Well, all the races are important.

There's this big U.S. Senate race that's been broiling seemingly forever. There are a couple of magisterial races. Three family court judge candidates will be cut to two. Heck, we'll even give the nod to a constable race down around Tolu.

But the biggest reason for responsible voters in Crittenden County to come out on May 20 is the jailer's race. Both sides – Democrats and Republicans – have three choices to select from for their party's nomination for the Big One in November.

I say responsible voters because if you're not going to educate yourself on the issues and candidates, then please, mow the yard, bake a pie or just stay away from the polls in general. You'll just muck up things for everyone else.

Being jailer is a big job in Crittenden County. Maybe the biggest. Since the county went into the corrections business, the man – no women are running – wearing the jailer's badge has the very power to sink this county financially.

Crittenden County Detention Center is a $7.6 million facility with an annual bond payment of almost $300,000. There are also dozens of employees to oversee and 133 beds to keep filled with prisoners in order to bring in income.

In short, it's the biggest ship the county sails, with a projected budget for the coming fiscal year of about $2.4 million.

All six candidates for jailer seem to be decent men seeking the job for one reason or another.

But, before going any further, let it be said that the job of jailer should not be an elected position. Kentucky is the only dinosaur in these United States to reserve the post for popular vote.

Nothing against any of the candidates running for office this year, but jailer should be an appointed position carefully chosen by the fiscal court, the very people we elect to make the critical financial decisions of this county. Somehow, state lawmakers have not been able to grasp the levity of the situation.

Here, we've been fortunate to have a qualified elected jailer to get the new detention center off the ground. And we've been fortunate enough to have an experienced appointment to replace that jailer once he retired last year.

However, there are changes looming in November. Politics and popular vote can easily lead to the wrong decision for jailer for the next four years. That conclusion remains to be seen, though.

First comes the primary, when three becomes one for each party. Each man has his own unique qualifications and vision for the position. One similarity they all share, none have ever run a county jail. Period.

I make no endorsements here, but one of the best assets of our next jailer will be a willingness to be open to a few ideas that may not be his own. For our county's best interest, it's not a position for a maverick, but one of a team player.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer backs local for judge's bench

To the editor

I have known Brandi Hagan Rogers for about 10 years. She has been a practicing lawyer in Marion for approximately eight years. She is currently the school board attorney for not only Webster County schools but also Crittenden County School District.

As a child, Brandi was an active participant in the local family court system during her parents' divorce. She has the personal understanding of the pain and heartbreak these children are going through in the family court system. She is a beautiful person both inside and out with an honest concern for children in the family court system.

Please consider Brandi when you vote in May for family court judge. She has my vote for sure, and I am asking for your vote, too.

Pam Pritchett
Clay, Ky.

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Political letters policy

Letters endorsing political candidates should follow the above rules and offer no disparaging claims against other candidates. Letters for publication prior to the May 20 primary election will be accepted through 5 p.m. May 1.

Rogers' abilities warrant support

To the editor

For three years, my employment allowed me to have the responsibility of testifying and providing evidence in our county court system. While I did have an opportunity to appear in all three courts, the majority of my time was spent in family court. It was during this time that I met Brandi Rogers. I was immediately impressed with her knowledge of the law, compassionate nature and professionalism.

Mrs. Rogers currently serves both the Crittenden County and Webster County boards of education as legal representation. She works diligently with local organizations to continuously enhance our community. In church, she can be found helping her husband, Grant, with the youth group.

In a society overflowing with blanket judgments, I am continually impressed with Mrs. Rogers' ability to consider the individual merits of each legal case.

Her experience, discernment and integrity were only some of the reasons we asked Mrs. Rogers to represent my husband and son's interests in a recent family court case. She provided excellent advice and was available to answer any questions or address any concerns we had.

In total, Mrs. Rogers combines the legal proficiency, individual case sensitivity and moral characteristics necessary to not only rule in a court of law, but also to be an outstanding member of our community.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support Mrs. Rogers in her campaign for family court judge, and I hope you will as well.

Micki Crider
Salem, Ky.

One clear choice for judge's seat

To the editor

I urge you to vote in the upcoming election on May 20.

Brandi Hagan Rogers is running for family court judge and is the strongest candidate for this position. She is the epitome of a person with integrity and is an advocate for youth and their families. Her experience with assisting families in her current role as a practicing attorney is unmatched by her counterparts on the ballot. She is extremely professional and holds herself to high expectations.

Brandi's platform is to always do what is in the best interest of our children by working diligently to preserve the family unit. You will find that she is fair and consistent in the courtroom. She also goes above and beyond to help families. Brandi Rogers extends her services to youth by representing both Webster and Crittenden counties as the school board attorney. Her experience in this role enables her to have an understanding of our youth during the process where they might experience family court.

Brandi has served the counties of Union, Crittenden and Webster for the past several years and has demonstrated her commitment and dedication to the communities. Please mark your calendar to come out on May 20 and vote for Brandi Hagan Rogers for family court judge.

Rhonda L. Callaway
Sturgis, Ky.

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Ranger, so aptly stated that it's wonderful to have such an important part of our country's history just 70 miles to the south, yet disheartening to know that so few of our students or adults are aware of Fort Donalson's role in history.

Military and history scholars often agree that Fort Donalson and nearby Fort Henry – both just south of the Kentucky border on the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers, respectively – were strategic losses for the South during the Civil War. One author, Kendall D. Gott, wrote a comprehensive book quite simply called "Where the South Lost the War." It's an analysis of the military campaigns at forts Henry and Donalson. Local historian and author Tom McKenney's book "Jack Hinson's One Man War" is another excellent resource for details about the battles of Henry and Donalson, which included famous Kentucky characters Confederate brigadier generals Simon Bolivar Buckner and Lloyd Tilghman. Tilghman was captured at Fort Henry and later died in the Civil War. The high school in Paducah is named for his wife, Augusta. He later became governor of Kentucky and was in office during the well-documented Hatfield and McCoy feud.

During the day-long trip to Fort Donalson last Wednesday, I was quite impressed with the interest and enthusiasm shown by Crittenden's students. Their thoughtful questions kept park ranger and historic interpreter Doug Richardson on his toes.

To enhance the trip, Hodge also invited Kentucky National Guard Lt. Col. Billy McDaniel of Marion to go along and help interpret and expound upon the sites and stories of the war.

Students were provided a lunch of MREs – military acronym of Meal Ready to Eat. They've also been called C-rations. Today's MREs are tastier, healthier and more nutritionally balanced than ever before.

Did you know that many of the military's MREs and made in Evansville? AmeriQual is one of the country's largest suppliers of compact military meals. CCHS student Aaron Owen described the MRE as a super-sized Lunchable. Classmate Khyla Moss had the spaghetti MRE and wasn't too fond of it.

As a personal testimony, the veggie burger wasn't too bad.

Today's MREs have an energy bar and muffin desert, a side dish (mine was applesauce), coffee and a powdered fruit drink. Just add water. The meals also come with a self-contained heating agent to warm your meal. Just add water to that, too, to start the reaction.

The tour of Fort Donalson included looks at the earthworks that soldiers hid behind during an offense and the cannon batteries that bombarded Union ironclads that Gen. Ulysses S. Grant sent down the Cumberland River.

And this story would never be complete without explaining that this was where U.S. Grant got the nickname "Unconditional Surrender" that matched his famous initials.

There's plenty more to the story, such as how Grant and Buckner had been buddies and Grant tried to give him money at the surrender and how Grant put the captured Southern general in charge of processing all the prisoners of war.

From Donalson, the North had an open door to the South. They swiftly took Nashville, Columbus, Ky., and then strategic locations in Mississippi.

The South never overcame the losses at forts Donalson and Henry on the fringes of today's Land Between the Lakes. I also feel as though our educational system can hardly stand losing any more field trips like this one that prove so valuable to the education of our future leaders.

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A field trip to Fort Donalson at Dover, Tenn., gave Crittenden County High School students in Denis Hodge's military history class a chance to explore the famous Civil War battleground. Students (above) tour the earthworks that soldiers hid behind during an offense and the cannon batteries (at left) that bombarded Union ironclads that Gen. Ulysses S. Grant sent down the Cumberland River. Union forces would win the battle of Fort Donalson, opening a river corridor to the south along the Cumberland River that soon led to the fall of Nashville, Columbia, Ky., and then strategic locations in Mississippi.

"It'll be OK.
I hear you."

Those words from a Family Court Judge gave hope to Brandi Hagan Rogers when she was a child. Brandi had bounced around a lot. The judge couldn't have known the lasting effect her work would have.

ELECT
BRANDI HAGAN
ROGERS
FAMILY COURT JUDGE

I came from a home that was truly broken. Yet, I saw the most awesome acts of kindness, from neighbors and especially from my grandparents. I also saw how our courts could work to really help those who could not help themselves -- children.

That was my inspiration to become Family Court Judge; The reason I studied hard, worked my way through school and law school, and took up family law.

I know family court, not just because it's my work and I represent families every day, but because that's what I lived. I've made it my job for eight years to do the best I can to help families as the law allows. As Family Court Judge I will bring my heart and perspective. I will be honest and fair; and families– like that little girl those years ago– will be heard.

Brandi

Read more about Brandi on Facebook: Vote4Brandi

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Chamber taking nominations for annual awards program

STAFF REPORT

It's a spring tradition that honors those in the community who have made contributions toward the betterment of Crittenden County.

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its five annual membership awards to be presented during its annual dinner held at 6 p.m. May 15 at the fellowship hall of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Marion.

Nominations will be accepted until May 7, and can be made by emailing Susan Alexander, chamber executive secretary, at susan@crittendenchamber.org.

Individuals or the businesses for which nominees work or are associated need to be Chamber members for consideration. Memberships are available by contacting the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce located at Marion Commons at (270) 965-5015.

The awards recognize individuals or businesses in the following five categories:

-Chamber Person of the Year. The Chamber's most coveted award recognizes an individual(s) for outstanding leadership through community service, generally, over a period of time. The individual(s) selected always puts the community first and offers to do the often thankless jobs.

-Community Pride. This award is given to a business or organization demonstrating pride in their community by either improvements made to their own establishment or improvements to a public facility and/or property.

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-Volunteer of the Year: This award recognizes an individual for outstanding volunteer service in Crittenden County. The individual performs their volunteer service on their own time and is not compensated financially. Nominations must be in writing and explain why the individual should be selected.

-Customer Service. This award recognizes an individual who goes beyond the normal demands of their job to give customer service that is believed to be extraordinary. The individual does not have to be a Chamber member but the business with which the person is associated must be a member. Nominations must be in writing and explain why the individual should be selected.

Chamber luncheon set for April 17

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will have its quarterly luncheon at noon next Thursday.

The luncheon is sponsored by Farmers Bank & Trust Co. and will be held in the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. Mark B. Weaver, a certified financial planner, will be the guest speaker.

The luncheon is free courtesy of Farmers Bank, but an RSVP by Tuesday is requested. Those may be made by phone at (270) 965-5015 or by e-mail at susan@crittendenchamber.org.

Crooked Creek gets new pastor

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Crooked Creek Baptist Church recently welcomed new pastor Mark Girten and his wife Donna to their church family. Girten began pastoring at the church late last month. The couple currently resides in Eddyville and is planning to relocate to Marion.

Born in Morganfield, Girten graduated from Union County High School in 1974. He then joined the Marines and served in active duty from 1974 until 1978, when he was honorably discharged.

In 1979, while attending college at Murray State University, Girten received Christ as his Savior. He was baptized at Eddy Creek Baptist Church in Princeton and called and licensed to the gospel ministry while at the church.

In 1983, Girten graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Murray State University. However, he soon felt called to attend seminary and received his Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and was later ordained at nearby Springdale Baptist Church, where he ministered from 1998 to 2002. He's also ministered at Union Gospel Mission in Fort Worth, Texas.

Girten

Girten and his wife are blessed with a blended family which includes three daughters and six grandchildren.

He believes a healthy church philosophy is not just having a religion, but a right relationship with God. His goals are to see the church grow, both in Christian maturity and numerically and to reach out and minister to the community.

"It's basically connecting with God, His family, His works and His ways. And helping people do that," Girten said.

The Girten's have previously been involved in outreach counseling and look forward to continuing that ministry in this area. In addition to premarital and marriage counseling, they also have experience in a divorce recovery ministry, where they have been facilitators of a program that involves individuals who are considering divorce or who are in the process of divorce or already divorced.

Girten invites the public to attend services at Crooked Creek Baptist Church. Wednesday night services begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday school begins are at 10 a.m. and Sunday services begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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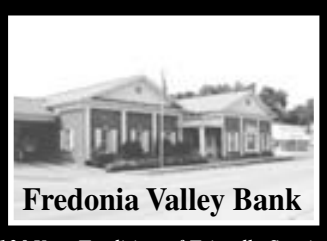
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Conservation District awards given

Laura Kessler
Executive Director
Salem USDA FSA
Around the Farm

I think spring is finally here! Wasn't sure if we were ever going to be able to say that this year. We hope that everyone is enjoying the warmer temperatures.

Conservation districts

Both the Crittenden and Livingston conservation districts just had their annual meetings and awards banquets.

We want to congratulate all the winners from the various contests and those who received conservation awards. We very much enjoyed the wonderful meals served at both dinners and the fantastic programs at each.

We want to extend a special thank you to Frankie Vailes of the Crittenden County Conservation District and Johnetta Taylor of the Livingston County Conservation District for all the hard work these two do for their respective counties. These two very special individuals work extremely hard for their conservation districts. We are so proud to have them serve our two counties.

