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761 killed on Ky. highways in 2015

Traffic fatalities in Kentucky made a sharp increase in 2015 compared to the previous year.

According to the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety and Kentucky State Police, there were 761 fatalities in 2015, 89 more than 2014. Three of those were in Crittenden County. Mild winter weather and lower gas prices during the last quarter of the year led to increased traveling on Kentucky roadways and are considered to be contributing factors in the fatality increase.

Of the fatalities last year, 51 percent were not buckled up and 18.7 percent involved alcohol. More than 36 percent involved speeding or aggressive drivers. Motorcyclists accounted for 80 fatalities, with 65 percent not wearing helmets.

As of Monday, preliminary numbers indicate there have been 151 fatalities in 2016, down from 173 compared to the same time last year.

Sheriff offering chance at Gator

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent has raffle tickets available that might allow some local person in this



Agent

community to win a John Deere Gator. All proceeds from the sale of the chances on the rig will benefit the Kentucky

Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranch at Gilbertsville.

Contact the sheriff's office at (270) 965-3400 or stop by the courthouse office to get a ticket. The cost is \$10 each, and the drawing will be held in September.

2016 graduation schedule OK'd

Crittenden County Board of Education has set the graduation schedule for the 2016-17 school year. Commencement will be Friday, May 27, which is also the last day of classes in the school district. Class night for seniors will be Thursday, May 26, and baccalaureate services will be Wednesday, May 25. All three events are scheduled to being at 6 p.m.

Originally set as a teacher planning day following this week's spring break, Monday will be a class day. May 17, primary election day, will now serve as a planning day.

Meetings

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will hold a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) to award bids for plumbing, electrical, HVAC and fire protection at Crittenden County Restricted Custody Center.

- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Marion Welcome Center.

- Crittenden County Board of Education will hold a working session at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Rocket Arena.



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PACS driver using own car to deliver meals

STAFF REPORT

When state regulations recently kicked in that limited how vehicles belonging to Pennyrile Allied Community Services (PACS) could be used, Tina Jones stepped up and offered her own Chevrolet Cavalier to deliver meals to the elderly.

Her altruism was of no surprise to Jenny Sosh, director of Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.

"She is always willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done," Sosh said.

Jones, 69, is retired from the local hospital. She has worked 11 years off and on for PACS. She is a lifelong Crittenden County resident

and knows most of the people on her 13-mile Meals on Wheels route through the city.

"You really get attached to the people you deliver to," she said. "For a lot of them, I am the only person they see all day."

Through the senior center, Hopkinsville-based PACS has for many years offered a meal five days a week to shut-ins or the elderly. It is a program that those on the receiving end have come to rely upon. So when regulations began affecting the use of PACS vehicles for this effort, the senior center needed to find a way to keep its wheels turning without

violating the operational policy on its fleet of three government-owned vehicles.

Sosh said there is a formula that directs the number of miles for which those automobiles can be deployed to deliver something other than people to a destination. In other words, the Meals on Wheels program was looking for an alternative source of transportation when Jones offered her private car for the job.

Linda Davis drives a PACS vehicle on her route for Meals on Wheels out in the county, traveling about 60 miles a day. In order to meet state guidelines, the much shorter city route needed some help and that

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PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Tina Jones has taken to using her own vehicle to deliver meals from Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center to local residents after state regulations kicked in, preventing the use of center vehicles.



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Spring training

Spring has sprung at Marion-Crittenden County Park with a number of youth sports activities now under way. Here, youth baseball coach Jared Champion takes a look at prospective pitchers for the upcoming season. From left, the boys are Damyon Toy, Nicholas Pendley, Tucker Riley and Riley Barker, who just released the ball. Soccer season is already going at the park and baseball games start in May.

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Opening Day pinch hit for Padres | Page 14**

Party picks GOP town hall April 28

STAFF REPORT

Republicans in Crittenden County have already selected their presidential nominee, but there's still work to be done. In many ways, what's up next is even more important than the race for the White House, claims the local GOP's vice chairman.

"This is a very, very, very important race," Fred Stubblefield said of Kentucky's May primary election that features a contest for the seat to be vacated by 11-term U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Hopkinsville. "We're replacing a congressman who's been in there a long time. He knows our community, and he's helped us. We need to make sure that continues."

To help GOP voters decide who they want to appear on the November ballot to face the Democratic opposition looking to take the open seat in Congress, Crittenden County Republican Party is hosting a town hall meeting featuring three of the party's four 1st District congressional candidates. Jason Batts, Mike Pape and James Comer have agreed to participate in the April 28 event at

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Salem teen charged with park vandalism

STAFF REPORT

Police have arrested a Salem man for burglary and criminal mischief for breaking into a concession stand at Marion-Crittenden County Park on March 27.

William Leon Reed, 18, was arrested and jailed last Wednesday after police questioned him about the incident at the park.

Police Chief Ray O'Neal found Reed at the courthouse where he was appearing in Crittenden District Court on an unrelated matter.

O'Neal said investigators have strong evidence pointing to Reed as the person who kicked down a door to the high school baseball team's concession stand. It is unclear what, if anything, was taken from the building because it had yet to be stocked with inventory for the current baseball season.

Reed is facing a felony charge of third-degree burglary and misdemeanor third-degree criminal mischief. If convicted, he could face one to five years in prison.



Reed

Bad weather forces down Ill. pilot at Marion airport

STAFF REPORT

What could have been a harrowing situation for a southern Illinois pilot turned out just fine a couple of weeks ago thanks to the airstrip at Marion.

Curtis Lee Maddox, 70, a very experienced pilot from Harrisburg, Ill., had been to Indianapolis to watch a young friend compete in an archery tournament. On the flight home in his Comanche 260, a rare late March snowstorm pushed across the region.

