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## Courthouse shut for Backroads

Crittenden County Courthouse will be closed Saturday due to the Backroads Festival in downtown Marion.

The annual Amish Tour and Backroads Festival begins Friday with several local quilt shows and other attractions held in conjunction with the 27th American Quilters Society Quilt Show and Contest in Paducah.

## House bill aimed at high gas costs

First District Republican Congressman Ed Whitfield, who is Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power, and Congress-



man John Barrow (D-Ga.) shared in the bipartisan introduction Monday of legislation that could prevent future increases in costs at the gas pump. The Gasoline Regulations Act ensures that the Environmental Protection Agency considers the cumulative impact, including costs to consumers, before they issue a regulation that could lead to increased gas prices.

## Absentee voting to begin May 4

Absentee voting at the courthouse begins May 4, according to Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford. The voting machine will be inside Byford's office until the day before the May 22 primary election.

## Meetings

■ Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Friday at the courthouse to give first reading to a proposed occupational and net profits tax ordinance.

■ The City of Marion will conduct a public hearing at 9 a.m., May 3 on the proposed use of local government energy audit funds and municipal aid funds for the coming fiscal year. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at city hall. For more information, call the city administrator's office at 965-5313.

## Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked: "Should the Los Angeles Times have printed photos of American troops posing with the remains of suicide bombers in Afghanistan?"

The majority of those voting believe the images should not have been published. The 228 poll voters said:

- Yes, 31 (14%)
- No, 195 (85%)
- Need more info, 2 (1%)

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## Backroads tour draws visitors from near, far

STAFF REPORT

Though Friday and Saturday's Amish Tour and Backroads Festival will vary little different from previous years, it's a recipe that appears to work well.

Marion Tourism Commission Director Michele Edwards said after 22 years, the annual event held in conjunction with the American Quilters Society Quilt Show and Contest in Paducah continues to draw people to the county from all across the nation — and beyond — to enjoy the festival, visit the Amish community and take in small town America. Among this year's planned visits to Marion is a bus load of tourists from Manitoba, a Canadian province that borders North Dakota.

"It's typical for people to come this far," she said Monday morning, adding that she expected the influx of visitors to begin that day.

Marion will be the last stop for the Manitoba party, concluding their visit to western Kentucky for the massive Paducah festival that has brought thousands of visitors to the region from around the world for 26 years. In the past, guests to the community have enjoyed the city and county's antique stores, specialty shops, restaurants, fabric shops, quilt shows and craft booths, free ferry rides across the Ohio River and forays into Crittenden County's scenic Amish community, one of the primary draws for out-of-towners.

"Information about our Amish community is always the number one request in the welcome center," Edwards said. "As usual, our Amish friends are a tremendous asset to this community. We're glad to help showcase some of their products, especially quilts."

— Michele Edwards  
City of Marion Tourism Commission director



## INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR NAMED



Allen Tinsley, a 10-year employee at Henry & Henry Monuments, weeds a design cut into the protective covering of a monument before sandblasting cuts lettering and shapes into the granite. A contrast from the hammer-and-chisel days, the process of designing headstones is now almost completely computerized.

PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

## Award 'humbling' event for Henry & Henry owner

By DARYL K. TABOR  
MANAGING EDITOR

To survive for more than 130 years, a business needs a little luck and a lot of flexibility to change with the times.

Henry & Henry Monuments has had both since 1881, helping make it the oldest family-owned business in Crittenden County. That good fortune and willingness by its owners to evolve with new technology and a changing business climate

earned the monument company the first-ever title of Industry of the Year in Crittenden County.

"It's a very humbling award," said Billy Fox, fifth-generation owner of the business.

The honor was presented to Fox at a luncheon last Thursday where the county's 14 manufacturers were recognized by Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC) and Crittenden

County Chamber of Commerce as part of a new, jointly-sponsored Industry Week.

"This is for the employees," Fox said as he accepted the award before a packed room at CCEDC's Ed-Tech Center. "They are what Henry & Henry is."

Fox's parents and the previous generation of owners, Bill and Joan Fox, were also in at-

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Michelle McConnell of Marion works one-on-one with five-year-old Jonah Reddick as he completes a math lesson at her homeschool, Arise and Declare Christian Academy.

PHOTO BY JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN

## Local mom goes on faith to start own homeschool

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN  
PRESS REPORTER

When Michelle McConnell's son Riley entered kindergarten more than four years ago, her desire to homeschool emerged. As a language arts teacher at Crittenden County Middle School, McConnell had spent 11 years teaching in the public school system, but the urge to homeschool was almost too large to ignore.

As a single mother, she knew that trying to homeschool and support her family would be difficult. That's when she turned to God, laying everything in His hands.

"I just started praying, asking God to allow me to do this, to homeschool. And four years later, he answered my request," McConnell said.

The answer came in the form of

a new job opportunity at Bright Life Farms, allowing McConnell to work on the weekends, freeing her weekdays for teaching her own son. So, following her heart, she

resigned from the public school system and set forth with the intention to homeschool.

Prior to that, McConnell was unfamiliar with homeschooling until she joined Union Baptist Church where she was introduced to several families that either homeschooled or were interested in homeschooling. From there, the desire to homeschool grew in McConnell's

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## Relay organizer Padget a cancer survivor herself

STAFF REPORT

For the last several years, Sue Padget has been an important staple in Crittenden County's Relay for Life. Along with Frank Blackburn, the two have worked side-by-side, diligently preparing for the annual event by signing up teams, finding sponsors and raising money for the American Cancer Society.

A cancer survivor herself, Padget has battled skin cancer three different times. Twice, she was diagnosed with basal cell carcinoma on her face and once, with squamous cell carcinoma on

her legs. While the skin cancer on her face wasn't as serious as the form on her leg, hearing from the doctor that she had cancer was hard to take. Both her mother and grandfather had also been diagnosed with skin cancer, and out of five children, Padget says she's the only one to have been diagnosed.

"When the doctor first told me I had skin cancer, it was sometime in the 1980s," Padget said. "He attributed it to sun damage

which confused me because I never laid in the sun or was out in the sun unless working in the garden.



## Relay nears

Crittenden County Relay for Life will be held at the Marion-Crittenden County Park beginning at 6 p.m., May 11. The overnight event will conclude at 6 a.m., the following day. To register a Relay team, call Sue Padget at 965-5251 or visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

"It is scary to be told you have cancer, even if it is non-life threatening like skin cancer. But then, later, when I was diagnosed with squamous on my legs, I was told that it was the type that could spread. Thankfully, it didn't, but it was still upsetting."

According to Padget, after her first diagnosis of skin cancer on her face, she underwent liquid nitrogen treatments, but just one year later, she was diagnosed yet again. This time, removal of

the cancer required Padget to have several skin grafts taken off her nose, resulting in 23 stitches alongside her nose. The only visible sign of Padget's cancer now is a pale scar on her nose, often fully concealed by makeup. As for her legs, Padget says she was left with another 20 stitches after the removal of the cancer. Since then, Padget has remained cancer-free. When reminded what she's gone through, she says it's still a pill often hard to swallow.

"To hear you have any

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# Legislature completes work in Frankfort

With just a three-day break after the final adjournment of the 2012 Regular Session, we were back to work in Frankfort again on April 16.

On the last day of the Regular Session, we approved a combination two- and six-year Road Plan for the state. It included many important road projects in counties across the commonwealth, as well as vital Louisville bridge work and improvements to a busy and deadly section of Interstate 65 in western Kentucky.

But the Road Plan was just that – a plan. Actual funding for the projects it detailed was contained in a separate appropriations bill that was not passed during the Regular Session. The bill, which provides for the repair and maintenance of Kentucky's roads as well as

Sen. Dorsey Ridley  
(D-Henderson)  
Senate District 4



Senate Week

the general operation of the Transportation Cabinet over the next biennium, is essential to the proper functioning of our state. So, we were called back into an extraordinary session by Gov. Steve Beshear to get it passed.

On Friday the funding measure gained the approval of the full General Assembly.

The other issue serious enough to be included in the special session was a bill to address the scourge

of prescription drug abuse that plagues our citizens. Officials say prescription-drug abuse causes more deaths each year in the commonwealth than traffic accidents.

With approximately three Kentuckians dying each day from pain pill overdose, and an estimated one in three Kentuckians having a friend or family member who they say is struggling with prescription drug addiction, it is obviously an epidemic.

Many believe it is being fueled by a proliferation of shady pain-management 'clinics,' or so-called 'pill mills,' popping up across the state. These are fundamentally illegitimate operations, often owned by people without a medical degree who live out-of-state and inappropriately prescribe profuse amounts of powerful

narcotics to virtually anyone willing to pay.

Legislation to crack down on these types of clinics was discussed throughout the Regular Session. But this is a complex issue and some regulatory concerns were not cleared up before the bill could be voted on the last day of the Regular Session.

House Bill 1, introduced in the extraordinary session and passed 26-12 by the Senate on Friday, closely resembles the essentials of the regular-session legislation, which took several forms in its rocky trip through the process. It requires doctors and pharmacists to use the now-voluntary Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER) system used to monitor the prescribing and dispensing

of controlled substances in the state.

The measure further requires pain management clinics be owned and operated by licensed physicians and sets forth mandatory disciplinary guidelines for those who inappropriately prescribe pain medicine. Clinics already operating in the state now owned by a physician would be allowed to remain open unless they violate a sanction regarding controlled substances.

The goal of the bill was to effectively identify and shut down 'pill mills' without hindering the important pain-management work our law-abiding physicians do every day.

Sometimes the legislative process does not go as smoothly as we might like and takes a little longer than expected. Such was

the case this year. While we regret the need for a special session at all, we worked hard to finish the agenda as quickly as possible and to produce good quality legislation.

For more information about the bills we considered during this session, or previous sessions, you may visit our website at [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov) or call the toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. You may also leave me a message by calling the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181. You can also e-mail me directly at [dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov).

*(Sen. Ridley is a Henderson Democrat serving state Senate District 4. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Webster, Union, Caldwell and Henderson counties in Frankfort.)*

## The Press LETTERS

### EMS more than trucking company

To the editor:

I will begin by saying that I understand that it is difficult, at best, to persuade business to come to our community.

But truthfully, that has very little to do with the necessity for this tax! Believe me, I don't want to pay more taxes. But if the time comes that my family needs an ambulance I want competent professionals on a well-equipped unit. Therefore, I am willing to pay for it.

To call an ambulance service a trucking company for the hospital is asinine. And Mr. Tabor, if you think that's what they are, then perhaps a UPS driver should be sent the next time you need medical care.

Crittenden County EMS is among the only in the commonwealth of Kentucky that is 100-percent hospital funded. We have a small town hospital that just does not have the funds to provide the level of care needed by a majority of the patients transported by our EMS. Therefore, many patients are not "trucked" to the local hospital.

The hospital is attempting to grow to provide better care for the citizens of our community. But so long as they are burdened with being the sole support for our ambulance service, that is just not feasible.

EMS is a branch of public service that is sorely abused. People would rather call an ambulance to come and transport their child to the hospital for a fever of 101 degrees instead of giving him an over-the-counter fever reducer.

Their reasoning? "Well, I don't have enough money to buy any."

So instead of buying a \$2 box of Tylenol and giving it to the child, they call an ambulance which will cost anywhere from \$400 to \$600. But then, they won't pay the bill. Therefore, the hospital must absorb that cost as well as the bill for emergency room services, because it won't get paid for that either.

In closing, our community must bite the proverbial bullet and do something about this issue. If increasing taxes is the answer then let's just get on with it.

Sara Mink-Taylor  
Marion, Ky.

*(Editor's note: This letter is in response to an April 19 letter submitted by Darrin Tabor of Marion.)*

### Recognition week deemed success

To the editor:

On behalf of the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation and the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce, we want to say a special thank you to everyone who participated in our community's first "Industry Appreciation Week" of April 16.

### Letters policy

Letters should be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday the week before publication. Submissions should include the author's name, address, phone number and signature.

Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases should not exceed 300 words or be submitted within 30 days of your last submission.

The Crittenden Press reserves the right to reject or edit letters for clarity, brevity and otherwise at its discretion. Original submissions will not be returned.

