



Marion High reunion June 29

Mark your calendars for the Marion High School Reunion. The annual gathering will be 3–9 p.m. June 29 at Marion Country Club, according to W.A. Franklin, a graduate of the school and organizer of the event. Dinner will start at 5 p.m. in the dining room of the facility. No reservations are required.

County offices to close next week

The following Crittenden County Courthouse offices will be closed April 27 in conjunction with the annual Backroads Festival (April 26-27): County clerk, circuit clerk and sheriff. In addition, the circuit clerk's office will be closed April 30 for conversion to a new accounts receivable program.

What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked, "Should Crittenden County Board of Education adopt a policy to raise the compulsory school attendance age to 18 effective in the 2015-16 school year?" Two-thirds of those responding believe students should be required to stay in school until they turn 18.

- Yes, 47 (66%)
- No, 16 (22%)
- Need more info, 8 (11%)

Districts lured to up dropout age

Last week, Kentucky education commissioner Terry Holliday said he's using money already in the department's budget to give a \$10,000 grant to the first 57 school districts that raise their dropout age. Law-makers this year passed a bill that allows local districts to make their own decisions on raising the age, with a provision that once 55 percent of districts have done so, the change will be made statewide within four years.

The law becomes effective June 25, so the reward will go to the first 57 districts who raise the dropout age after that date. Crittenden County Board of Education is not expected to address any policy change on the dropout age until after that time.

Public meetings

- Marion Tourism Commission will meet at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Marion Welcome Center.
- Carrsville City Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Friday in the back of the Baptist church located on the corner of Fleet and Church streets.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the district office in Salem.
- Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the hospital administrative annex.
- Livingston Fiscal Court will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the judicial center in Smithland.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will at 6 p.m. April 30 at Rocket Arena.

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COURT NEWS

Short-lived escape adds years to inmate's sentence

6 others appear in Crittenden Circuit Court

STAFF REPORT

The inmate who walked away from a work detail at Crittenden County Detention Center this winter will be serving an few extra years in prison for his half-day of freedom. He and five other individuals pleaded guilty last Thursday in Crittenden Circuit Court to various felony and misdemeanor charges.

Of those who pleaded guilty last week, three waived further court proceedings and were formally sentenced by Circuit Judge René Williams. The others will be formally sentenced next month.

Jason S. Arkenberg, 38, of

Louisville, was sentenced to a cumulative three years for escaping from a work detail at the county lockup on Feb. 10. Arkenberg was charged with second-degree escape, a Class D felony; two counts of third-degree burglary, Class D felonies; theft, a Class A misdemeanor; and third-degree criminal mischief, a Class B misdemeanor.

Jail officials said Arkenberg was taking out the trash as part of a trusty work project when he left on foot. Arkenberg hid out for several hours that Sunday, taking refuge in two Marion buildings before turning himself in after being

cornered by police at the former Turner and Conyer sawmill off U.S. 60 West.

Arkenberg's new sentence will run consecutive to his current jail time. He has been moved to another jail in Kentucky.

Arkenberg received a one-year sentence for escape, one year on each burglary charge, 12 months for misdemeanor theft and 90 days for misdemeanor criminal mischief. The misdemeanors will run concurrently with the



Arkenberg

felony charges, which are to run consecutive. He was also ordered to pay restitution of more than \$100 for damage done at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's county garage on Old Salem Road and the privately-owned sawmill.

In other cases heard by Judge Williams last week:

■ James A. Baker, 44, of Marion, pleaded guilty to three counts of felony burglary and a misdemeanor for



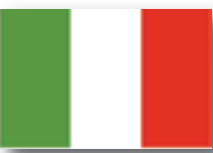
Baker

breaking into Marion Church of God, a home and another building between Jan. 15 and March 6.

He was sentenced to five years on a first-degree burglary charge, one year each for two second-degree burglaries and 90 days on the misdemeanor. The sentences are to be served concurrently for a total of five years in prison.

■ Rose M. Ennis, 50, of Marion, pleaded guilty to cultivating marijuana plants, possession of marijuana, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance (hydrocodone), possession of drug paraphernalia and first-

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ITALY
That's Amore!

Old World culture offers new vantage for students

By KIM VINCE
CCHS HISTORY TEACHER

There's nothing like a midday gelato in the middle of a city piazza covered in cobblestone and surrounded by historic architecture. Well, maybe there is...having gelato in the company of friends day after day.

Thirteen Crittenden County High School students, some of their parents and a few teachers recently traveled to Italy to explore its rich culture, history, architecture and, of course, food—like Italian-style ice cream on a cobble public square.

On what began as a very rainy Easter Sunday in Venice, some amazing experiences shined on the group making their way through streets filled with native Italians and tourists. More than 80 percent of Italians identify themselves as Catholics, leading to quite a frenzy on Pope Francis' first Easter.

But as the clouds broke, the Italian way of life became more clear. Students were able to ride a gondola down the Grand Canal and under the Rialto, witness the shaping of a handmade horse at a glass blowing factory and purchase traditional carnival masks seen throughout Venice. And, of course, we had gelato.

The contrast of Renaissance Florence with its new commercial tourism pro-



Cole Foster (left) and Micah Hollamon ride in a gondola with Rialto, the financial and commercial center of Venice, Italy, in the background. Inset is gelato, an Italian-style ice cream enjoyed by Crittenden County students, teachers and parents on a recent trip to the Old World nation.

vided great food for thought. Outside the Duomo, Florence's famous red dome icon, students found art vendors, street performers and other novelties such as plastic "splat-pigs" for sale.

Michelangelo's 500-year-old David has also been brought into the 21st century with fiber optic sensors placed on his right leg to measure the cracking pattern in the statue and to, hopefully, prevent any major damage. The gelato followed suit by mixing traditional flavors such as chocolate and strawberry



with modern options of licorice and cantaloupe.

The Tuscany landscape overwhelmed us as we drove to Assisi and onto Rome. Herds of sheep, grapevines and olive trees scattered the countryside. A village built out of a hillside approached on the left and Tommaso, our guide, pointed out the fortress, basilica and other structures of the town. The small town atmosphere proved a welcome break from the hustle and bustle of the city.

The students amazed me as they hiked up the hill to absorb in the breath-

taking view and by the respect they showed in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi as a friar led them through the masterpiece of medieval architecture. Lunch was topped off with another round of gelato, but this time with stracciatella, a chocolate chip flavor.

We took in the sites of the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica and the Coliseum during daylight, and their majesty overwhelmed us. Yet the atmosphere at night enchanted the group. We tossed our coins in the Trevi Fountain, climbed the 135 stairs at the Spanish steps and, of course, had another serving of gelato.

Concluding our trip at one of the most well-known

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Quilt shows herald 2013 Backroads celebration

STAFF REPORT

While tens of thousands of people from around the world flock to western Kentucky for AQS Quilt Week in Paducah, local quilt shows will help mark the annual Backroads Festival in Crittenden County held in conjunction with the 28th American Quilter's Society event.

The Woman's Club of Marion and Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Association will host separate quilt shows next week in celebration of the uniquely American art form of batting, basting and appliqués.

Quilt Week runs April 24-27, but busloads of overflow visitors to Paducah will make their way through Crittenden County beginning as early as Monday, embarking on tours through the local Amish community. Downtown businesses will also flourish from the influx of sightseers, with restaurants directing hundreds of out-of-town dollars back into Marion's tourism efforts by means of the city's restaurant and lodging tax.

For quilting enthusiasts, the Woman's Club will host a quilt show April 26 at their home on Carlisle Street. The exhibit runs 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Individuals wishing to participate in the show may drop off a quilt from 9 a.m. until the time of the event on show day.

The show is open to the public, who will select the Best of Show winner. The Woman's Club will also have a bake sale during the event.

On the following day, April 27, the Backroads Quilt Show will be held inside city hall in the council chambers. Quilts may

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Spring cleaning rules apply; county offers free dumping

STAFF REPORT

Under the warmth of the April sun, residents of Crittenden County are emerging from a winter's hibernation to the annual rite of the season—spring cleaning.

With the ritual, though, comes rules, and the Kentucky Division for Air Quality is reminding people who are starting their spring cleanup projects that there are restrictions to disposing of the junk removed from the rafters, garage and basement. One of those rules applies to outdoor burning, a popular means in rural areas across the Commonwealth to erase the clutter.

Division Director John Lyons says burning trash is illegal in Kentucky, though many residents don't realize that. And fines for illegal burning can go as high as \$25,000 per day per violation.

But this week, there is a free alter-

native to disposing of your trash in an illegal manner. Crittenden County Convenience Center will be open 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Friday and Saturday of this week only to assist with spring cleaning, accepting home debris at no charge. All large items, including tires and appliances, will be taken at the center on U.S. 60 East, just outside of Marion. There will remain a charge, however, for disposal of household garbage.

This is an annual program offered by Crittenden Fiscal Court.

If you can't make it to the convenience center this weekend, remember that Kentucky law prohibits the burning of many of the same materials accepted at the facility at no cost this Friday and Saturday. Those items include plastic, tires, cans, coated wire, carpeting and food.

It's also illegal to burn trailers, buildings and construction and dem-



Free debris disposal

Just in time for spring cleaning, Crittenden County will offer free dumping this Friday and Saturday at its convenience center off U.S. 60 East. The annual program will see the disposal center open 8 a.m.–4 p.m. both days. All large items, including tires and appliances, will be accepted, but disposing of household garbage requires a fee.

olition debris such as shingles, drywall and insulation.

Some open burning in Kentucky is permitted. For instance, campfires, fires for cooking and fires to dispose of tree limbs are allowed in Crittenden County as well as many other counties across the Commonwealth. Burning within 150 feet of woodland or brushland, though, will remain illegal during daylight hours between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. until May 1, when Kentucky's spring fire hazard season ends.

Firefighters across the state have been battling field and forest fires in the last few weeks as warmer temperatures have drawn people outdoors. Just last week, Crittenden County firefighters battled several such blazes.

For more information on outdoor burning laws, visit air.ky.gov or call (888) BURN-LAW. For further information on the county's free dumping this weekend at the convenience center, call Crittenden County Judge-Executive's office at 965-5251.

EDITORIAL

Lawmakers earn ‘A’ for 2013 session work

Crittenden County has been fortunate for many years to have truly representative government in Frankfort. Both Senate and House members who in recent memory have carried the water for residents of Crittenden County—as well as the remaining population of their respective districts—have done a fine job of reflecting the largely conservative nature of their constituents—Democrat and Republican—through their work at the Capitol.

The current legislative contingency is no different. During the most recent session of the General Assembly, both Rep. Lynn Bechler, a Marion Republican, and Sen. Dorsey Ridley, a Democrat from Henderson, put loyalty to the people of their district above all else, transcending allegiance to their party. Their legislative actions on issues like abortion, spending, gun rights, immigration, child safety, religious freedom and the rights of individuals largely reflect the views of their electors.

Both men have proven receptive to input from home and have made themselves accessible to constituents, taking time to hear the smallest concerns to opinions on the most contentious issues. And in a day when some lawmakers find just showing up at the Capitol a chore, Bechler and Ridley had perfect attendance during the recent 30-day session.

If we were to grade their overall performance, we find no reason to score either man at anything less than an A. No one can please all of the people all of the time, but their work in Frankfort has effectively echoed the convictions prevalent among those back home in western Kentucky.