Next time you see either Frankie or Johnetta, please let them know how much you appreciate all the hard work they do, because we really appreciate all that they do!

The winners in Crittenden County included:

- FFA Land Judging: Chris Ladd.
- Conservation Art and Writing: Jayd Lopez and Cole Foster.
- Poster Contest Winners: Hayleigh McCann, Tessa Potter, Maegan Potter and Haylee Jackson.
- Friend of Wildlife Award: Hodge Family Farm.
- Master Conservationist: Donnie Corley.

The winners in Livingston County included:

- FFA Soil Judging: Jacob Belt, Garrett Doom, Brandon Clark and Brianna Maynard.
- Conservation Art & Writing: Sidney Hubbard, Alex Williams, Josey Tolley, Jessalyn Morrical, Lexi Waters, Westleigh Wood, Emma Smith, Clay Smith, Nicole Fox, Colt McGrew, Jada Cosby, Cameron Bryan, Gracie Downey, Emma Rittenberry, Alex Yancy, Dustin Robertson, Maddie Mathis and Olivia Thomason.
- Master Conservationist: Kenny Hardin.
- 100-percent Participation Award: South Livingston Elementary and Livingston County Middle School.
- Appreciation Award: Jimmy Crider and Drake Kemper.
- Honor Award: Farm Service Agency Employees.

Livestock programs

Livestock Indemnity Payments and Livestock Forage Program program sign-up will begin Tuesday. We encourage anyone who is planning on applying for any of these programs to call the office and let us know. If you would like more details about the different livestock programs you can use the following Web address: tinyurl.com/2q9cch.

Upcoming

- Tuesday: Tentative start date to sign up for Livestock Indemnity Payments (LIP).
- Tuesday: Tentative start date to sign up for Livestock Forage Program (LFP).
- May 15–Aug. 1: Nesting season. No activity should be conducted on CRP ground.
- July 15: Last date to submit 2013 ACRE production.
- July 28: Last day to apply for Emergency Loan (Livingston County).

(Laura Kessler is the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency executive director at the Salem service center, which serves both Crittenden and Livingston counties. She can be reached at (270) 988-2180.)

Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter auction results

April 8, 2014
Chip Stewart, market specialist
Receipts: 578 head.
Compared to last week: Feeders steers and heifer traded 3.00-5.00 lower. Quality was not as attractive as last week. Supply included 31% feeder steers, 44% feeder heifers, and 21% of feeders were over 600 pounds. Slaughter cows 4.00 lower. Slaughter bulls steady to 3.00 lower.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	200-300	273	231.00-251.00	238.59
13	300-400	371	220.00-236.00	226.69
15	400-500	427	211.00-222.50	217.86
16	500-600	531	190.00-212.00	196.88
8	600-700	636	172.00-184.00	178.49
11	700-800	736	151.00-166.50	163.92
2	800-900	857	136.00	136.00
3	900-1000	901	136.00	136.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-300	255	215.00-223.00	218.76
1	300-400	345	205.00	205.00
3	400-500	458	180.00-181.00	180.30
3	500-600	572	160.00-170.00	163.47
5	700-800	756	141.00-150.00	145.17
1	800-900	810	145.00	145.00
1	900-1000	985	123.00	123.00

Feeder Steers Small and Medium 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	795	110.00	110.00

Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	500-600	575	84.00	84.00
1	1000-1100	1090	85.00	85.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	200-300	227	210.00-232.50	218.27
24	300-400	353	200.00-218.00	210.13
22	400-500	462	184.00-200.00	191.47
22	500-600	548	180.00-186.00	181.05
7	600-700	636	162.00-171.00	169.63
1	700-800	795	130.00	130.00
1	900-1000	960	111.00	111.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	200-300	262	193.00-208.00	202.47
12	300-400	362	170.00-198.00	189.29
13	400-500	470	175.00-180.00	178.37
5	500-600	577	143.00-168.00	159.95
12	600-700	640	110.00-159.00	137.70

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	600-700	605	144.00	144.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	300-400	363	218.00-230.00	222.78
21	400-500	466	200.00-211.00	203.32
12	500-600	542	187.00-198.00	192.39
2	600-700	667	168.00	168.00
6	700-800	736	150.00-156.00	152.90

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	300-400	347	204.00-206.00	204.86
6	400-500	469	184.00-192.00	186.97
12	500-600	555	173.00-187.00	181.30
1	600-700	650	148.00	148.00
1	700-800	760	141.00	141.00

Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	500-600	505	170.00	170.00

Slaughter Cows:

	%Lean	Weight	AD	HD	LD
Breaker	75-80	1330-1765	90-93		
Boner	80-85	1100-1500	87-94	100	78-84
Lean	85-90	1010-1250	77-85		68-75
Lite	85-90				

Slaughter Bulls:

YG:	Weight	Avg-Dress	High-Dress	Lo-Dress
#1-2	1350-194	100-107	116-118	96-97

Stock Cows: Cows 2 to 10 years old and 3 to 8 months 1425.00-2025.00 per head.
Stock Cow/Calf Pairs: Cows 3 to 10 years old with calves at side 1650.00-2150.00 per pair.
Stock Bulls: Angus bulls 2 to 3 years old 1900.00-2600.00 per head.
Baby Calves: Beef breeds: 190.00-210.00.00 per head.

Mineral museum requests backing from tourism commission to repair leaky roof

STAFF REPORT

The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum is stuck between a rock and a wet place.

Museum officials approached Marion Tourism Commission last week seeking financial help for a costly fix to a leaky roof. While tourism officials were sympathetic to the museum's plight, their offer of assistance fell short of expectations.

"We cannot get a loan without tourism guaranteeing it," said museum board member Bill Frazer at a meeting with tourism officials.

Frazer and museum director Tina Walker estimate the entire cost to repair the leaks by placing a gabled roof over the flat one to be upward of $50,000. While neither the museum nor its benefactors have that amount of money set aside, officials were hoping for the backing from tourism for a loan.

"As a board, I don't think we can back this," said tourism board chairman Darrick Myers.

Tourism officials are reluctant to back any such loan for two primary reasons. While unlikely, the tourism commission could be dissolved at any time by Marion City Council, leaving the loan without a guarantor. Secondly, there is no guarantee the extensive collection of minerals, tools and records from world-renowned geologist Ben E. Clement will forever be housed in the former school building adjacent to Fohs Hall on North Walker Street. Should the Clement family decide to remove the exhibits, which is also unlikely, tourism would be left to pay back a loan for a new roof on an empty building.

The mineral museum, which entertains visitors from around the world, has fundraisers throughout the year, including a mineral dig and a gem and mineral show, but it does not generate enough to cover the expense of a new roof, said Walker.

Despite refusal to back a loan, the tourism commission is helping the museum.

Besides contributing about $1,000 annually to help finance the annual gem and mineral show, tourism has offered to distribute $3,100 to the mineral museum July 1 and the same amount Jan. 1, 2015, to help offset the cost of payments should the museum opt for financing a new roof.

"Our work is still before us, this is critical," Frazer said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Voter registration deadline nearing

The deadline for eligible Kentuckians to register to vote in the upcoming May 20 primary election is April 21.

County clerks' offices throughout Kentucky will accept voter registration cards until the close of business on that date. Mail-in voter registration applications must be postmarked by April 21.

Study: Ky.'s voting process lagging

Over the last two presidential elections, Ohio and Kentucky officials improved election performance, shrinking wait times and cleaning up voter registries.

The No. 1 thing both states could still do to help voters: allow online registration, according to a Pew Charitable Trusts study released Tuesday. Online registration reduces the potential for error that exists with traditional paper-based systems, saves jurisdictions money and increases the accuracy and currency of the voter rolls, thereby reducing delays and congestion at the polling place, according to Pew.

Indiana is one of only 13 states that allow it.

Pew is the latest to recommend the move. The Presidential Commission on Election Administration has recommended providing online voter registration, as has Ohio's Secretary of State Jon Husted.

Overall in 2012, the study shows Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana fared poorly compared with other states – with only Ohio squeaking into the top half of rankings. Ohio ranked 24th, scoring a 70 percent on 17 points the study considered; Indiana ranked 30th, scoring 67 percent; Kentucky ranked 39th, scoring 63 percent.

— The Kentucky Enquirer

Arnold escapes ethics charges

Former state Rep. John Arnold, a Sturgis Democrat, will not be punished for charges that he sexually harassed three state employees over four years.

A majority of the Legislative Ethics Commission voted to find Arnold guilty of violating state ethics laws by abusing his position as a public official. But Commissioner Elmer George voted no because he did not believe the commission had the authority to punish Arnold because Arnold is no longer a member of the General Assembly.

Elmer's vote meant each of Arnold's counts failed with a 4-1 vote. State law requires the commission to have five votes before it can fine or sanction someone.

Three state workers told the ethics panel that Arnold touched them inappropriately and made them afraid to come to work.

— The Associated Press

Lawmakers still have undone work

Kentucky lawmakers are expected to cobble together a final agreement on the last vital piece of legislation still unresolved in the 2014 session of the General Assembly — the state's six-year road plan and biennial highway construction plan.

At press time, no agreement had been reached.

Bargaining over the road plan has proven contentious in recent sessions, with legislators adjourning at the end of the past two 60-day sessions without an agreement in place. Those stalemates have prompted quick returns to Frankfort in special sessions, at a cost to taxpayers of about $60,000 per day.

House Speaker Greg Stumbo (D-Prestonsburg) said March 31 that not lifting the floor of the gas tax rate to its level Dec. 31 would create a $107 million gap in revenue for the two-year construction plan, meaning fewer projects would be funded. Both Gov. Steve Beshear and the House relied on receipts from the rate increase — up 2.2 cents per gallon — in their road plans.

Republicans in both the House and Senate say the proposed rate increase, which was not included in a compromised revenue package passed March 31, amounted to a tax hike on Kentucky's drivers.

Meantime, real and proposed funding for the U.S. 641 relocation project from Marion to U.S. 62 near Eddyville remains in question at press time. The latest published version of the two-year construction plan showed only $1.5 million for design work on Phase 2 of the project from Fredonia to Eddyville. A proposed $12 million in funding to finish grade, drain and surfacing work on the Crittenden County leg had been pushed out to 2017.

Lawmakers return to Frankfort next week after a 10-day veto recess to wrap up their work in the regular session. They reconvene Monday and are set to adjourn on Tuesday, the 60th and final day of the session.

— The State Journal

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AMISH FARM - 3 bdr, lg living rm, kitchen, 2 bath & a full basement. Nice workshop, barn & chicken house. A 12x20 quilting building, greenhouse, lg garden, 4 ponds, all on 10+/- acres that is fenced & cross fenced. County water available. $110,000.00 ab

ROCHESTER AVE. - 2 br, 1 bath, big plus/minus [illegible] for quick sell, $32,500. SOLD

MIDWAY - 2003 doublewide w/4 bdr, 2 baths w/ [illegible] & air, kitchen [illegible] just minutes from Marion or Salem. $55,000.00 ch REDUCED

CENTRAL AVE. - You will love this location, this home is located at the end of the street, nice & quiet. 3 bdr, 1 bath lots of room. Also a 18x24 garage w/concrete & electric. $65,000.00 bc

SOUTH MAIN - 2 or 3 bdr home & garage on a large lot. Move in ready, great price, great location. $48,500.00 pb

SALEM - 2 story stone home, 4 bdr, 2 1/2 baths, family rm w/ brick fireplace, utility rm, central air, 2 1/2 car garage, concrete patio. 2 extra lots. Get it all for $100,000.00 eg

BELLVILLE ST. - 3 bdr, 2 bath home with nice yard and great location. $92,000.00. da

SALEM - 6 bdr, computer rm, lg eat-in kitchen w/ natural custom cherry cabinets, appliances stay. 2 baths, utility rm, lg living rm, 2-car attached garage 30x60 workshop that's insulated w/ concrete floor. Just minutes from the river & Barkley Lake. $129,000.00. cy

DRAKE STREET - 3 bdr, lots of kitchen cabinets, lg [illegible] central heat & air, appliances [illegible] distance to town. $38,500.00. rd SOLD

GREAT HOME, GREAT LOCATION - 2 bdr, 1 1/2 baths, nice kitchen, dining rm, family rm. This home is move in ready & sits on a nice big lot w/storage bldg. $58,000.00 js

MAIN STREET - 3 bdr, 2 bath w/nice big rooms, city water & sewer. This home is a piece of history, motivated seller. Make an offer. $81,000.00. dm

PERFECT LOCATION - 2 bdr, 1 bath, large kitchen w/ lots of cabinets, dining rm & laundry rm. Nice storage bldg, 2 car garage on 3/4 acres. $35,000.00. df

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Will a Leftist one-world order come into power?

Will the Leftist One World Order come?

The very simple answer to this is found in Daniel 4:2, which reads, "The Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whosoever He wills."

God lets those we deserve get in power because the majority will vote into power what their lifestyle demands – be it Christian or wicked – and America is blessed or cursed depending on what the majority deserve.

Since the Tower of Babel, there have been people trying to build a One World Power so a select few can rule the world instead of God. But this has occurred more feverishly in America since Woodrow Wilson.

In a speech by President George H.W. Bush given at a joint session of Congress on Sept. 11, 1990, he said these words, "This is an historic moment. We have before us the opportunity to forge for ourselves and for future generations a new world order – a world where the rule of law, not the law of the jungle, governs the conduct of nations. When we are successful – and we will be – we have a real chance at this new world order, an order in which a credible United Nations can use its peacekeeping role to fulfill the promise and vision of the UN's founders."