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We had a great time working with the 14 businesses recognized. Our community is truly blessed because of the companies who do business here. The products that are produced are of great quality and the employees are the best. The workforce of the 14 businesses is exporting goods throughout the United States and worldwide; what a statement about employee skill and ingenuity.

In addition to saying thank you to our industrial employees, a thank you goes to those who helped with the Industry Appreciation Week: Corky Peek, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development; The Crittenden Press, Daryl Tabor; WMJL radio, Barbara Myers; City of Marion, Mayor Mickey Alexander and Mark Bryant; Mille Hughes and her students in the Crittenden County Schools; Michele Edwards and the Crittenden County Tourism Commission; and Conrad's Food Store. Also, we are thankful for everyone who attended the luncheon last Thursday. The crowd was great and your support of industry is appreciated.

So, again thank you to our industry: Commercial Waste Consulting; Henry & Henry Monuments; Invensys Rail of North America; Liberty Tire Services, LLC; Maple Leaf Plastics, LLC; Marion Feed Mill, Inc.; Marion Recycling, LLC; Ohio River Concrete; Ohio River Pallets; Par 4 Plastics, Inc.; Riley Tool & Machine; Rogers Group, Inc.; Tyler Manufacturing; and Vibra Finish South, LLC; and a special recognition to our Industry of the Year, Henry & Henry Monuments.

Terry L. Bunnell  
Chairman, Crittenden County Economic Development Corp.

*(Editor's note: This letter was submitted by Bunnell on behalf of Vanda Adamson, president of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce; Stan Hoover, executive director of CCEDC; and Susan Alexander, executive director of the chamber of commerce.)*

# Duke finds his 'dog's life' on big farm

One fall evening, we heard a loud truck stop in front of our house. Probably just another road hunter spotlighting deer, I thought. It happened all the time in our neck of the woods. Our farm, 10 miles from Salem, was a haven for wildlife. Our inside dogs barked until the sound moved on down the road.

Ever since our coy dog, Foxy, had died, we didn't have a dog to run off varmints or undesirable people. I had mentioned it several times to my husband, "We need another outside dog. I don't feel as safe without Foxy." He agreed. We had small dogs that thought they were big, but we needed a big dog with a penchant to bark at trouble and, at the same time, be lovable and protective of us.

An hour later, a yellow-faced dog stared into our back door window. Eddie grumbled. "Looks like that loud truck dropped us a gift." This wasn't the first time that had happened. People knew we loved our dogs and thought it was the perfect place to drop a dog they didn't want. Upset, he opened the back door and yelled, "Get on outta here!" The dog took off. I understood how he felt. We wanted to pick our dog — not have one forced on us.

When we went to bed that night, we talked about how quiet it was outside.

Linda Defew  
Crittenden Press  
guest columnist



Defew's Views

Eddie felt guilty about yelling at the stray. "I didn't get a good look, but from its size, I think it was an older dog," he said. "We need a pup we can train."

"I know," I said and patted him on the arm.

"How about we start tomorrow looking for an outside dog?" he asked.

"What kind?"

"I don't know. We'll know it when we see it."

The next morning, we made our daily trek around the farm in our golf cart, our team of little fox terriers leading the way. Coming back to the house, they ran to the woodshed and began to bark like they do when they've treed a squirrel. Then, we heard a small puppy voice answering back with a scared bark. "What in the world?" Eddie said, walking over to the shed.

"What is it?" I asked, still seated on the golf cart.

"It's that yellow dog from last night, only, I was wrong. It's just a big puppy!"

With a little coaching, the pup came crawling out of its make-shift bed, wood

chips clinging to its fur. The lab puppy looked at us like only a lab can do, his tongue and tail wagging, his eyes sparkling, his webbed feet humungous. My heart went out to him. How could anybody drop a dog like that?

I found out why labs were listed as the number one favorite dog by the AKC. Although they can reach 100 pounds, the Labrador retriever has a lovable nature, sweet and gentle. Their need to please makes them the perfect pet for families with children — intelligent, affectionate, and easy to train. They usually show no aggression or shyness, man's best friend for sure.

Their heritage revolved around water. Fishermen from England, France and Portugal settled in Newfoundland, a fishing community, and that's where the lab's mental and physical characteristics were formed. Then, they brought the dog to America and it became an immediate favorite, especially among sportsmen.

In our case, Duke had adopted us whether we wanted him or not. From the first day, we made him our outside dog. He got to sleep on a soft cushion in our barn when he wasn't out guarding the premises. He was puppy, through and through. Although he wasn't even half grown, he

wanted to eat everything in sight. On the positive side, he showed Eddie he could tree squirrels with the best of them. He amazed us every day. If there's one thing we've learned about dogs, it's that they know how to play us humans. Duke knew the game well.

There was only one problem. He loved us too much. When he saw us coming, he jumped and rollicked with such vigor, he would almost knock me down. And, as he grew bigger each day, I had to admit what I had feared from the beginning — Duke was too much dog for me. Eddie could handle him, even had him standing up for doggy kisses. On the other hand, I had to be careful of falling. Another joint replacement would be horrible. So, as much as we hated it, we had to find Duke a new home.

It couldn't be just anybody. Duke deserved the best. The first person we called wanted him. Duke would live on a big farm with two big ponds. He could run and splash all he wanted. True to his breed, Duke adapted well — just one more attribute to add to the amazing versatility of America's favorite dog.

*(Linda Defew is a freelance writer who has authored several magazine articles. She is a resident of Livingston County. Her column appears in this newspaper periodically.)*

## 'Chicken Soup' book includes story from local writer

STAFF REPORT

When "Chicken Soup for the Soul" let Linda Defew know they were looking for stories on back pain, she fired up her computer. Her husband had bulging and herniated discs that were a constant reminder of the many injuries he'd suffered as a police chief and in the years since his retirement. The worst came from his sciatic nerve being pinched, sending shooting pain down his left leg and foot. "I can send you to a specialist," his doctor offered. "Surgery is an option, but there are no guarantees."

It didn't take him long to make a decision. "If worse comes to worse, I'll see a surgeon. But, until that day, I'll take it a day at a time and hope the days stretch into



years."

"Eddie and I make up our own support group," Linda says. "I've had rheumatoid arthritis for 20 years. We both know what

pain is all about." Still, with their underlying health problems, they lead a busy fulfilling life. "When things get tough, we are there for each other, pushing to keep on keeping on. Neither of us are ones to give up. We enjoy life too much."

Staying motivated is essential. That's why there's always a new project at the Defew house. So far, with the help of some very good friends, Eddie has managed to build a cabin with a dock on their pond, a man-cave in the barn where all his buddies gather, a cookout shelter to house a barbeque pit, a chicken house for their eight chickens, dog kennels for five kennel dogs, an authentic chuck wagon for Dutch oven cooking, reassemble an old log cabin

from the ground up, as well as plant gardens and acres of food plots for the wildlife. His plate is always full. "As for me," Linda says, "I'm on the sidelines, cheering him on with notebook and camera in hand. Writing is my passion and a fun way to document our life."

Dealing with pain is hard work. If you suffer from back pain or know someone who does, you'll appreciate the new inspiring "Chicken Soup" collection of short stories entitled, "Say Goodbye to Back Pain!" due in bookstores on May 22. In the meantime, Linda's story, "My Husband's Motto," tells how his motto has become hers too: "I'm going to keep on working the best I can, for as long as I can. The pain will just have to get used to it."

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# Church celebrates 200 years

STAFF REPORT

When the first congregation gathered for Sunday worship in the Piney Fork area, the War of 1812 hadn't started and the Titanic was still 100 years from taking float on its doomed maiden voyage. This Sunday, the Presbyterian church born from that first meeting of churchgoers when the United States was still in its infancy will celebrate its bicentennial.

The story of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church begins in May 1810, when John Travis and 13 others from the vicinity of Piney Fork decided to organize a church connected with the new Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. Just two years later, the organization of the Piney Fork church was completed, beginning a mission to spread the Word of God that is still going strong 200 years later.

The church, by far, is the oldest in the county. In fact, when it was formed, Crittenden County was still 30 years away from being carved out of eastern Liv-



PHOTO PROVIDED BY BRENDA UNDERDOWN

**Across its 200-year history, Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church has hosted countless gatherings like this old-fashioned church picnic shown in an undated photo.**

ngston County. Through the generations, it has evolved from occasional preaching at the home of a parishioner to regular worship each week at the congregation's home since 1957.

"In those (first) days, preachers were hard to find and pay for," said Sarah Ford, a fifth-generation member of the church who first joined the congregation at the age of 12.

Ford has been one of the key organizers of Sunday's bicentennial celebration, compiling an updated history of the church and helping to plan the commemoration. The church will open its historical presentation to the public beginning at 1:30 p.m.

"This has given us all time to reflect," said Ford, who recalls the church as being the center of the Piney Fork area

as she was growing up there. "We want the community to come out and celebrate with us."

The tiny church has a rich history. Though Hurricane Church near Tolu hosts the last regular traditional camp meetings in the county, the Piney Fork church was the first to organize such revivals. The meetings were held on the current grounds of the church from its inception in 1812 until 1955. In fact, the church's camp meeting shed is famously depicted in a drawing by the late Carrsville artist Roger Morris. The image adorns the front of the church's current history book.

Bro. Daniel Hopkins has been pastor of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church since 2010. Ford says Hopkins, born in 1981, has brought a new perspective to the congregation that was led by Rev. Cortis Hill for 40 years until he died in 2008. Hopkins is the 31st leader of the congregation since Finis Ewing first took the pulpit in 1812.

# Dump truck overturns, spilling load of gravel

STAFF REPORT

A Murray man was injured Tuesday when the dump truck he was driving overturned on Ky. 1668, spilling its load of gravel and blocking traffic for hours.

Kentucky State Police investigated the single-vehicle collision that occurred just before 10:30 a.m. According to a

KSP release, Charles Duncan, 55, was operating a 2013 International dump truck southbound on Ky. 1668 when he swerved to avoid another vehicle that was on his side of the road. Trooper Chris King reported the truck dropped off the shoulder of the road and Duncan overcorrected, shifting his load and

causing the truck to overturn. The vehicle came to a rest on the driver's side, spilling its load of gravel.

Duncan was transported by Crittenden EMS to Crittenden Health Systems where he was treated and released. He was wearing a seatbelt.

Traffic was blocked until 1:30 p.m.

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products, especially quilts."

The Amish Backroads Trail will be marked with Amish buggy signs. The signs will lead visitors to Amish businesses and back to Marion.

But there will be plenty experience without even leaving the city limit of Marion.

More than 15 vendors of arts, crafts and food have scheduled to set up on Marion Commons both days of the local festival, Friday and Saturday. The attractions outside city hall and the tourism office on South Main Street will include an Amish market and craft bazaar.

"I think we have more vendors this year," Edwards said. "It's all good stuff."

Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-free Community will be handing out free water on the commons, while proceeds from a barbecue dinner will go to benefit the county's two animal shelters.

The festival will also showcase various quilt shows. The Welcome Center Quilt Shows have featured a variety of quilts from local quilt collectors the entire month. On Friday, the Women's Club Quilt Show will be held at the club's building at 126 Carlisle St., on Friday. The Backroads Quilt Show will be held at Marion City Hall on Saturday, and the Native American Quilt show will be held at Mantle Rock Center at 318 Sturgis Road on both Friday and Saturday. Marion Christian Church, Crittenden County Historical Museum and local businesses and banks will also

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have quilt displays during the festival.

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As many of you are aware, my Dad and I suffered the tragic and unexpected loss on April 9th of my mom, Dorothy Guill. I would like to thank my supporters and the voters who have expressed their kind words of sympathy. This has been a very difficult time for my Dad and me as we try to cope with our loss.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters who I have met while campaigning for the office of Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk. I have enjoyed speaking and visiting with those who have welcomed me at their doors and those who have invited me into their homes. Many of you I have visited have pets and as you know, I'm a pet lover and I always encourage people to adopt a pet and support our local animal shelters.

My visits have given me a chance to get to know the Republican voters and hopefully the visits have given you an opportunity to get to know me better.