As one of our own, Rep. Bechler—the first lawmaker to represent Crittenden County in its entirety in 99 years—was not afraid to rock the boat in his first stint in the statehouse. He was willing on more than one occasion to stand in overwhelming minority, even on his own, as a dissenting voice for both fiscal and social conservative beliefs.

My nephew, Sam Higgs, is a pitcher on Henderson County's high school baseball team. Last year, he and his fellow Colonels traveled to Marion to take on Crittenden County. Sam's mother (my sister Sherry), his aunt (sister Kay) and his grandmother (my mom) made the trip here as well.

They had never been to Marion-Crittenden County Park, which is, among other things, home field for the Rockets baseball team. It was one of those typical late afternoons in spring where all of Marion seemed to be at the park. The parking lot was jam-packed; every ball field had a game in progress; skateboarders were flying across the ramps of the skate park; even the volleyball area was covered up with folks.

My relatives were much impressed. At some point, Mom made the comment, "I can't believe you all have such a nice park in a town this size!" Several people in the Henderson contingent echoed her sentiment.

Momentarily filled with pride, I didn't point out to our visitors the dozen or two light poles that desperately needed replacing or the heavily-vandalized restrooms and picnic pavilions. Nor did I mention the busted up paving at the basketball court or the numerous storm drain facilities that needed repair. No, I kept quiet about these items and just enjoyed the moment.

senses to bring their writing to life as well as metaphors and similes. I want to have you write from the heart.

"Becoming better writers is our goal, whether writing for personal family legacies or stories for publication."

Defew has been published more than two dozen times, including entries in the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series. While she might be the most polished author of the set, her enthusiasm for writing has become contagious.

"One is excited about her children's book, soon to be published," Defew said of the group's successes, "another about her memoirs."

Though writing is the common bond that brings Silver Linings together, the meetings are about much more than writing.

"Close friendships are being formed as we share our hearts and lives," Defew said. "We always leave with a sense of confidence and hope that we are on our way to better things."



Unfortunately, it is a fact that as impressive as the park is, the facility has some very serious—and costly—problems facing it. We must fix these problems, and we must fix them soon. A recent article in this newspaper described the situation facing the park board and local government, but it didn't tell the whole story:

■ There are more than \$1 million in improvements at the park, from lighting to fencing to dugouts to bleachers to skate ramps. When these items need repair or replacing, we're usually talking about a lot of money. It took more than \$30,000—half of which, thankfully, came from a state grant—just to resurface and stripe the high school's oval track this winter.

■ Inadequate lighting prompted the Kentucky High School Athletic Association to take away Crittenden County's hosting of last year's regional baseball tournament, an event that would have brought hundreds of people to Marion and pumped thousands of dollars into the local economy. As The Crittenden

Press article indicated, it would cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000 to even make a dent in replacing substandard lighting.

■ Security cameras are sorely needed at the park. Criminal activity in the form of vandalism and theft has cost the community several thousand dollars over the past few years. We simply do not have enough police officers to maintain all-night patrol vigils for this or any other single location in the city.

■ City and county governments have made major drainage improvements at the park in recent years, but several more are still needed. One of these threatens to close off the lower parking lot to traffic if not corrected soon. While local government equipment operators and laborers can usually perform these improvements, they are extremely time consuming and, of course, rock and other materials used in the process aren't cheap.

Marion-Crittenden County Park Board, a group of volunteers appointed by the mayor and judge-executive, does an outstanding job of keeping the park going. The board's budget is very limited, however, and contains little extra money for making repairs and improvements. In response to this situation, the city's tourist commission recently pledged to further assist the park board with paying some of its bills, and the

county's fiscal court has made application through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund to finance the aforementioned lighting upgrades. Additionally, the park board has developed a comprehensive list of potential projects/improvements to help guide intermediate and long-range funding decisions by the local governments.

Until cameras or other security measures are in place, the general public can help by reporting vandalism and any other suspicious activity to Marion Police Department. Don't assume someone else will call it in to us; the sooner we know about an illegal activity taking place, the better our chance of cracking down on it.

The park is one of our most important community assets. We must meet the challenge of preserving and improving it. I want my mom and other visitors to Crittenden County to keep the impression, "I can't believe you all have such a nice park in a town this size."

(Mark Bryant has served as Marion's city administrator since October 2006. He is a 20-year-plus veteran of local government, with about 10 years as a city or county manager. He has a bachelor of science degree in geography and urban studies from Western Kentucky University and a master's degree in city planning degree from Georgia Tech.)

Writers' workshop offers encouragement, guidance

By DARYL K. TABOR

PRESS EDITOR

Henry David Thoreau had Walden Pond. Ernest Hemingway had Key West. For Linda Defew, it's a rustic cabin overlooking a small lake on the rural Livingston County property she shares with her husband, Eddie.

Defew, an accomplished author and occasional columnist for The Crittenden Press, is not stingy with her inspiration. In fact, she eagerly shares with a small group of budding writers her insight and skills honed over her years as a creative writer.

Welcome to the Silver Lining Writers' Group. Membership in the club is not exclusive. All that is needed is a sharp pencil and an urge to spill forth your thoughts, experiences and emotions onto paper. Of course, modern tools of the trade available to writers today—keyboards and monitors—are also welcome.

"The group is growing every time we meet," Defew said. "We had 10 at our April 6

meeting and had so much to talk about, we ran over by an hour."

Such informality is part of the charm of the novice workshops held every other month or so, depending on participants' schedules.

"You have to have fun to write," said Defew, who started the group about three years ago as a means to foster the local writing scene and encourage aspiring authors who may simply be waiting for a spark to be generated in the company of like-minded artists.

Though casual and relaxed, meetings of the Silver Lining Writers' Group are not without a measure of formality. Each meeting, writers are met with worksheets and exercises designed to spark the imagination.

"Writing prompts such as, 'I remember' and 'I wish' bring out the writer in all of us," Defew said, providing an example of the "curriculum" practiced at meetings. "Members are urged to use their five



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Members of the Silver Lining Writers' Group complete a writing exercise on a recent Saturday morning inside a rustic cabin overlooking a lake on Linda and Eddie Defew's rural Livingston County property. Pictured (clockwise from top) are Kathy Wood of Symsonia, Linda Defew, Jill Haney of Salem, Teresa Stainfield of Cadiz, Vicki Whitefeather of Royalton, Ill., and Marilyn Konstanty of Marion.

NEWS BRIEFS

All sinkholes not created equal

STAFF REPORT

No two sinkholes are created equal. In fact, in Crittenden County, they can range in size from a couple of feet across to encompassing an area larger than the footprint of Cowboys Stadium in Dallas. And they can form as a open pit or merely a depression in the landscape.

Chances are, most residents don't think much about sinkholes, at least not until they make the news like the one in February that swallowed and killed a Florida man as he lay sleeping in his bed or one that temporarily closed and threatened to undermine Ky. 902 near Fredonia just last month.

But sinkholes are not just someone else's problem. The Kentucky Geologic Survey (KGS) has documented 802 of them in Crittenden County, with untold numbers left unreported. The vast majority of recorded sinkholes in the county lie clustered west and south of Marion.

Local farmers or any property owner with several acres of land may find them a nuisance, pock-marking their land. Still others might suddenly find them threatening to undermine structures at their residence.

"The term sinkhole is a colloquial catch-all term for any depression in the ground," said James C. Currrens, a geologist with KGS in Lexington.

Dolines are a common form of sinkhole found in Crittenden County, Currrens explained. They appear as depressions in karst landscape, formed from the dissolution of soluble rocks like limestone, which is a prevalent geologic feature in places like western Kentucky and Florida, forming caves, springs and underground streams.

The largest recorded doline in Crittenden County covers 94 acres just off Ky. 723 near the Livingston County border. In fact, there are nearly 300 such sinkholes in the county that are more than an acre in area.

Cover-collapse sinkholes, meantime, are the open pits that can devour land and structures, explains Currrens. They form when a conduit carrying water creates a small underground chamber and eventually undermines the surface cover, carrying away soil and leaving an open chamber. Though these can grow large enough to swallow structures and create very real hazards, most are no more than a couple of yards across.

"In Kentucky, the average diameter of a cover-collapse sinkhole is about 7 feet," said Currrens.

These sinkholes can be reported to KGS online at <http://kgs.uky.edu/kgswweb/kgswweb/sinkhole.asp> or by calling Currrens at (859) 323-0526. Once recorded, sinkholes can be investigated and assessed. Currrens said KGS is interested in cover-collapse sinkholes with a diameter as small as 1 foot just as much as larger ones.

SBDM seeks two parent-members

Crittenden County High School PTO is taking parent nominations for the SBDM council through today (Thursday). All parents of 2013-14 high school students are eligible to serve on the council and to vote in next week's election.

Nominations must be submitted to the CCHS office.

The PTO will hold an election for two parent-representatives for the SBDM 7 a.m.–3 p.m. next Thursday in the school office and at next Thursday's PTO meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Holland Medical to move across town

Before summer ends, Elizabeth Floyd hopes to be on the move. The office manager for Holland Medical Services in Marion said the business has outgrown its current location on Sturgis Road and will be moving across town in a few months to a new building.

The move will give the supplier of home medical equipment and services three times more floor space. The new store going up next to the Kenegy office on South Main Street has a 3,000-square-foot floor plan. The current office offers around 1,000 square feet.

"We are really excited," Floyd said.

The larger office is being built by Tommy Wright of Marion, who has agreed to construct the building to the specifications of Florida-based Rotech Healthcare Inc., the parent company of Holland Medical. A lease has already been signed, Floyd added.

No opening date is set, but Floyd expects to be moving in three to four months.

Coal production lowest since 1960s

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new state report says coal production in Kentucky has reached its lowest level since 1965 and mining employment fell by 4,000 jobs in eastern Kentucky last year. But western Kentucky mining has fared better.

Coal-producing counties in eastern Kentucky have suffered in recent years from increased enforcement of federal mining laws, competition from natural gas and the mining

out of easier-to-reach, underground coal seams. The Courier-Journal reports employment at eastern Kentucky mines fell nearly 30 percent from December 2011 to December 2012. The drop was from 13,608 jobs to 9,450.

Production in the region fell to 49.4 million tons, the lowest level since 1965. The report came from the state's Department for Energy Development and Independence. In western Kentucky, production was up last year by 2.5 percent, to 42 million tons.

Fence now protects 'Victory Gardens'

A group of 17 area churches determined to keep needy residents of the county stocked with fresh produce this summer have had to divert hundreds of dollars to protect their investment. Robbie Kirk, a member of Life in Christ Church and one of the organizers of the "Victory Gar-

dens" seeded on city-owned acreage adjacent to Shopko, said a fence erected along the edge of the property leased for planting was needed to keep vehicles from destroying the property and eventual crops.

The \$1,100 barrier was put up this month along Old Morganfield Road after vehicles were discovered to have rutted much of the acreage intended for crops and destroyed portions of a gravel path installed last year to be used during planting and harvesting.

The fencing, however, was not intended to eliminate access to a popular fishing pond just off the road. Though the barrier prohibits entry to the area by vehicles, a 4-foot opening in the fencing was installed to allow for foot traffic. The fence line is set back far enough from the road to allow for parking.