Now, Maddox isn't one to worry too much about a little weather. After all, he'd been flying all sorts of

aircraft since 1969. But when his transponder and instruments began failing - including his fuel gauge - Maddox knew he'd better exercise extreme caution. Like he says, when you're flying, you don't take chances.

The retired coal mining construction contractor said he tried to land at his home base at Harrisburg, but the weather was too bad. He talked to the FAA center at Memphis, Tenn., on his aircraft's two-way radio and discussed changing his flight plan to Paducah where he'd wait out the storm. There, he found more difficult condi-

tions and decided to shoot for Nashville, Tenn., where he has family.

"I thought I'd just head down there and have dinner with my daughter," said the pilot, unfazed at the time by what was happening in the skies above western Kentucky.

Yet, after surmising the situation more closely and discussing it with the FAA flight center, Maddox figured he'd better not risk the trip to Tennessee, not being perfectly certain how much fuel was on board his single-engine Piper.

"I was comfortable with

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COMMODITY FOOD SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM
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Distribution is April 15
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402 N. Walker St. in Marion



Family court judge: April recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Community can make life better for children

By BRANDI ROGERS

FAMILY COURT JUDGE

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. As family court judge, I see the effects every day of abuse and neglect. Child abuse is 100 percent preventable. This is why it is so important that the community come together as a whole to acknowledge and recognize this epidemic within our county lines.

In 2009, Kentucky was first in the nation with the most child abuse and child neglect deaths per capita. As a result, Kentucky has done several things to revamp its social service structure.

By 2012, Kentucky went from having the highest rate of child abuse and neglect deaths per capita to 18th. Last year, I became a part of the circuit judge's fatality

and near-fatality child abuse and neglect prevention committee to work with other judges across the state to continue to improve efforts to prevent all fatalities and near-fatalities as a result of child abuse and neglect.

To put this in some light, from 2001 to 2010 the United States combined number of military deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan was 5,877. In that same period of time, there were 15,510 child deaths in the United States as a result of child abuse and neglect. Not only do we have a problem, we have an epidemic.

In 2014, in Kentucky alone, there were 145,576 calls to social services. From those calls, 89,193 children had their situations investigated by the Department of Community Based Services.

REPORT IT

In Kentucky, if a person suspects child abuse or neglect, they can call **877-KYSAFE1** 24 hours a day or report it online at <https://prd.chfs.ky.gov/ReportAbuse/home.aspx>.

Also, 19,407 children's cases were substantiated for neglect or abuse.

What we have learned from the statistics in Kentucky is that the most serious cases involve children ages 4 and under; the parents of these most serious cases are generally under the age of 30; and surprisingly most of the perpetrators by slim margin are female.

These children come from all ethnic and racial backgrounds, but are primarily white. The abuser in these

most serious cases is not generally a step-parent or a boyfriend/girlfriend of a parent – but an actual biological parent.

The most horrific fact is that around 60 percent of these fatalities and near fatalities have had one prior report or no reports to social services in the past. Sadly, 80 percent of the children who die or almost die at the hands of their caretakers in this country have seen some medical professional within two weeks of their incident.

Common risk factors seen in abusive and neglectful households include a combination of substance abuse, domestic violence and mental health issues. Families with all three of these common issues are at a much higher risk for abuse and neglect in the household than families

with one or none of the above.

Signs of child abuse can include such things as if an infant that is not mobile has bruising of any sort, especially around the ears and face. There is a saying in the medical profession that, "If they are not bruising, they are not bruising."

Babies who are not mobile generally do not have these types of injuries. We need to remind parents, especially young parents, that in most instances it is OK to place a crying baby in a crib and walk away for a few minutes instead of getting frustrated with the baby's crying and potentially losing control and shaking the baby.

Everyone can help a child they suspect is being neglected or abused by reporting. Report! Report!

In Kentucky, any person who has knowledge that a child is being neglected or abused and fails to report this information to either the Department of Community Based Services, the county attorney, the commonwealth's attorney or law enforcement commits a Class B misdemeanor and could find themselves in jail for up to 90 days.

If a person suspects child abuse or neglect, they can call 877-KYSAFE1 24 hours a day or report it online at <https://goo.gl/gd0cwM>.

Together, we may not be able to stop all abuse and neglect, but we can help many children and families in our community.

(Editor's note: Brandi Rogers is the 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge for Crittenden, Union and Webster counties.)

Budget negotiations should come to fruition Tuesday

As the final day of a General Assembly session approaches, the fate of numerous bills typically becomes much clearer.

It's a stark contrast to the early days of a session, when uncertainty fills the air. When a session opens, no one knows which issues will hit stumbling blocks as they navigate the legislative process. Capitol observers wonder for months whether the bills they follow will end up enshrined in the law books.

By this time of year, though, we see a growing number of bills land on the governor's desk and we gain a clearer view of the measures that will soon become law. Last week we saw bills delivered to the governor's office that would strengthen penalties against habitual drunk drivers, crack down on those engaged in dog-fighting operations, and ensure the swift and proper handling of sexual assault



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evidence kits.

But for bills that haven't made it that far by this point, questions linger.

No bill is prompting as many questions and speculation about its fate as the state's next two-year budget. At the time of this writing Monday, the House and Senate had each passed their own preferred versions of the budget and had reached an impasse in efforts to agree on a compromise measure. Among the sticking points is how much money should go toward shoring up the state's troubled pension systems

and whether or not colleges and universities should face budget cuts. Once budget negotiations ended last Thursday, Governor Matt Bevin ordered the public colleges, universities and community colleges to immediately make 4.5 percent cuts. On Friday, Attorney General Andy Beshear released a statement saying

the governor's unilateral action in cutting the appropriated funding was outside of his authority and asked him to rescind his order.