I'm a graduate of Crittenden County High School and Murray State University. I have served the last 10 years as the Chief Deputy Clerk in the Circuit Clerk's Office and previously I was employed for 9 years as a Paralegal for a local attorney.

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# Eagle struggles to recover

STAFF REPORT

The bald eagle struck by a vehicle in Crittenden County nearly two months ago is still struggling to recover at a rehabilitation center in Louisville. The bird has undergone a series of setbacks and was recently discovered to be much older than initially thought.

According to Eileen Wicker, a volunteer with Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky, Inc., where the rescued eagle is identified as only BE 12-30, the bird of prey has been met with several challenges to being released back into the wild. Despite a broken wing and fairly severe abrasions from the collision on Ky. 365 on March 2, the eagle tested

positive for aspergillosis, a fungal infection deadly to raptors, and now another poison has been found in her system.

"She is not yet flying and this could be from the lead in her body," Wicker said. "Lead does cause brain damage and can cause lots of problems for birds."

She said the lead typically comes from ammunition. Though the bird showed no signs of having ever been shot, Wicker said bald eagles are scavengers and can ingest lead from eating carcasses of other animals.

"I have been getting reports that many rehabilitators find the actual primary reason for injury is lead with the

secondary reason being trauma," Wicker explained. "The thing is, you have to get the secondary problem before you would test for the primary reason."

First believed to be about 15 years old, the federal band placed on her as an eaglet shows she is a decade older.

"She is 25 years old, which is old for a wild Eagle," Wicker said.

The band used to track the bird was placed on July 30, 1987 in Tennessee. Though her exact age is not known, the bird was still too young to fly when first banded, according to the federal information registered for the eagle. Bald eagles typically learn to fly at around three months old.

# Board of education moves to eMeetings

By JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN  
PRESS REPORTER

Beginning early July, Crittenden County Board of Education members will begin the training necessary to start what is known as eMeetings.

Crittenden County Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough said board members will soon be able to access data, documents and other board meeting-related items through the Kentucky School Board Association's website. This will allow each of the five local board, members, Yarbrough, the district's legal counsel and the media to have their own user identification and password to access the secure site through an electronic device like a laptop or iPad.

"This is a great next step for the board," Yarbrough said. "We're excited to be moving in that direction and it benefits us in so many

ways."

After attending a mock eMeeting, Crittenden County Board of Education members were pleased with the effectiveness the electronic meetings offers. Combining efforts to be streamlined, documents are easily more searchable, including those from past meetings. They also produce less paper, in turn reducing the cost of meetings.

School board meetings would still be held in person, with the superintendent and board members meeting each month. The only thing eMeetings would change is the way agendas, documents and other paperwork would be viewed. Crittenden County Board Chairman Chris Cook views the the change to eMeetings as an exciting next step for the district.

Cook likes the idea of reducing costs and implementing a green attitude.

"The most exciting thing about it is that it involves less prep for each meeting," Cook said. "It also will save the district money in the long run as the need for physical copies of agendas will no longer be needed. It will drastically reduce the use of paper."

As it stands, Crittenden County board members each receive their own copy of an agenda each month. In order to receive the agenda, paperwork and documents referring to the upcoming meeting have to be submitted by a certain date, then several copies are made and each is bound into a spiral book for each member.

Sometimes, the bound information can be a half-inch or more in thickness.

With eMeetings, the need to produce eight different packets of information is no longer needed. However, Yarbrough said a printed

agenda would still be created each month.

"We will still have one printed agenda to have on hand, but everything else would be accessible for board members through the site," Yarbrough said. "As of this point, we're still discussing which would be the best route for members to be able to access the documents during meetings."

With plans to begin eMeetings this summer after all members have been trained, Yarbrough said members would need to be fitted with as device capable of accessing the site. While iPads have been suggested, more research is being done on whether all members would have to have the same device or if each could use a different electronic tool. It is also yet to be determined if the school system would provide those devices to board members.

# State's jobless rate below nine percent

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's unemployment rate fell to 8.6 percent in March 2012 from a revised 8.7 percent in February 2012, making this the third consecutive month with an unemployment rate below nine percent, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET).

The March 2012 jobless rate was 1.1 percentage points below the 9.7 percent rate recorded for the state in March 2011, according to an OET release. The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate fell to 8.2 percent in March 2012 from 8.3 percent in February 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

"All signs are pointing to the likelihood that the recovery is here to stay," economist Manoj Shanker of the OET said. "With eight months of declining unemployment rate and steady growth in

employment, job prospects in Kentucky are definitely improving."

Kentucky's manufacturing sector lost 1,300 jobs in March 2012 compared to the previous month. Since March 2011, employment in manufacturing has increased by 2,500 jobs.

"Manufacturing, especially in the area of durable goods, faces stiff global competition," said Shanker. "To remain viable, the industry is contracting out certain key functions, like payroll and legal services, to the service sector. This phenomenon of moving away from vertical integration, where all jobs related to a single establishment are under one umbrella, has resulted in a decline in manufacturing employment. The jobs are still there. They are merely being performed in another sector of the economy."

# Burna Legion post hosts ceremony

STAFF REPORT

American Legion Post 217 and its auxiliary will be hosting a Blue Star Banner Presentation at 2 p.m., Sunday.

Blue Star Service Banners are displayed by families who have an immediate family member serving in any branch of the armed

forces. Approximately 40 families with active military members have been notified of the Burna post's ceremony.

"We are pleased to be able to offer this to so many families this year," said Faye Gibson, secretary/treasurer of the auxiliary.

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SHOP TOOLS & MISC: Chain hoist, air hoses, pipe vise, pipe thread cutter, blacksmith forge, Handyman jack, 1 20' wooden extension ladder, aluminum extension ladders (1 24' & 1 32'), 3 10' overhead garage doors and track, team harness, some garden tools, Montgomery Ward cream separator, sausage stuffer, 30 gal. iron kettle.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: China cabinets, dressers, bed frames, Golden Wheat dishes, some Homer Laughlin bowls and dishes, sewing cabinet, Speed Queen wringer washer, antique night stands, antique wooden chairs, old cuckoo clock, oil lamps, McCoy dishes, lots of old dishes, 3 butter churns, Aunt Jemima cookie jar, lots of dishes.

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# 2012 Stewardship Week, themed 'Soil to Spoon,' kicks off Sunday

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Conservation District is reminding that everyone has a responsibility to be a good steward of natural resources through its observance of Stewardship Week celebration.

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) is celebrating the 57th year of Stewardship Week, which begins Sunday. The 2012 theme is "Soil to Spoon."

Soil is the beginning for all the food we eat.

"Making the connection back to the soil, where our food gets its start is so important," says NACD President Gene Schmidt. "The next time

you sit down to a meal, take a minute to think about where your food came from, and the farmers, ranchers who helped produce it."

Crittenden County Conservation District is a member of NACD, which represents the nation's 3,000 conservation districts established to encourage resource conservation.

For information about Stewardship Week and conservation, contact Crittenden County Conservation District at 965-3921, ext.3. Additional information about the Soil to Spoon project and other natural resource education is available at [www.nacdnetwork.org/education/resources](http://www.nacdnetwork.org/education/resources).

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LEDBETTER AUCTION RESULTS FROM USDA MARKET NEWS

Tuesday, April 17, 2012  
KODA-USDA Market News  
Livingston County Livestock Auction  
Ledbetter Auction (cattle weighed upon arrival)

Receipts: 863 head.  
Compared to last week: Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 higher. Feeder steers under 400 lbs 5.00 higher, over 400 lbs 3.00-4.00 lower. Feeder heifers 2.00 lower.

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
14 800-1200 1122 78.00-83.00 80.83  
13 1200-1600 1352 78.00-86.00 80.99  
2 1200-1600 1368 76.00-77.00 76.49 LD  
1 1600-2000 1735 79.00 79.00  
1 1600-2000 1610 77.00 77.00 LD

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
24 800-1200 1020 71.00-77.00 73.75  
3 800-1200 1088 80.00-84.00 81.35 HD  
3 800-1200 1148 68.00-70.00 69.34 LD  
2 1200-1600 1288 73.00-79.00 76.18  
1 1200-1600 1300 71.00 71.00 LD

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
6 800-1200 928 54.00-65.00 62.69  
1 1200-1600 1280 67.00 67.00

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
4 1500-3000 1741 106.00-110.00 108.21

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 2  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
3 1000-1500 1315 96.00-98.00 97.03  
2 1500-3000 1845 101.00-103.00 102.01  
1 1500-3000 1895 93.50 93.50 LD

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
4 200-300 262 200.00-220.00 214.57  
33 300-400 350 190.00-212.00 199.02  
134 400-500 466 175.50-196.00 181.34  
45 500-600 519 158.00-176.00 167.00  
45 600-700 620 140.00-155.50 143.24  
1 700-800 720 120.00 120.00

Groups: 32 head 482 lbs 176.50 BBWF; 34 head 493 lbs 177.50 BBWF; 22 head 526 lbs 165.50 BBWF; 22 head 600 lbs 141.00 BBWF

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
2 200-300 292 175.00-176.00 175.50  
3 400-500 435 163.00-173.00 168.95  
9 500-600 544 145.00-151.00 149.11  
2 600-700 665 130.00 130.00

Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
2 300-400 307 100.00 100.00  
4 400-500 427 108.00 108.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
4 200-300 290 180.00-190.00 185.13  
56 300-400 342 169.00-195.50 185.20  
101 400-500 439 165.00-182.50 174.88  
30 500-600 539 141.00-155.00 147.58  
12 600-700 646 130.00-134.00 131.12  
6 700-800 729 110.00-119.00 111.81  
2 800-900 882 103.00-113.00 108.01  
5 900-1000 954 90.50-93.50 92.25

Groups: 25 head 418 lbs 182.50 BBWF

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
1 200-300 255 165.00 165.00  
5 300-400 377 161.00-174.00 166.33  
31 400-500 477 137.50-160.00 153.70  
2 500-600 595 125.00-134.00 129.50  
3 600-700 653 108.00-120.00 113.13  
1 700-800 755 109.00 109.00  
1 800-900 830 100.00 100.00

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
1 500-600 540 125.00 125.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
10 300-400 388 183.00-192.00 189.77  
17 400-500 446 167.00-184.00 172.70  
26 500-600 530 144.00-164.00 155.63  
13 600-700 627 119.00-132.00 126.27  
13 700-800 759 115.00-122.00 117.77

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
6 300-400 360 150.00-180.00 166.67  
10 400-500 457 134.00-163.00 152.25  
8 500-600 562 120.00-140.00 131.63  
1 600-700 600 112.00 112.00  
1 700-800 745 105.00 105.00

Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1  
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price  
1 600-700 635 110.00 110.00

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Behind the pulpit. Behind the plate. Each has its own appeal for 23-year-old Stephen James, a lifelong resident of Crittenden County.

Whether standing or crouching, James brings a calm demeanor to the job. That helps most when calling balls and strikes in an umpire's uniform. This spring, James began umpiring Region 2 high school baseball for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, or KHSAA. For the last five years or so, he has made the call for little league games, which he finds a bit more interesting.

"Watching the little kids play ball is a little more fun," he said.

James doesn't have his own church yet, but hopes to be led there by God when the time is right. He is, however, occasionally called on to speak at various churches or to sing

gospel music. When it comes to leading his own congregation, he is motivated by more than a paycheck.

"I'm not much into the whole money thing," said James, who has attended Cave Springs General Baptist Church his entire life. "I'm more about spreading the Word."

Until the time comes to pastor his own church, James has plenty to keep him occupied. Besides baseball and the ministry, he is a part-time and fill-in rural carrier for Salem Post Office and helps his father, contractor Pat James, on construction jobs in between his other gigs.

James' life has undergone a significant change of late, too. Two weeks ago he was married to Kimberly Harris. And the couple is just waiting on paperwork to be finalized before they move into their first home together.

# County GOP elects new leadership

STAFF REPORT

With a new slate of officers, Crittenden County's Republican Party has vowed to work hard to keep voters in the county better informed. And that starts with this year's election, which the new GOP chairman called vital to the future of the country.

"Our nation is facing very difficult times and the need for leadership has never been more important at all levels of government," said Marty Kares-Workman, elected to head the local party committee on March 17 at the county's mass convention. "This election could be a turning point in American history."