City officials say they are OK with the fence and retain keys to the gates that allow access by vehicle.

Americans freed from tax obligation

Today (Thursday) is Tax Freedom Day for the average American, but Kentucky taxpayers are almost two weeks ahead of the curve.

Tax Freedom Day is the date when the average taxpayer has earned enough money to pay all federal, state and local taxes owed to the government. This year, tax freedom comes 107 days into the calendar, five days later than last year, according to the Tax Foundation, a non-partisan Washington think tank.

In Kentucky however, the average taxpayer was liberated on April 6, ranking the Commonwealth 10th earliest in the nation.

In 2013, the average American will hand over 29.4 percent of their income to various levels of government.

But things could be worse. Thirteen years ago, when Americans paid a full third of their income in taxes, Tax Freedom Day didn't arrive until May 1. A century earlier, in 1900, reports the Tax Foundation, taxes took away only 5.9 percent of personal income. Tax Freedom Day that year came Jan. 22.

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Live, eat and breathe healthy

Macie Hunt (foreground) and Tucker Sharp display their agility during Family Fitness Night Friday at Crittenden County Elementary School. Turnout was lower than normal for the annual event held to promote a healthy lifestyle, but several families left armed with knowledge and encouragement to eat better and include exercise as part of their daily routine.

City of Marion certified drug-free employer, saves on premiums

STAFF REPORT

The City of Marion has adopted a zero-tolerance policy toward substance abuse, enabling the municipal employer to become a certified drug-free workplace. Certification through the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services Program will not only make for a safer workplace for city employees, it also saves the taxpayers money.

Already, the city has received a \$600 refund on its workers' compensation policy, according to City Administrator Mark Bryant.

In 2007, the General Assembly enacted the Kentucky Drug Free Workplace Program in response to rampant drug use and abuse throughout the Commonwealth. According to the U.S. Department of Health

and Mental Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, more than 70 percent of drug abusers are employed.

The legislation was designed to encourage Kentucky employers to implement a program to identify drug and alcohol use in the workplace, educate workers on the dangers of substance abuse and assist in treatment if drug use is detected.

"We really feel like this is in the best interest of the community and for (city government) that we are a certified drug-free workplace," Bryant said. "It cuts down on the possibility of accidents and high workers' comp claims. Plus, this gives us a break on workers' comp insurance."

Including city firefighters,

about 50 employees will be subject to random drug-testing throughout the year. Bryant said three employees will be randomly chosen twice a year to submit to an 11-panel drug screen.

It's a one strike and you're out deal, Bryant added.

The certification as a drug-free workplace will have to be reviewed and renewed annually. As long as certification remains current, the City of Marion will be eligible to receive at least a 5 percent discount on workers' compensation premiums.

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Joe Yarbrough (left), local insurance representative for the Kentucky League of Cities, holds a certificate alongside Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander that declares the city a drug-free workplace. The certificate is from the Kentucky Department of Workers' Claims.

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Teen Leadership Conference held at Ed-Tech Center

STAFF REPORT

High school students had the opportunity to mentor eighth-graders at the first-ever Teen Leadership Conference held at the Ed-Tech Center last week. The event was sponsored by the Crittenden County Family Resource and Youth Service Center in conjunction with Crosswalk Learning Center.

Cheryl Burks, site coordinator at Crosswalk Learning Center, said Friday's conference provided a great opportunity to address the needs of the students as they prepare to make the important transition from middle to high school.

"It's a great way to bring in our high school students, who are student leaders, and set up a solid foundation for those students coming in to the high school next year," Burks said.

Members of the high school's Peer Mediation Team were on hand to lead eighth-graders through different sessions of the conference.

High school principal Rhonda Callaway was the conference's keynote speaker. She welcomed the middle schoolers, telling them how excited she was to have them entering high school in the

coming school year.

Professional speakers, such as Chris Sparks of the Pennyroyal Center in Hopkinsville, spoke to students on the dangers of prescription drug abuse. Students also received information about building healthy relationships, stress management, suicide prevention and cyber bullying.

A forum on College and Career Readiness was designed to answer student questions about college and various professions. Members of the Peer Mediation Team also shared their plans for after high school graduation.

Statewide, schools are being recognized for such efforts to prepare their students for the next level.

Earlier this week, Gov. Steve Beshear and Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday teamed up with ACT Inc., in Frankfort to celebrate Kentucky's progress toward the goal of college- and career-readiness for all students and recognize those who embody or advance the state's commitment to preparing students for success.

"From preschool to career, getting students ready to take

the next step is vital not only to their future but Kentucky's future," Gov. Beshear said in a news release Monday. "Our ability to create and maintain an energetic and highly trained workforce depends on that preparation. Education is the single-biggest factor in determining long-term success for our state—whether success is defined by the quality of life for our people, the stability of our economy, or the competitive strength of our business sector."

Monday's event was part of the ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign that celebrates achievement and creates awareness around the goal of college and career readiness for all.

Kentucky is one of seven states invited to participate in the national campaign's inaugural year.

Commissioner Holliday said the Kentucky Board of Education's "Unbridled Learning: College/Career-Readiness for All" initiative is the department's top priority.

"By gaining the knowledge and skills they will need in college, postsecondary training, military or the workplace, students can be confident they will be successful whatever path they choose," he



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS

Eighth-graders Jared Lundy and Bristen Holeman attend a session on healthy living during the first-ever Teen Leadership Conference.

said. "We appreciate the efforts of the governor, and our many other our partners in helping us make progress toward our goal."

In 2010, only 34 percent of students in Kentucky graduated from high school ready for college/career. By 2012, that number had risen to 47 percent, Holliday said.

Evening of the Arts to be held Tuesday

BY JASON TRAVIS

STAFF WRITER

Crittenden County High School will present an Evening of the Arts 7 - 9 p.m., Tuesday at Fohs Hall. The evening will present a collaboration of talent from students participating in band, chorus, speech, poetry and visual arts.

Steven Baker, the visual arts instructor at the high school, said in addition to performances by the chorus, concert and jazz bands, the after-school guitar club sponsored by Crosswalk Learning Center will also perform. The art club will also set up a gallery to display ceramics, paintings and drawings.

"They have been polishing up some of their earlier work trying to decide what they want to show," Baker said. "I'm trying to encourage everybody to put something in the show. Even if it's not something they did here in class. A lot of my students do a lot of work on their own."

Doors will open at 7 p.m. For the first half-hour, individuals are encouraged to tour the gallery and view the art displays. In addition to a coffee bar, appetizers will be served.

Afterwards, doors will open to the theater for the audience to view various student performances. Baker said the Evening of the Arts event is a great opportunity to



SUBMITTED PHOTO

High School sophomore Erica Hardin's image of the sun and moon received recognition by the website Artsonia.com.

showcase the effort each student is putting forth in their course work.

High school students aren't just being recognized locally. Baker said sophomore art student Erica Hardin was recently recognized by the website Artsonia.com as a nominee for Artist of the Week. At the be-

ginning of the year, Baker sent permission slips to the parents of all his students encouraging them to publish images of their artwork online.

Artsonia.com is a free online art gallery that features different pieces of art each week.

Hardin's image of the sun

and moon caught the attention of the selection committee.

"I told her you were picked out of all of these people in the country as the nominee. That's something to be proud of," Baker said. "They did send an award. She's pretty excited about it and I am too."

Income guidelines change for food program

STAFF REPORT

Since last week's publication, income guidelines for the federal Commodity Food Supplemental Program, have changed.

The food program, administered through the Pennyroyal Allied Community Services (PACS) office on North Walker Street, offers qualifying seniors various distributions of food items. Seniors receive such items as two boxes of staple milk, two boxes of cereal, two bottles of juice and cans of vegetables and fruit. Items such as spaghetti, canned pork or beef, beef stew, macaroni, rice and peanut butter are alternated.

There remain several open slots in the program for Crittenden Countians, said Kathy Penn-Belt at the local PACS office.

The income guidelines have increased slightly from what was reported in last week's issue of The Crittenden Press, making more people eligible for the program. As an example of eligibility, Belt said a one-person household can now gross up to \$1,245 monthly. A two-person household, such as a husband and wife, can gross up to \$1,681 a month. A three-person household can gross up to \$2,116 a month.

To determine eligibility, individuals must also bring photo identification, driver's license or a birth certificate. They must also bring their Social Security card. An awards letter for the year 2013 is also needed.

Participants must show up on distribution day to receive the food. If they cannot pick

up the food personally, they may fill out an application in which they can have a designated representative pick up the goods for them.

Food is distributed from 1 to 2:30 p.m., the Friday following the second Wednesday of each month at the rescue squad building located beside the Crittenden County Detention Center on Carlisle Street in Marion. If that date falls on any holiday, distribution date will be changed. Seniors must be 60 years old and meet income qualifications. Belt said any kind of income must be counted from all household

members. That includes Social Security, SSI, any type of pension and child support received for a grandchild that is living in the household.

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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. \$129,000.00. **cy**

NICE & NEAT - 2 bdr ready to move into, dining rm, family rm in basement, utility rm, kitchen appliances stay, 1 car garage, storage bldg, paved drive, also has central heat/air. \$55,000.00. **ts**

COUNTRY LIFE - Beautiful 4 bdr, 4 bath home w/ finished basement for your mother-in-law. Basement has its own kitchen w/ appliances. Central heat/air all sitting on 3 +/- acres. \$225,000.00. **pi**

DRAKE STREET - 3 bdr, lots of kitchen cabinets, lg utility rm, central heat & air, appliances stay, walking distance to town. \$38,500.00. **rd**

GREENWOOD HEIGHTS - 3 bdr, brick home, lots of storage at location with a

FORDS FERRY - This is a must see 4 bdr, 2 1/2 bath, central heat & air, city water & sewer. Nice 3 car garage all sitting on 2 +/- acres. **jb**

KY 91 NORTH - 2 bdr, 1 1/2 bath brick home w/ fireplace, lots of kitchen cabinets, finished basement, kitchen, all appliances stay, central heat, central air & 30x60 workshop w/ concrete floor. 2 metal carports all on 2 1/2 acres. \$69,500.00. **ra**

MYERS BED & BREAKFAST - 4 bdr, 3 bath, liv. rm, din rm, large kitchen, storage rm, basement & large back porch in the main house. Two 2 bdr apartments, storage rm and a lg porch with the cottage home. Beautiful hardwood floors & other woodwork in the main house. Some appliances & furniture stay. Only \$165,000.00. **jm**

INCOME PROPERTY - 3 apt bldg. There are 3 1 bdr, 1 bath apt. 2 presently rented & owner living in the other storage rm & approx. 4 acres. Great investment. \$59,500.00. **dt**

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**

CHERRY STREET - Cute 3 bdr, 1 bath home, utility rm, storage bldg & double lot. Good starter home or investment property. \$30,000.00 **gt**

WALKER STREET - 3 bdr, 1 bath, nice size laundry room, large back, large yard. \$42,000.00. **rd**

POPLAR STREET - This home is located in town, walking distance to banks, court house & restaurants. 4 bdr 1 1/2 baths, laundry rm & paved drive. Lots of shade trees on this nice big lot. Home is move in ready. \$59,000.00 **sp**

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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Spring bringing alive another farm season

Nice to finally see the spring weather, with all the excitement of what this year's growing season will bring. As you drive down the road, it is very apparent it is that time of year. Lots of trucks, tractors and other various implements are busy going where they need to be.