Negotiations are likely to continue in the days ahead as lawmakers on a budget conference committee strive to find a compromise that will have the support of both chambers when lawmakers return on Tuesday for the 60th and final day of the 2016 session. I am hopeful that wisdom, common sense and level heads prevail as our leaders confer on the spending plan that will best serve all the citizens of the commonwealth.

As budget negotiations continued last week, the Senate took action on a number of other bills that were sent to the governor, including the following:

- House Bill 305, which contains the 2016-18 Biennial Highway Construction Plan, spells out the spending of more than \$600 million on transportation infrastructure needs in the Commonwealth over the next three years, a total bolstered by federal matching grants and local governments chipping in. HB 305 now returns to the House for consideration of the changes.

Stay informed

There are several ways to keep up with the 2016 legislative session and share your thoughts with lawmakers.

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(866) 840-2835

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(800) 633-9650

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702 Capitol Ave.
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- HB 40 would allow someone convicted of certain felonies to petition a judge to vacate the conviction and expunge the record. The individual seeking expungement would have to wait five years after completing the sentence and pay a \$500 fee. Under the bill, those convicted for violent or sex offenses would not be included.

- Senate Bill 11, an omnibus bill for the spirits industry, would increase the

amount of packaged alcohol sold at distilleries and increase the size of samples handed out at distilleries. The measure is meant to promote "bourbon tourism." The bill would also allow microbreweries to increase production.

- HB 111 would require every public school to post the state's child abuse hotline number – 877-KYSAFE1. The bill was amended to also require the state to waive snow days that school districts are unable to make up. School districts impacted by snow or other school calendar-altering events are required to work with the state to meet all 1,062 required annual instructional hours, if at all possible, by June 5. If the district attempts to meet all required hours and cannot, the state would be obligated under HB 111 to waive any hours that remain.

- HB 276 would allow public universities to offer in-state tuition to members of any United States Reserve component. HB 87 would allow for any high school student participating in basic training required by a branch of the United States Armed Forces to be considered present for all purposes for up to 10 days.

- HB 183 would provide for a disabled veteran-owned business certification program. It would also require the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Contract Compliance to establish guidelines for the certification program and application process through the promulgation of administrative regulations.

- HB 100 would require health benefit plans that provide benefits for autism spectrum disorders treatment provide a liaison to the insured to facilitate communication between the insured and the insurer.

- House Concurrent Resolution 187 urges and petitions the United States Customs and Border Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security to require advance electronic data screening of all inbound shipments to the U.S. to facilitate identification and interception of illegal synthetic drugs and chemicals.

- HB 19 would establish the employers' organ and bone marrow donation tax credit.

Even though time in this session of the General Assembly is short, you can still stay up-to-date on all bills and other legislative actions.

Pension, higher ed hang-ups on budget

The Kentucky Constitution mandates that the General Assembly is in regular session for 60 days in even-numbered years to pass the state's budgets. The original 2016 legislative calendar had March 28 as Day 58, the last day before the General Assembly would recess to allow the governor to review bills that had been passed and to decide whether or not to sign or veto them. The General Assembly would then reconvene on April 11 and 12 for Days 59 and 60 for the purpose of attempting to override any vetoes and end this year's regular session. Due to the one snow day that happened earlier in the session, however, the legislative calendar was adjusted and the General Assembly met both March 28 and 29 for days 57 and 58.

Since the joint House and Senate Budget Committee was unable to reach an executive budget compromise by March 29, the General Assembly was called into session Friday for Day 59 in the hope that the joint House and Senate Budget Committee would have reached a compromise by then. Unfortunately, talks reached an impasse and there is still no executive budget bill to consider.

Sadly, there has been no House and Senate agree-



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ment on the six-year road plan either.

The top priority of both the House and Senate Republican caucuses is the woefully underfunded public retirement systems, while the House and Senate Democrat caucuses point toward funding for our post-secondary institutions as their priority. Since the House is controlled by Democrats and the Senate is controlled by Republicans, the House committee members are focusing on post-secondary institutions and the Senate committee members are focusing on the \$38 billion unfunded pension liabilities.

I believe that public pensions are the No. 1 problem facing Kentucky. Our unfunded pension liabilities have caused our credit rating to be lowered numerous times, and Kentucky now has the dubious distinction of being the worst state in the nation when it comes to pension funding. This is mind-numbing, especially when considering the fact that states such as Illinois, New York and California are rated higher than we are.

If we are unable to get our public pension problem under control, the longterm liability issues will ultimately cut out even more money from areas such as education. Addressing pension funding in a responsible manner is both morally

IN RECESS

The 2016 session of the Kentucky General Assembly will be in veto recess until Monday. The session is scheduled to end April 12, Day 60 of the 60-day session.

right and financially prudent.

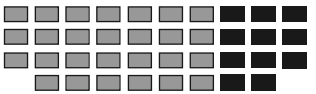
Higher education institutions have been asked to take a cut from the money the state provides. This fiscal year, the colleges and universities would receive 4.5 percent less than they were to receive from the state based on the 2014 budget, the next year the colleges and universities would receive 9 percent less than they were to receive from the state based on the 2014 budget, and the following fiscal year the colleges and universities would receive 9 percent less than they were to receive from the state based on the 2014 budget.

The cuts are not cumulative. In fact, when considering other revenue such as grants, endowments, etc., the cuts are only 1.1 percent of their total budgets. On top of that, the presidents of these institutions have been anticipating these cuts since January and have indicated that they can handle the reduction.