Believing government is not the answer to the nation's troubles, but the problem itself, Kares-Workman said people have either trusted government for too long or they just don't care.

"We need to clean up Frankfort and Washington," she said, "and I'm talking on both sides of the aisle."

The new leadership of the county committee appears committed to doing just that, aiming to get voters from both parties, as well as Independents, involved in shaping the future. Kares-Workman said if there is one thing she wants to stress in her time as chair, it is that every single vote counts.

"We believe it is our job as a committee to reach out to our fellow citizens and provide them with useful information that will hopefully see them become more involved and more interested in the electoral process," she said. "Without the informed support of our fellow citizens we are doomed to failure."

Through its renewed effort, Kares-Workman said the aim



A new slate of officers was recently elected to lead the Republican Party of Crittenden County. Pictured above are (from left, front row) Ramona Ford, secretary; Mike McConnell, vice-chair; Marty Kares-Workman, chair; Don Gatewood, treasurer and Precinct No. 12 captain; (back row) Willard Guill, Precinct No. 4 co-captain; Micky Myers, Precinct No. 4 co-captain; Rick Riley, Precinct No. 1 captain; and Bradley Guess, youth chairman. Not pictured is Precinct No. 3 captain Bill Frazer.

of the local committee is not simply to support Republican candidates, but more importantly, to ensure Republican principles remain at the center of the party. Included in the GOP's signature conservative values are limited government, fiscal responsibility and personal freedom.

"In other words, adhering to our founding documents," she said.

Other committee officers elected last month are Mike McConnell, vice chairman; Don Gatewood, treasurer; and Ramona Ford, secretary. All four officers have been active in Republican politics locally

over the past few years. McConnell ran unsuccessfully for the party's judge-executive nomination in last year's primary against eventual office winner, Perry Newcom.

The local party has a presence on Facebook at "Crittenden County Republican Party."

Upcoming party events include:

- From 5 to 7 p.m., Friday the party will host a meet-the-candidates barbecue dinner sponsored by the Marion VFW Ladies Auxiliary. The event will be held at the VFW post on North College Street in Marion. The cost is \$7 for

adults and \$5 for children. Featured will be candidates for circuit clerk Mellissa Guill and Vanda Hunt Adamson and 4th Kentucky House District representative C. Lynn Bechler.

- On May 12, the GOP will host a breakfast from 7 to 9 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church's fellowship hall in Marion. The guest speaker will be Bill Johnson, a western Kentucky businessman and teacher who represented the party in last fall's general election for Kentucky Secretary of State. Other speakers include Guill, Adamson and Bechler.



Henry & Henry Monuments was honored as Crittenden County's Industry of the Year last week by Crittenden County Economic Development Corp., and Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce as part of their joint Industry Week celebration. Pictured above receiving the award from CCEDC Chairman Terry Bunnell is Billy Fox, fifth generation owner of the company. Also pictured are (from left) Bill and Joan Fox, the previous generation of owners of the family business; Charlotte Fox, Billy's wife and employee of the business; Vanda Hunt Adamson, president of the chamber board of directors; and Susan Alexander, executive director of the chamber.

## AWARD

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tendance to share in the honor, as was Billy's wife, Charlotte, who also works at the company.

In making the presentation, CCEDC Chairman Terry L. Bunnell, said Henry & Henry has a great expertise they have shared from coast to coast and even outside the country.

"They can make just about anything with granite," said Bunnell, also chairman, president and CEO of The Peoples Bank.

The monument company has delivered headstones and other works with granite designs across the continental United States and even Mexico. To help with delivery, Henry & Henry has its own trucking company with a fleet of 26 trucks based in Georgia. Fox also has retail outlets in Henderson and Ed-

dyville to compliment the headquarters in Marion.

The company employs 32, helping manufacturing in Crittenden County to be the top supplier of jobs, employing more people than the education and healthcare sectors. Goods produced by the sector locally are also exported to virtually every state and abroad, including Europe and even China.

Industry's importance to the community is the primary reason Bunnell conceived Industry Week. He said it is a means to recognize the economic impact of local manufacturing.

"This is our way of saying 'thank you'," Bunnell told manufacturers who gathered for last week's luncheon.

Of course, the biggest thank you was delivered to Henry & Henry, which throughout its history has played a larger role than simply an employer. The company's benevolent

fingerprints can be found all around the community, from financial contributions to local causes and organizations to donations of their products that serve as commemoration of historic events or individuals literally etched in stone.

Fox is proud of the family business and what it has accomplished across generations and through monumental changes in the industry.

When Henry & Henry Monuments was born in the late 19th century, carving the granite and inscriptions into the markers was the work of a highly-skilled artisan. With a metal chisel and wooden mallet guided by a steady hand, it could take weeks to complete a monument. Little changed in the industry for decades, but over the years, the company adopted the new techniques that moved production ahead from five to six markers a week in the

mid-20th century to eight or 10 in a day at the dawn of the new millennium.

But despite the move from hand-carved stone to computer-aided design of markers and automated sandblasting of delicate inscriptions, the work still requires an artist's eye and touch. Elaborate markers are often born from a simple idea, serving as a unique testament to the life they mark and the creativity Fox and other designers have honed over the years. And many of the personalized designs found in cemeteries across the county and nation still require hand-etching by the company's resident artist, Nicky Porter.

Perhaps no local manufacturer's work will weather the test of time like Henry & Henry's, whose products from its earliest years of business will still be standing when the next century rolls around.

### Public Notice

#### Local/State Board Public Hearing

The Crittenden County Board of Education and the Kentucky Board of Education have scheduled a Local/ State Board Public Hearing on the proposed Crittenden County District Facility Plan for Monday, May 14, 2012 at 5:30 PM CDT, at the Rocket Arena, located at 601 West Elm Street, Marion, KY 42064. The District Facility Plan lists the pending capital construction and/or renovation projects that the school district may undertake, and the priority order, if applicable, that projects will be initiated. Copies of the proposed District Facility Plan are available for examination by interested individuals at the Board of Education offices, 601 West Elm Street, Marion, KY 42064, between 8AM and 3:30 PM through May 14, 2012. Questions may be directed to Superintendent Rachel Yarbrough at (270) 965-3525. Those individuals wishing to comment on the proposed District Facility Plan may present oral or written comments at the Local/ State Board Public Hearing.

The local Board of Education, after due process, will forward the approved District Facility Plan to the Kentucky Department of Education for ultimate approval by the State Board of Education.

The Local/ State Board Public Hearing is being scheduled in accordance with KRS 157.620, and regulated by 702 KAR 1:001.

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The Press OBITUARIES

Hunt

Malcolm E. Hunt, 76, of Marion, died Monday, April 23, 2012 at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.

He was a member of Mexico Baptist Church and Masonic Lodge No. 256, a Veteran of the United States Army and board member of Fohs Hall, Inc.

Hunt is survived by his wife, Geraldine Hunt of Marion; one daughter, Terri Elaine and husband Shelby Shewcraft of Marion; one son, Michael and wife Pamela Hunt of Newburgh, Ind.; two brothers, Harold Ray and wife Bessie Hunt and Orman Glen Hunt, all of Marion; five grandchildren, Tessa and Alivia Shewcraft, both of Marion, Shey Shewcraft of Paducah, and Lauren and Logan Hunt of Newburgh; and one great-grandchild, Elijah Shewcraft of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Delmer Jackson and Erna Golda Hunt; and two brothers, Duane Hunt and Charles Hunt, Sr.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Mapleview Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors from 5 to 8 p.m., today (Thursday) at the funeral home.

Masonic rites will be given at 7 p.m., today at the funeral home and military rites will be given at the cemetery on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Fohs Hall, Inc, P.O. Box 1, Marion, KY 42064.



Hunt

Hamilton

Myra Guess Hamilton, 90, a lifelong resident of Tolu died Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

She was of the Presbyterian faith.

Surviving are one daughter, Dorothy and husband Murray Lancer of Charleston, S.C., and one grandson, Brett and wife Amy Lancer of Aiken, S.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow Hamilton; one son, Charles Keith Hamilton; three sisters, Frances Guess Lucas, Martha Guess Hamilton and Helen Guess Watson; two brothers, Robert Terry Guess and John Witherspoon Guess; and her parents, John M. and Lena Terry Guess.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m., today (Thursday) at Gilbert Funeral Home with interment in Hurricane Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 9 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Tolu Community Center; Crittenden County Senior Center's Home-Delivered Meals, 210 N. Walker St., Marion, KY 42064 or Tolu Fire Department, 6367 S.R. 135, Marion, KY 42064.



Hamilton

Paris

Dora Dean Paris, 78, of Salem, died Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at her home.

She was a member of Maranatha Baptist Church.

Paris is survived by one daughter, Sandy Sisco of Burna; two sons, Gary Paris of Salem and Donnie Paris of Iowa; one sister, Teana Harshaw of Las Vegas, Nev.; a niece, Bonnie Hunter of Salem; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Jamie Sisco and Cody Paris; a sister; and her parents, Ernest and Lucy Hardin Guess.

Graveside memorial services were Saturday at Loveless Chapel Cemetery with Rev. Leroy Driver officiating.

Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Curless

Ann Berry Curless, 87, of Morganfield, formerly of Mattoon, died Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Methodist Hospital in Morganfield.

She was a member of St. William Catholic Church in Marion and St. Ann's Catholic Church in Morganfield.

Curless is survived by four daughters, Alice and husband Joseph Blazina, Lee Ann Carlson, Barbara and husband Richard Lehecka and Rosemary and husband Kenny Trowbridge; one son, Lester and wife Carolyn Curless; one sister, Millie Lautermilch; one brother, Danny DiFoggio; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rocco and Lena DiFoggio; four brothers, Leonard DiFoggio, Anthony DiFoggio, Julio DiFoggio and Paul DiFoggio; one sister, Lucy DiFoggio; and husbands, Thurman Lee Berry and Lester Curless.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., today (Thursday) at St. Ann Catholic Church with Father Gerald Baker officiating. Burial will be in Odd Fellow Cemetery in Morganfield. Visitation was at 8 p.m., Wednesday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield and from 9 a.m., until service time today at the church.

Memorial contributions can be made to John Paul II Catholic School.

Thank You

The family of Dorothy Guill would like to thank each of you for your acts of kindness during our sudden and unexpected loss.

Special thanks to the EMTs and the emergency room staff at Crittenden Health Systems for their quick response. Thank you to Bro. Gary Hardesty for the touching message and service. Special thanks to the staff at Boyd Funeral Directors for the care and compassion they gave to our family.

We would like to personally express our sincere gratitude to each and everyone for the food, phone calls, prayers, cards, flowers and the donations to Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter.

Sincerely,

Willard & Melissa Guill  
Shirley Dalton & Family  
Charles & Felicia Sisco & Family

Descendents upset with reinterment

STAFF REPORT

Bodies in a small southern Crittenden County family cemetery were disinterred Tuesday so the owner of the property can begin development of a quarry and rock-loading facility on the Cumberland River. However, the move has left descendents of individuals thought to be buried there feeling disenfranchised.

Bart Frazer, legal counsel for Bobby Grogan, who a few years ago purchased contiguous tracts of land near Dycusburg where the Bunton Family Cemetery is located, said his client has followed the law and permitting process to develop the land. Meantime, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says the matter is out of the fiscal court's hands.

The 1966 law governing removal of abandoned cemeteries requires the fiscal court to first pass a resolution for relocation of graves and subsequently publish notice, giving complainants 60 days to voice their concerns. The resolution was passed Feb. 21 and published Feb. 23.

At last week's meeting of Crittenden Fiscal Court, Grogan and Frazer were present to publicly meet with those opposed to reintering the bodies to nearby cemeteries. J.T. and Rita Travis, the primary parties to step forward against removing the burial site, complained at the meeting that the development was insensitive to families of those buried in Bunton Cemetery. Rita, whose maiden name is Owen, believes she has several ancestors buried there.

The Travises left the court meeting believing they had established the cemetery was not abandoned since they showed they had visited the site in 2007. Rita was surprised Monday morning to learn that bodies in the cemetery were going to be disinterred within 24 hours. However, the 60-day period since the notice was first published expired Tuesday with no injunction having been filed to stop Grogan's development of the land where the graves are located.