I just want to say thank you to all of the hard-working farmers and ranchers we have here in Crittenden and Livingston counties, as well as everywhere in the United States. Without the hard work you do every day, there would be no breakfast, lunch or dinner. So, if you ate a meal today, please thank a farmer or rancher.

Last week we mentioned going to the two counties' conservation district dinners. I want to share with everyone the various individuals who received awards at these banquets.

In Crittenden County, the winners are:
■ FFA soil judging: Jaden Willis and Jacob Greenwell.
■ Conservation art and writing: Jenna Potter and Brenden Phillips.
■ Poster contest winners:



Noah Highfil, Tessa Potter, Maegan Potter and Luke Highfil.
■ Friend of Wildlife Award: H.F. Simpson.
■ Master Conservationist: William Jay "Bill" Asbridge.
In Livingston County, the winners are:
■ FFA soil judging: Tiffany Cobb, Traci Moore, Miranda Taber and Emily Chandler.
■ Conservation art and writing: Lexi Jones, Brooklyn Travis, Carlie Cooper, Dalton Hines, Amberly Risner, Dylan Sherrel, Autumn Walker, Jarrett Harris, Emily Chandler, Nicole Fox, Lauren Schmitt, Jennifer Rogers, Josey Tolley, Emily Padon, Isabella Ferrell, Savannah Gracie Grimm, Keaton Bridges and Carol "Gage" Craig.

■ Master Conservationist: Wes Kitchens Farms.
It is nice to see such interest in conservation and agriculture in our young children. And we want to thank our Friends of Wildlife and Master Conservationist winners for setting an outstanding example. Congratulations to everyone.

Days to remember
■ Through next Thursday: Office will be short-staffed.
■ Through May 1: Last Day for voluntary claims process for Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers.
■ Through June 3: Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) sign-up continues.
■ Through Aug. 2: Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) sign-up.
■ May 20 to June 14: General Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP, sign-up.

(Laura Kessler is the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency county executive director at the Salem service center, which serves both Crittenden and Livingston counties.)

KFB's 'Farmer of the Year' application process open

NEWS RELEASE
The 2013 Kentucky Farm Bureau "Farmer of the Year" application process is now open, and the organization is seeking the Commonwealth's finest nominees for this prestigious award.
KFB initiated an annual "Farmer of the Year" awards program as a way to recognize its members for their commitment to excellence in agriculture, efficiency in farming practices, sound financial management and outstanding leadership in their county Farm Bureau and other civic organizations. Eligibility and guidelines are included with the application, and can be downloaded at kyfb.com/federation. All ap-

plications should be postmarked by July 1.
Entries will be narrowed down to the top three applicants over the summer, and finalists will be announced in mid-August. Judges will visit the three finalists in mid-September to conduct interviews and see their operations in action. The winner will be announced at the organization's 2013 state annual meeting in Louisville on Dec. 6.
KFB's "Farmer of the Year" will receive \$1,000 from Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation and will be presented with a commemorative award during the organization's annual meeting in December. State finalists will receive \$250 from Kentucky Farm

Bureau Federation.
In addition to the statewide recognition and prizes, KFB's "Farmer of the Year" winner will represent Kentucky in the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year contest, the South's most prestigious agricultural award, in Moultrie, Ga., Oct. 14-16, 2014.
The state winner will also receive \$2,500 from Swisher International and a \$500 gift certificate from Southern States Cooperative. Kentucky's winner will compete against nine other state winners for the chance to win a \$15,000 award from Swisher International and several other sponsor-based prizes.

Rally assails plan to limit tailwater access

MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES
The protest against proposed boating barriers being placed at the tailwaters of 10 Cumberland River dams, including the one on Lake Barkley, received a powerful boost Saturday.
In what was deemed the Freedom to Fish Rally, Congressman Ed Whitfield and U.S. senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul from Kentucky, as well as Tennessee U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander, all voiced opposition to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' idea at Barkley Dam. The event was named after a bill Whitfield is sponsoring in the U.S. House of Representatives that has come to be known as the Freedom to Fish Act and would prevent the Corps measure from happening. A similar

measure has been sponsored in the upper chamber of the Capitol by all four Kentucky and Tennessee Senators.
"It's so frustrating," Whitfield said of the Corps' proposal that it says is in the name of safety for boaters. "They've had an operational management plan in place since 1996, and the whole reason they're doing this is because, all of a sudden, in 2012, they've decided they're not in compliance with their own regulations."
"That's the only reason given."
The loudest voices heard Saturday were those of Livingston County Judge-Executive Chris Lasher and Lyon County Judge-Executive Wade White, who both said communication with the Corps of Engineers' Nashville

District has been, at times, non-existent.
White displayed what he said were several pages of documents he had requested via the Freedom of Information Act that had information redacted in red blocks.
"They're barricading me from the information that I'm needing to see," said White, who first raised the issue last fall after learning of the Corps' plan and immediately thought of what it would do to the tourism industry that depends on fishing for much of its dollars annually.
Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, who was not at Saturday's rally, said barricades would negatively affect commercial fishermen from Crittenden County, and he has also issued his concerns with the Corps.

Rain, warmer temps allow state's farmers into cornfields

STAFF REPORT
Much needed rain and warmer weather last week in Kentucky has improved crop prospects, reports the University of Kentucky Agriculture Weather Center.
Temperatures averaged 61 degrees across the state, which was 6 degrees warmer than normal and the first week with above normal temperatures since mid-February. Rainfall amounts for the week were above normal with precipitation averaging 1.25 inches statewide, which is 0.23 inches above normal.
Corn seeding is now under way. However, as of Monday, only 7 percent of the corn had been seeded, well behind last year's 55 percent and the average of 18.
Meantime, winter wheat is 77 percent good or excellent. Hay was measured at 48 percent good or excellent. Another 37 percent was rated as fair.
Precipitation for 2013 measured at the UK weather station at Princeton was 16.12 inches as of Monday, 0.72 inches above normal.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

LEDBETTER AUCTION RESULTS

April 16, 2013
KDA-USDA Market News, Louisville, Ky.
Receipts: 536 head.

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and bulls 2.00
5.00 lower. Feeder heifers steady to 2.00 lower. Supply in-
cluded 52% feeder heifers and 16% of feeder over 600
lbs. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly steady.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt.	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-300	256	174.00-184.00	180.57
14	300-400	352	170.00-176.00	173.44
2	400-500	442	159.00	159.00
21	500-600	528	138.00-146.00	141.20
8	600-700	648	126.00-130.00	126.74
1	700-800	760	114.00	114.00
1	800-900	885	110.00	110.00
1	900-1000	905	108.00	108.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt.	Price Range	Avg Price
1	100-200	180	155.00	155.00
6	300-400	374	166.00-167.00	166.84
3	400-500	498	138.00	138.00
7	500-600	563	132.00-136.00	134.55

Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt.	Price Range	Avg Price
1	400-500	450	86.00	86.00
1	800-900	895	81.00	81.00
1	1000-1100	1040	87.00	87.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt.	Price Range	Avg Price
1	100-200	160	180.00	180.00
6	200-300	270	161.00-165.00	163.89
11	300-400	366	143.00-158.00	152.91
3	300-400	313	166.00	166.00
38	400-500	454	140.00-151.00	144.08
19	400-500	418	150.00-158.00	156.26
29	500-600	532	128.00-143.00	134.84
17	600-700	639	119.00-125.00	122.39
5	700-800	769	110.00-115.00	112.98
3	800-900	835	106.00	106.00

2	900-1000	970	104.00	104.00
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Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt.	Price Range	Avg Price
7	300-400	354	125.00-141.00	134.81
26	400-500	475	130.00-138.00	134.98
28	500-600	555	120.00-130.00	125.86
5	600-700	666	108.00-114.00	110.51
4	700-800	756	94.00-98.00	96.51

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt.	Price Range	Avg Price
15	300-400	370	160.00-168.00	164.25
26	400-500	428	148.00-159.00	153.58
25	500-600	538	130.00-141.00	135.51
7	600-700	694	110.00-114.00	113.43
3	700-800	738	103.00-106.00	104.98
1	800-900	890	101.00	101.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt.	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-400	328	141.00-157.00	148.94
22	400-500	467	123.00-146.00	140.73
11	500-600	565	118.00-130.00	127.25
3	600-700	613	119.00	119.00
1	700-800	720	100.00	100.00

Slaughter Cows:

	%Lean	Weight	AD	HD	LD
Breaker	75-80	1210-1670	68-73		64-67
Boner	80-85	1110-1505	70-76	77-81	67-70
Lean	85-90	1150-1300	66-74	75-00	62-65
Lite	85-90				

Slaughter Bulls:

YG:	Weight	Avg-Dress	Lo-Dress
#1-2	1230-1955	97.00-100.00	90.00-93.00

Stock Cows:

Cows 5 to 10 years old and 7 to 8 months
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God’s laws govern the people of his kingdom

Most of us know who the president of our nation is, but he knows few of us. Although we know him, and he knows of us, we still don't know each other intimately if we haven't had a heart-to-heart communication with each other.

We also know all national governments have their own set of laws and regulations applicable to the people. History tells us we have been released from the British crown for well more than 200 years now. But that in no way sets us free from having any law at all.

In like manner, many of us claim to know God and trust that He knows us. He also has his own set of laws to govern the people of His King-

Commentary by Felty Yoder

dom. For our union with God to become a reality, we must pursue an obedient, faithful and loving relationship with Him.

Jesus has set us free from the ministration of condemnation and death. And he brought the new covenant, whereby we can draw near to God, Hebrews 10 tells us. Matthew 5-7 teaches us a lot on what the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus consists of.

Here, Jesus also admonishes his listeners to hear and do these sayings. In 1 John

2:4, we read, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

Now we want to look at another aspect of truth. Romans 4 and Galatians 3 prove that Abraham was justified by faith and not by works; before he was justified by works. That is always the truth in justification. One cannot be justified by works from a life under condemnation. Abraham was not, and neither can we be.

Upon true faith, which is conditioned by repentance, God justifies us before we have produced the works to prove it. Sinners cannot commend themselves to God by works. Some people are led to

believe that man is justified by faith alone. The fact is, the Bible nowhere says that, but it does say the opposite. "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only," reads James 2:24.

We are saved by grace through Jesus. It is the start and very important. It is the means, and not the end in itself. Everyone knows that if one continues to linger at the starting point, he is never going to go anywhere. "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added onto you," reads Matthew 6:33. That includes personal salvation.

In other words, when we seek first the Kingdom of God

and his righteousness, personal salvation will take care of itself. Our personal salvation is our hope for eternal life. And what is eternal life? "And this is eternal that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent."

But what about the ones we read about in Matthew 7:21-23, who say, have we not

done many wonderful works in your name. And the Lord answers, "I never knew you?" In other words, what do you call someone who is mothered by the church, but the father doesn't claim him as his child?

(Felty Yoder is a resident of the Salem community and has lived with his family in the area for 20 years.)

Festival begins May 3

STAFF REPORT

An Abundant Praise Fest is set for 7 p.m., May 3, at Northside Baptist Church located at 101 Dawson Rd., in Princeton.