When has the United Nations been credible? Also, the one who gave the land in New York for the UN headquarters to be built on was one of the One World power players, John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Now look how the UN, Obama and many of those in power are demanding to take all guns away from the citizens as Germany and Russia did, leaving the populous defenseless. They also want to cut back our military power to pre-World War II levels, which cost 405,399 American lives because we were so weak the rest of the world was not afraid of us. It almost cost us the war.

No well-armed citizenry in history has ever been taken over and the power hogs know this. Read the history of Russia, Germany, China, Pol Pot and others where leaders first disarmed the citizens and then evil leaders murdered more than 200,000,000 of their own people. All of these started out planning to rule the world. Religious freedom was the first victim in their takeover, and ObamaCare is demanding that now.

But history proves no one man or group of men has ever been permitted to rule even their own nation for any length of time. Meantime, they bring hell on earth to the people they control and murder.

The reason this history is not taught in our government schools any more is because these evil people who want us without our guns and a strong military controlled by the United Nations don't want the generations to come to be informed of the untold millions of people who have been slaughtered by all these would-be world conquerors.

They are all dead, but their like-minded determinants are still around. Some of these are political front men, but most are power brokers behind the scenes pulling the strings. They are mostly billionaires who think they know what is best for everyone else in the world. The set themselves up as gods, drunk with power and determined to be rulers of the world.

The shadow government controlling America today is the powerful and wealthy Rockefellers, Rothschilds, Bilderbergers, etc. organization, using any means they can to manipulate by promising a slice of the pie. These thieves of our minds, freedoms and lives are atheists and teach all who aren't are stupid. See how they influence all the "wannabes," especially most of the young college students?

How can any person intelligent enough to get this kind of influence and power be stupid enough to think they can live long enough to get to be the one to control the world?

Don't they know they are going to die and that they are just blots on the stage of life? Their bodies and power will pass into dust, as they themselves will stand naked before the God they deny and yet try to emulate.

These are the people the Bible speaks of in 2 Corinthians 4:4, "In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Satan has not only blinded the minds and eyes of these power-brokers, but also the millions of Americans who cannot see the cancerous sores infested in too many of our leaders in both parties.

Many of them are in on this idea of the wonders of a One World government, where they have visions of being some of the power players.

Their work and plans are hidden in words like sustainable development, which was passed in the 1992 Venezuela Conference by the UN called Agenda 21. This reaches into our environment, economy, social standards, education and health as well as dictating what we can eat, buy and drive and where we can work. This is all designed for us to think alike and bring all nations under the control of the UN, which is made up of atheists and nations who hate Christ and America. They want to force all people into one idea for all of life, including religion, and to destroy America's national sovereignty.

No, this is not a conspiracy theory. Just Google "Agenda 21," and you'll find it all leads to the same end. It is open in the news now because they think they have nothing to fear, as we all are too stupid to understand and too unconcerned to do anything about it, and they are sure we can't stop them now. They do not figure God into the equation, but all God's informed people do, and they are soliciting God's help to lay ambush to their evil plans that they are working on day and night.

All of it is God's judgment on a people who have gone so far from Him that they would elect or let these kinds of people fool them to the point that the scriptures are fulfilled: "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God."

America and all nations are guilty!

Every person on the planet, past and present, will one day stand before the God they worshiped, ignored or tried to deny and will hear Him say as in Mark 9, "You have been faithful over a few things, I will now make you ruler over many, enter into the joys of the Lord; or depart from me you wicked into everlasting fire, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth, and the worm dies not and the fire is not quenched."

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

Church notes

■ Shady Grove Cemetery's annual meeting will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday. The public is invited to attend.

■ Salem Baptist Church will hold a flea market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday at the Christian Life Center. For more information call (270) 704-1567.

■ Barnett Chapel Church will have its spring revival at 7 p.m., April 14-18. Bro. Tim Fouts will speak. Bro. Steve Tinsley and the congregation welcomes the public to attend.

■ Hurricane Church will have its Easter sunrise service at 6 a.m. April 20. Bro. Herbert Alexander will be the guest speaker. Breakfast will follow the service. Pastor Wayne Winters and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

■ The public is invited to attend joint services for Holy Week. Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held at 7 p.m., April 17 at Marion United Methodist Church. Good Friday service will be held at 7 p.m., April 18 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Marion United Methodist Church will host sunrise services at 6 a.m., April 20. Each church will resume regular worship service at 10:45 a.m., April 20.

■ Maranatha General Baptist Church in Salem is resuming Sunday night services beginning at 6 p.m. If your church does not have Sunday night services, the church invites you to attend.

■ Mexico Baptist Church's clothes closet is open 9-11 a.m., each Monday.

Please join our joint services for
Holy Week
Maunday Thursday Communion Service
at Marion United Methodist Church
April 17 • 7 p.m.
Good Friday Service
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April 18 • 7 p.m.
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April 20 • 6 a.m.
Each church will resume regular worship service at 10:45 a.m., Sunday, April 20

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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. —Matthew 18:20

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First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
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Sunday School 10 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.
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When heart is right, God will give us grace to rise higher

By FELTY YODER
GUEST COLUMNIST

The Feast of Pentecost was the second of Israel's three annual feasts. It is also called the Feast of Harvest or the Weeks.

In the New Testament, it is called Pentecost because the word means "50th." The feast began on the 50th day after the Passover Sabbath. When Christ arose from the dead, He continued here with the disciples for another 40 days, speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3).

Then He departed into Heaven after 10 days, at the time of Israel's Feast of Pentecost. He sent for the Holy Ghost upon the waiting disciples, thus fulfilling the 50-day period.

In Acts, Chapter 2, we read what happened when God began a mighty revival through the Spirit. The point we want to touch here, is that when God comes on the scene, things begin to happen. The apostles preached to the people, and the people were confounded, because men from anywhere in the world could understand what was being said. Whereas when men wanted to do a great thing on their own, like building the Tower of Babel, the people were confounded because they could no longer understand each other. And the people went each his own way.

The Spirit of God draws people together, where those who live according to the flesh, remain in confusion. Babylon means "confusion."

In the last verse of Acts 2, we read, "And the word added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Pentecost wasn't just a one-time event. We can read in history somewhat of events where God reached down and empowered man to stand up and preach, where the people would come together with one thing in mind, and that was to know more of God. Here, they would fall on their faces in repentance and grow in virtue with the saints.

I doubt that any of us has ever experienced much of a pentecost. The reason is no doubt, because we have left God's order. When someone calls for revival in our day, the multitudes come together to hear some big name preacher. At the end of the service, anyone who will is invited to come up to the altar and accept Jesus into his heart and be saved. It seems to go something like this: "One, two, three, bingo! You're saved."

Up to this point, I have no problem with this kind of arrangement. When the heart is right, God will give grace to lift us higher until we come to the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The thing is, such conversion is oftentimes practically meaningless. Once the evangelist leaves town, things go on pretty much as before. To be sure, once in a while, you may find a pastor or teacher with a Fatherly heart, who is willing to spend the time and effort to bring the new convert into total union with the Father and the Son.

The false teachers wanted to put the Galations back under the Mosaic law. Paul told them, "You have fallen from grace."

In our day, they don't attempt to put us under the Mosaic law. They will speak very glowing about Jesus – how He did everything for us and we are to do nothing. This once-saved, always-saved mentality had a way of taking the truth out of God's Word. I believe Paul would say, "You have fallen from grace".

Jesus came in a body like you and I have. When He was here, He emphasized over and over that He and the Father are One. And that He doesn't do anything on His own, but only what the Father was doing.

There was no way Jesus could have fulfilled the law without abiding in total union with the Father. He asks us to come to Him, to know the Father, to walk in total union with Him as He and the Father are one.

The purpose of the ministry is to bring us to a oneness in the spirit, where the church, in general, and the individuals, in particular, are rested and grounded in love. We cannot do the will of God on our own.

However, if we surrender everything to Jesus, like Jesus did to the Father, we become free from that which held us captive. We no longer have to strive to keep the commandment. It is the same with us and Jesus as it was with Christ and the Father. We are not being scriptural when we try to fulfill scripture. We are only being scriptural when we abide in Christ. Then the scripture will be fulfilled.

Let's take for an example, Pentecost. They didn't have a fraction of today's communication. Yet, in a short time, the Gospel was heard in the far corners of the Roman Empire.

Today, we have tons of books, CDs and more CDs, radio, TV and no end to what is on the Internet in line of scriptural reading, and hardly anyone bats an eye. The thought seems to be that if there was more money, we could send more missionaries into the field to do the work.

The fact of the matter is, the money or material wealth has very little or nothing to do with the Kingdom of God. If it did, then God could do just as well, and better, than the Federal Reserve Bank, and come up with any amount of dollars any day to fill the need.

Money is not the issue. Neither are the Muslims or the communists. God can deal easily enough with such, if He chooses to do so. God's main problem – and has been since the beginning of time – is with His own people. Still, He stands out at the door and pleads with man, "My son, give me your heart, I want to come and dine with you and you with me. I am tired of your dead religion, it is an abomination unto me."

What we read and hear, we must check it with God's word.

We are told to prove everything. I would consider a person unwise if he believed everything I say just because I said it. Even a prophet isn't always right in everything he says.

So we have to be very careful, because, after all, each of us has to give account for himself. When we stand before the Judge, we can hardly expect the preacher, priest, bishop, rabbi or pope to be at hand to walk us through. I am more inclined to think they will be somewhere in the shadows, hoping to, in the end, save our own skin.

(Felty Yoder is a resident of the Salem community and has lived with his family in the area for two decades.)

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is $3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested.

Every day, the center at 210 North Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the exercise equipment. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information.

This week's activities and menu include:

- Today: The monthly fellowship dinner will begin at 5 p.m. Menu is roast turkey, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, pumpkin mousse and cranberry gelatin salad.

- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is franks and kraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread and fruit cobbler.

- Monday: Menu is barbecue chicken, whole kernel corn, green bean casserole, whole wheat roll and tropical fruit cup.

- Tuesday: A Kentucky legal aide will be on hand at 10:30 a.m. to help answer any legal questions. Menu is macaroni and cheese with ham, glazed sweet pototo, breaded okra, whole wheat roll and ambrosia.

- Wednesday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is meatloaf, au grautin potatoes, seasoned cabbage, cornbread and peach slices.

- Next Thursday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is beef vegetable soup, egg salad sandwich on wheat bread, crackers and fruit cobbler.

Free dump days set for this month

Crittenden County will offer free dump days April 25-26 at the county's convenience center off U.S. 60 east of Marion. This year, tires will be accepted at no charge. As usual, however, household trash will not be allowed to be dumped for free.

OBITUARIES

Coffer

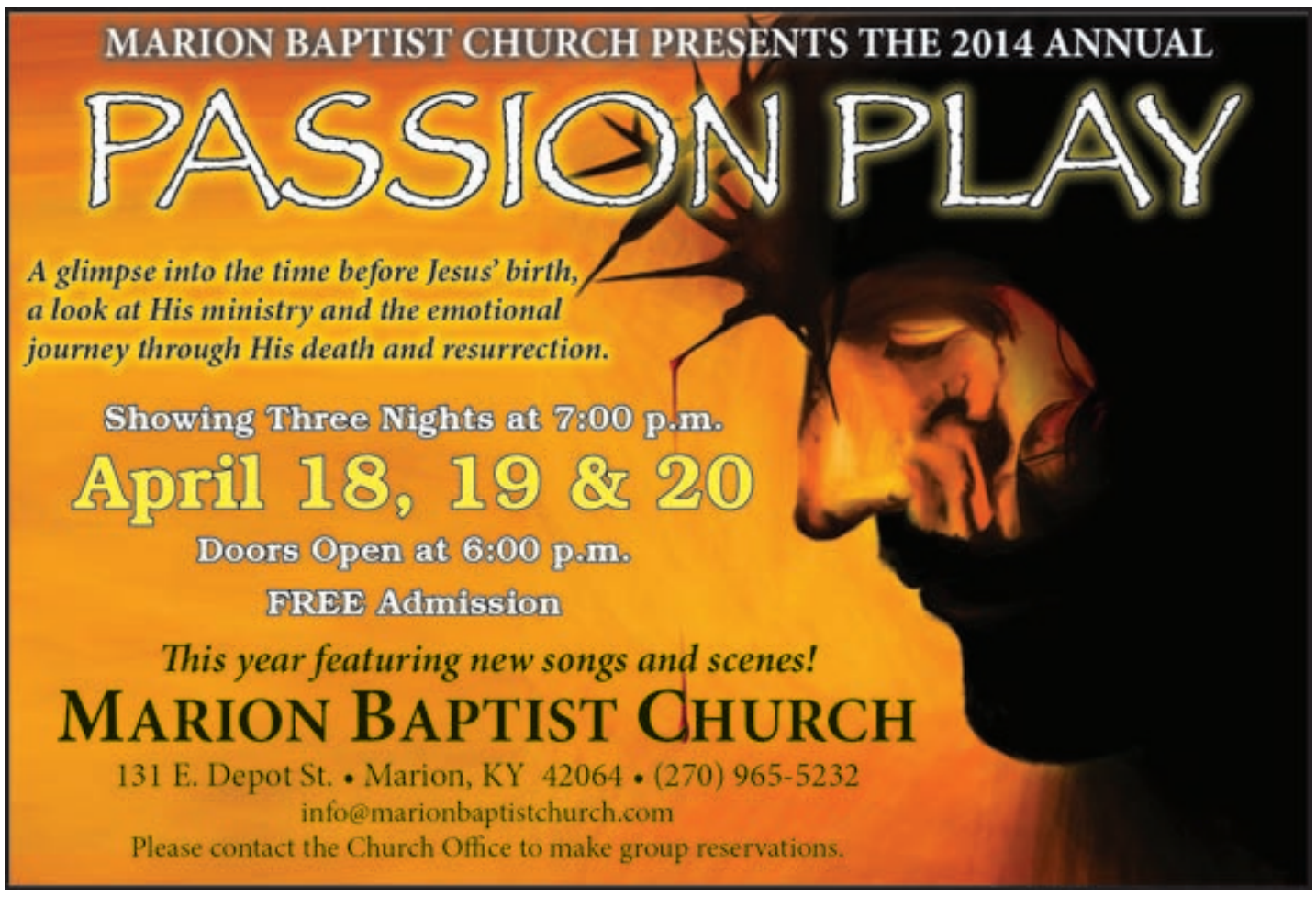
Sherman "Wendell" Coffer, 85, of Marion died April 6, 2014, at his home.