Grogan called the situation "unfortunate" last week, adding that the site is on the only piece of his Crittenden County property where a load facility can be permitted on the Cumberland River. Frazer estimated the quarry and load station could eventually employ a dozen or so individuals. He added the county will be eligible for severance tax receipts if rock is taken from the ground.

The expense of relocating those buried in the cemetery must be paid by Grogan. Eight plots were purchased in Dycusburg Cemetery to reinter five bodies known to be in the cemetery. But the Travises claim there are as many as 30 graves. Additional burial plots must be purchased by Grogan if more than eight graves are found.

The last known burial was in 1901.

Traffic fatalities

The number of 2012 traffic fatalities in Kentucky through Sunday as reported by Kentucky State Police in comparison to the same time period in 2011.

2012 DEATHS	CHANGE FROM 2011	ALCOHOL RELATED
Deaths..185	.....-8	.....30
MODE	DEATHS	NO SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Automobile .....	156	.....94
Pedestrian .....	15	.....n/a
Motorcycle .....	12	.....8
ATV .....	2	.....1

The family of William Carlton "Bill" Stallion would like to express our appreciation and thanks for all the acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of a wonderful person.

A very special thank you to Bro. John Dunn and Bro. Jackie Brantley for the comforting words at his service, and to Suzian Landreth for the beautiful music she provided for her uncle.

Thanks so much for all the flowers, food, calls, Gideon Bibles, prayers and visits to the funeral home and services at Freedom Church. Thanks to the staff of Boyd Funeral Directors for the wonderful services they provided.

The meal prepared by the women at the church was much appreciated. He loved his church family and his many friends. God bless each of you.

The family of Wm. Carlton "Bill" Stallion

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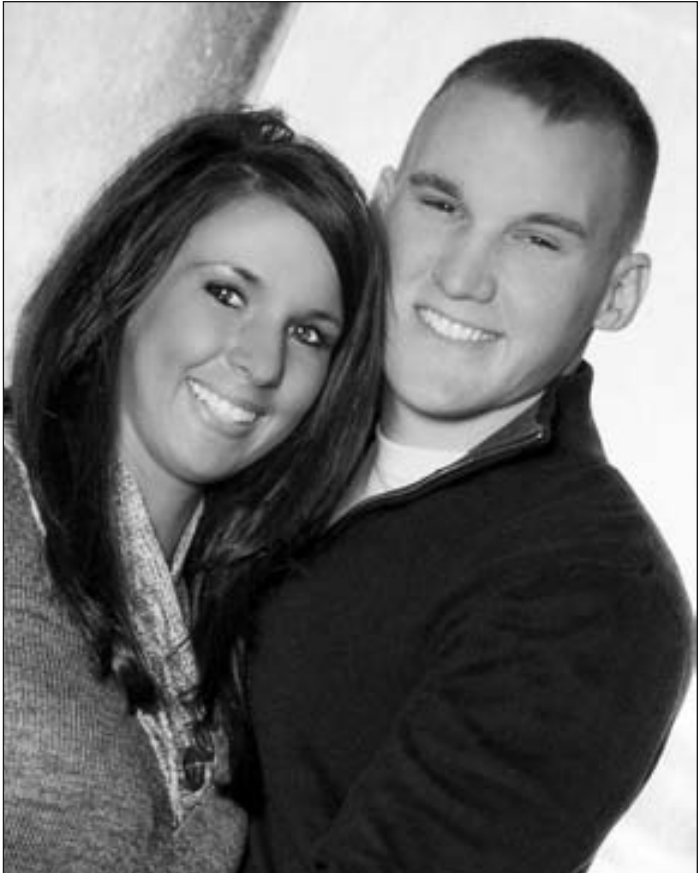
# Blue Knights dominate at WKU open

**STAFF REPORT**  
The Crittenden County chess team, the Blue Knights, wrapped up its season on a high note last Saturday. Teams from Indiana, Tennessee and Kentucky gathered in Bowling Green to compete in the Western Kentucky University Chess Open at South Warren High School. The Blue Knights came home with either first or second place in every division.

In the high school division, the team of Micah Hollamon, Marcus Hughes, Cole Foster and Cameron McDaniel

trailed Bowling Green High School by two games going into the final round. They swept all four of their games in the final round to win the high school championship. Individually Hollamon, Hughes, Foster and McDaniel each won three games with Hollamon winning the seventh-place trophy.

The middle school team of Benny Tucker, Arry Schofield, Gage Moore, Clay Stevens and Matthew Spannuth although missing its top two players toughed it out and won second place in their division. Individually, Tucker played his best chess of the year, winning four out of five games and taking second place. Moore won three games, Stevens two and a half and Schofield and Spannuth each won two.



## Owen-Hamby

The primary team of Chase Stevens, Dennon Wilson, Gage Russell, Evan McDowell and Mya Moore continued its winning ways by claiming the primary championship in dominating fashion. Stevens won four games, placing second individually. Wilson won three games, while Russell and McDowell won two each and Moore added one win.

Coaches Greg Hollamon and Don Winters thank the parents, teachers, administrators and the Crittenden County Board of Education for their support this season.

Brett and Tammy Owen of Marion announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Mariah LaShae, to Cory Michael Hamby, son of Amy Hamby of Paducah and Tim Hamby of Frances.

Owen is the granddaughter of George and Rozann Malcom of Salem, Junior and Lisa Martin of Palestine, Ark., Gena Owen of Paducah and the late George Owen. She is a 2009 graduate of Livingston Central High School and is attending Murray State University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is employed by Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah as a nurse extern in Maternal Child.

Hamby is the grandson of Bill and Naomi McClure of Frances, Buck Hamby of Frances and the late Verna Traylor. He is a 2006 graduate of Crittenden County High School and attended Murray State University. He is employed by the Kentucky State Police, Mayfield Post.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 5 p.m., May 26 at The Lodge at Emerald Waters in Mayfield. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. Please RSVP at [www.mariahcory.ourwedding.com](http://www.mariahcory.ourwedding.com).



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## Preschool group presents at Nashville conference

Crittenden County Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough and Preschool Coordinator Karen Nasserri presented at the National Head Start Association conference in Nashville April 19, along with Peggy Grant, Audubon Area Head Start director, and Aubrey Nehring, chief executive officer for Audubon Area Community Services. The presentation consisted of strategies for successful partnerships with public schools. Pictured above are (from left) Grant, Nasserri, Yarbrough and Nehring.

# Fredonia one-room school to appear on KET

**STAFF REPORT**  
Fredonia's Wilson-Blair African American One Room School and museum will be featured in a segment on KET's "Kentucky Life" program this month.

The episode featuring the museum is scheduled to air at 7 p.m., Saturday.

KET's website calls the museum, located on Grove Street near Fredonia's downtown, one of the few one-room schools still in existence in the state today.

Open from 1926 to 1948 in

Caldwell County, the school started with 61 children but had only nine when it closed. Thanks to the efforts of a former student and community volunteers, the building is now preserved as a museum.

Linda Bennett, one of the members of the committee that oversees the school's preservation, said the KET crew came to Fredonia in February for filming.

While there, the crew interviewed Virginia Blair, who attended the school and whose family served as caretakers of

the property until 2005, when it was donated to the City of Fredonia in preparation for the restoration effort.

The building is named in memory of Jesse Blair, Virginia's late husband, and her late stepfather James "Suge" Wilson.

Bennett and committee member Pam Faughn were interviewed by KET staff.

The restoration effort was bolstered by a \$10,000 Save Our History grant from the History Channel.

County school students

and other local volunteers participated in months of work to bring the school building back to its historic condition and furnish it with period-appropriate school materials.

The museum, open by appointment, still receives regular visitors, including residents of local and neighboring counties, school groups, genealogical researchers and relatives and descendants of former students.

# Teach children to deal with trauma by expressing feelings

Adults often feel uncertain about talking with children when a family member is seriously ill or has passed away. We may be feeling upset about the situation ourselves. We may also struggle to find words for a subject that many folks still consider "taboo." Children need to come to terms with their concepts and emotions to find peace of mind. The following guidelines may help adults cope with children's questions and behavior:

- Encourage the expression of feelings. Most important, be there for your child. Find a quiet place where you won't be interrupted. Then, listen carefully so the child

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knows that you understand, accept and care about her feelings. If the child blames herself for causing the illness or death, reassure her that she is not at fault. Illness and death are not punishment for misbehavior.

- Maintain routines and provide a sense of safety. Children need a continuing routine, even in the midst of upheaval. Routine provides a

sense of security and safety. Try to keep the order of daily events in your child's life as familiar as possible. Continue to set reasonable, consistent limits for acceptable behavior. Limits give a sense of security and trust.

- Encourage supportive friendships and social networks. Let your child's teachers, coach and any other adults he sees regularly know about the changes in the child's life. However, limit conversations about the illness or death when the child is present. Your child may be concerned about upsetting you and may be more comfortable talking with another trusted adult than with you. Your

child will likely need to have fun, too. Look for fun recreational activities for both of you.

- Tune in to the child's experience and signs of distress. Be aware of your child's behavior changes, such as lower school grades, acting out or withdrawing from social groups and sports activities. Try to avoid giving her adult roles that require more responsibility than she is ready to carry. Give her honest answers to her questions in simple words, appropriate for her age. Be patient with her moods and behaviors. However, be ready to call upon a trained professional if necessary.



The Crittenden County High School Rockets baseball team took The Press with them to Florida during spring break. The Rockets traveled to Florida for a baseball tournament.



Linda Shaffer Cook and Penny Crowell Hess took The Crittenden Press to their 50th class reunion at Murray State University on April 2.

## Homemakers attend apron seminar

Crittenden County had 20 of the 80 participants at the Pennyrile Area Extension Homemaker Seminar April 20 in Princeton. Pat Carter from the Evening Belles Club modeled an apron made by her mother, Hattie Daniel, over 70 years ago. Other local models were Micki Crider and Sarah Ford from Challengers Club; Darl Henley and Jerrell James, members of After Hours Club. Nadine Thomas, a member of Morning Glories Club, placed third in the favorite apron contest. A program called "Where Have All the Aprons Gone?" was presented by Nell Jordan, Extension Master Clothing Volunteer. For further information on Extension Homemakers, contact the Crittenden County Extension Office.



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## Livingston's Adult Ed to host open house in May

Livingston County Adult Education staff will be holding an open house from 1-6 p.m., May 3 to showcase their new location at 436 Walnut St., in Smithland (the former site of Livingston County EMS).