According to The Times Leader in Princeton, Jerry Simpson of the southern gospel group Abundant Praise will be joined by band members in organizing the monthly praise fest events at the church. The monthly concerts reach across denominational lines and are free of charge. Community members from all churches are encour-

aged to attend.

An offering will be taken to help the travel expenses of visiting groups and to help cover publicity costs.

Featured at the May 3 concert will be The Childress Family. On June 14, the Nelons will perform. Tim Lovelace is scheduled for July 12; the LeFevre Quartet is slated for Aug. 2; and Adam Crabb is scheduled to perform Sept. 6.

For more information on performances, visit the Abundant Praise Facebook page or visit www.apmgospel.com.

Church notes

■ New Union General Baptist Church will host the annual setting of the 2013 West Kentucky Association of General Baptist Thursday-Saturday. The morning services will begin at 10 a.m., followed with a noon meal; afternoon services at 1:30 p.m., and the night services will start at 7. The services will close with the Saturday afternoon service. There will be gospel singing and preaching during each service and everyone is invited to attend.

■ This month's AMP'D service at Pinckneyville Baptist Church will be held at 5 p.m., Saturday. The service will last 90 minutes. Expect to be filled with hope and encouragement. The evangelist is Bro. Jamey Ragle. A praise and worship band will also perform.

■ Maranatha General Baptist Church will have a community singing at 6 p.m., Saturday. Finger foods will

follow.

■ Barnett Chapel Church will have a baby shower (it's a boy) for McKenzie Hewitt and Dakota Lynch after morning service on Sunday. Soup and sandwiches will be served. Everyone is welcome.

■ Repton Baptist Church in Mattoon hosts Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills 6 p.m., on Sundays in the fellowship hall. The program uses a fun format to teach children in grades first through sixth Bible skills.

■ The Caldwell and Lyon County Grief Support Group is held at 2 p.m., every Monday in the Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association building in Princeton. It offers an educated and trained Christian grief counselor who can guide a person through the initial stages of grief and beyond after the loss of a loved one. The group is open to everyone and there is no charge. For more information or directions, call Carma Lee Chandler at 365-6578.

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OBITUARIES

Alexander

Hilda Mae Woodall Alexander, 89, of Marion, died April 14, 2013, at Crittenden County Health and Rehab in Marion.

She graduated from Frances High School, was a longtime employee of the Kroger in Marion, and was a member of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Alexander is survived by two grandchildren, Jason Dansby and Tiffany and husband Ryan Ledgerwood of Madison, Ala.; one great-granddaughter, Skye Ledgerwood of Madison; two sisters, Lois Woodall Miller of Henderson and Louise Woodall Ball of Evansville, Ind.; one son-in-law, Michael Berard; one cousin, Clara Mae Belt of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Lessly and Alma Woodall; her husband, Charles Alexander; two daughters, Diana Berard and Debra Dansby; and one brother Wilbur Woodall.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Piney Fork Cemetery. Visitation was 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, make donations to: Piney Fork Cemetery, c/o Sarah Ford, 220 S. Weldon St., Marion, KY 42064.

Boyd

Carl Orlin Boyd, 71, died peacefully at his home in Plainville, Mass., on Feb. 10, 2013, after a two-year battle with cancer.

He was the husband of Patricia (Waters) Boyd. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Carl Matthew Boyd of Hunt Valley, Md., and a step-son, Joshua Hanley of Woonsocket, R.I.

Born Feb. 17, 1941, in Paducah, he was the son of the late Garvis and Irene (Stalions) Boyd. He was raised in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., graduated from New Smyrna Beach High School and attended the University of Florida at Gainesville where he was a member of Delta Sigma Pi fraternity.

A U.S. Air Force and Vietnam War veteran, Boyd also served for a year as an electrical power production specialist with a missile combat crew at Cape Romanzof Air Force Base, Alaska. After completing a four-year tour of duty, he served two years in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

He retired from Xerox Corp. after 31 years as a senior service specialist and opened All Phase Electric, which he owned and operated until 2012.

Boyd was a skilled carpenter and home builder. He enjoyed working on vintage muscle cars, attending car shows and playing the banjo.

A memorial service in Carrsville Cemetery will be at 11 a.m., Saturday.

(Note: Non-standard obituaries require a nominal fee. Ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.)

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Telecommunicators Week honors dispatchers' work

STAFF REPORT

This week is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Crittenden County emergency operations dispatchers will join more than 200,000 fellow telecommunicators throughout the United States being recognized for their long hours and dedication to public safety.

Seven people are employed by the City of Marion to handle dispatching duties for the entire county. Incoming calls range from reports of stray dogs to requests for life-saving assistance.

Ky. 132 in Webster closed Friday

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet plans to close Ky. 132 in Webster County on Friday.

The highway will be closed between the 13-mile marker and mile-point 13.5 between Dixon and Clay to allow the replacement of a cross drain.

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Head

Kenneth Earl Head, 70, of Providence, died April 15, 2013, in Evansville, Ind.

He served in the U.S. Navy and worked as a coal miner.

Head is survived by his wife of 51 years, Glinda Head of Providence; one daughter, Pamela Head of Marion; two sons, Billy Joe Head of Providence and David Head of Marion; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Frankie Head and Randy Head, both of Henderson, and Eugene Head of Marion; and three sisters, Donna Ann Smith of Augusta, Ga., and Alger Prow and Mary Ayers, both of Clay.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Cecil Head, and a brother, Jerry Head.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Jones & Erdman in Providence, with Bro. Jackie Brantley officiating.

Wardlaw

Margaret "Hazel" Wardlaw, 77, of Marion died April 15, 2013, at Crittenden County Health and Rehab in Marion from complications of a recent illness.

She was a lifelong member of the Marion United Methodist Church; a member of the Democratic Woman's Club of Crittenden County, where she worked on several local and state campaigns; and was also a member of the Woman's Club of Marion, where she served on various committees.

Wardlaw was also proud to have been commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel in 1990 by Gov. Wallace G. Wilkinson. She loved her family, friends and taking care of her many flower beds.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, John M. Wardlaw; one daughter, Gaye W. and husband Joe Porter of Marion; two grandchildren, Jason W. Porter and Jody Dean and wife Adria Porter of Marion; three great-grandchildren, Peyton Porter of Madisonville and Carly and Jack Porter of Marion; one brother, Robert "Buddy" Watson of Marion; one sister, Janis and husband Dennis Jones of Bowling Green; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Loyce and Helen Watson, and one sister, Lois Dean "Deanie" Watson.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Friends may visit the funeral home from 10 a.m. until service time. There will be no graveside service.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to: Marion United Methodist Church Renovation Fund, 112 S. College St., Marion KY 42064 or Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter, 24 Just-A-Mere Road, Marion, KY 42064.

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Brown

Mary Kathryn "Kat" Brown, 80, of Marion, died April 11, 2013, at her residence.

She was a former member of the Woman's Club of Marion.

Brown is survived by her husband, James V. Brown of Marion; one daughter, Deborah Y. Koleck of Portage, Ind.; two sons, James A. Brown of Portage and Ron W. Brown of Marion; two granddaughters, Wendi M. Brown-Asbridge of Marion and Kelli K. Kalin of Portage; two brothers, Charles Moore of Florida and Robert Moore of Lake Station, Ind.; three great-grandsons, Tyler Brown, Kane Graeber and Joey Kalin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest T. and Sarah Frances Braden Moore, and one brother.

Cremation was chosen. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., April 28 at Asbridge Cemetery in Crittenden County. Myers Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to: St. Jude Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

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Belt

Allen Belt, of Providence, died April 9, 2013, at his home. He struggled with cancer for several months.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa Foster Belt; three daughters, Lori Belt, Neomi Pryor and Ashley Belt Foster, all of Providence; two grandsons; three granddaughters; three sisters, Dorothy Pryor Putty of Providence, Loyce Littlepage of Madisonville and Polly Lee of Oakboro, N.C.; and one brother, Charles Belt of Sturgis.

Belt was preceded in death by his parents, Katherine and Lawrence Belt; one sister, Mary Lois Boyd; five brothers, Elzie Ray Belt, George Robert Belt, Eddie Wayne Belt, Maurice Belt and Johnny Belt; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation was chosen. There will be a memorial service at the family gravesite in Lakeview Cemetery in Providence. Myers Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of the arrangements.

There will be no visitation at the funeral home.

Belt was preceded in death by his parents, Katherine and Lawrence Belt; one sister, Mary Lois Boyd; five brothers, Elzie Ray Belt, George Robert Belt, Eddie Wayne Belt, Maurice Belt and Johnny Belt; and several nieces and nephews.

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There will be no visitation at the funeral home.

Jameson

Chris Jameson, 53, of Fredonia, died April 11, 2013, at his home after a long illness.

He was a heavy equipment mechanic and a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

Jameson is survived by his wife, Libby Ray Jameson; one son, Craig Jameson of Caldwell County; one daughter, Christy Jameson and husband Tony Watson of Marion; and one sister, Jan Sander-son of Paducah.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wilford Jameson; his mother, Marcia Durard Jameson Smith; and one sister, Vicki Shock.

Funeral services were Sunday at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Dean Ray, assisted by Rev. Rich Gardner, officiating. Burial was in Rowland Cemetery.

Jameson is survived by his wife, Libby Ray Jameson; one son, Craig Jameson of Caldwell County; one daughter, Christy Jameson and husband Tony Watson of Marion; and one sister, Jan Sander-son of Paducah.

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Polk

Nona Lou Polk McDaniel, 83, of Marion, died April 15, 2013, at Crittenden Hospital in Marion.

She is survived by five children, Carol Hunt, Sherry Hendrix, Randy McDaniel and Billy McDaniel, all of Marion, and David McDaniel of Chapmansboro, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Jewell Jack Polk; and her parents, William Perce and Tommie Sunderland Polk.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Burial will follow in Asbridge Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Friends may visit 5-8 p.m. today (Thursday) at the funeral home.

Traffic fatalities down 39 in 2013

Kentucky State Police report 14 deaths in 13 crashes on the state's roadways from April 8 to Sunday.

2013 DEATHS	CHANGE FROM 2012	ALCOHOL RELATED
Deaths.....151.....	-39.....	28.....

MODE	DEATHS	NO SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Automobile.....	127.....	62.....
Motorcycle.....	9.....	4.....
Pedestrian.....	12.....	n/a.....
Horse-drawn.....	1.....	n/a.....
ATV.....	1.....	1.....

Owen

Hazel Rhea Turley Owen, 94, of Fredonia, died April 13, 2013, at Crittenden County Health and Rehab Center in Marion.

She is survived by one son, Raymond K. Owen of Fredonia; one sister, Shirley Minnen of Marion; one brother, James Orville Turley of Paducah; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Owen was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Owen; one son, Joel Edward Owen; and her parents, Corbett and Tinnie Riley Turley.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Dunn's Funeral Home in Eddyville, with Rev. Bill McCormick officiating. Burial was in Macedonia Cemetery in Lyon County.

Expressions of sympathy may be left at www.dunnnsfuneralhome.net.

Grocery prices up in Kentucky

STAFF REPORT

The latest Marketbasket Survey, conducted by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation in March 2013, indicates that average retail food prices in supermarkets across the state increased slightly during the first quarter of the year. According to the survey, the total cost of 40 basic grocery items was \$116.27. This total reflects an increase of \$0.74, or 0.6 percent, from the same list of items reported in the previous quarter.