Hopefully, the joint House and Senate Budget Committee will be able to resolve their differences before the General Assembly reconvenes on Tuesday. Regrettably, by not having the executive budget to the governor in a timely fashion, the General Assembly will not be

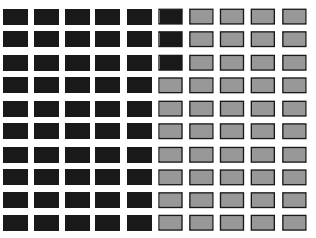
Party politics

Of Kentucky's 138 state legislative seats, Republicans hold a 76-62 advantage over Democrats. However, the Kentucky House of Representatives is the only legislative chamber in the South to be controlled by Democrats.



Kentucky Senate

■ Republicans - 27
■ Democrats - 11



Kentucky House

■ Democrats - 53
■ Republican - 47

able to even consider overriding any veto the governor might make to it once it is in his hands. In my mind this is an abdication of our responsibility. If an executive budget is not passed before midnight on Tuesday, a special session will be required.

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

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LETTERS

Don't allow poor ballot choices keep you from voting

To the editor

Friends and fellow voters, let's face it, we are not going to have another George Washington or Abe Lincoln to vote for. We must decide which one running is the lesser of the evils and bypass the others and vote against them. Get up off your laurels and vote.

Don't let 25 percent of the people decide for you. Good men died for us to have that right. We should not let them down. I hope to see all you at the polls next time.

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That’s the spirit

Farmers Bank & Trust Co. received the spirit award for its camp site at the 2015 Relay for Life. Pictured are (from left) Karami Underwood, community representative; Bethany Davis, team captain for Farmers Bank; and Natalie Parish, Relay for life chairperson. Each year a new winner will be chosen and the plaque will be passed to the next winner. This year’s Relay theme will be a superhero theme, "Saving the World One Cure at a Time."

Stolen Paducah Jeep located locally

STAFF REPORT

A Jeep reported stolen in Crittenden County a few days ago.

Crittenden County Sheriff’s Deputy Don Perry said an outdoorsman found the vehicle abandoned in a narrow patch of woods near a crop field off Marion Road in

the southern part of the county.

The 1998 Wrangler had been reported missing on March 24. It was found on a bluff between Frances Road and Marion Road on Saturday, March 26.

The deputy said some of the vehicle’s windows had been broken out, otherwise it

was in running condition. He described it as a blue Jeep with a hard top. A local farmer, Philip Parish, assisted in the recovery of the vehicle by providing a tractor to pull it to a nearby roadway.

Anyone with information may call (270) 965-3400 and remain anonymous.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Quilt Club learns new method

Crittenden County Extension Quilt Club member Rose Eldridge gave a lesson on how to make a braided table runner with the quilt-as-you-go method at the club’s March meeting. The Quilt Club meets monthly from September to May at the Extension office. The June meeting is an outing to visit quilt shops. Anyone interested in quilting is welcome to join the club. For further information, call Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at (270) 965-5236. Quilting will also be the focal point of the upcoming Amish Tour and Backroads Festival in the county April 22-23. There will be several quilt shows around town those two days. Visit MarionKentucky.org for complete information.

Judge Newcom proclaims April as fair housing month in county

STAFF REPORT

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom has proclaimed April to be Fair Housing Month in Crittenden County.

On April 11, 1968, Congress passed one of the most far reaching laws governing equal rights for minorities in the United States. The Civil Rights Act of 1968 included Title VII, the Fair Housing Law, for guaranteed equal housing opportunity for all citizens. In recognition of this, Newcom felt it fitting to designate April as a time to observe this legislation.

“We must, as individuals and as a people, take our stand to make equal housing opportunities for all,” the proclamation reads, “and the primary action lies with each individual citizen of this city and county, and each of us can play a major role in removing the stain of discrimination and prejudice.”

Newcom said the county is fully committed to providing our citizens with equal opportunity housing.

MEALS

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is where Jones stepped in.

She takes a plate of food to almost 20 people every day.

“I don’t mind it,” she said about driving her personal car and getting paid 40 cents per mile to cover fuel and other costs. “I feel like this is my part to help the community. I

do what I have to do. I love my job and my people.”

Rachel Cook, aging director for PACS, said there is an area-wide restructuring of how service vehicles can be used. She said in some cases, residents under 60 will have to call Princeton for a ride. The senior center will continue to serve those 60 and over with their transportation needs.

AIRPORT

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the conditions,” he said. “But my fuel (calculations) could have been wrong and when in the air, you don’t want to be too wrong. And I didn’t know what else would go wrong.”

Using an iPad and a handheld GPS, Maddox guided his plane toward Marion, which he learned was the nearest airport from his position after leaving the Paducah area.

“I was flying VFR,” he said, meaning by site only without instruments.

Above the clouds, the weather was OK, but as Maddox dropped through the low-level weather system it wasn’t so good.

“There was snow and some ice,” he said.

At the time, there was a 300-foot ceiling, according to data from the FAA website.

Maddox got low enough to see the Marion-Crittenden County Airport.

“When I spotted your airport, I put it on the ground,” he said.

Maddox was pleased to find a warm pilot’s lounge where he waited two hours for the skies to clear. Then, he took flight again and headed home to Harrisburg.

He said the brief stay in Marion was the product of a precautionary landing. Some lesser pilots might have found it more akin to an emergency stop, however. The system worked, Maddox said, pointing to his help from the FAA and folks on the ground in Marion where police and others came to check on him.

“You have a great facility there,” he said.

He said there’s a point to be made from his experience. An airport like the one in Marion offers a number of amenities that many small airports lack. Because of its offerings and its location, an otherwise near emergency was turned into simply an interesting story.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Crittenden County High School students recently had the opportunity to visit with native Africans like a group of students (above) from the Earle C. Clements Job Corps in Morganfield.

Students celebrate Black History Month

STAFF REPORT

The 21st CCLC/Crosswalk Learning Center celebrated Black History Month at Crittenden County High School by sponsoring several activities during the month of February.