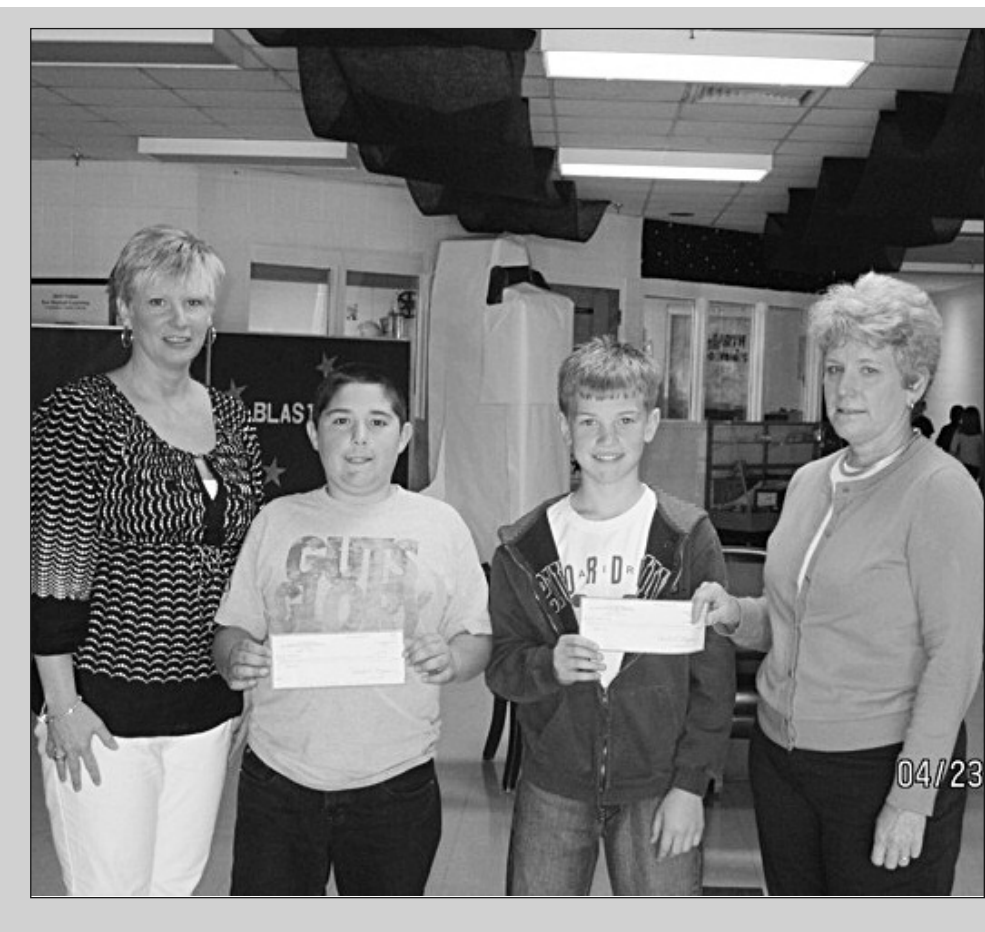
The Livingston County UK Cooperative Extension Service is renting the building from the fiscal court for the center, and staff members are very thankful that these organizations are providing the building so county residents can have access to free GED classes.

Everyone is welcome to come tour the new center, have refreshments and learn more about the classes offered. Please visit the new location on May 3. For more information call 928-3777.



Harley, Kelly, Lexus and Chase Wesley enjoyed emerald blue waters and sandy beaches during spring break in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.





# Students win money from history walk

Two Crittenden County Elementary School students were winners of the History Walk in Downtown Marion, held last October. Winners were selected after writing essays and they were Sawyer Towerly, who won \$50 for first place and Devin Porter, \$25 for second place. The money was provided by the Marion Tourism Commission. The history walk, sponsored by Marion Main Street, is held annually with the entire fifth grade participating. Pictured are (from left) Cindy Crabtree, fifth grade teacher; Porter, Towerly and Tourism Director Michele Edwards.

# First annual STARS event scheduled

An area Community Early Childhood Council (CCEC) will be presenting its first-ever "A Night with STARS" this week in Princeton as a means to generate more interest and community involvement in the state program.

Caldwell Lyon Crittenden CCEC, one of the 68 regional development councils in Kentucky, will host the event at 6 p.m., Thursday at the Princeton Tourist Center at 201 E. Main St. Terry Tolan, executive director for the Governor's Office of Early Childhood, will be the keynote speaker.

The mission of the commonwealth's CCECs is that "all young children in Kentucky are healthy and safe, possess the foundation that will enable school and personal success and living in strong families that are supported and strengthened within their communities."

In August of last year, Gov. Steve Beshear announced almost \$1 million in funding for 39 of the CCECs in Kentucky. The local three-county council received \$25,000 to fund professional development for childcare providers, assist with community outreach and public health programs for prenatal services and even help children entering school.

"There is no greater return on investment than investing in the success and school readiness of our youngest children," Tolan told WKYT, a Lexington CBS television affiliate at the time of the announcement.



Tom Courtright accepts his Commandment Award during an Air Force graduation ceremony held on March 29. Courtright also received two other awards.

## Courtright graduates from Air Force Academy

On March 29, Tom Courtright graduated from the Airman Leadership School, receiving three of the four awards given the same night, during a ceremony held at Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, Mo.

Courtright, 22, was awarded the Commandment award for demonstrating exemplary military professional qualities, the distinguished graduate award for demonstrating superior leadership and academic performance and the academic achievement award for demonstrating academic ability and performance. He completed all the testing and requirements for staff sergeant and will be putting his strip on this summer. Attending the awards banquet were his wife, Jennifer, mom Juanita and grandfather Tom George.

Courtright is a 2007 graduate of

Crittenden County High School and is the son of Juanita Courtright and Michael and Debra Courtright, all of Marion.

## Project Graduation receives donations

Jeff Ellis of Rogers Group and a member of the Lions Club, presented Project Graduation with two checks. Rogers Group donated \$250, while the Crittenden County Lions Club donated \$200. The money donated will be used for Project Graduation, held after graduation on May 18.

## Local resident involved in United Way project

West Kentucky Community and Technical College radiography students participated in a United Way E-HOMES project on April 14.

Fourteen volunteers, including 12 students and two faculty members joined together to scrape and paint the trim on a house in the community. The students also completed yard work for the homeowner. This is the fourth year the WKCTC radiography department has partnered with the United Way to give back to the community.

## Cozart graduates Air Force basic training

Air Force Airman 1st Class Breanna J. Cozart graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is a 2008 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

Cozart is the daughter of Heather Cozart of Marion.



Accepting the donations on behalf of Project Graduation are (from left) Cody Pinson, Nikki Conger, Michael Adams, Jeff Ellis of Rogers Group and Emily Shewcraft.



Pictured above are WKCTC radiography students who participated in a E-Homes project. They are (front from left) Laura Stovall, Crittenden County; Lauren Barrett and Matt Henson of Marshall County; Danielle Dukes, Lyon County; Nancy Johnson, McCracken County; Samantha Bellamy, Marshall County; (middle) Amanda Hair, McCracken County; Nicole Gallimore, Henry, Tenn.; Trip Dortch, McCracken County; (back) Bryan Draffen and Karlie Grooms of McCracken County and Megan Humphreys, Graves County.



The family of Dottie Winn wishes to express our thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness shown during our great loss.

Thank you to Bro. Wayne Garvey for his comforting words and prayers during her illness and passing and also for the funeral service.

Thanks to all of the churches in Crittenden County for all their love, gifts, prayers and cards. Thank you to her Marion United Methodist Church family for preparing the meal after the service.

A special thanks to the staff of Myers Funeral Home for their support and help in so many ways. Thanks to all who sent cards, called, sat with Dottie and all your love gifts.

Saundra Marie Winn, John Winn,  
Karen Gibson, Saundra & Perry Brookshire,  
Vickie Knight, Cindy Stone and Perry III

## Thank You

The family of Mr. Richard (Dick) Anderson wishes to express our thanks and appreciation to each and everyone who sent flowers and brought food. A special thanks to Dr. Graham and his staff, the staff of Crittenden Health Systems for the care they gave Mr. Dick Anderson. I want to thank the staff of Myers Funeral Home for their kindness and thanks to Bro. Mike Jones. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and sympathy during this difficult time.

Mrs. Patrica Anderson & family

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# Marion School forms band after years without one

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let's travel to the year 1939 and 1940. A new band was being formed at the Marion High School. Let's follow along with the history of this new marching band.

Hollis Franklin wrote a small column for The Press at this time. In his column, Two Eyes, Two Ears and A Typewriter, he wrote the following remarks:

For several years we wondered why the Marion city school couldn't have a band. We could see no reason why they shouldn't. Then one day, a certain young man with a small family, a college degree in music, a lot of ambition and considerable musical talent came to Marion to see about organizing a band. Finally he got the thing under way. His name was Ardell Holmes.

Fond parents, about 100 of them, stopped up their ears and endured. Before there can be one tune played in euphonious unison there must be 1,000 toots which are not so euphonious, played on various and sundry horns as many Marion parents will attest. Now some 12 months later Marion has a band they are proud of.

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### April 21, 1939

Marion High School is, after so many years, to have a high school band. At least, sounds coming from the vicinity of the new Manual Arts building on the high school campus indicate that there are some instruments of brass and some thoroughly good lungs in the community and we are taking it for granted that the ultimate aim is a band. The band is being organized by Ardell Holmes.

### May 26, 1939

The 36-piece group under direction of Ardell Holmes, will play concerts and make other appearances during the summer months according to an announcement yesterday by Holmes.

The band is composed of pupils of Marion schools. Their first appearance was



Achievement Night and at that time the appearance was well received.

Members and instruments are: Edwin Adams, Louise Shelby, George Patmor, Eddie Bruce Nunn, Thomas Carter, Margaret Carnahan, Martha Stout, Betty McConnell, Geraldine Taylor and Margaret Helen Turner, clarinets; Marilyn Loyd and Linda Lamb, flutes; Jane Newcom, Christine Williamson, Harry Hale, Virginia Roe Williams, and Iris Ann Travis, saxophones; Laverne Taylor, John Daugherty, and Jesse Wayne Alvis, drums; Betty B. Wiggins, John T. Yates, Doyle Walker, H.C. Enoch, Jr., Buddy Loyd, Willard Moore, Bobby Swisher, and Gelima Paris, sornets; Jim Earl Dollins, James William Mayes and Joseph Young, trombones; Donald Thompson, L.E. Dunning and Ralph Shelby, mellophones; Mary Helen Franklin, baritone; and Dennis Clark, bass.

A drive has been launched by a group of civic minded business and professional men for the purpose of purchasing caps and capes for the Marion School Band. The money is to be raised by popular donations and contributions and Neil G. Guess, cashier at Farmers Bank and Trust Company, has been named trustee of the fund.

The band is composed of students residing in Marion and Crittenden County. It is a civic duty of both the city and the county as the band will make public appearances during the summer, fall and winter.

Ardell Holmes, director, estimates that the cost will be about \$10 per member and there are 36 members in the

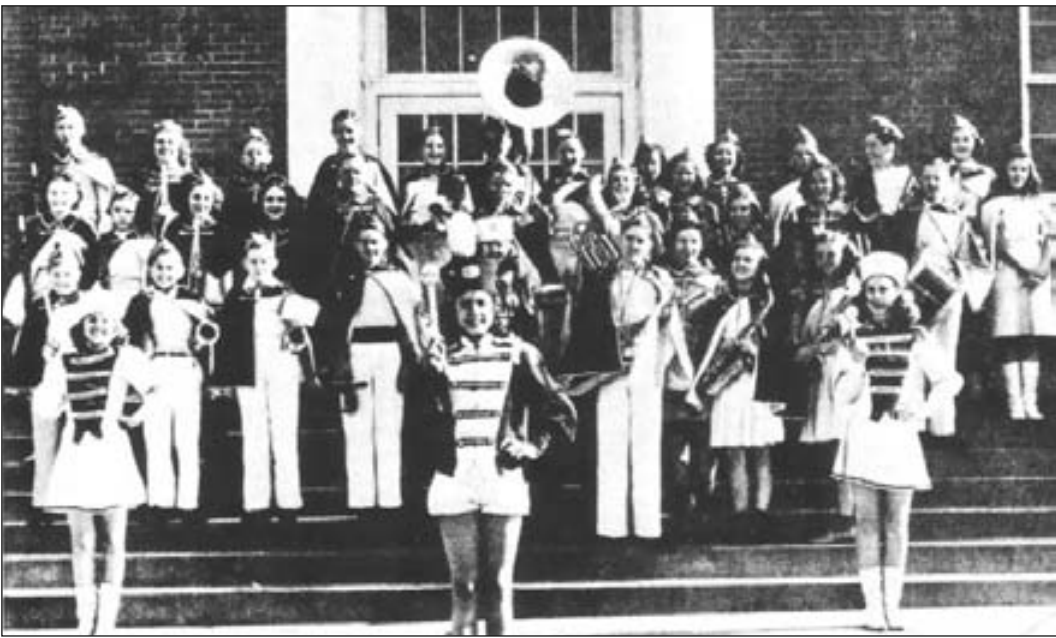


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Marion High School Band in their new uniforms of royal blue capes lined with white satin, white trousers or skirts and jaunty oversea style cap. Just look at those proud smiles on their young faces.

organization, thus the total to be raised is set tentatively at \$360. No profit is to be made or derived by any individual, all funds will be used exclusively for the purpose of buying the uniforms and when purchased a competent person will be placed in charge of the uniforms when not in use.