He was the active owner of Marion True Value and a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Coffer is survived by his wife of 69 years, LouElla Coffer; a daughter, Connie and husband Don Gabehart of Smithland; two granddaughters; two great-grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sherman and Etna Coffer.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was in Paradise Cemetery in Smithland.



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Septic system additives: Are they needed?

There are numerous septic system additives on the market and manufacturers promote them as necessities for proper septic system function. But, if properly designed and maintained, septic systems should not require additives. Moreover, additives have little positive effects on septic system performance, in some cases may actually be harmful and can also be expensive.

Brad Lee, Water Quality Extension Specialist for Water Quality at the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Homeowners can inexpensively improve septic system performance with these useful habits:

Minimize the use of "every flush" or "automatic" toilet bowl cleaners. These products are often solid blocks dropped into the toilet's water tank or clipped to the rim of the bowl. These blocks dissolve slowly over several months releasing bleach and other chemicals.

Reduce the amount of hair, grease and food particles that go down the drain by using a strainer.

Compost or throw food waste in the trash instead of using the garbage disposal.

Use environmentally friendly products, such as baking soda and vinegar, as an alternative to chemical cleaning products.

Do not drain chlorine-treated water from swimming pools and hot tubs into your septic system. Chlorine is meant to kill bacteria in bathing water. It will also kill the helpful bacteria in a septic system.

Never use your septic system to dispose of solvents, paints, antifreeze and chemicals. Use your local recycling and/or hazardous waste collection program. Contact your county solid waste coordinator for information about proper disposal of these or other items.

Do not flush any object or item that does not easily decompose down the toilet.

Minimize excessive water use that can overload the system.

Avoid planting trees around the system.

Redirect runoff water from your lawn, roof, and basement drain away from the absorption field.

Have your tank pumped every three to five years.

Remember, whatever you dispose of in your household plumbing system ends up in your septic system and eventually in the environment. Substances, such as motor oil, bleach and paint, can harm the system and even contaminate groundwater. Never dispose of these items in your septic system:

Kitchen: oil, grease, large food particles, coffee, paper towels, cigarette butts

Bathroom: pharmaceuticals, feminine products, non-biodegradable toilet paper, condoms, diapers, dental floss

Laundry: powder laundry detergent, household cleaners, large quantities of bleach, arts and crafts remnants such as glue, cat litter

Garage: Fertilizers, pesticides, paints, paint thinner, solvents, mechanical oil, gasoline

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Anna Kirby (right) shared her quilting experiences and projects with the Extension Homemaker Quilt Club on March 31. Rose Eldridge (left) will be the featured quilter for the Backroads Quilt show.

Quilt Club plans spring projects

STAFF REPORT

Anna Kirby learned how to hand piece quilts from Mary Jewell Alexander, who she continues to ask for guidance. Kirby, who says she will probably never retire, is a cook on an Inland Marine barge which allows her time to work on her piecing when she is not preparing meals.

Her quilting skills earned her first place in the Pennyrile Area Cultural Arts Contest in February.

The quilt will now be entered in the state contest to be held in Bowling Green in May.

Meanwhile, the Quilt Club will be assisting with the April 26 Backroads Quilt Show at Marion City Hall. Rose Eldridge will be the featured quilter for the show. The show is for display only, with spectators voting for their favorite.

In June the club is planning an outing to Todd County. For further information on the quilt club, contact the Crittenden County Extension Office at (270) 965-5236.

Maness receives doctorate degree

STAFF REPORT

Timothy Maness, formerly of Marion, recently completed the requirements to receive his doctorate degree from Pentecostal Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tenn. His degree will be conferred during commencement in May.

Maness is the son of Larry Maness and the late Charlotte Maness of Marion.

He is presently a restoration counselor and lives with his wife, Melinda, and two children in Cleavland.

Community CALENDAR

Thursday, April 10

■ A fellowship and singing event will be held at 5 p.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. All ages are welcome to attend. Fried chicken will be served. Officials ask one side dish be brought and a $5 donation be made to go toward the PACS Crittenden County Senior Center and the home-delivered meal program.

Friday, April 11

■ The Mustang Mafia of western Kentucky will hold its downtown Cruise-in Night from 6 to 9 p.m., at 520 N. Adams St. in Sturgis.

Saturday, April 12

■ Business and Arts/Craft Vendors Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 pm., at American Legion Post 116 in Princeton. Over 20 vendors/crafters are scheduled to attend. Portions of the funds support veterans and their families.

■ The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., in the meeting room at the library for its annual meeting. A video on family research in the county will be shown.

■ The National Society Daughters of the Union 1861–1865 will meet at 10 a.m., at the George Coon Library, located at 114 S. Harrison in Princeton for the purpose of organizing a new chapter. Membership is open to any woman 18 years of age or older provided she is a direct lineal or collateral descendant of a man or woman who rendered military or civil service to the Union during the years 1861-1865. Those interested in becoming a member can call Judy Ramirez at (270) 639-5558 or Rita Oldham at (270) 625-2226.

Tuesday, April 15

■ The Crittenden County Republican Party will host a community meet and greet for Republican candidates from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Mattoon Fire Department.

Thursday, April 17

■ Crittenden Health Systems Hospital Auxillary will have its annual bake sale beginning at 8 a.m.

■ Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council will hold its next meeting at 9 a.m., at the Extension Office.

■ The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce quarterly luncheon will be held at noon at the fellowship hall of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

■ Woman's Club of Marion will hold its April meeting at 6 p.m. Conservation will be the topic of discussion.

Monday, April 21

■ The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1373, will meet at 9:15 a.m., at Miss Scarletts in Grand Rivers with the other six chapters in western Kentucky. All current and retired federal employees are invited to join the monthly meeting.

Wednesday, April 23

■ A Living Well Workshop on a Chronic Disease Self-Management program will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Crittenden Health Systems. The free workshop will meet once a week for six weeks.

Saturday, April 26

■ The first Relay for Life scrapbooking crop will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center. It is sponsored by the Crittenden County Health Department. Limited spots are available. Call (270) 965-5215 for more information.

Tuesday, May 6

■ The Crittenden County Republican Party will host a community meet and greet for Republican candidates from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Marion Courthouse to meet candidates for jailer.

On-going

■ Livingston County Preschool/Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year. Parents can call (270) 988-2867 or (270) 928-2244 to schedule an appointment.

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Lisa Loveless (center) is presented the 2014 Salem Civic Beautification award by Janet Hughes, Salem Garden Club president, and Salem Mayor Stan Wallace.

Loveless receives civic award

STAFF REPORT

Salem resident Lisa Loveless has been named the recipient of the 2014 Salem Civic Beautification Award. This is the seventh year the Salem Garden Club has presented the award. Throughout the year garden club members take notice of homeowners in Salem who maintain a well-kept yard.

Garden Club officials said Loveless has always maintained a beautiful home and garden. However, Loveless ran into some trouble last September with her electric hedge clippers. While trimming her hedges she fell backwards and the clippers landed across her leg causing a severe injury, resulting in her missing work for several weeks. Loveless was very surprised to be recognized for the award and thanked family and friends for all their help during her time of recovery.

Meanwhile the Salem Garden Club and City of Salem co-hosted Salem's Spring Banquet. This year, Salem Mayor Stan Wallace recognized Jerry Bebout for his efforts to restore the Mill Cemetery. The cemetery is located just south of the city limits. After years of neglect, it was overgrown with vines, and many of the trees were in decay. Together Jerry Bebout, James Brown, Josh Brown and City Commissioner Gary Damron worked to remove the overgrowth. With the help of resident Mark Downey and his bobcat, they were able to uncover tombstones that were long-forgotten.

Bebout and Brown presented a slide show during the banquet that displayed before and after views of the various tombstones. Officials said this is an on-going project and more help is needed. Anyone interested in assisting with the Mill Cemetery project can contact Bebout at (270) 988-2352.

With less than a month before the Kentucky Derby, plans are under way for Salem's Derby Day celebration scheduled for May 3. At 10 a.m., the Derby Day Pageant will begin. Natalie Parish is the pageant coordinator. Proceeds go toward the Cali Cares Relay for Life team. Age divisions include 0-12 months for Wee Miss and Mister; 13-23 months for Tiny Miss and Mister; two to four years for Toddler Miss and Mister and five to 19 years are for Petite Miss, Little Miss, Pre-teen, Teen Miss and Miss. For more information call Parish at (270) 871-1383.

Officials are pleased to announce the Salem Cloggers and Night Moves Dance Club will return again this year. Kara Harris Crowell and her band, County Line, will perform at noon. In addition, Marty Kaiser will have a large selection of plants for sale. Derby-related activities such as the Derby Pie Contest and Derby Hat Contest will also be scheduled. Back this year by popular demand is the Derby Hat Parade. Officials urge everyone to begin making their hats now.

Children will enjoy inflatables and various games, including the hula hoop contest for the young and young at heart.

Vendors will also be at the event selling a variety of items including an assortment of food. For vendor space or more information on Salem Derby Day call Janet Hughes at (270) 836-2787 or (270) 988-3835.

370,000 Kentuckians sign up for health insurance

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 370,000 people have signed up for health insurance through the state's marketplace, a project that has come to define Democrat Steve Beshear's term as governor.

"We are thrilled with the level of interest and enrollment that we've seen for our first open enrollment period," Carrie Banahan, executive director of Kynect, the state's health insurance marketplace, said in a news release.

But as the governor and his staff celebrated the numbers April 1 - one in every 12 Kentuckians now has health insurance through Kynect - the program's future is less certain in the state legislature.

On March 31, state lawmakers approved a two year, $20.3 billion state spending plan that forbids Beshear from using any state tax dollars to pay for Kentucky's expanded Medicaid program or the private insurance marketplace.

"You give the governor credit for what he's done. What the governor did was create a portal, a website. That's all. The product is still Obamacare," Republican Senate President Robert Stivers said.

Stivers said the Republican majority in the Senate still opposes the federal Affordable Care Act. He said it contributed to this year's contentious state budget debate, which did not conclude until 5:30 Sunday morning after an all-night closed-door meeting. Of particular concern, Stivers said, was the roughly $100 million the state will have to find in two years to begin paying for the state's share of the expanded Medicaid program.

House Democrats have tried to distance themselves from the federal Affordable Care Act while trying to embrace what the state has done under Beshear's direction. They often say Kentucky does not have "Obamacare" but "Beshearcare," pointing out that Kentucky is one of the few southern states to set up its own health care marketplace instead of having one run by the federal government.

If Beshear were to veto the portion of the state budget that bans him from using state money to implement the federal law, Democratic House Speaker Greg Stumbo said he did not know if the House would override it.

"As long as anything that we did doesn't interfere with his implementation of what we affectionately refer to as Beshearcare, I think we're all fine with it," Stumbo said. "We don't much care for Obamacare, that mess they made in Washington."

The deadline to sign up for insurance was March 31. Kentucky officials said more than 21,000 people signed up in the final three days. More than half of those enrollments came on the final day.

Of the 370,829 who signed up for health insurance, 293,802 enrolled for the state's Medicaid program and 77,027 purchased discounted private insurance plans.

Those numbers are likely to grow. People who had problems signing up for coverage have until midnight Friday to enroll. Final enrollment numbers will be available after Tuesday.

About 75 percent of the people signing up for health insurance in Kentucky did not have health insurance prior to signing up, according to Kerri Richardson, Beshear's spokeswoman.

CCMS students visit 'Reality Store'

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Designed to instill a reality check, eighth graders at Crittenden County Middle School received an eye-opening opportunity for a chosen career, education and lifestyle during a Reality Store exercise on April 3. The Reality Store is a joint effort of the middle school and the UK Cooperative Extension Service, which adopted the national exercise into its 4-H program. Students are introduced to the realities that accompany adulthood such as the purchase of housing, transportation, food and childcare.

Nancy Hunt, UK Cooperative Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, called the exercise a great eye-opener for students, who had to work within a monthly budget in the simulation and visit booths hosted by community leaders that spoke with them about different expenses and how it affected their income.

Those outcomes would affect their buying habits. Students would have to decide on purchasing high end, middle or store brand grocery items. They also received the opportunity to learn if they would be able to purchase a new or used car based on income and expenses.

Sever

Prior to the exercise, CCMS guidance counselor Lindsey Sever met with each student individually to go over their individual learning plan. Students selected a career path complete with post-secondary education options.

Students then visited various booths designed to give them insight on how expenses would affect their overall salary after taxes.