Gochoka

Each week of the month included an African-American student showcasing a featured African-American who had made contributions in the areas of health care, science, agriculture and athletics. Students enjoyed various African inspired food dishes prepared by Crosswalk Coordinator Cheryl Burks.

Students were introduced to various guest speakers. Dani Gochoka from Kenya talked to students about his home country, the education system, the economy and issues facing the African nation.

“His discussion about his trip from Kenya to Murray to pursue an education and the culture shock he encountered was very interesting and sometimes entertaining to the

students,” said Burks. “Students were intrigued by his journey to become an U.S. citizen.”

Gochoka is married to the former Kayla Hardin, high school guidance counselor Stefanie Shoulders’ sister.

Students also had the opportunity to meet several students from the Earle C. Clements Job Corps in Morganfield who are from the Congo, Uganda and Ethiopia. The students shared experiences from their homeland and their experiences here. Their overall message was how grateful they are to be in a land with so many freedoms.



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Conservation awards presented

Crittenden County Conservation District hosted its Annual Awards Banquet on March 17. More than 60 guests were treated to a meal at the Ed-Tech Center, catered by Conrad’s Food Store. The program recognized individuals involved with conservation efforts and the youth who participated in conservation contests during 2015. At top left, Nathan Hardesty (left) was named Master Conservationist, and David Fornear was awarded Friend of Wildlife. At top right, Charles Turner (left) received the Honor Award and is pictured with Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander. Also receiving the award but not pictured is Diane Turner. At left, (from left) Hailey McCann won the county National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Poster Contest for grades 4-6; John Claude Duvall won the FFA Land Judging Contest and county NACD Poster Contest for grades 7-9; Taryn McCann won the state and county NACD Poster Contest for grades K-1; Paris Foster won the county NACD Poster Contest for grades 2-3; and Evan McDowell was the county Jim Claypool Art Contest winner. Not shown is Josh Hardin, who won the Conservation Writing Contest. Leslea Barnes (not pictured) was presented the Youth Development Award.

PRIMARY

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Fohs Hall in Marion. It is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and wrap up by 9 p.m. or sooner.

All four GOP candidates for Congress, as well as the three Republicans running for U.S. Senate – including incumbent Rand Paul – were invited.

Stubblefield said tentative

plans are for prospective voters at the town hall to submit their questions to candidates at the event on index cards. Party officials will then be able to weed out duplicate queries. Candidates will likely be given about 10 minutes to speak before questions from the audience.

Stubblefield said some Republicans are under the impression they have nothing to vote for in the May 17 primary

since they cast their presidential ballot in the March 5 caucus. However, he explained, nothing could be further from the truth.

“This is going to be a very big election,” he said of the contests for the U.S. House and Senate. “Republicans do have a vote in this primary, and it’s very important.”

While Crittenden County Republicans will pick nominees for Capitol Hill, there will

be no primary for the statehouse. Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, is unopposed.

Democrats, meantime, will nominate from two remaining candidates for President, two for U.S. House of Representatives and a crowded field of seven for U.S. Senate.

Prospective Democratic and Republican voters must have been registered with their party by Dec. 31, 2015, to vote May 17.

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Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter weigh-out sale

April 5, 2016
Receipts: 746 **Last Week:** 899 **Year Ago:** 612
Compared to last week: Feeder cattle traded 3.00-10.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly steady. Sale consisted of 9 stock cattle, 95 slaughter cattle, and 642 feeders. Feeders consisted of 26% feeder steers, 40% feeder heifers, and 22% feeder bulls.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-250	208	235.00-250.00	242.59
7	250-300	280	210.00-220.00	217.23
1	300-350	320	210.00	210.00
4	350-400	381	201.00-210.00	203.07
18	400-450	427	192.00-199.00	193.83
16	450-500	482	174.00-179.00	177.76
51	500-550	510	170.00-179.00	176.33
17	550-600	564	160.00-168.00	165.95
10	600-650	630	154.00-163.00	157.02
8	650-700	663	143.00-150.00	148.07
1	750-800	755	135.00	135.00
2	800-850	820	131.00	131.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	250-300	290	207.50	207.50
1	300-350	310	187.00	187.00
5	400-450	408	176.00	176.00
2	450-500	470	160.00-165.00	162.58
1	500-550	515	169.00	169.00
2	550-600	590	159.00	159.00
2	600-650	632	140.00-151.00	145.48
1	750-800	795	124.00	124.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-250	228	200.00-207.50	203.08
5	250-300	262	190.00-206.00	197.31
19	300-350	326	186.00-196.00	193.48
14	350-400	378	179.00-189.00	184.33
38	400-450	425	164.00-175.00	169.88
40	450-500	480	155.50-163.00	160.65
23	500-550	527	150.00-161.00	152.73
8	550-600	562	144.00-150.50	147.35
15	600-650	632	134.00-140.00	136.75
6	650-700	683	134.00	134.00
4	700-750	731	126.00-130.00	126.98
1	750-800	750	117.00	117.00
2	800-850	835	149.00	149.00 Fancy

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-250	222	195.00-205.00	199.49
2	250-300	278	183.00-188.00	185.39
5	300-350	336	170.00-180.00	176.93
8	350-400	382	165.00-173.00	171.47
12	400-450	433	150.00-161.00	156.89
7	450-500	489	145.00-153.00	149.14
8	500-550	531	145.00-150.00	147.12
5	550-600	576	128.00-135.00	130.78
1	650-700	665	125.00	125.00
1	700-750	740	118.00	118.00
3	750-800	778	105.00-115.00	111.37
1	850-900	875	113.00	113.00

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-350	328	163.00-170.00	166.63