### July 28, 1939

Marion School band is to appear at Court Square Saturday afternoon. The appearance is the first of a series planned by band director Holmes. The band has been organized for five months. During that period intensive training has been undergone. Concerts are planned on primary election day and one to be held at Fohs Hall.

### Nov. 10, 1939

Marion School Band will have uniforms for the annual Thanksgiving grid game against Princeton according to an announcement by Ardell Holmes, director.

The uniforms will be of royal blue whipcord capes lined with white satin and the skirts or trousers of white. Members are to furnish skirts or trousers but Holmes made the restriction

that these must be of white material. Details of caps had not been worked out when the uniforms were ordered late Tuesday afternoon.

The funds were aided by public donation and climaxes a drive that has been in evidence since early summer. Holmes is holding weekly practice sessions for the Tiger battle and in addition is working on drill formations. The band will make its first appearance in uniforms and also of formations Nov. 30, the date set by officials for the Marion-Princeton battle. Holmes refused to divulge the formations he has planned but said "they will be surprising." Drum major Charles Taylor will be flanked by majorettes Louise Franklin and Louise Shelby with "Baby Lou" Williamson as mascot.

The day of the big game finally arrived. The Marion School Band would make its first public appearance in new uniforms, which include a jaunty oversea style cap. The band will enter the field preceding the team, playing a football march. At the half, band director Holmes, said the band will form a P in

front of the Princeton stands and later an M for Marion, concluding the performance with a bell formation in mid-field and from this the Bells of St. Mary's will be played.

### March 15, 1940

Band director Ardell Holmes is to present Marion School Band in an anniversary recital at Fohs hall. The concert is the first anniversary of the founding of the organization and also the first prepared indoor program. Several specialty numbers and a cornet solo by Betty B. Wiggins are features. Other specialty numbers are a Solo Pomposo, bass solo by Dennis Clark, accompaniment upon piano by Mary Helen Franklin, Precious Name, sacred - bass quartette, Doyle Walker cornet, John Yates cornet, Lawrence Marshall trombone, Mary Helen Franklin baritone, and Country Gardens, clarinet duet - Edwin Adams, Margaret Carnahan.

### April 5, 1940

About two weeks ago some 40 odd Marion youngsters crawled into cars or on trucks and without fanfare journeyed over to Madisonville to participate in the

district band contests.

When the scores were finally chalked up the Marion band had won the highest honors in the district for First Year Bands. The organization received "superior" ratings in the elimination contest. Bands were classified according to school enrollment and duration of organization of the bands.

Their next competition was at Bowling Green. The band by virtue of winning "excellent plus" rating at the contest became the best band in the state in division four for the first-year bands. Beside the original band members new members that had been added before the competition were Bobby Lear, cornet; Jim Earl Dollins and James William Mayes, french horns; Lawrence Marshall, trombone; Eddie Bruce Nunn and Edwin Gazelle, drums; and Jerry Jones, baritone.

The principal judge at the Bowling Green meet, which was held in Western auditorium, was Prof. Weigel, head of music at Ohio State.

Holmes, director, of the Marion band, said "I was very pleased with the result of these contests and hope to have a large and better band next year. Next year the band will move into a higher division and naturally requirements will be greater and it is my earnest desire that Marion band maintain the record already begun. George L. Patmor, Mary Helen Franklin and Louise Shelby will be lost by graduation but some 10 or 12 students are training to be placed in the band this fall."

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As a member of the Crittenden County High School marching band of 1961-62, I know the hard work and dedication of the students, band director and parents that it takes to have a successful band. I know Marion was proud of the accomplishments of their new band in 1940 and the years to come.

## 25&50 YRS AGO BLAST FROM THE PAST

### NEWS FROM 1962

■ Mary Ann Lowery, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lowery of Tolu, won the junior high spelling bee. Mickey Neel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Neel, was runner-up.  
■ Two "B's" led the individual game and series in Tues-

day night play of the Crittenden County Bowling League at New Eddyville when B. Hopkins turned in a respectable 217 to cop individual honors and B. Westberry's fat 567 was good enough to take the game series. Marion Cafe and Peoples Bank tied with an 819 to share honors for the night in the high team game, while KU, always dangerous, recorded 2340 high team series.

### NEWS FROM 1987

■ Mike Crider of Marion was one of 33 freshmen at Georgetown College to be named to the academic honorary fraternity Alpha Lambda Delta. To

be eligible, a student must have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale. Crider, a 1986 graduate of Crittenden County High School, is the son of Roy Allen and Erika Crider of Marion.

■ Pvt. 1st Class Donald P. Taylor, son of James D. and Doris Taylor of Marion, completed basic training. Students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions. He was a 1976 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

## RELAY

Continued from Page 1

kind of cancer is upsetting, regardless of which kind it is," Padget said. "When I was first told, I started crying and the first three things I thought of were prayer, family and friends. I was upset about my diagnosis but then my dermatologist told me something that changed my perspective. He said, 'Sue, you can see your cancer. A lot of others can't.' And he was right. That has helped me so much over the years to deal with my diagnosis."

Because of her personal battles, along with family ties to the illness, Padget says she became involved in Relay for Life through her church, Sugar Grove Presbyterian. When she found out the church had a team, she immediately joined, becoming co-captain and captain of the team over the years. From there, she eventually became co-chair of the event and has been working on it for the last four years along with Blackburn. Due to Blackburn's own battle with cancer, however, Padget has found herself taking on sole responsibilities as the event's chair, trying to get everything ready in time by May 11, as well as participating in her Relay for Life team at her church, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

"I love working with Frank so not having him here is sad," Padget said. "He's been not only important to Relay for Life but also to the community as well. My prayers are with him and Linda and

anyone else going through the same thing.

"Without Frank here, I've had to fill his shoes and that's pretty difficult to do. There's a lot of hand work that goes into planning Relay for Life and without Frank here it's been a little overwhelming but there are a lot of hard workers on the committee

that are helping out as much as they can. Even Perry Newcom has been understanding and allowed me some time off early on a weekday so that I could go out and find sponsors. I'm fortunate to be able to work in a place like that where I can go and know that I have the full support of my co-workers."



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Softball at Lyon County  
**TUESDAY**  
Baseball hosts Lyon County  
Softball hosts Trigg County  
Track at Marshall County

OUTDOORS

**Upcoming seasons**  
Youth Turkey April 7-8  
Spring Turkey April 14 - May 6  
Spring Squirrel May 19 - June 15  
LBL Squirrel May 19 - June 15  
Groundhog Year Round  
Coyote Year Round

SOCCKER

**Crittenden wins two**  
Crittenden County co-ed U14 and U12 soccer teams won at Princeton Saturday. In the U14 game, Alexis Tabor scored two goals and Ashley Wheeler had one in a 3-2 victory. Mattie Campbell and Amanda Lynch each had an assist and Macie Shoulders had five saves at goalie. Lindsey Cochran scored four goals in the U12 team's 6-5 victory while Wheeler and Xander Tabor added one apiece. Wheeler also had two assists. Alexis Tabor had eight saves at the goal.

BASEBALL

**Wood is 4-0 at Indy**  
Alex Wood of Marion is working on a perfect season at the University of Indianapolis, Ind. Wood, a 6-foot-2 sophomore righthander, is 4-0 with a 2.88 ERA in 25 innings. Wood went seven innings in a start last week against St. Joseph's. According to the university's web site, it was Wood's best start as a Greyhound. He pitched six scoreless frames before SJC plated a single run in the seventh. Wood struck out a season-high seven batters to garner his second win over the Pumas this season.



Wood

Wood is a 2009 Crittenden County High School graduate, who had a stellar career for the Rocket baseball team. His first collegiate stop was at Rend Lake, Ill. He joined Ulndy this season and has pitched well, allowing five walks and getting 21 strikeouts this spring.

Brooks hosts NAIA

The National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced last week that Brooks Stadium in Paducah has been selected as one of nine sites for the 2012 NAIA Baseball Championship Opening Rounds. The five-team double elimination round will be held May 10-12. Pairings will be announced May 6.



Keith Fleming of Chicago bagged this Crittenden County 26-pound gobbler.



Brad Telander of Evergreen Park, Ill., bagged this 25-pound gobbler while hunting with local guide Justin DeFreitas.

BASEBALL

**Brave pitcher subdues CCHS**  
Union County got a yeoman's effort from pitcher Blaine Alvey as he fanned 15 Rocket batters en route to a 4-0 shutout Monday at Marion. Travis Gilbert went the distance for Crittenden (6-12) and pitched well, striking out 10, but some timely Union County hitting and a couple of errors gave the Braves an edge. Union, which is 19-5 with the best record in the Second Region, scored three in the fourth then got one in the sixth. Both run-scoring innings were started with a leadoff triple. The Rockets managed just three hits off the Union hurler. Wes Evers went 2-for-3 and Aaron Owen had a single. Friday's Fifth District matchup at Trigg County was suspended for rain in the middle of the third with Crittenden ahead 3-2. Play will resume at 1 p.m., Saturday before the Rockets are scheduled to host the Wildcats for another Saturday afternoon game in Marion.

**Rockets' Class A spoiled**  
After winning two straight to earn a spot in the Second Region All A Classic Baseball Tournament championship game, Crittenden went down hard against Caldwell County last Thursday. The Tigers beat the Rockets 17-0 in five innings. In its semifinal victory, Crittenden got good pitching from Travis Gilbert, who fanned six and walked four. His counterpart, Hunter Allen, pitched equally as well for Trigg. Allen struck out 15 Rocket batters, but Crittenden got to him in the top of the seventh when Wes Evers scored on a Bryce Willis double and Devin Belt singled to plate Willis and Brenden Phillips.

Union County 4, Crittenden 0			
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Alvey and O'Nan; Gilbert and Willis. WP Alvey. LP Gilbert. 2B U-Alvey, Cowan. 3B U-Thomas, H.O'Nan.			

Class A Semifinal			
Crittenden 3, Trigg County 0			
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Trigg County	000	000	0 - 0 4 0
Gilbert and Phillips; Allen and Wease. WP Gilbert. LP Allen. 2B T-Shodgrass, C-Willis.			
Class A Championship			
Caldwell County 17, Crittenden 0			
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Stewart and Waters; Evers, Belt (2) and Champion (3) and Phillips. WP Stewart. LP Evers. 2B Cr-Owen. Ca-Sindelar, B.Boyd.			

SOFTBALL

**Oliver homers again, but girls fall by seven at Union County**  
Freshman shortstop Chelsea Oliver hit a two-run homer, but it wasn't enough to get her team past Union County Tuesday night on the road. The Bravettes won the matchup 10-3. Oliver has hit two out of the park this season and continues to drive the ball very hard when she's seeing it well, says coach Bristyn Prowell. "We played much better this time around," Prowell said, pointing to an 11-0 loss earlier this season against Union. "We made a couple of defensive mistakes, but overall we're playing better." The Lady Rockets are now 3-11 on the season with a non-region game Thursday at Mayfield then a home district game Friday against Trigg County. Crittenden demolished Trigg in a game last Thursday, winning 19-4. It was the biggest offensive outburst of

Spring Sports Roundup



PHOTO BY TODD GRIFFIN

Josh Gaston and Daniel Wagoner were in lock step across the hurdles last week, finishing first and second in one meet.

the season for the Lady Rocket batters. "We hit all the way up and down the lineup," Prowell said. "Literally every-one hit the ball and scored. We also played good defense." Although the Lady Rockets have won three of their last seven games and made it to the Class A regional tournament semifinals, the coach wasn't pleased with her team's play Monday when it lost 7-3 at Caldwell County (the coach's alma mater). "We gave up too many runs and struggled to hit the ball," she said about that game. Still, Prowell remains encouraged as she made some moves to strengthen the lineup. She said sophomore McKenzie Hewitt is playing well behind the plate and pitchers Emily Owen and Haylee Young continue to throw well.

TRACK

**Boys squad wins 2 meets**  
Crittenden County's boys' track team continues to post excellent times and distances in meets this season. The squad won a couple of four-team meets last week as Daniel Wagoner, Jacob Berry, Noah Cooper, Josh Gaston, Elliot Day and several relay teams won first-place honors. Following are results of Crittenden County's participants in those two meets, each at Princeton.