One reality each student had to consider was childcare. Sever said each student had to draw a card to see how many children they would have in their family for the simulation, with options ranging from no children to one child or two children. Students then learned about the expenses related to raising a child by visiting the childcare booth presented by Janet Stevens, a former employee of Crittenden County Schools.

Stevens said the exercise helped students establish priorities as they saw the daily, weekly and monthly costs associated with daycare expenses.

"They need to learn that childcare is a part of marriage," Stevens said. "It's about knowing how to plan your budget to meet those necessities for childcare."

Sever said the lesson was a great opportunity for students to begin seriously studying various career options as they prepare to enter high school.

"It makes them think what track they have to be on to achieve a goal [and ask] is this really what I want to do and want to be," Sever said.

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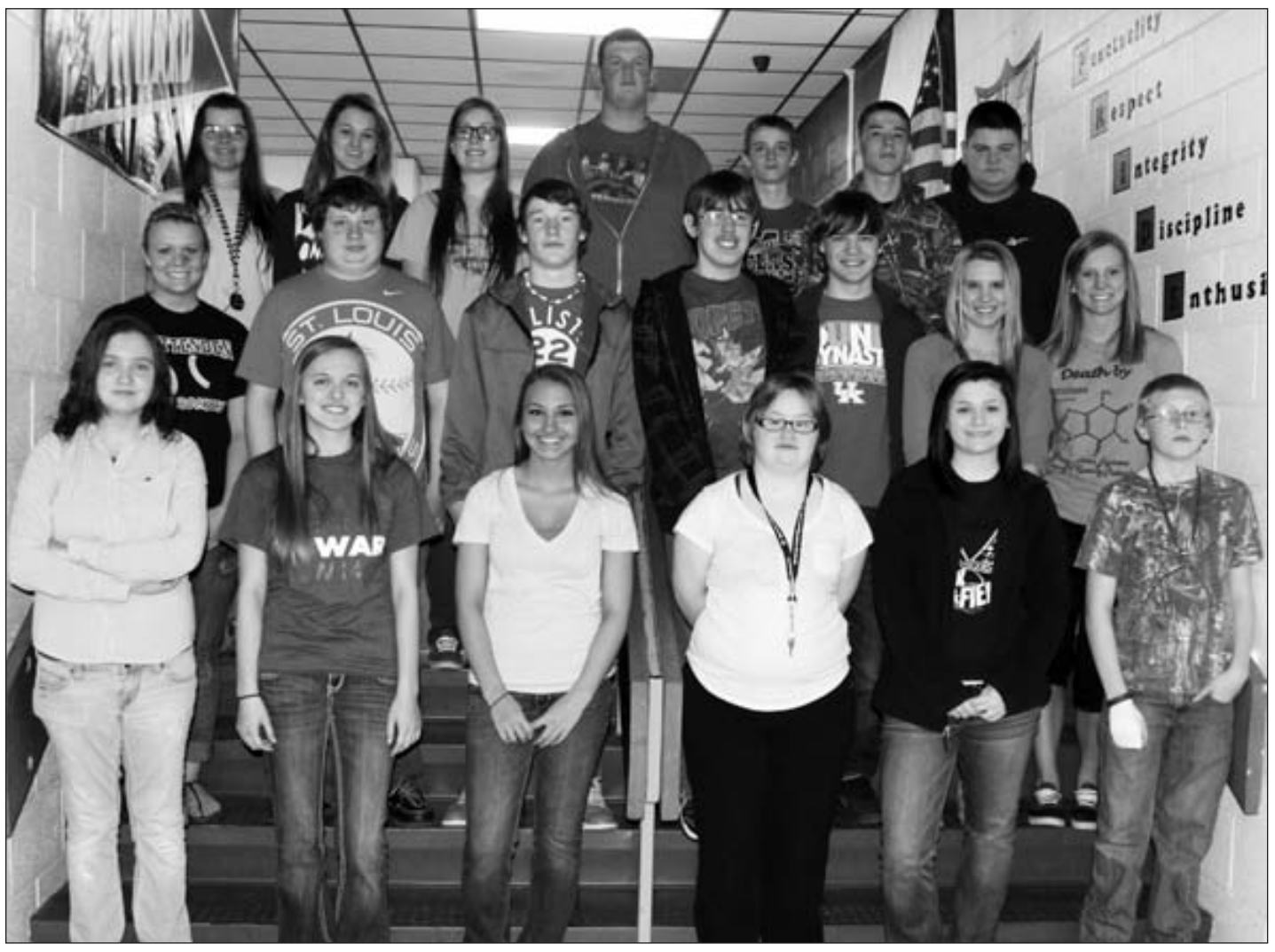
Eighth grader Dayton Simpkins listens as Janet Stevens explains the expenses associated with childcare during the Reality Store at Crittenden County Middle School.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CCHS names April Students of the Month

Crittenden County High School has recognized the following students as its April Students of the Month. Pictured are (front row) Marissa Yesh, Megan Sherrell, Sage Winternheimer, Mason Ryan, Randi Williamson and Corey Guess; (second row) Haylee Young, Justin Reynolds, Dylan Smith, Jacob Hackney, Jonas Duncan, Michelle Davidson and Ashley Cooper; (third row) Sylvana Hunt, Brittany Minton, Sydney Leibenguth, Chase Dempsey, Daniel Bricken, Jesse Belt and Blake Floyd. Not Pictured: Nick Greenwell and Aaron Owen.

BIRTH

Conrad

Lee and Meagan Conrad of Hopkinsville announce the arrival of their son, James Lewis Conrad, born at 8:25 a.m., March 18 at Vanderbilt Hospital. The baby weighed eight pounds and two ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Pat and Michelle Givens of Hopkinsville.

Paternal grandparents are Linda Kupisch of Marion and the late Richard Conrad.

The baby has two siblings, Jack and Graham Conrad, age 4.

Crittenden Press photos available online at the-press.com

CCMS THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

All-A Honor Roll

Sixth-grade: Morgan Barnes, Hannah Bell, Lily Berry, Jaylin Blackburn, Douglas Conger, Kirsten DeBoe, Jaycie Driver, Lauren Gilchrist, Kyron Hicks Ellie McGowan, Jenna Potter, Kyonna Ross, Ellie Smith, Emmie Smith and Tanner Way.

Seventh-grade: Gavin Dickerson, Justis Duncan, John Claude Duvall, Hanna Easley, Paige Gilbert, Hogan Hatfield, Caitlyn Lynch, Jonathan Maness, Sean Overfield and Kenlee Perryman.

Eighth-grade: Landon Brooks, Madison Champion, Mauri Collins, Madison O'Dell, Bailey Priest, Dayton Simpkins, Tyson Steele and Sam Winders.

All-A-and-B Honor Roll

Sixth-grade: Ashton Binkley, Shelby Brown, Jaimie Burt, Shelby Cooper, Cortne Curnel, Gavin Davidson, Mackenzie Dennis, Autumn Derby Ashleigh Dunkerson, Riley Gobin, Trinity Hayes, Logan Henderson, Emma Herrin, Skyler James, Madison Johnson, Hunter Jones, Lynzee Lynn, Justin Phillips, Caitlyn Riley, Ethan Shaffer, Elijah Shook, Andrew Smith, Victoria Starrett, Ethan Stone, Emma Stoner, Skye Tercero and Harley Wesley.

Seventh-grade: Brandy Book, Hunter Boone, Jennifer Bricken, Zachary Claybrooke, Madison Conger, Hannah Cooksey, Sydney Coomes, Jesse Curnel, Julia Davidson, Ethan Dossett, Chris Haire, Drake Kemper, Rebekah Lowry, Matthew Lynn, Shea Martin, Devon Nesbitt, Sean O'Leary Zachary Paris, Devin Porter, Payton Riley, Pate Robinson, Joshua Sarles, Shelby Summers, Sawyer Towery, Faith Turner, Jenna Wallace, Kelsie Webster and McKenzi Zahrte.

Eighth-grade: Nikki Adams, Enrque Adkins, Emma Atchison, Bailey Barnes, Emmalea Barnes, Adam Beavers, Cody Belt, Logan Belt, Ryan Belt, Kylie Collins, Ross Crider, Dawson Doyle, Daryan Duran, Carsen Easley, Lauren Faulkner, Alexis Gillespie. Destiny Hatt, Kaitlyn Hicks, Mason Hunt, Meighan Koon, Kenny Perry, Noah Sallin, Makensie Simpkins, Matthew Spannuth, Hayley Stinnett, Corbin Wilson and Chaylee Wolf.

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Grand jury indicts seven on various charges

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury handed down seven indictments Friday, six of them were drug related.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecution of a felony case in circuit court.

Indicted last week were:

- Jayce Lynn Smith, 19, of Marion was indicted on a charge of felony theft by complicity (under $10,000). Court records say that on Dec. 7, Smith, in conjunction with another person or persons, allegedly stole a set of wheels and tires from a residence on U.S. 641 in Marion.

- Jason G. Millikan, 35, of Marion was indicted on charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), a Class D felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor. Court records say that on March 15, Marion Patrolmen Bobby West and Chuck Hoover were executing unrelated warrants on Millikan at Five Star when they found what was believed to be meth, hypodermic needles and a pipe. Some of the items were on Millikan's person and some were found in the waste basket in the convenience store restroom. Investigators believe the suspect left those items in the restrooms.

- Kayla N. Elliott-Claycomb, 19, of Marion was indicted on one count of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (hydrocodone) to a cooperating witness. Court records indicate that on Oct. 2, Elliott sold five pills to an undercover informant working with Deputy Greg Rushing of the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department. She was arrested in March.

- Tosha Weaver, 21, of Marion was indicted on a single charge of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (hydrocodone) for allegedly selling Lortabs for $12 to a cooperating witness in May of last year. She was arrested in February of this year.

- Sommer L. Owen, 27, of Marion was indicted on one count of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (hydrocodone). Court records say that on dates in May and June of 2013, Owen allegedly sold quantities of above specified drugs to a cooperating witness. The alleged transaction included $100 and was recorded by audio/video surveillance by officers monitoring the deal. She was arrested in March.

- Brandy Gobin, 37, of Clay was indicted on a charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) for allegedly selling a quantity of the drug to a cooperating witness. The transaction allegedly took place in July of last year and involved $120. She was arrested last month.

- Jimmy D. Rose Jr., 26, of Marion was indicted on charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Court records indicate that on Jan. 1, Rose was stopped by Trooper Darron Holliman at 10:30 a.m. on Old Morganfield Road for violation of the seat belt law. As a result of that traffic stop, the officer found the alleged drugs and paraphernalia in the suspect's Ford Explorer.

Republicans whip up support at recent functions

GOP hosting series of events designed to keep voters informed

STAFF REPORT

With the local office and mid-term congressional primary election just weeks away, the Republican Party of Crittenden County is leaving nothing to chance when it comes to keeping voters informed.

In recent days, the local party has opened GOP headquarters on Main Street in Marion, hosted one meet-and-greet featuring all Republican office seekers and held a fundraising dinner that brought out state and national candidates before the voters of Crittenden County. On Tuesday, another meet-and-greet for local candidates is slated for Mattoon, and on May 6, Republican candidates for jailer will come before the electorate one final time as a unified effort by the GOP to keep voters informed.

"Every election counts," said Michael Pape, field representative for Rep. Ed Whitfield speaking at Friday night's dinner on the congressman's behalf. "This one especially."

Pape, of course, was speaking of the mid-term congressional elections in which Republicans hope to maintain control of the House of Representatives and gain control of the Senate in order to limit the powers of Democratic President Barack Obama.

Closer to home, local GOP candidates were given the opportunity on April 1 to pitch their platform for office to constituents. Everyone from Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, who is unopposed, to Tolu-area constable Tony Alexander was given time to stump.

However, the crowd was sparse in the upstairs courtroom of the courthouse.

Don Gatewood, secretary of the county's GOP, summed up many in the party's frustration as to the disregard a large portion of the electorate has for most elections.

"Apathy is killing us," he said.

Magistrate Jeff Ellis and his primary opponent Bob Trowbridge spoke, as did Magistrate Glen Underdown and his challenger Junior Martin. All seemed to agree roads are the major interest of voters when it comes to their magistrate.

Also, all three GOP candidates for county jailer had an opportunity to speak, each giving varying reasons as to why they should be the people's choice. Mike McConnell pitched his business management experience and the importance of the jail to the county's finances. Ricky Winders offered his tenure as a county employ. And Robbie Kirk emphasized his years in law enforcement and knowledge as a businessman.

"I think we all have a lot to think about when it comes to jailer," suggested Gatewood at the close of the meet-and-greet.

On Friday, at the fundraising dinner, Pape, Rep. Lynn Bechler of Marion, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer, U.S. Senatorial candidate Matt Bevin and Kentucky gubernatorial candidate Hal Heiner all addressed the crowd of dozens gathered for the dinner.

Bevin, the only of the candidates who will be opposed in May, urged voters' careful consideration when casting their ballots.

"Please take this seriously, and be informed," he said.

In May, Bevin will face six-term U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, who was invited to the dinner but did not attend.

Though the fundraiser was open to Democrats and Republicans, during a private reception for advance ticketholders only, a representative of Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes' U.S. Senatorial campaign attempted to crash the function. But she was turned away because she had not purchased an advance ticket as required and was escorted from the building.