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	300-350	315	202.00-225.00	214.98
17	350-400	375	192.00-200.00	194.50
5	350-400	350	211.00	211.00 Fancy
15	400-450	417	180.00-189.00	182.87
1	400-450	415	194.00	194.00 Ind
17	450-500	461	173.00-185.00	179.78
8	500-550	522	160.00-169.00	163.95
22	550-600	576	150.00-158.00	153.77
5	600-650	619	138.00-146.00	142.73
3	650-700	683	126.00-133.00	128.61
2	700-750	725	122.00-124.00	122.98
1	750-800	795	115.00	115.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	300-350	338	182.00-197.00	186.80
1	350-400	395	188.00	188.00
5	400-450	433	168.00-177.00	174.06
8	450-500	479	160.00-172.00	168.14
3	500-550	536	158.00	158.00
2	550-600	578	130.00-144.00	137.21
3	600-650	643	134.00-135.00	134.67
1	750-800	755	117.00	117.00



Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	450-500	450	146.00	146.00
1	600-650	630	113.00	113.00
1	650-700	695	110.00	110.00

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
11	1200-1600	1358	68.00-74.00	70.73
1	1200-1600	1515	62.00	62.00 LD
1	1600-2000	1695	74.00	74.00

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	800-1200	1111	69.00-74.00	71.56
3	800-1200	1082	76.00-78.00	76.94 HD
9	1200-1600	1299	70.00-76.00	73.11
1	1200-1600	1215	77.00	77.00 HD
3	1200-1600	1275	67.00-69.00	67.71 LD

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
18	800-1200	996	63.00-71.00	66.74
1	800-1200	1095	76.00	76.00 HD
3	800-1200	965	54.00-58.00	55.33 LD
2	1200-1600	1265	68.00-69.00	68.50
1	1200-1600	1285	73.00	73.00 HD

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	1000-1500	1309	80.00-81.00	80.21 LD
2	1500-3000	1795	90.00-92.00	91.13
1	1500-3000	1665	83.00	83.00 LD

Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Young				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	970	1475.00	1475.00

7-9 Months bred

Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Middle-Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1200-1600	1310	1425.00	1425.00

7-9 Months bred

Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	800-1200	985	900.00-1250.00	1070.56

4-6 Months bred

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Native Americans left legacy to county

There isn't a lot of Native American history that has been documented in our county. The hunting of Indian artifacts has long been a favorite and fascinating hobby of many in our county. These mysterious and fascinating relics are found all over the area, but in some locations they are more numerous.

We know that the Algonkians or Round Head tribes lived in the Tolu area and this has been researched and documented in a book by Professor W.D. Funkhouser in 1931. We know that in the late 1700s the Chickasaw tribes of Tennessee sent hunting parties through here and they were the beginning of the Chickasaw Trail, later known as the Flynn's Ferry Road. The Kaskaskia tribes from southern Illinois often camped on lower Camp Creek near the present location of Weston.

The two tribes were known for the Indian Battle at Piney Fork. A lot has been written about the tragic and sad history of the Indians that came through our area on the Trail of Tears in 1830.

Found in the archives of The Crittenden Press dated Feb. 5, 1903, was an interesting article about an Indian graveyard that was located in the southern end of the county. The article being written more than 100 years ago, I'm sure the area has changed and the local history of it has been lost through time.

The Indian Graveyard
Up the Cumberland River, between Dycusburg and the mouth of Livingston Creek, the relic hunter can find a rich field for investigation. The mouth of the creek was evidently once the favorite camping ground of the red man, and an important point for the manufacture of such rude weapons as were used by the Indians.

Great deposits of flint exist in the hills nearby. Large pieces of flint and broken arrowheads and tomahawks are yet visible and nearby is a large mound. It has been partially explored, but only such utensils as were used by the Indians were found. The mound is probably 200 feet in circumference, and gradually rises to the height of about 30 feet in the center. Those who partially explored the big mound were country folks of that section, possessing too much superstition to carry out their undertaking. The mound is located on the Smith farm and, today, the secrets of its interior are well preserved.

Nearby is a graveyard, located in a river bottom field. For years, the farmer in charge has raised fine corn in the graveyard. It was only a few years ago that the plow began to disturb the bones of the red men, who had probably been reposing there for centuries. The coffins were constructed of thin, flat limestone, which had been secured from a large bluff nearby. The bones were well preserved. The teeth, especially, were firm and as white as pearl. The weapons of deceased were found in their coffins.

Caldwell historical society hosting meeting tonight

STAFF REPORT
Ginnie Oldham, president of the Caldwell County Historical Society, is ready and eager to begin the chapter's next 25 years.

At the historical society's meeting tonight (Thursday), they will be discussing some new and fun ideas for fundraising. Magistrate Brent Stallins, the featured speaker, will display some of his Caldwell County artifacts from a collection put together



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Other Indian burying grounds have been found in that section, clearly indicating that it was the headquarters of someone of the great tribes.

A residence is built over one of these graveyards. Several skeletons were discovered while making excavations for the foundation and it is very likely that the bones are yet lying under the house or about the yard. The family who occupy the residence

knew that the graveyard was there before the workmen made the gruesome discovery.

Many years later in 1947, Mrs. Stella Polk Simpkins, born and raised in the Frances community wrote some interesting things that she remembers being told to her.

Indian Battle of Frances

Not many Indian tribes made their homes in western Kentucky. Their established homes were in the South. Almost all tribes were friendly with the inhabitants of this section, except the northern tribes who gave this part of the country trouble from time to time.

Both the northern and southern Indians came to these parts to trap and hunt and some time they waged war against one another before the white man came. We have evidence they fought a final battle on the grounds where our school buildings and grounds are located. The presence of many flints, tomahawks, war clubs and arrowheads found where the land was cultivated leads us to believe this was the scene of many battles.