BOYS	
At Caldwell County April 19	
Team Totals Crittenden 102, Lone Oak 81, Caldwell County 46, Livingston Central 31.	
110 Hurdles	3. J.Gaston 20.45; 4. D.Wagoner 20.59.
100 Meters	5. N.Cooper 12.41; 6. Z.Tinsley; 7. C.Asbridge.
1600 Meters	3. J.Berry 5:48; 4. J.Graham 5:52.
400 Meters	2. D.Roberts 1:04.59.
300 Hurdles	3. J.Gaston 49.29; 5. J.Gaston; 6. D.Wagoner.
800 Meters	5. J.Graham 2:45.
200 Meters	3. A.Yates 25.90; 4. D.Roberts 26.09; 5. B.McKinney 27.53.
3200 Meters	1. J.Berry 12:32; K.Mayes 12:44.
Triple Jump	1. N.Cooper 34-2; 2. D.Patton 32-4; 3. A.Yates.
High Jump	1. N.Cooper 5-4.
Long Jump	2. N.Cooper 34-2; 3. C.Asbridge 32-4.
Shot Put	2. E.Day 37-0.
Discus	1. E.Day 98-1; 3. K.Mayes 79-8.
3200 Relay	2. Crittenden (Mayes, McKinney, Graham, Berry) 10:48.
800 Relay	1. Crittenden (Asbridge, Roberts, Tinsley, Scott) 1:44.20.
400 Meters	1. Crittenden (Scott, Tinsley, Gaston, Roberts) 54.43.
1600 Relay	1. Crittenden (Tinsley, Scott, Gaston, Wagoner) 4:00.

GIRLS	
At Caldwell County April 19	
Team Totals Caldwell County 104, Crittenden County 58, Livingston Central 44, Lone Oak 40.	
100 Hurdles	3. Collyer 20.53.
100 Meters	5. Moss 14.14; 8. Dossett 15:02.
1600 Meters	2. Sitar 6:46; 4. Schnittker 7:26; 7. McConnell 7:41.
400 Meters	3. Scott 1:14.29.
300 Hurdles	4. Johnson 1:12.59; 5. McDonald 1:12.83.
800 Meters	1. Sitar 2:59.
200 Meters	7. Dossett 32.44.
3200 Meters	1. Schnittker 15:04; 4. McConnell 17:48.
Triple Jump	2. Collyer 26-4; 4. McDonald 22-1.5; 5. Gibson 20-7.
Long Jump	3. Moss 13-2; 7. Johnson 10-7.5; 8. McDonald 10.15; 9. Gibson 10.1.
Discus	3. Rizzo 55-0.
3200 Relay	2. Crittenden (Sitar, McConnell, Shuecraft, Scott) 12:53.
800 Relay	3. Crittenden (Dossett, Moss, McDonald, Collyer) 2:10.09.
400 Relay	3. Crittenden (Dossett, Johnson, Collyer, Moss) 59.58.
1600 Meters	2. Crittenden (Sitar, Johnson, Shuecraft, Scott) 5:19.1.

BOYS	
At Caldwell County April 17	
Team Totals Crittenden 114, Hopkins Central 63, Caldwell County 44, Dawson Springs 20.	
110 Hurdles	1. D.Wagoner 20.71; 2. J.Gaston 20.72.
100 Meters	2. C.Asbridge 12.72.
1600 Meters	2. J.Berry 5:47; 3. J.Graham 5:49.
400 Meters	2. T.Scott 59.27; 3. D.Roberts 1:02.99; 5. N.Burnett 1:11.17.
300 Hurdles	1. J.Gaston 51.35; 2. D.Wagoner 51.82.
800 Meters	3. J.Graham 2:38; 4. J.Suggs 2:46; 6. D.Paris 2:54; 7. C.Hayes 3:04.
200 Meters	2. A.Yates, 26.00; 4. B.McKinney



PHOTO BY REESE BAKER

Rocket catcher Brenden Phillips slides safely into third during a recent high school baseball game. Phillips was sick and missed Monday's game against Union County, causing coach Nathan McDowell to shuffle his lineup, giving seventh-grader Shelby Robinson his first varsity start at shortstop.



Ethan Hunt (front right) was on the U12 championship team at the Kentucky Lake Bash in Draffenville last weekend. He plays for the Murray-based Stinger team. The team was 4-0.



Hunter Boone, Pate Robinson and Gavin Dickerson, all of Marion, pose with Titan teammates after winning first place in the U11 age division at the Kentucky Lake Bash. The team includes players from Marion, Princeton and Eddyville.



Marion Bobcats finished second in the U9 division at the Kentucky Lake Bash last weekend in Draffenville. Team members are Braxton Winders, Eric O'Leary, Aiden Rush, Gavin Hunt, Gabe Mott, Gunner Bingham, Caden McCalister, Tyler Boone, Tate Roberts, Trace Adams and Brody Williams.



Nelson Jennings, 11, got his first turkey with help from uncle Tony O'Neal. The bird had a 10-inch beard, weighed 23 pounds and had spurs just over one inch.



Chris McDonald tagged out with this 20-pound gobbler that had a nine-inch beard and one-inch spurs.



Mason Gloré took this gobbler in Crittenden County with grandfather Ronnie Gloré. It weighed 23 pounds, had a 10-inch beard and inch spurs.



Ethan Beverly got his first turkey on the new Big River WMA near Surgis. He got the bird on the opening morning of youth season. It was a double-bearded jake with beards four and three inches long.



# COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

Crittenden County High School in conjunction with Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation held its first ever College Signing Day last Thursday. Students committed to colleges, institutes, technical schools or the military were recognized during an assembly of the entire high school. Pictured are those students recognized.



**Jenna Lynn**  
Murray State University



**Corey Berry**  
Murray State University



**Emily Bruns**  
Murray State University



**Sean McNeely**  
Emily Griffith IT School



**Taylor Cosby**  
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**Stacia Snow**  
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**Hunter Burnette**  
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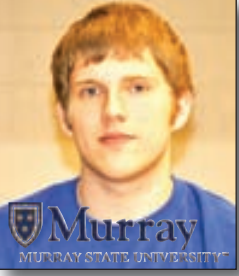
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**Jake Tabor**  
Western Kentucky University



**Brody Bruns**  
Western Kentucky University



**Cody Pinson**  
Murray State University



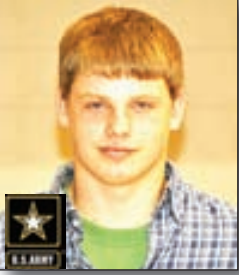
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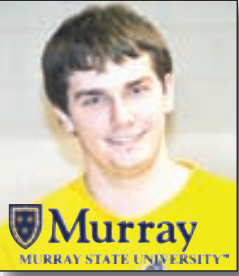
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# School district renews building plans for future

By **JERRITT HOVEY-BROWN**  
PRESS REPORTER

With the Crittenden County School District's facilities master plan expiring this year, a local committee has been put together to construct a new one for the future building needs of the district. On Tuesday evening, the local board of education gave its final approval to the committee's revised plan that puts the middle school in the crosshairs of being replaced.

The process, according to Crittenden County Superintendent Rachel Yarbrough, must be done every four

years as directed by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). The master facilities plan must include demographic information, transportation needs, incoming preschool data and more. The plan is based on a districtwide survey of facilities provided by RBS Design Group of Owensboro.

After walking through all three schools during the survey, RBS scored each school on a scale of one to five with one being the best based on the condition of the facilities. Crittenden County Elementary School was ranked a

Category 3, the high school a Category 4 and the freshman academy a Category 2. The middle school, however, was saddled with the worst rating, opening the doors for the facility planning committee to consider a major rebuild and renovation that could include adding more restrooms, a bus canopy, secure entrance/airlock/door control system, asbestos abatement, asphalt repair and more.

Built as the high school in 1949, the building was later expanded in 1969, adding the segment between the current high school and middle

school. The original building was never truly renovated, leaving teachers, administration and students finding themselves outgrowing the facility.

"Several things are considered during the survey when an architectural group like RBS does a facility walk through," Yarbrough said. "Everything from the size of the classrooms to the

technology-capability is looked at and then some, which helps the district to pinpoint areas that need to be fixed to better give our students the best education.

"Right now, with the middle school's ranking, the facility planning committee is looking at every angle, determining the priorities of the district. As it is, our long-range goal would be to move forward with the middle school project which could entail rebuilding."

Money for the renovation and possibly construction of a new middle school would

come from bonding capacity the district has, which is \$3.5 million.

Since forming in January to work on updating a new master plan for the district, the planning committee has met four times. During those meetings, a plan has been constructed and sent before KDE for approval. During a brief meeting held April 17 at Rocket Arena, planning committee members discussed changes recommended by KDE before voting to send the updated plan before the board of education for final approval.

## SCHOOL

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heart.

Seeing other parents like herself who wanted to homeschool but were unable to because of work sparked the idea, but McConnell attributes that idea to God laying a burden on her heart.

"I knew I wanted to homeschool my own son, and then I started feeling the need to be able to help the other parents in my church by offering to homeschool theirs, too," McConnell said. "Not long after, Arise and Declare Christian Academy was formed."

McConnell's homeschool began with three students and has since grown to eight, varying in grades from kindergarten to sophomore year in high school. Unlike some homeschools, McConnell teaches what is known as classical education. She discovered the method after applying to be a teacher at Hardin (Ky.) Baptist Church's christian school.

"In order to apply, I had to read a book on classical education, and then I had to write several papers on it," McConnell said. "The more I researched it, the more I fell in love with it. As I became more educated on the method, I was learning things that I wasn't taught in school, and it filled in those gaps, especially in history. Learning that, it just made more sense to me, and I have several degrees, including a master's."

Despite an immediately strong relationship between McConnell and those at Hardin Baptist, she said that she wasn't offered a teaching position. But it wasn't upsetting.

"I felt comfortable either way they had decided. If they hired me, it was God's will. If they didn't, it was God's will," McConnell said. "So when I wasn't offered the position, I knew it was for a reason, and it was to start my own homeschool."

Classical education is a method that combines the study of the Bible along with the study of classic books. Teaching classical education



Students at Michelle McConnell's Arise and Declare Christian Academy (from left) Mercedes Haney, Riley McConnell, Layla Haney and Jeremiah Jacobs work on their lessons during class Monday.

is about teaching a student what they want to know when they want to know it. Divided into three master tools based on students' ages, they are taught grammar (English and Latin), logic and rhetoric, covering the core curriculum that includes math, science, history, literature, fine arts and theology. Because it is a method new to McConnell. She spends Fridays and Saturdays studying on the topics before they are taught to the students.

"The way this method is designed, it teaches history

from the beginning of Genesis to the present day America," McConnell said. "It's such a great tool and the kids really learn a lot."

McConnell says another great feature of classical education is the ability of the students to self-guide themselves through their work. When they have a question, they ask McConnell, but oftentimes her students help one another if they can.

"I'm teaching them to be self-sufficient when possible and when they need help, they don't just rely on me. They have other classmates

who are willing to help them," McConnell added.

Students in McConnell's homeschool pay \$200 a month tuition, then \$100 per sibling from the same household, with all of the money used to buy books for students.

"Before I had applied at Hardin, I had never heard of classical education but once I learned about it, I fell in love with it," McConnell said. "The kids learn so much more with this method."

For more information regarding the program, call McConnell at 704-1974.

## Clay woman injured in one-vehicle wreck Friday east of Marion

STAFF REPORT

A Webster County woman was injured Friday afternoon in a single vehicle wreck east of Marion.

Cathy Gage, 51, of Clay was eastbound on U.S. 60 East near Rosebud Hill when she lost control of her 1999 Mercury Villager as she entered a curve. According to a Crittenden County Sheriff's office report, Gage told authorities the rear of her van lost traction as she entered the turn, causing her to possibly overcorrect. Her minivan exited the eastbound lane and struck an embankment before overturning, coming to a rest on

its top.

Though injured, Gage, was able to call for help. Crittenden County Rescue Squad was dispatched to the scene, but the woman was able to get free of her overturned vehicle before the extraction team arrived.

Sheriff Wayne Agent said Gage was transported by Crittenden EMS to Crittenden Health Systems for treatment of injuries.

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