Kentucky's most recent retail food price results reflected small increases overall, yet fared slightly better than the American Farm Bureau Federation's national Marketbasket Survey, which monitors the average price of 16 basic grocery items from states across the country. Its most recent average price total increased by approximately 2 percent.

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Earth Day to be celebrated on Monday

On April 22, 1970, 20 million people celebrated the first Earth Day. Since then our planet has faced many environmental challenges, but has also made great strides in protecting and preserving our natural resources. This year Earth Day will be celebrated on Monday, April 22. Kentuckians will be hosting celebrations to honor our earth.

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Use less than five inches of water when taking a bath.
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For more information on how you can help improve our environment, and to Pick Five for the Environment visit the program's website www.epa.gov/pick5/.



York-Manus

Jeff and Lisa York of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Mandy Rhea York, to Austin Jase Manus, the son of Maetta Witherspoon of Marion and Jeff Witherspoon of Princeton.

Miss York is the granddaughter of Martha James and the late Trice James and Diane York and the late Jimmy York all of Marion. She is a 2011 graduate of Crittenden County High

School. She is a sophomore at Murray State University and is majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences.

Manus is the grandson of Dortha Jones and the late Norris Jones of Marion. He is a 2012 graduate of Murray-Calloway County High School.

The wedding will take place at 4 p.m., on May 16 at Renee's Event Center in Paducah. Invitations are being sent.

Community CALENDAR

- Thursday, April 18**
- Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council will meet at 9 a.m., at the County Extension Office. Program will be provided by Robbie Kirk on the Victory Garden. For further information call 965-5236.
 - Crittenden County Public Library will hold computer classes from 2-3 p.m., with a demonstration of Career Transitions database available through the library's website. Learn about resume building, career inventories and interview skills. Classes are free. Sign up at the library. The classes will be repeated if there is interest.
- Friday, April 19**
- Diabetes Support Group will meet from 10-11 a.m., at the County Extension Office. Kelly Dawes, Diabetes Educator for the District Health Department, will present tips on staying on your food plan. The group is open to the public. Pre-registration is not required.
- Saturday, April 20**
- A 5k race will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday at Lee S. Jones Park in Eddyville to raise money for a Eddyville First Baptist's mission trip to Haiti. Registration is at 7:30 a.m.
 - The Western Kentucky Quilter's Guild meeting will be at 12:30 p.m., Saturday at the Morganfield United Methodist Church basement. This month the project is finishing the Charlotte table topper. Individuals may also work on their own project. Bring a sewing machine and sewing supplies to the meeting. Visitors are welcome.
- Thursday, April 25**
- Widowed Persons Support will meet at 11 a.m., at Echo Charlie's, located at Eddy Creek Marina in Lyon County. Residents of Crittenden, Caldwell and Lyon counties are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Pennyroyal Center's Princeton clinic at 365-2008, extension 725.
- Friday, April 26**
- The Woman's Club of Marion will hold a Quilt Show from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., at the Woman's Club building on Carlisle Street. Individuals wishing to participate in the show may drop off a quilt from 9 -10 a.m. The show is open to the public.
- Saturday, April 27**
- The Backroads Quilt Show will be held at Marion Commons in the City Council Chambers. Quilts may be entered from 8:30-9:30 a.m., that morning. The show will be open for viewing from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m. Quilts may be picked up from 3 to 3:30 p.m.
- April 23-29**
- Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress, or K-PREP, testing is scheduled.
- Friday April 26-27**
- A Dog Gone Good Lunch will be offered at the Marion Welcome Center during the Backroad's Festival. Lunch includes BBQ sandwich, chips, fruit and cookies for \$5. To pre-order call 545-7089 or 965-2006. Proceeds benefit the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter.
- Friday, May 31**
- The 2013 Relay for Life will be held at the Marion-Crittenden County Park.

PTSD involves examining puzzle pieces

To date, the largest jigsaw puzzle is made of 30,000 pieces. Every person has their own 30,000-piece puzzle—our personal puzzles come down to 365 days a year for 70 to 80 years.

Whenever we start a puzzle, we usually start with the edges first and work toward the middle. Each piece has different colors and different shapes; no two pieces are the same. Some pieces are full of color. Some are white, and some are black. Some pieces make up people, family friends and animals.

The question is, what is your puzzle going to be of? Is it going to be boring or is it going to be exciting?

Let's examine what these pieces mean for you and what they represent. The corner pieces are your parents, step-parents or those that have raised you. The four sides are, your brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

As you work on your image, you begin to see all the animals you had and

by Chad Lougee, Guest Contributor

all the accomplishments you achieved.

Everything you did in your entire life is in this one puzzle.

There is so much color and you are getting excited because you just cannot wait to see what the finished puzzle is going to look like. Most puzzles have a picture on the box to follow, but your puzzle has no picture.

The picture you need to follow is your own life. Every day, your life creates a new piece. Unlike a full puzzle that you dump on the table, your puzzle pieces show up one day at a time.

All of the joy you had because of the colors of your animals and memories are now fading fast. You are now thinking, "Is there any hope of getting this joy back? Why are these black pieces coming up on my image?"

Now, you are just finishing your image. It has taken you at least 40

years to complete yourself. After dealing with a lot of mental health issues, you have learned that you now have posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Everything that has happened to you has left pieces behind, and you are now finding out that these pieces are the black ones that are full of PTSD and anxiety.

By working with a therapist, you can learn just how to change the black pieces to color, one at a time. The most important thing to remember is that it is going to take time. As you start working with a therapist in relation to your friends, the black pieces are now starting to show up. These pieces, however, are where your friends connect to you.

Come to find out, after you have been talking with your therapist, you find you have been keeping too much in and pushing people away. Every time they try to help with some experience they had, you do not want to hear it because you just do not want to think about it.

The hardest thing to learn with PTSD is boundaries—when to keep people out and when to let people in. As much as we do not want to live life with PTSD, we cannot just skip a few days or weeks by overtaking medication or depending on alcohol. Life will always continue one day at a time, and it is up to us to turn our 30,000-piece puzzle into one of three options:

Option 1: A puzzle that looks like a pile of trash.

Option 2: A collection of pieces that look all bent and torn up.

Option 3: A grand puzzle that looks like the Garden of Eden.

(Chad Lougee, a resident of Marion since 2003, suffers from posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) due to childhood abuse. Through sharing his experiences and those of friends with PTSD, he hopes to help others who suffer from the disorder to see that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Lougee owns and operates Marion Computer Repair.)

Relay for Life scheduled for May 31

STAFF REPORT

It's almost time to lace up your walking shoes to support a good cause. The 2013 Relay for Life will be May 31 at the Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Last year, Relay for Life raised \$38,000. Organizers are gearing up for fundraising activities to help meet that amount this year.

From now until April 30, individuals can purchase a 2013 Relay for Life t-shirt. The t-shirts will be short sleeve, royal blue with white lettering. They will incorporate the Torch Cancer logo, the theme of the 2013 Relay for Life of Crittenden County.

T-shirts are \$12 for sizes youth small through adult extra-large and \$14 for sizes 2 XL and up. Checks can be made payable to the American Cancer Society. For information on obtaining an order form, contact Natalie Parish, co-chair of Relay for Life for Crittenden County, at P.O. Box 38, Crayne, KY 42033.



Newcom receives award

The Alpha Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, the national honorary Cooperative Extension Service fraternity, honored Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom with the Friend of Extension award at its March 27 meeting in Lexington. Included in the presentation were (from left) Dr. Jimmy Henning, Director of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service; Newcom; Dr. Javiette Samuel, Kentucky State University Extension Administrator; and Dana Anderson, president of Kentucky Epsilon Sigma Phi. Newcom has served on county, district and state Extension Service advisory councils. Crittenden County Extension Office was recognized for having the Pennyryle Area's first place in the Report to the People competition.



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Donation made to canine shelter

Representing the Appalachian Spar Corp. in Crittenden County, Bill Frazer presented a \$500 donation to the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter. Crittenden County Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill accepted the donation on behalf of the canine shelter. Frazer said Appalachian Spar is interested in making things better for the community and becoming a good corporate citizen. Guill said funds from the donation will be used to make improvements to the back yard of the canine shelter. "We cannot say thank you enough for the generous donation and the willingness to help us. It means a lot," Guill told Frazer.

CCHS student named MCU's teen of week

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School senior Bobby Knox has been recognized as Teen of the Week by The Paducah Sun and Mid-Continent University. Knox is the son of Dennis and Donna Knox of Marion.

Knox maintains a 4.0 grade-point average and is heavily involved in school activities, such as football, FFA and the Sportsman's Club. He served as captain of the 2012 Rockets football team.

Last year he participated in the Governor's Scholars Program. He plans on studying exercise science at Murray State University in the fall.

Knox's name was submitted to the joint weekly newspaper-university program by high school guidance counselor Stefanie Shoulders.



Knox

Origins of Mott City and its founding explained

I realize as I get ready to send this article in to The Crittenden Press, that many people know more and have many memories about the Mott City community than I will ever know. But the following is a wonderful article, and for those who didn't see it when it was first printed, it's worth re-printing. Many of us had never seen the article when it was first printed. A grandson of Elmer Mott, Terry Mott, the son of Glenn Mott, shared the article with me.

Willard Mott, also the son of Elmer Mott, originally shared this article with The Press in February 1990. He had found it in some of his father's papers. Many of the Mott descendants still live here today.

Mott City could have been known as Mottsville

First printed in The Crittenden Press on Feb. 22, 1990, and written by Elmer Mott in 1972.

"I'd like to give you a little rundown on a place called 'Mott City.' It is located about seven miles south of Marion on Hwy. 91 at Junction 70.

"Everything started when Virgil Hale rented a small piece of ground on the old John Rorer farm. He then built a small building about 12x12 feet where he set up a watermelon stand. This was brought to a sudden stop when thieves broke in and stole the melons.

"After the theft, I bought the building and added 12 more feet. I used it for stocking groceries, but as with Mr. Hale, the store was robbed of everything except for some Merry War Lye.

"After the store was restocked, I added a regular sleeping room in the back. The highest I took in one day was 48 cents, the first month I was there.

"My wife and I had a small family consisting of two sons, Willard and Glenn. By this time, they were old enough to help me quite a bit around both the house and the store.

"I was afraid that the thieves weren't going to be satisfied with just robbing the store, so I bought my wife a .38 pistol. As another precaution, whenever I would have to leave the



Brenda Underdown
Crittenden County Historian

Forgotten Passages

house, I would take one of the boys with me and leave the other at home to be with my wife.

"It was as I figured, in a few nights, they came to the house, which was in Mexico, and acted as if they were going to knock down the door. That's when the gun I had given her came in handy. She opened the door and fired over their heads, but it still scared them away. After the word spread around that she wasn't afraid to shoot, we didn't have any more unwelcome guests.

"She would do a lot of target practice any time she saw a crowd around the blacksmith shop across the road.

"The first person to call the place 'Mott City' was an old gentleman by the name of Dick Cruce, who lived on the other side of Crayne.

"He would come down to the store to have someone to talk with. One day, he said, 'Elmer, why don't you call this place Mott City?'

"I told him Mottsville would be better because Mott City sounded as if it was truly a large city, and it was just a shack on the side of the road. There were only four old houses.