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Crittenden County's Republican Party has been busy whipping up recognition for its candidates in the upcoming May 20 primary as well as for potential candidates in next year's gubernatorial race. Above, 7-year-old Cutter Singleton listens intently to speakers at Friday's Crittenden County Republican Party Pennyrile Area Dinner while his mother, Shelley, looks on. By far the youngest in attendance at the dinner, Cutter made it clear he has his eye set on the White House. At left, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer ponders a question from a constituent following the dinner inside Crittenden County Middle School's multi-purpose room. Comer, though he has not announced his candidacy, is believed to be a Republican who will run in next year's Kentucky gubernatorial election. Other keynote speakers at the head table at Friday's dinner were U.S. Senatorial candidate Matt Bevin, Kentucky state Rep. Lynn Bechler, Kentucky gubernatorial candidate Hal Heiner and Congressman Ed Whitfield's field director Michael Pape.

Beshear heralds auto industry trade group

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gov. Steve Beshear said Monday he wants Kentucky to be as synonymous with the auto industry as Detroit.

The Democratic governor announced the formation of the Kentucky Automotive Industry Association to promote Kentucky as an automotive hub. Marion manufacturers Par 4 Plastics, Tyler Manufacturing Co. and Harminie Enterprises are all makers of automotive-related materials.

Beshear emphasized the association is not a state agency, but it will get some state money for marketing purposes. Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Larry Hayes will be the group's chairman.

Board members include representatives from Toyota, Ford, General Motors and various automotive supply companies.

Beshear said Kentucky ranks third in the country in light vehicle production. Kentucky's automotive exports reached a record $5.5 billion last year.

PRECINCT LOCATION CHANGE

School will be in session during the May 20th primary election, therefore, voters that normally vote at CCES will vote at the Ed-Tech Center. The Ed-Tech Center is located on Industrial Drive, near the Crittenden County Health Department. If you need directions please call the county clerk's office at (270) 965-3403. Thank you and sorry for any inconvenience.

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INJURY

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ficials driving an ATV, and he was taken to an ambulance waiting on Bells Mines Road. The victim never lost consciousness and was able to walk from the ATV to the ambulance, Gunn said. The victim was interviewed by the game warden at the scene, and so was the boy who fired the shot and his father.

No charges have been filed.

Gunn said the accident shows how important it is for hunters to positively identify their target before pulling the trigger.

The WMA opened for public hunting last fall for the first time. This was the first spring turkey hunting opportunity for the public on the Crittenden County portion of the WMA. The WMA is partly in Union County, too.

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complete the sex-offender program, his plea agreement requires him to serve an additional five years.

Once Winders completes the program, however, he would be eligible for parole.

Held on a $100,000 bond since last fall, Winders should receive credit for time served in the local jail. Judge Williams will set all final sentencing guidelines in two months.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Input requested for recreation needs

Local citizens are being given the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of the community at an upcoming meeting.

To provide a forum for discussion, a public meeting is being held at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Crittenden County Courthouse in Marion. The specific purpose of the meeting is to discuss the development of a Land & Water Conservation Fund Application for Crittenden County.

Anyone with supporting or opposing views is invited to voice that opinion at this meeting or in writing to: Office of Federal Grants, Department for Local Government, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 340, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Ruler Foods store comes to Princeton

Ruler Foods will soon be opening a new store in Princeton, according to The Times Leader.

An affiliate of Kroger, the new grocery is expected to open in June in the former Walmart building on U.S. 62.

The store is anticipated to offer Kroger-branded items as well as fresh meat and produce.

According to the newspaper, Greg Oxford, leasing manager for Ershig Properties, which owns the former Walmart building, said the store would occupy 23,000 square feet and will be located in the opposite end of the building from Tractor Supply Co.

Blackford Bridge hits another snag

After getting a new deck and railing, the Blackford Bridge that spans the Tradewater River between Crittenden and Webster counties is facing more troubles.

According to The Journal-Enterprise, state inspectors may demand improvements and maintenance costs in order for vehicle traffic to keep passing over the span. The bridge re-opened to traffic in January, but the problems arose a few weeks ago when it was inspected by the state, Webster County Judge-Executive Jim Townsend told the Providence newspaper.

The span is classified as a pedestrian bridge with permitted use for emergency traffic. It is part of the Veterans Walk of Honor that stretches from Crittenden County to Blackford. For years, though, locals have driven vehicles across the bridge despite warnings and several attempts to keep them off the span.

While state inspectors were on scene recently, according to the newspaper, they noticed the traffic and felt the bridge needed to be brought up to state highway standards. That would make Webster Fiscal Court, who owns the bridge, responsible for the costs of upgrading and maintaining the bridge.

"We're still waiting for them to say which or what," Townsend told The Crittenden Press.

Townsend said federal funds and coal severance money has been used to first rebuild the bridge for pedestrian use and then make the recent repairs. No state highway money was used.

"When the state popped in, it caught us by a great deal of surprise," he said.

Needed repairs to the asphalt path leading up to each side of the bridge will be made when asphalt plants start up for the season.

2014 Kentucky road maps ready

Kentucky travelers can now find the 2014 Kentucky Official Highway Map at rest areas, welcome centers, local convention and tourism offices and Kentucky State Parks.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet publishes the map annually, offering information for the traveling public. This year's map reflects system improvements that include a completed U.S. 27 bypass around Cynthiana, an extension of the south Elizabethtown Bypass and a new alignment and bridge over the Tennessee River in Paducah.

The map also lists federally sanctioned bicycle routes along with symbols to indicate limited access parkways and divided highways.

The map also points users to state parks, colleges and universities, airports and river ports, hospitals, welcome centers and rest areas, special points of interest and Kentucky State Police posts.

An electronic version is available online at www.transportation.ky.gov/maps/pages/default.aspx.

— The Associated Press

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Siemens road show

Rick McGavock (right), a field service representative with Siemens, last week shows local Siemens employs components used by the company's rail systems division. The demonstration was on board a traveling bus designed to cross the country showing how different components manufactured by plants like the one in Marion work together. Watching McGavock's demonstration are local employees (from left) Mo Hollowell, Sabrina Hall, Toni Miniard and Leo Czaplicki. After an initial unveiling in Louisville, Marion was the second stop for the Siemens road show. "Ninety percent of the equipment is made at the (Marion) plant, and this shows how they work together," Dean Ingram, senior manufacturing engineer at the local plant, said of the display. It was the first opportunity for many employees at the Marion plant to see the equipment they manufacture working in concert. Jeff Waldrop, who has been plant manager in Marion for almost five years, said the company continues to grow. The facility is up to 260 employees, and "we have every intent to bring more Siemens products to this plant," he said.

Absentee voters can begin process

Eligible voters may begin casting mail-in absentee ballots in Kentucky's May 20, primary election. Individuals who may be eligible to vote by mail-in absentee ballot include:

- Military personnel, their dependents, and overseas citizens.
- Students who temporarily reside outside the county.
- Voters who temporarily reside outside Kentucky (e.g., vacationers).
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Voters may request an absentee ballot application from their county clerk in person or via telephone, fax, or e-mail. Applications for mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the clerk's office no later than May 13, and the completed absentee ballot must be received by the county clerk by 6 p.m. local time on Election Day.

Walk of Honor gets new stage erected

The Veterans Walk of Honor will have a new addition for its annual Memorial Day ceremony next month.

According to Brent Witherspoon, a new stage has been erected for use during events at the veterans memorial. In the past, a trailer was used as a stage and to accomodate a sound system.

"We won't have to use a trailer anymore to put on our program," said Witherspoon, who spent about $5,000 of his own money to see project to completion.

The structure is made of composite flooring and has a roof for protection from rain. It can also shield speakers at the annual Memorial Day event from an often blazing noontime sun.

Witherspoon said with two pavilions, a grill and running water at the foot of the hill where the old Blackford Church stands, the area could be an ideal site for churches to host picnics.

"It opens up all kinds of new doors," he said.

Fredonia Valley Construction completed the work. Donations for the construction will be accepted, but Witherspoon says its more than about the money.

"It came from the heart," he said of commissioning the work. "I love that place."

The first pavilion was built in 2005. There are 591 memorial bricks in the walk of honor remembering veterans of all wars and periods. There is still room for 500 more bricks at $50 per brick, Witherspoon said.

Aside from that, "we've developed to the point where we've done about all we can do."

The area is plagued by occasional vandalism, however.

"I don't understand why anybody would do that," Witherspoon said. "It sure doesn't show much respect for veterans."

Increased patrols to the area are being made, he said.

Back Roads Quilt Show draws near

Each spring, the Back Roads Quilt Show is a much anticipated event, drawing many tourists to the county. This year's event will be held April 26 at Marion Commons.

The event is open to the public to display quilts or quilt tops. Quilts do not have to be made by the exhibitor. Quilt or quilt tops can be of any size. Older or antique quilts are also welcome. Officials ask an information card be attached to each quilt. Cards can be picked up at the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service office prior to the show or at Marion City Hall on the day of the show.

Quilts should be entered between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilts will be available for pick-up from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Quilts are for viewing only and will not be judged. Spectators vote for show favorite or "the People's Choice Award," with the winner being announced at 3 p.m.

This year's featured display in the city hall lobby are quilts by Rose Eldridge, a Caldwell County Quilter.

The Back Roads Quilt Show is coordinated by the Crittenden County Extension Homemaker Association. For more information call Sarah Ford at (270) 965-3833 or the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.

TDS broadband available in Salem

TDS Telecom has announced part of its American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus-funded broadband Internet project around Salem is accessible to some residents.

Construction on the stimulus-funded project should wrap up this spring. Once complete, about 550 residents will gain access to a high-speed Internet connection.

More than 30 miles of fiber optics cabling is being installed and nine cabinets (which protect the advanced network electronics) are being placed throughout TDS' Salem Telephone Co., to provide high-speed Internet access to more residents and businesses. TDS will alert customers when service is accessible or customers can call (888) 225-5837 to sign up.

TDS is receiving funding for 44 projects, including this one in Kentucky, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service as part of the ARRA.

Nationwide, more than 95 percent of TDS customers already have access to high-speed Internet service.

One man hurt in Shady Grove crash

A Fredonia man was injured Friday in a single-vehicle accident in rural Crittenden County.

According to Kentucky State Police, Morgan Baker, 38, was operating a 2009 Toyota Tacoma pickup southbound on Ky. 139 about a mile north of Shady Grove when he fell asleep. The vehicle exited the roadway and struck an earth embankment and overturned, finally coming to a rest upright in the road.

Baker was transported to Crittenden Health Systems by Crittenden EMS.

Trooper Ben Sawyer is investigating the collision and he was assisted at the scene by Trooper First Class Chris King, Trooper First Class Darron Holliman, and the Shady Grove Fire Department.

Murray State grabs own basketball title

Murray State has brought its own basketball championship trophy home to Kentucky.

Joining 2012 and 2013 NCAA champions Kentucky and Louisville, respectively, the Racers won the CIT title last Thursday night with a 65-57 victory over Yale. Murray State's triumph in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament comes two years after it won the Ohio Valley Conference championship and advanced in the NCAA tourney.

The Racers advanced to the OVC semifinals this year before losing to eventual champion Eastern Kentucky. But Murray State (23-11) rebounded to win five straight in the CIT.

While most of the state was focused on the Kentucky Wildcats in last weekend's Final Four, the Racers were celebrating a title of their own.

"There are only four teams that are going to win a tournament championship this spring; we're one of them and blessed to do so," Murray State coach Steve Prohm said. "We'll take a little bit of time away and get back at it in a couple of weeks."

The Racers can savor being the latest team Kentucky program to add hardware to its trophy case.

— The Associated Press

Street preacher in Marion today, Friday

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

With a message on everyday evangelism, self-described street preacher Duane Lyons spoke at Calvary Baptist Church earlier this week and will spend the rest of this week, today (Thursday) and Friday, on the court square and other locations in Marion, handing out stickers that emphasize his main message: Jesus saves. Showing his sense of humor, Lyons said to not expect him to be shouting or chasing cars. Instead he carries a powerful but quiet message which includes sharing God's love through ordinary everyday life.

"Evangelism is not always showing up with a cross or giving someone a sticker. Sometimes it's giving someone a hug or baking someone a pie. Or helping someone across the street. I believe in telling about love but I also believe in showing love," he said.

Lyons first visited Marion 18 years ago. He has spent the last 30 years traveling to 69 counties and has been on over 200 foreign mission trips.

Originally from Jordan, Ky., Lyons calls Hornbeak, Tenn., home. He spends over half of the year traveling to different parts of the world. Through his travels, he said he's discovered people aren't that different, no matter the locale.

"There are two kinds of people. People who know Jesus and people who don't. Basically people are all the same. People are people. They want their children to have an education. They want to make a living. They want to live in peace. Basically that's what I've discovered," he said.

A graduate of Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas, Lyons became a licensed ordained minister. But he didn't feel his calling was to teach regularly in the pulpit.

"I read through Matthew and the Gospels and saw that Jesus went out to where the people were. I decided to do it," he said.

He stressed that as Christians celebrate Easter, it's important to remember it's not about some bunny, but about Somebody.

Often arriving unannounced in foreign countries, Lyons has seen the generosity from people who often give him a place of shelter to spend the night.

"I've learned there's more good people than bad people. I'm a positive person, I'm not a cynic. I choose to see the positive. People have helped me all over the world," he said.

Lyons and his wife Gina, have six children, Jessica, Rebekah, Israel, Alesha, Christina and Torah.

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Street preacher Duane Lyons returns to Marion this week with a singular message: Jesus saves. Lyons said a blind man made the cross he carries with him.

There will be a meeting
May 16, 2014 at 7 p.m.
in the
Crayne Community Church
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for the purpose of discussing possible changes or amendments to the current By-laws, articles 10 and 11.