It has been related by a Choctaw Indian chief who made visits into this section that his great, grandfather fought in this battle and lost many warriors. After the battle they took their dead and buried them by the famous Seven Springs. (Formerly located off Axel Creek Road near the Claylick Creek.)

The aforementioned Choctaw Indian chief with his family made four visits to this section in a covered wagon. Their purpose was to collect relics and look for treasure that was supposed to be hidden in a field near here. He frequently consulted a deer-skin leather map and pointed out the Frances battleground, which extended east of Ky. 70 and west of the old Adam Spring where he camped at the time. He pointed out the Polk Hill, which is on the northwest side of Frances. This hill was used as a pilot station which the Indians signaled the approach of the northern enemies.

Some fascinating history that I have just recently learned about is the Indian Trail trees. Maybe someone has had the good fortune to see one of these trees in our area.

Indian Trail Trees: "Day Stars" of the Cherokee
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At top, this trail tree is located in Livingston County close to the landing at Berry's Ferry. It has been identified and given an ID number (TTP-2249) on the Mountain Stewards website. Just above, these two wonderful trail trees have been spotted on our own Trail of Tears Route through Crittenden County. Perhaps they are telling native passers-by of long ago that a spring is located near by, or a safe place to camp along the way, only those that traveled these trails would know their meaning of the bent trees.

ways and interstates crisscrossed the country, a system of trails connected the Cherokee to Indians throughout the nation. Marking those trails were oddities that hikers may still come across on their walk in the woods – most all are gone now – trees whose trunks run low along the ground before shooting upward again.

Researchers believe the Cherokee shaped the trees to form a system of signs pointing to things that hunters, gatherers and warriors needed on journeys that could entail hundreds of miles. Called by names that include "bent," "yoke" and "marker" trees, the survivors are now two or more cen-

turies old.

These trees are quite unique in that they bend in very unnatural angles. Some trees are just weirdly shaped, but there is something special about these bent trees.

The Native Americans would bend trees in order to create trail markers that formed an early routing system, which served multiple purposes, not only just to mark the best trail through the forests, but also indicating that water and shelter was nearby or that rough traveling was ahead. There were also markers that indicated the shallow ford crossing on streams or rivers. They always knew the best

place to cross on their travels. Others marked a gravesite where they had buried one of their tribe if they died on their journey, or a good place to camp where medicinal plants were located and always the site of a good spring or water supply.

Trail trees were formed from hardwood trees, mostly of the oak family when they were young. The tree would be cut between 1-3 feet or so just above the first branch on a small tree. It would then be pulled over or bent in the direction desired and staked or tied to the ground or a heavy rock. The small branch could be pointing upward and grow to become the

tree trunk, the bent part becoming the nose or pointer. Over time, the method of tying it down would break or erode away leaving a distinct shorten nose that is the tree's unique feature and the principal way to determine if the tree was formed by natural means or by human means.

To the Indian who could read the signs of the trail marker tree, there was a message in the tree. In some cases, it provided information on the direction of the trail, but some trees had other messages either associated with the overall shape, the nose or possibly associated with the number of vertical members the tree had.

It is well known that some Cherokee disappeared off of the Trail of Tears during removal. It is believed that they may have been reading the signs of the trees along the trail and knew where to walk away.

It is important to understand how information was passed along to the next generation. Rather than going to school studying textbooks detailing their culture, the Indians were an oral society. The elders were the keepers of their way of doing things, the keepers of the stories and tribal history.

With the loss of the tribal elders and their teachings of the Indian culture to the younger generations, the meaning of the various shape bent trees has been in all probability lost.

Also through the years, many trail trees have been destroyed by storms, decayed from old age and cut down by people and loggers not knowing their significance, thinking they were non-log trees.

For more interesting and informative reading about these wonderful Trail Trees, you can visit the website MountainStewards.org and click on Trail Trees, or just Google Indian Trail trees. There are also several really good books about the trees, one that I have read is "Mystery of the Trees: Native American Markers of a Cultural Way of Life That Soon May Be Gone" by Don and Diane Wells. It was purchased off the Internet. It has text plus lots of photographs of these trees.

(Editor's note: Brenda Underdown is a Crittenden County historian, genealogist, chair of the Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found on her blog at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com.)




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– Psalms 18:2

What does Jesus call God’s people?

When Jesus was preparing to go back to Heaven John recorded a long prayer Jesus had with His Father in Chapter 17. Four times in this prayer, Jesus talked to the Father about keeping His name before His followers: Verses 6, 11, 12 and 26. Many will ask, “What’s in a name?” “The name doesn’t matter,” they say.

If a wife has a child and gives it the neighbor’s name instead of her husband’s, it would matter. If a person goes to the bank and tried to draw out money in another person’s name, he would not get it. As long as I’ve been in Marion, 56 years, many people still do not really know why I’m here and why the sign outside the church building on Ford’s Ferry Road designates its name as The Church of God. I want to establish at the very beginning that the



Rev. Lucy TEDRICK
Guest columnist
Religious Views

Bible clearly teaches us that the Church that Christ built is the body of Christ, and He adds an individual to it as they are saved. Acts 2:47. No man can add one to the true Church, only the Lord. Every born-again Christian in this world – and Holy-Spirit-filled person – belongs to it, regardless of anything else. I write all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, God’s blessed Son, and at God’s command: “Preach the Word, in season and out of season. Reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all patience and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.” 2nd Tim. 4:2, 3. I’m here because God burdened me for the people of this county, and my own family, to remind them of the truth that sets one free. Secondly, I was led to raise up a congregation for the souls of men and to the glory of God, and give it the

Bible’s name Church of God. There are more than 12 times Paul spoke of and/or wrote letters to the Churches of God and the postmen knew where to deliver the letters. In Acts 20:28, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, to feed the church of God which He has purchased with His own blood.” 1st Cor. 1:2, “unto the church of God which is at Corinth.” 1st Cor. 10:32, “Give none offence to the church of God.” 1st Cor. 11:16, “we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.” 1st Cor. 11:22, “or despise ye the church of God,” 1st Cor. 15:9, “because I persecuted the church of God.” Gal. 1:13, “I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it.” 1st Thess. 2:14, “For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God.” 2nd Thess. 1:4, “we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God” 1st Timothy 3:5, “how

shall he take care of the church of God?” 1st Timothy 3:15, “But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” In his first letter to the Corinthians, he wrote this rebuke in 1:9-13, “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” “For it hath been declared unto me of you, that there are contentions among you. “Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. “Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?” Can’t you feel the deep concern Paul had for all those he had helped win to Jesus at the cost of his life, and that God’s glory was being trampled upon?