"I finally was able to buy the ground from Mr. Rorer on Jan. 20, 1932, as I wanted to build a new and better building. On Feb. 23, 1932, I gave Mr. J.N. Boston the contract to build my new store and home combined.

"At that time, all the banks were going busted, so a friend of mine came to me and suggested I get my money before the banks went broke. So I drew it out and had it in my pocket.

"I asked Mr. Boston if I deposited the money, would he build the building? He said the building would stand



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

A view of Mott City in the 1940s. Mott's Gas and Groceries (above) was located at the intersection of Princeton Highway and the road to Mexico in the early 1940s. At right are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mott the founders of Mott City.

good for it, so I asked if he would build it if I paid cash. He said he would, so I pitched the contract on his desk with the cash.

"The store was built with our living room on one side and the kitchen on the back. We had a thin curtain over the door between the store and the kitchen so my wife could help me watch the store. She saw some (people) reaching across the counter into our cash drawer.

"I had gas pumps in the front and a grease rack on the side of the store. Standard Oil sent me a plaque thanking me for my business since 1930.

"Virgil Hale was my cousin. He built another store close to his house across the railroad about a half-mile from my place.

"Virgil had tuberculosis, and I had asthma caused from working in the spar mines and working in all kinds of weather. So we had to quit the mines and start our stores. We bought stock together so we could get a better price. We would buy one case of anything at one time and split it.

"Times were so tough, the old silver dollar looked like a wagon wheel to us. They were few and far between in that day.

"Young people laugh and say, 'I wouldn't work that hard,' but when your baby begins to cry for his bottle and the bottle isn't in sight, you are going to hunt for it.

"But back to the store. My boys had grown up some. They were about getting old enough to deliver groceries for me, so I bought an old Chevy car. I paid \$10 for it.

"They could only go to Mexico. Back then, there wasn't a highway, so there was hardly any traffic. It would take most of the day to deliver just a few things. The car would run for a while, and then they would have to work on it to get it running again. They would leave in mid-morning and not get home until late afternoon. But the boys enjoyed it, and they were learning how to fix motors, too.

"I decided to put up a grease rack and let the boys have a road service outside the store. I told them when they had some money to give it to their mother. She kept it for them until they had enough to buy a new truck. I never had to add to it. They bought it themselves.

"Thanks to all the people, both the boys, my wife and I had a good business. In those days, customers weren't allowed behind the counter. The owner had to get what ever they wanted.

"Later on, we put up a block filling station, and both boys worked it until they called both boys to be examined for the Army.

"Them days were sure blue. Willard passed the test and went to the Army. Dr. T. Athinson Frazer examined them. He told Glenn he could turn him down, but he sent him on to Evansville; they turned him down.

"We hired a man to help us and went on about our business. When Willard came back from service, he sold his part of the station to Glenn. Later, Glenn sold out of the station business.

"Both boys went into the concrete block business.



They couldn't sell them as fast as they could make them, so Willard bought Glenn out and went into the lumber business. They divided the land with me, and I kept only the store.

"Glenn worked in Evansville a while and was in the construction business a while. Then he started a lumber yard at Lake City, down by Kentucky Dam.

"Due to my health, I had to sell the store. Carl Brasher and Mr. Clark bought it. It was later sold to Dixon Adams and then to John Holloman.

"We had other merchants forbidding salesmen to stop with us. An oil man got us selling his oil. We would order four or five cases at a time. He said he got a letter from his company to cut us out, so the second day we got a letter from Standard Oil (telling us to) watch our gas, but we could get plenty of oil. So we got the same oil out of Princeton and went ahead about our business. We had plenty of other kinds of oil.

"When relief and WPA came out and the mines had pay day, all stores were busy. The first relief slip that came to me was from a crippled man. He came in crying and asked me to fill it. It was for \$3.50, so I filled it. He said, 'Elmer, I hate to have to do this.' I told him if any man in the country needed it, it was him. He had three or four children and (he was)

not able to work. At first, you really had to have (need) to be eligible for assistance.

"Next, there was an old gentleman that I knew. He had been trying to get a pension. His wife had a tumor. He sent me a note telling me that when my customers came in from the mines to ask them to help him and his family. They were hungry.

"He had sent the note by a boy. I loaded a basket of things I thought they were needing and took the boy home. When I went in the house, he began to cry. His wife was lying on the bed, swollen from the tumor. I told him I would go in to town and see what I could do about getting him a pension.

"I went to the office and told the story. One man looked over his glasses and asked, 'Ain't he got a house?' I told him, 'Yes, but it's just an old one. The doors are made out of rough 1-inch by 10-inch planks, and he's so feeble he can hardly get around. His wife is in bed, bad sick with a tumor.'

"They gave him a \$12 pension every month. This was just how folks lived back then."

Stories such as these are a rare treasure to have, for it has preserved not only the history of how a local community got its name, but it tells how families lived and survived in these days of long ago.

Crittenden Circuit Clerk's office celebrates Donate Life Month

STAFF REPORT

"This April, and every day, I am proud of the impact this office has on the lives of others, especially those in need of life-saving organ transplants. I am humbled at the generosity of our community," says Crittenden County Circuit Clerk, Melissa Guill. "Even through tough economic times, our community is committed to helping others."

The circuit clerk's office plays a vital role in helping patients in need. With nearly 1,000 Kentuckians on the waiting list for an organ transplant, the need is greater than ever. The driver's license clerks ask every person obtaining a license or ID to donate \$1 to the Kentucky Organ Donor Program, and if they wish to be a registered organ donor.

"I am honored to announce that in 2012, 235 Crittenden County residents gave hope to patients in need by becoming registered organ donors," explains Guill.

Of 2,111 licenses issued last year, the Crittenden county driver's license staff collected \$1,272 to help the Circuit Clerk's organ donor awareness program. These dollar donations go to a separate non-profit called Trust For Life. With these funds, the Trust educates Kentucky about the life-saving mission of organ donation through community outreach programs, public speaking and advertising efforts.

Each day 18 people die awaiting a life-saving organ transplant. The Circuit Clerk's office and the dedicated residents of Crittenden County are working to end the wait and save more lives. As of January 2013, Kentuckians who renew their license can have a blue organ donor heart printed on their ID.

"Every heart we print gives hope to patients in need. We hope everyone will understand that you no

longer have to sign the back of your license or use an orange dot. Simply say 'Yes' when you renew your ID to add your name to the confidential Kentucky Organ Donor Registry," explains Guill.

Any adult Kentucky resident can join the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry at their circuit clerk's office or online at www.donatelife.org. Any Crittenden County person touched by the mission of organ do-

nation is encouraged to tell their Gift of Life story through the Trust For Life website www.trustforlife.org.

For more information call (866) 945-LIFE, e-mail info@trustforlife.org or go to www.trustforlife.org.

Support group for widowed persons open to Crittenden

STAFF REPORT

Residents of Crittenden, Caldwell and Lyon counties are encouraged to attend the next Widowed Persons Support session at 11 a.m., next Thursday at Echo Charlie's at Eddy Creek Marina in Lyon County.

Virginia Oldham, facilitator of the monthly meetings, said individuals who attend these gatherings are far removed from the initial grief resulting from the loss of a spouse. Affiliated with the Pennyroyal Center's Princeton Clinic, Oldham said grief counseling is not offered at the meetings. Instead, she said the meetings currently provide a social gathering and activity for about 10 to 15 octogenarians who reside in Caldwell and Lyon counties.

She said it is a blessing to

work with the individuals in the group and would like to see Crittenden County residents join.

"It's open to anybody and you don't have to be an octogenarian. You just have to be someone who is looking for a social connection and interaction with others," Oldham said.

Incorporated into the meetings are discussions and informational materials important to seniors such as nutrition, how to avoid scams and fraud, elder abuse and how to stay safe and the importance of checking on the welfare of fellow senior citizens.

For more information about Widowed Person's Support, contact Oldham at the Pennyroyal Center's Princeton Clinic at 365-2008, extension 725.

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SCHEDULE

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Thursday

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Friday

Baseball hosts Trigg County

Saturday

Softball at Marshall Round Robin

Monday

Softball at Union County
Softball at Madisonville

Tuesday

Softball hosts Union County
Track at Hopkins Central

RECREATION
Benefit Wiffle Ball

There will be a benefit Wiffle Ball tournament next month to benefit the Jake Hodge Memorial Foundation. The tournament will be held May 31 through June 2 at Princeton's Little Busch Stadium. Entry fee is \$350 per team. However, teams are encouraged to raise as much as possible through the use of sponsors. Teams will consist of 9 to 12 players. For more information visit online at LittleBuschStadium.com.

MISCELLANEOUS
KHSAA goes to middle

At its meeting last week, the Kentucky Board of Education gave final approval to a regulation designating the Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA) as the agent to manage both high school and middle school athletics in the state. The regulation, 702 KAR 7:065 now includes requirements for coaches, medical training and policies, limits on games and competitions and the requirement for sports physicals for middle schools. The regulation also implements revisions to the KHSAA Bylaws and Constitution.

GOLF

Boosters host tourney

Crittenden County's high school golf boosters are hosting their fifth annual 4-Person Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 4. Register by calling 704-0955.

OUTDOORS

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Matt Jent and his daughter Hannah headed off into the forest for a turkey hunt last weekend and mom, Amy Jent, snapped this cute photograph.



Father and son Tony and Jeremiah Foster harvested turkeys Saturday. Both birds had five-inch beards and one-quarter-inch spurs.

Tinsley's cheer crew 5th in NAIA

STAFF REPORT

Jessica Tinsley and the Campbellsville University cheerleading squad posted its best ever national finish last week, placing fifth at the NAIA Invitational at the NCA Collegiate Championships at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Tinsley is a freshman from Marion.

The Tiger cheerleaders, competing in the NAIA Small Coed Division, were fourth in last Thursday's preliminaries but finished a notch lower despite improving their overall score Friday at the Ocean Center.

CBS Sports Network will broadcast an

edited version of the NCA Cheer Championships at 11 a.m., April 28.

Tinsley, the daughter of Steve and Laura Tinsley of Marion, is a sophomore studying Spanish Education. She is a Crittenden County High School graduate and former member of the Rocket cheerleading squad.

This is Tinsley first year to compete on the university's 20-member squad.

Campbellsville's performance was sixth among subtotal scores, but the squad showed strong accuracy for the second straight day, losing only one

point in deductions to finish at 80.30.

Last season, Campbellsville finished sixth among six finalists after winning the 2012 Challenge Cup to earn its way back into the finals.

The NAIA Invitational is part of the overall NCA and NDA Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championships, which is considered the largest college cheer and dance championships in the world.

The three-day event includes 17 divisions of cheerleading championships and 12 dance championships, which all concluded Friday.



Tinsley



Leaping
Hat Trick

Alex Yates soars toward a first-place finish in the long jump during last week's high school track meet at Marion. Yates swept the jumping events, winning the long jump, high jump and triple jump.

PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

BASEBALL

Rockets knocked out of Class A

Crittenden County lost 5-0 to Webster County in the semifinals of the Touchstone Second Region All A Classic Baseball Tournament Tuesday at Dawson Springs. Details of the semifinal round game were not available at press time.