Miracle Word Church
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Sun., April 27, 11 a.m.
Bro. Jake Hillin
Sat., May 3, 6 p.m.
Special Singing by "Face to Face" from Louisville
Sun., May 4, 11 a.m.
Sister Lavoria Grant of Charleston, SC
Located at the caution light in Salem

Marion was quick to rebuild after 1905 fire

Marion was quick to get started on the rebuilding of the business district after the March 28, 1905, fire. We are fortunate that the paper was still able to print a weekly edition, for through the pages of The Crittenden Record-Press, the progress and details for the rebuilding are available for us to read and learn much of the history of the buildings on Main Street today.

Crittenden Record-Press
April 28, 1905
Rebuilding of Marion

At the called session of the city council Wednesday, a number of applications were made and permission was granted for the construction of new buildings in the burned district.

Adam and Pierce made application for permit to build a brick machine shop on Bank Street. (Bank Street today is East Carlisle Street).

Mrs. Frank Wheeler made application for permission to build three two-story brick buildings on her lots adjoining the Marion Bank lot; and Mr. Harry Carnahan secured permits to erect a two-story brick store building on the lot where the Taylor and Cannan dry goods store stood and a one-story frame cottage residence on Bellville Street. E.J. Hayward will rebuild the Yandell-Gugenheim corner (which is where the Frazer, Rogers and Peek law office is today.) He has secured 10 feet from James H. Orme and this time his building will be over 30 feet wide instead of 20 feet as before.

In turn, Mr. Orme will take in the space formerly occupied by the Eberle and Hardin saloon and will also erect a larger and much nicer drug store building (now Bowtanicals Flower Shop.) These two buildings will go up together, in each case the architect having been secured by Boston and Paris. The buildings will be model structures with stone and red brick fronts and will be a credit both to the good name of our little city and the gentlemen themselves. Yandell and Gugenheim Co., Woods and Orme and Levi Cook will all have quarters at their old stands, but with greater opportunity to display their goods.

John Blue Jr., president of the Marion Bank, stated to a representative of the Record that plans and specification for the new bank building were being prepared. It is understood that this building will be a modern structure and will be steam heated. Mr. Blue also tells us that the new post office building will be constructed in the manner of the former, the plans of some minor points being modified. These plans are now in the hands of the architect – whatever changes are made will have a tendency to make the building more beautiful than before.

Across the alley from this building to the east, the new Record building will stand. Across the street in front of the post office and Record buildings, Messers. Yandell & Orme will erect a splendid two-story hotel building (the old Crittenden Hotel.) The hotel will be handsome and commodiously arranged. On the ground floor will be the reception office, sample, family and dining room and kitchen.

The second story will be comprised of 20 bedrooms, 10 feet by15 feet, properly and conveniently arranged. On the ground floor there will also be a barber shop, meat market and probably a grocery store. James H. Orme has completed the brickwork on a one-story wareroom to be in the rear of his new building.

May 5, 1905

Mr. Harry Carahan has the rough lumber on the ground for his cottage residence on Bellville Street, and he is also getting ready to rebuild a two-story brick store building on Main Street.

Contractor Jennings and his assistants were making excavation on the Wheeler lots adjoining the Marion Bank site and preparing to lay the foundations for the three-store building that Mrs. Wheeler is to build.

Boston and Paris, who have contracts to build the Hayward store building on the corner where Yandell-Gugenheim Co. and the Orme drug store buildings adjoin, made excavations this week and began the foundations for the modern structure to be built thereon. The contractors announced to us that Mr. Orme has made a change in the plans for the interior of his building that will be profitable, economical and very efficient. He will have a gallery in the rear end of the building overlooking the lobby and on which clerical business can be attended.

Mr. Orme has also purchased the Frank Loyd lot adjoining the site for the above building. He will utilize this lot together with the lot on which the Doss or Billart saloon building stood in erecting the largest store building that has ever been constructed in Marion. The building will be a handsome two-story, brick structure 36 feet wide and 100 feet tall.

It is understood that it is to be occupied by Cochran and Pickens as a hardware store (the old Cochran's Hardware store.) The plans and specification for this building are now being prepared by Harris and Shopbell, the Evansville architects.

Hon. L.H. James has contracted with Boston and Paris to rebuild his store on Bank Street, near the post office site. Mr. James will have the same number of offices as before and the building will be constructed similar to the former, but special brick will be used and there will be a few small changes in the arrangement that will add to the appearance of the building.

It is very likely that the building will be occupied when completed by its former tenants, Attorneys James & James and Champion & Champion, first floor and by Doctors J.O. Dixon and G.E. Shiverly, second floor. This building will go right up.

The ground has been broken for the foundation to build and the contractors propose to build it right along with the Hayward and Orme buildings. In structure and appearance the office building will harmonize with the last two burned. (Now the offices located behind and adjoining the Frazer, Rogers & Peek law office).

Mr. Harris, the Evansville architect stated to a representative of the Record that he made a contract to prepare new plans and specifications for the new Masonic temple that will be constructed on the site of the former building on the corner of Main and Bellville, while he was in the city Wednesday. We hope to be able to see the plans and specifications when they are made up in order that we may briefly give an outline of the building.

Mr. Harris also stated to us that he carried with him the contract to make the plans and specifications for the S.M. Jenkins office building to be erected on Bank Street. He stated that the modification in the plans and specifications of Blue and Gugenheim post office and the building had not yet been completed, but that they would be ready in a few days.

The new building will be an improvement over the former in some respects, by reason of the fact that the physical conditions of the surroundings will be improved more than 100 percent, the building will be more favorably situated this time than before. There will be the brick hotel and business houses across the street and the Record office building and a brick machine shop across an alley on the east.

Numbers of mining companies, lawyers and doctors and other professional men will have headquarters on this street, and comparatively speaking, it might be termed the "Wall Street of Marion," from the standpoint of importance and general location.

The brickwork on the Adams and Pierce machine shop will be completed this week. The dimensions of this build are 45 feet x 65 feet. In the corner next to the Record building, Messrs. Adams and Pierce will have their office and there will be a door leading directly into this from the street. Messrs. Adams and Pierce are to be congratulated as they will be the first to complete and move into permanent quarters since the big fire.

(Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and genealogical societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The interior of J.H. Orme's new drug store (top photo) as it appeared after being rebuilt. The new "gallery" is in the rear of the store overlooking the main floor. Mr. Levi Cook, jeweler, is on the left, with Mr. Orme, standing farther back. The three men on the right are unidentified. Shown above, these buildings were rebuilt after the March 1905 fire and completed the same year. Stores shown from left are Yandell and Gugenheim on the corner of East Carlisle (then Bank Street) and Main streets, Orme Drug Store/Levi Cook Jeweler (with clock hanging out in front), Thomas H. Cochran Hardware Store, Morris and Son Grocery and Yates Music Store (with second story porch). On the left, down East Carlisle Street were Lemuel and Ollie James Law Offices and The Crittenden Hotel (with its porch upstairs).

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Quit Line helping smokers kick habit

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Gordon Hazel has been smoking since age 12. Now 34, the Crittenden County resident said he wants to stop smoking for his family. But it isn't easy. He has tried to stop before and admits it's tough to do. It also isn't easy to try quitting when acquaintances smoke around him.

"It's pretty tough at times because they're smoking and sometimes I want a cigarette," Hazel said. "I smoked two packs a day. If I'm up late, it's usually more than that."

In an endeavor to kick the nicotine habit for good, Hazel attended a program entitled "Plan to be tobacco free," held last Thursday at the Ed-Tech Center. The program was presented by Joan Lang, Cancer Control Specialist for the Pennyrile District of the Kentucky Cancer Program.

Lang addressed why people smoke, medications recommended for symptoms of nicotine withdrawal and resources that can help those who want to stop smoking.

"Nicotine is as addictive as cocaine or heroin, which is why it's so hard to put it down," Lang said.

In 1964, Lang said the surgeon general announced smoking may be linked to cancer. Fast forward to 2014, and a new report from the surgeon's general's office lists several more cancers associated with smoking.

Along with the nicotine addiction, Lang said many individuals smoke because they feel it helps suppress the appetite, aids in tension and anxiety and keeps them more alert. However Lang stressed the health benefits outweigh those perceptions.

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Joan Lang of the Kentucky Cancer Program cites information to Gordon Hazel on smoking cessation during a program entitled "Plan to be tobacco free," held last Thursday at the Ed-Tech Center. The program was a Community Christmas-approved event.

Acknowledging it isn't easy to quit smoking "cold turkey," Lang advised the use of toll free quit lines with counselors available for those who need help and guidance along the way to living a nicotine-free lifestyle.

"It's been proven when smokers use a quit line they are twice as likely to be successful," Lang said.

She pointed to the free services of Quit Now Kentucky which can be reached at (800) QUIT-NOW. It offers one-on-one counseling for tobacco users who are ready to quit using tobacco and offers free counseling to all tobacco users as well as family and friends of smokers who want to assist. Its services are also available to women who are pregnant. Lang said coaches are experts in tobacco cessation and knowledgeable in medications. Individuals may call as often as they like and a counseling coach can call the individual if given permission.

Quit line hours are from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m., seven days a week, which makes it convenient for shift workers. Online support is also available at https://www.quitnowkentucky.org/. Some services also provide free online live chats.

Lang also addressed the popularity of e-cigarettes and suggested more research is needed on its health effects. E-cigarettes are not regulated by the FDA. Because of that, Lang said companies cannot say they are a smoking cessation tool.

Addressing nicotine replacement therapy products, Lang emphasized they must be used correctly to help. Products such as gums, lozenges, inhalers and nasal sprays must be used according to directions. Contrary to what seems intuitive, nicotine replacement gums aren't meant to be used like regular chewing gum.

"The biggest problem people have with the gum is they don't use it properly," Lang said. "You take a piece of gum, put it in your mouth and bite down on it a few times to break open the surface. Then you move it between your cheek and gum and let it sit there."

Lang indicated the nicotine in the gum needs to be released and pass through the cheek to be absorbed into the body.

"If you just chew it like regular gum, the nicotine is released into the saliva, which is swallowed and goes into the stomach, which makes some people sick," she said.

Likewise, lozenges are only to be moistened, not sucked on, and placed between the cheek and gum. They are to then melt down and dissolve completely.

She also advised it's better to avoid acidic food or drinks, such as sodas, coffee or tea for gums and lozenges to be effective.

She said while nicotine patches provide a steady, even supply of nicotine and are easy to conceal on the upper part of the body, some people have reported vivid dreams when using the patch. Lang said it's best to take the patch off before bed if that occurs and place on a new patch each morning.

Lang said these products have proven to be more effective than quitting smoking cold turkey because they allow individuals to reduce dosages of nicotine after a period of time.

"A lot of people smoke because they look at cigarettes as their friend. But I think the other side of that too is your friends don't kill you unlike cigarettes or take away your health and sometimes your life," she said. "Another reason why people smoke of course is the addiction. It's very hard to live with the withdrawal symptoms. But there are ways to help that."

Lang recognizes many people berate themselves for slipping and returning to cigarette smoking after quitting for a period of time. She said that is just recognition of how hard it is to stop smoking in the first place.

"People take six to eight attempts to put down cigarettes before they are finally successful at it," she said. "If you do slip but go back to being off cigarettes again, you're one step closer to that end point of being a non-smoker."

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Grocers against cancer

Mike Wasielewski, manager of Conrad's Food Store in Marion, presents a check for $500 to Margaret Gilland, a Crittenden County Chapter of the American Cancer Society volunteer, in connection with Grocers Fight Against Cancer Day. Gilland said the local ACS chapter also fared well on celebrity bagger day when business and community leaders came to the store to help shoppers bag groceries. She said the celebrity baggers generated just under $500 in tips on the day.

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OUTDOORS

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Hunting seasons

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Fredonia registration

Registration deadline for Fredonia Recreational Baseball League for ages 3-13 is April 30. Log onto Facebook.com/fredoniabaseball to learn more or call Donnie Conway at 270-625-9162.

Youth Bobcats double up

Marion Bobcats 10u travel baseball team and the Marion Bobcats 11u travel baseball team each won championships in their respective divisions at the Kentucky Lake Bash BPA Baseball Tournament last weekend at Draffenville. Local members of the teams are Trace Adams, Tyler Boone, Gabe Mott, Braxton Winders, Caden McCalister and Erik O'Leary on the 11u squad and Ben Evans and Tanner Beverly on the 10u team.

FOOTBALL

Alumni game tickets

Tickets for the 7 p.m., April 26 Crittenden vs. Caldwell alumni tackle football game are now on sale. Cost is $10 each. Crittenden County's football program will receive half of all early ticket sales, but admission at the gate goes to the game's organizer and does not benefit the local high school football program. Tickets are available at Myers Auto Parts and The Crittenden Press. All Crittenden youth football players and cheerleaders get in free by wearing their team jersey.

GOLF

Kentucky golf book

The American Lung Association's Kentucky Golf Tour Book, which includes discounts on more than 5,000 rounds of golf, is now available. Books may be purchased for $35 a piece or four for $105. All proceeds from Golf Tour Book sales benefit the American Lung Association. Order by calling the American Lung Association at 1-877-893-5864 or go online to www.kylung.org.

BASKETBALL

MSU wins CIT crown

Murray State beat Yale 65-57 last week for the championship of the College Insider Tournament. Though the CIT title carries a lesser profile than an NCAA or NIT trophy, Murray State's title is impressive considering the team will have four starters back next season. Murray finished 23-11.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Local men competing

Three local men have been working out, weight lifting and adhering to a strict diets in order to complete in a weight lifting competition. Daniel Rushing of Marion, Union County assistant football coach Bryan Qualls of Marion and Crittenden County assistant football coach Jared Brown of Marion will compete Saturday in the Southern Powerlifting Federation's competition at Georgetown, Ky.

Brown is also the strength and conditioning coach for Rocket athletics.

Managing wildlife area is dream job for Marion man

STAFF REPORT

John Zimmer is a transplant to Marion unlike many of the native plant species he'll be promoting on the newly acquired property known as the Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

Raised in Vandalia in central Illinois about an hour east of St. Louis, Zimmer was a golfer and hunter. He's just about given up golf, but still loves the outdoors.

"This is a dream job for me," he said.

After earning an environmental management degree from Greenville College in Illinois, Zimmer worked for a time with Quail Unlimited then Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife. He met Crittenden County native Caylee Orr and the couple married in 2001.

They live on U.S. 60 where former game warden Tony Collins once resided. He's just a few miles from work and says you can catch him at the new WMA during daylight hours on most weekdays.

He will be the face of the area's public information and daily management.

"Since I've been on the job I have not done the same thing twice, other than read and answer emails," he said with a chuckle.

Electronic correspondence and communication is a big part of his job, but you will also find him running a bush hog, repairing roads, planting food plots and creating an improved wildlife habitat on the property once known as Alcoa or Kimball. The state, along with several conservation partners, purchased about 6,700 acres for just over $12.5 million.

Zimmer is the first official game management foreman of the property and he will be the only full-time employee on site for now. There will be some seasonal help and a wildlife biologist – Charlie Plush – who splits his time between nearby Sloughs and Higginson Henry WMAs.

There are several new things planned for the WMA, including 300 acres of native grasslands featuring warm-season grasses and wildflowers and 80,000 tree seedlings were recently planted along the Tradewater River which bisects the property. The tree plantings will help improve water quality along the river and provide long-term growth of mast-bearing trees.

What is known locally as Stump Lake will be returned to a wetland that can be raised in the winter so water will cover nearby cropland, attracting waterfowl to the area.

Virtually all of the pastureland on the WMA will be converted to either cropland or native grasses. There will be a small hay field and a 20-acre sunflower field for dove hunters near the WMA headquarters on Ky. 365 near the Union County Line.

John Zimmer

Zimmer says small game abound on the WMA, other than quail and that's something he and his team from KDFWR will be trying to improve. Deer and turkey are the big drawing cards although furbearer hunting has drawn some interest. Camping, biking, ATVs or horses are not allowed on the WMA.

To contact Zimmer, the office number is (270) 374-3025, or call KDFWR directly at 1-800-858-1549.

White bass running now

BY LEE MCCLELLAN
KENTUCKY AFIELD

Warm winds finally began to blow from the South last week and brought white bass upstream with them. Spawning is finally here.

With water temperatures just reaching the low 50s, white bass are moving into the upper reaches of Lake Barkley. They are also hitting in the Cumberland River just below Lake Barkley.

When the flows modulate slightly after the recent rains, the white bass will be active below locks and dams on the Green and Kentucky rivers.

White bass fishing inspires such ardor in anglers because these fish strike practically anything that comes near them during their spawning runs. No other fishing compares to it when white bass are really on and biting. Bank anglers can enjoy fishing just as good as those fishing from boats.

Modern anglers use a white chugger-style topwater with the back hook removed. They tie a piece of light braided or monofilament line to the eyelet of the hook and attach a 1/32-ounce marabou jig or a dressed treble hook to the business end. Some remove both hooks to keep the rig from tangling on the cast. This presentation still catches white bass as well as it did in the 1950s.

White or chartreuse 1/16-ounce marabou or feather jigs suspended under bobbers and allowed to drift downstream also work extremely well on white bass. Adjust the depth of the bobber until it disappears from a fish.

In-line spinners of practically any color, small silver spoons and white 2 ½-inch curly-tailed grubs rigged on 1/8-ounce leadhead all score white bass.

White bass are either right on top, a few feet deep or just above bottom. The depth you catch them changes from day to day and sometimes from hour to hour. Keep probing the water column until you find them. When they are mid-depth or deeper, the curly-tailed grub is hard to beat.

The white bass are here, signaling this dreadful winter is finally gone for good. Get out in the next couple of weeks for the most exciting fishing found.

Rockets flooded in Florida

Rains keeping team indoors, only 11 innings played in 3 days

Rocket coach Denis Hodge goes over plate strategy with Crittenden County senior Devin Belt during a recent ballgame at Marion.

STAFF REPORT

Rain and cold have been a problem this spring for local ball teams trying to get onto the diamonds in western Kentucky. Oddly, wet conditions have followed Crittenden County to Florida where the baseball team has been since Saturday.

The Rockets are in Fort Walton Beach for Spring Break, but they have spent little time on the baseball field. A good portion of their trip has been spent in the hotel room.

Crittenden played Owensboro Catholic to a 2-2 tie on Sunday before the game was rained out in the fourth inning. Their matchup Monday against Niceville, Fla., was cancelled due to rain and the Rockets lost Tuesday's contest against Clinton Massie, Ohio 4-3. They played Owensboro Senior Wednesday and Apollo today.

The JV team played two games early this week, losing 12-6 to Campbellsville and 5-2 to Somerset.

CCHS also lost 11-0 Friday at University Heights before heading to Florida.

1 for the weekend

Lady Rockets beat Allen Central 20-1

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's softball team hosted the Lady Rocket Round-Robin Tournament Saturday, going 1-1 during the day-long event that featured several teams from around the area.

The hosts lost their opener 6-0 to Ballard Memorial, but turned the tide on Allen Central and beat the stuffing out of the Lady Rebels 20-1.

Crittenden's offensive burst started with eight runs in the first inning and ended when the hosts posted a dozen more in the second frame. The game ended due the mercy rule after the second inning.

Sibling tandem Cassidy and Khyla Moss each doubled, as did teammate Jessi Brewer. The Moss girls combined for six RBIs. Cassidy Moss and Kaitlyn Hicks had two hits apiece and Kiana Nesbitt and Courtney Beverly scored three runs apiece. Danielle Byarley and Brewer drove in two runs each.

Cassidy Moss struck out four of the seven batters she faced. She walked one and allowed one unearned run. Crittenden made one error in the game.

Crittenden scattered seven hits off Lady Bomber pitcher Rebekah Hogencamp, but couldn't score in the tournament opener. Meanwhile Ballard managed fewer hits – six – but scored six runs in the victory.

Lady Rocket pitcher Cassidy Moss and first baseman Chalee Wolf converge on the infield to gather up a grounder during a recent game at Marion.

Hicks, who's had a hot bat since early this season, had two hits in the game, as did Beverly. Brewer, Cassidy Moss and Kali Travis had one hit apiece. Beverly and Moss had doubles.

On the mound, Moss went the distance for Crittenden, yielding five earned runs. She struck out four and walked three. Jayde Newton hit a home run for Ballard.

Crittenden had three fielding errors in the game.

The Lady Rockets are now 2-10 on the season. Their game Monday at Dawson Springs was rained out and Tuesday's game at McLean was rained out, too.

Levi Willis took a double bearded 26.8-pound gobbler last weekend during the youth hunt. It had two beards of 12.5 and 10.5 inches and 1⅝-inch spurs. He was hunting with grandfather Keith Barnes.

Preston Turley bagged this 24-pound gobbler last weekend during the youth hunt. It had a 10-inch beard and one-eighth-inch spurs.

Crittenden County High School Track and Field Results

Here are Crittenden County High School's individual results from a meet on April 1 at Marion against Webster and Lyon counties:

BOYS

100 Meters 1. N.Dickerson (12.41), 2. L.Wallace, 3. Z.Tinsley.
200 Meters 1. L.Wallace (26.09), 3. A.Yates, 5. Z.Tinsley.
400 Meters 1. Z.Tinsley (1:01.22), 3. N.Rodgers, 5. T.Steele.
800 Meters 6. J.Belt (2:45), 7. J.Greenwell, 8. D.Ford.
1600 Meters 6. J.Belt (6:16), 7. D.Paris, 8. J.Greenwell.
3200 Meters 5. D.Paris (13:34), 6. J.Berry.
110 Hurdles 1. D.Wagoner (21.33), 2. G.McConnell.
300 Hurdles 1. D.Hicks (53.59), 2. G.McConnell.
400 Relay 1. Crittenden (48.6), 2. Crittenden JV, 3. Crittenden Freshmen.
800 Relay 1. Crittenden (1:45.71), 2. Crittenden JV.
1600 Relay 2. Crittenden (4:24), 3. Crittenden JV.
3200 Relay 2. Crittenden (10:28).
Shot Put 2. N.Hadfield (32-45), 3. D.Wagoner.
Discus 2. D.Wagoner (97-1), 5. N.Hadfield, 6. S.Zahrte.
Long Jump 1. A.Yates (17-3), 2. N.Dickerson, 4. J.Russelburg.
Triple Jump 1. A.Yates (33-5).

GIRLS

100 Meters 1. N.Shewcraft (15.59), 2. S.Wallace, 4. H.DiMaggio.
200 Meters 3. H.DiMaggio (38.55), 6. E.Thaxton.
400 Meters 3. L.Scott (1:17.35), 4. A.West.
800 Meters 1. M.Sitar (2:51), 6. A.Tabor, 7. A.Sitar, 8. K.Graham.
1600 Meters 1. M.Sitar (6:22), 4. A.Sitar, 5. M.Mink.
3200 Meters 1. A.Schnittker (15:20).
300 Hurdles 2. J.Torres (1:06).
400 Relay 1. Crittenden (1:02.16).
800 Relay 2. Crittenden (2:13.27).
3200 Relay 2. Crittenden (12:33).
Shot Put 4. A.Tabor (19-9), 5. K.Graham, 6. D.Hatt, 7. M.Zahrte.
Discus 4. A.Tabor (56-4), 5. R.Wiggins, 6. D.Hatt, 7. H.DiMaggio.
Long Jump 2. E.Thaxton (9-8), 3. J.Torres.
Triple Jump 1. E.McDonald (22-5), 2. E.Thaxton.
High Jump 1. A.Schnittker (4-2), 2. E.McDonald.

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underneath dad's ZTR mower.

"I heard the mower make a sound like it hit something," James said.

There was nothing he could do to prevent it. Dad could only react quickly to the injury, hoping to mitigate the damage. Blood was everywhere on the ground, and he could tell it was bad. The boy's jacket was wrangled around Isaac's hand, and it all looked like a big mess. He could see the bone sticking from his son's index finger.

Dad had been home alone with his three children – twins Isaac and Becca, and seven-year-old Grayson. Paula James, their mother, was in Henderson just getting off work from her job as a registered nurse. The afternoon was nice and warm so Chris James figured he'd get the mower ready for the season. After tinkering with it a while, he decided to make a few passes around the children's playground.

That's when tragedy struck.

"Maybe we just become complacent," James said, shaking his head like a father tormented by grief. "The last thing you want is to have one of your children hurt, and especially if you're directly involved in it."

Children, though, don't understand the dangers that lurk underneath mowing decks, no matter how many times they're told. Accidents are quite often unavoidable. In this case, dad had told the children several times to stay back while he made the last lap around the swing set.

James has agonized over the incident, but now he's more focused on helping his boy get better. Faith, family and friends have helped him get through the emotional pangs while his son's healing is of the physical nature. Isaac's spirits are great.

His grandmother, Patti Patton, calls him a "toughie." She says the summer in a cast will be difficult because Isaac is so active. Luckily, grandma had stopped by the house just as the accident happened. Otherwise, dad would have had a truck full of kids, with one badly injured.

"I loaded him in the truck and headed straight to the ER," James said. "Luckily Paula's mother (Patty Patton) had pulled up in the driveway because I was alone with all the kids."

Ironically, Isaac was pretty calm on the trip in dad's Dodge truck. He had stopped crying and asked what the doctors would do. Dad told him they'd put a Band-Aid on it and everything would be OK. When they arrived at the Crittenden Health Systems' emergency room, Isaac was again overcome with fear and pain.

Dr. Sarah Caldwell examined Isaac and immediately made arrangements for a PHI Air Medical flight to Louisville's Kosair Children's Hospital.

"It was tough because I was driving home from work and getting messages," said Isaac's mom. "News travels fast. I was getting texts with people saying prayers were going up.

"I truly believe the power of prayer has brought him through this," she added. "We want to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, cards, love offerings, prayer chains and everything."

Isaac was flown to Louisville and the family's pastor, Gary Murray, drove mom and dad to the hospital that night. Isaac's more-than-three-hour surgery wasn't over until almost daylight the next day. He has two pins in his index finger, other fingers are broken or damaged and much of his skin is gone from the end of his left hand. Doctors have used a specialized biomedical substitute to help promote regrowth of the skin and have told the family it could be a year before they know whether Isaac will be able to keep his index finger. It was so badly damaged, removal might be the best option.

"As young as he is, he will adapt," said his mother. "If they have to remove it, that will be more traumatic for us than him probably."

Isaac never sits still, mom adds. He's not let this slow him down and she doesn't think it ever will. Guarding against infection is her job, but being a nurse gives her an insight into the healing process. She knows that Isaac's highly active life will be a blessing, but also a curse. He's already had other close calls with a curling iron, hot coals of a fire and the corner of a coffee table.

For now, though, mom and dad are counting their blessings and taking full account of how quickly things can go bad. Despite the best intentions and greatest precautions, children seem to find a path toward danger. Fortunately, they learn from their mistakes.

According to mom, Isaac went to his dad after he got home from the hospital and said, "Daddy, I'm sorry I didn't listen to you."

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