Crittenden 19, Dawson 1

Crittenden's bats awoke for the first round of the All A Classic Second Region Baseball Tournament Monday at Gordon Blue Guess Field in Marion. The Rockets (5-10) smashed nine hits and scored a pile of runs in dispatching Dawson Springs 19-1 in just five innings.

Center field Aaron Owen had a huge day at the plate, collecting two hits, including a double and driving in three runs. He also scored three. Travis Gilbert scored four and drove in two and Taylor Champion drove in three runs without a hit. Eli Bebout, Shelby Robinson and Dylan Hollis also had two hits apiece and Brenden Phillips had a single and drove in a run. Hollis knocked in two.

It was the Rockets' best offensive output of the season, helped in part by 10 Dawson Springs' (1-7) errors.

Bebout went four innings on the mound, allowed five walks and struck out two. Colby Watson closed it out in the fifth.

Dawson Springs	000 10 - 1 1 10
Crittenden County	245 8x - 19 9 2
WP Bebout. LP Chapple. 2B CC-Owen, Phillips.	

Marshall 9, Crittenden 0

Taylor Champion went 3-for-4 at the plate, but Marshall County (12-5) blanked the Rockets 9-0 Friday at the Dinger Bats Wood Bat Classic at Graves County.

The team's leadoff hitter, Champion was on three times and Eli Bebout had two hits, but Crittenden couldn't put anything together to score runs. Travis Gilbert and Devin Belt also singled in the game. Marshall's pitcher walked just one and struck out four.

The Marshals had 11 hits off three Rocket pitchers. Gilbert went the first 4.1 innings but struggled with his con-



Crittenden second baseman Taylor Champion takes a throw from the outfield as a Marshall County runner slides headfirst into the bag during a recent high school baseball game.

trol, walking six and striking out three. Belt and Nick Castiller finished it off. Eight of Marshall County's nine runs were earned.

Crittenden County	000 000 0 - 0 7 2
Marshall County	131 130 x - 9 11 0
WP Clark. LP Gilbert. 2B CC-Champion, MC-Foust.	

Grandview 5, Crittenden 4

Brenden Phillips had two hits in four trips to the plate as Crittenden fell by one to Grandview, Mo., at Mayfield Saturday in day two of the wooden bat tournament.

Aaron Owen scored twice in the game after being moved to the leadoff spot. Taylor Champion, who had been hitting first, was slotted at the third spot and went 1-for-3. Champion has the Rockets' hottest bat this spring. He was batting over .370 after this game. Hardly anyone else was over .200.

The game was close the whole way, but Grandview went up for good in the fifth, scoring two runs on an RBI double and an RBI single off Taylor Champion, who was the last of three Rocket pitchers. Owen started the game and lasted just one inning. Colby Watson came on in the second and allowed no runs in three innings of work.

Zack Knight, Champion and Owen each had singles in the game.

Grandview, Mo.	110 021 0 - 5 6 5
Crittenden County	111 000 1 - 4 5 2
WP Grandview. LP Champion. 2B CC-Knight.	

St. Mary 15, Crittenden 0

St. Mary scored 15 runs and won by the mercy rule in five innings as Davis Simms went 3-for-4 for the Vikings (7-4).

In their last game of the wooden bat tournament, Crittenden struggled at the plate, getting just two hits. Champion doubled and Gilbert had a single.

St. Mary's pitcher struck out seven and walked two.

Paducah St. Mary	442 5 - 15 10 1
Crittenden County	000 0 - 0 2 2
WP St. Mary #25. LP Driver. 2B CC-Champion.	

SOFTBALL

The Lady Rockets lost 3-1 in their opening round of the All A Classic Second Region Softball Tournament Mon-

day at Dawson Springs.

The Lady Panthers (2-6) beat Crittenden County (2-7) for the first time in two tries this season. Crittenden had won the teams' previous meeting earlier this month at Marion. The Crittenden girls' other victory this year was against Hopkinsville.

Cassidy Moss pitched a good game, striking out six, but two errors and a single allowed Dawson to score two runs in the sixth to garner the win.

Cassidy and Khyla Moss, Stacie Hearell, Danielle Byarley, Kali Travis and Kayla Davis each singled for Crittenden. Travis' hit came in the fifth when she scored to tie the game at 1.

TRACK AND FIELD

Here are results from the Crittenden County Track and Field meet April 9 at Marion-Crittenden County Park vs. McLean, Caldwell and Lyon counties. Results are for local athletes only.

BOYS

3200 Relay 3. Crittenden (10:17) J.Berry, J.Greenwell, J.Graham, D.Watson.
110 Hurdles 2. J.Gaston (19.31), 3. D.Wagoner.
100 Meters 1. L.Wallace (11.94), 4. Z.Tinsley.
800 Relay 1. Crittenden (1:42.6) N.Dickerson, D.Roberts, L.Wallace, Z.Tinsley.
1600 Meters 2. D.Watson (5:33), 3. J.Graham.
400 Relay 1. Crittenden (49.75) N.Dickerson, Z.Tinsley, L.Wallace, J.Gaston.
400 Meters 3. J.Gaston (1:00.09), 5. D.Roberts.
300 Hurdles 1. D.Wagoner (57.29), 2. D.Hicks.
800 Meters 1. D.Watson (2:34), 3. J.Graham.
200 Meters 1. L.Wallace (25.33), 2. A.Yates, 5. G.Hutchings.
3200 Meters 2. D.Paris (14:34), 3. J.Berry.
1600 Relay 1. Crittenden (4:11) J.Gaston, Z.Tinsley, D.Roberts, D.Watson.
Long Jump 1. A.Yates (15-8.5), 2. N.Dickerson, 3. C.Asbridge.
Triple Jump 1. Yates (30-8).
High Jump 1. Yates (5-5), 4. N.Dickerson.
Shot 1. N.Hadfield (34-2).
Disc 1. D.Wagoner (89-10.5)

GIRLS

3200 Relay 3. Crittenden (13:23) K.Graham, A.Tabor, J.McConnell, M.Sitar.



Lady Rocket pitcher Cassidy Moss winds up for a delivery to the plate.

100 Hurdles 1. McDowell (20.14).
100 Meters 4. N.Hutchings (15.6)
800 Relay 2. Crittenden (2:10.54) T.Johnson, E.McDonald, N.Shuecraft, M.McDowell.
1600 Meters 1. M.Sitar (6:22).
400 Relay 1. Crittenden (1:00.46) T.Johnson, E.McDonald, N.Shuecraft, M.McDowell.
400 Meters 3. N.Shuecraft (1:18.41), 4. N.Hutchings.
300 Hurdles 1. McDowell (57.45).
800 Meters 2. M.Sitar (2:54).
3200 Meters 5. J.McConnell (18.03).
1600 Relay 3. Crittenden (5:23) T.Johnson, E.McDonald, N.Shuecraft, M.Sitar.
Long Jump 2. T.Johnson (11-0).
Triple Jump 2. E.McDonald (22-8).
High Jump 4. N.Hutchings (3-8).
Shot 4. K.Graham (18.1).
Disc 3. K.Graham (37-10).



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A contingency of Crittenden County High School students, parents, teachers and other chaperones gather for a group photo earlier this month in Rome, Italy, at Trevi Fountain, one of the most famous fountains in the world. The spring break trip to Italy was designed as a cultural enrichment experience for students. Below, Anna Schnittker is shown at the Roman Forum, also in Rome.

ITALY

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archaeological sites in the world brought new perspective to our cultural experience. The ruins at Pompeii uncovered an advanced civilization with shops, homes, temples, public baths and a market. The body casts of natives buried in the ash from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius offered us a somber portrait of the last moments of their lives.

We took away a better understanding of the people that make up Italy, not just today, but from its Old World heritage as well. Their ingenuity, artisanship and appreciation for good food made for a welcome and robust change of pace.

However, I also came away with a better understanding of the impact of an



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experience like this on students. It's not just the sights, but appreciating that we can learn and grow from cultures other than our own. And it's not just the souvenirs, it's

interacting with the local people and observing how they make their living. Finally, it's not just the gelato, but the camaraderie of being in Italy with friends.

BACKROADS

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be entered 8:30-9:30 a.m., that morning. The show will be open to visitors 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Quilts may be picked up 3-3:30 p.m.

The Backroads Quilt Show is coordinated by the Homemakers Association and is open to the public to display quilts or quilt tops. A quilt does not have to be made by the exhibitor to be displayed in the show. Quilts and quilt tops can be of any size. Old or heirloom quilts are welcome, too.

"We try to get people who have not brought quilts or quilt tops before," said Home-

maker Sarah Ford. An information card should be attached to each quilt. Cards can be picked up at the Crittenden County Extension Office on U.S. 60 East before the show or at city hall on the day of the show.

Quilts will be for viewing only and will not be judged. However, spectators will vote for the show favorite, or The People's Choice Award winner. The recipient of the honor will be announced at 3 p.m.

Ford said great effort is made to ensure participants the quilts will be in good care. "A quilt is special to a lot of people, especially if it is made by a member of the family,"

she said. "We try to be very careful about handling them."

Signs will be posted that quilts are not to be touched by the public. If those visiting the show would like to see details of a particular quilt, Ford said Homemaker members will wear white gloves to show the quilt.

As a special feature to the show, quilts and quilt tops by local quilting authority JoAnne Winn and her family members will be featured in a display in the lobby of city hall.

For more information on the Backroads Quilt Show, contact Ford at 965-3833 or Crittenden County Extension Service at 965-5236.

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degree wanton endangerment. She will be formally sentenced on May 9.

■ Zack Anthony Woodall, 38, of Fredonia, will also be formally sentenced May 9. He pleaded guilty last week to tampering with physical evidence. The Commonwealth is recommending a five-year sentence with probation in his case.

■ Two defendants pleaded guilty to felonies in unrelated

cases, but their charges will be dismissed if they complete pretrial diversion requirements. Those individuals were Cody Hackney and Austin S. Russell.

Hackney, 20, of Marion, received pretrial diversion on two drug trafficking charges, both Class D felonies. Conditions of his diversion are that he complete Drug Court and serve 60 days in jail, minus credit for time served.

Russell, 18, of Marion, pleaded guilty to two Class D felonies for custodial interference and auto theft.

■ Judge Williams also revoked the probation of Rebecca Tiffany Myers, 23, of Marion. According to court testimony by a probation and parole officer, Myers had recently received charges and/or convictions for DUI and writing cold checks in two other counties. She was on felony probation from two Crittenden County convictions in 2010.

The original sentences in those cases were five years and one year. She was ordered to serve the balance of those sentences.

Quilt Week Sale

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DERBY PIE CONTEST

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Salem Derby Day

MAY 4, 2013

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Salem Cloggers Perform

10:30 a.m. Night Moves Line Dancers from Paducah

11:30 a.m. Hula Hoop Contest
Sponsored by Regions Bank

12 - 3 p.m. Kara Harris-Crowell & County Line Performing Country Music
Sponsored by Boyd Funeral Home & Clinic Pharmacy

3:00 p.m. Derby Hat Parade
Sponsored by Glenn's Prescription Center

Derby Pie Baking Contest (12 p.m. pie entry deadline)
Derby Games
Sponsored by Farmers Bank CASH PRIZE

Derby Hat Contest (12 p.m. hat entry deadline)
Youth thru Adult divisions sponsored by Glenn's Prescription

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