In chapter 3:1-9, he penned these words. “And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal (fleshly, sinful) even as unto babes in Christ. “I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. “For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? “For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? “Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? “For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building,” All of this is so clear, it needs no more laboring. When we drive through a countryside or town and look up on church buildings, do we see who owns the building? Go inside the door and ask the first person you see, “Whose church is this?” And

they will likely give you the name that is chiseled in stone across the front side. There are many, many different names on the “church” buildings in America which you can’t find in God’s word. And just look at the division it has caused. Remember! God gave Himself in the form of His only Son for the Church that He built with His own blood. He owns it, shouldn’t it be named after Him? Shouldn’t people be able to drive down the road and say, there’s God’s church, instead of some man’s name, or honoring a word, or group of people, or the word that means universal? Who gave the church its name in the Bible? If it were important enough for God to list it all these times, and gave it no other name, then shouldn’t lowly man do the same? (Editor’s note: Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)



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Marion Baptist celebrates Easter

Marion Baptist Church's children's choir performs Easter Sunday before 560 worshippers during the single service that combined the church's contemporary and traditional congregations. The observance began at 9:30 a.m. with breakfast, and worship was followed by family photos. Besides the young children, music was brought by church youth, the choir and praise teams.

CHURCH NOTES

- Maranatha General Baptist Church on Cedar Grove Road in Salem will be hosting revival beginning today (Thursday) and running through Sunday. Services begin at 6:30 p.m.
- Maranatha General Baptist Church will host the third Saturday night singing at 6 p.m. April 16. For more information, call (270) 719-2510.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
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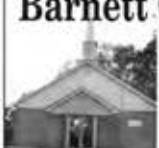
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On The ROAD

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Collecting cars a family affair for Cruces

Gary Cruce and his sons have at least one detour and quite a few hauling jobs to thank for some of the chrome-laden conversation pieces in their classic car collection.

"If I didn't haul rock, I wouldn't have anything," said the local businessman, explaining the quest for and the discovery of several pristine vehicles he's located through the years.

Gary has always had a passion for classic cars, and has passed on the thrill of the hunt to his sons, Brennan, 25, and Evan, 22.

Some dads and their sons hunt big bucks and arrowheads. The Cruce men hunt classic cars and replacement parts.

"It's a hobby. I've done it all my life since I started driving," Gary said. "The hunt makes it fun. We do it as a hobby, and we have some fun with it."

The three have about a dozen classic vehicles between them, including a 1967 Plymouth Baracuda, a 1966 Plymouth Belvedere and a very unique 1951 Ford F7 Big Job tractor truck.

Several are works in progress, including Brennan's 1985 Jeep J10 and Gary's 1975 Ford Bronco with a removable top.

"He's been working on that thing forever," Evan said, ribbing his dad's ongoing effort to restore the Bronco.

In many cases, they sell one car to buy another, sometimes they sell two to buy one, but there's at least one in the collection Gary can't imagine ever letting go – that's because it took him so long to get it – a midnight blue 1964 Chevrolet Impala with white leather interior. It's occasionally parked at a cruise-in, and every now and then, he takes it out for a Sunday drive.

He first laid eyes on it in high school. It was for sale at the time, but he couldn't afford it. But he always knew where it was.

Pearl Workman Byarley bought it new at Runyan Chevrolet on Main Street Marion, and while it's passed through a couple of owners, it's never been titled outside of Marion. Gary bought it from Bennett Redd, who had some engine and exterior work done on it before selling it to Gary about 14 years ago.

"This car means enough to me that I don't figure I could sell it because it has too much history behind it, and it took me so long to get

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Gary Cruce (above) and his sons Brennan (above right), 25, and Evan, 22, own a dozen classic autos between the three of them, including (at top) Gary's pride and joy, a midnight blue 1964 Chevy Impala (under the hood at right); Brennan's 1962 Ford F-100 4x4; and Evan's 1978 Jeep CJ7. Also pictured is the family's 1950 Chevy/Howe fire truck and 1951 Ford F7 Big Job tractor truck (bottom).

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Analytics are big these days in business, sports and politics. When it comes to auto care, the numbers tell a very revealing story as 80 percent of vehicles need service, a new part and/or repair, according to the non-profit Car Care Council.

“With so many vehicles in need of service, National Car Care Month in April serves as an important reminder to take action today so you can depend on your vehicle down the road,” said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. “It’s easy to postpone



vehicle maintenance when things get busy, but don’t put it off. Addressing minor service needs before they become major will help you avoid unexpected car trouble and unplanned costly repairs.”

The Car Care Council reports that vehicles inspected at community car care events

held throughout the country in 2015 failed one or more aspects of the inspection process. Some areas posting the highest failure rates include: low fluid levels (washer fluid 26 percent, engine oil 23 percent and coolant 19 percent); clogged or dirty air filters 19 percent; illuminated check engine light 13 percent; worn belts 13 percent; and needed battery service and wiper blade replacement 13 and 12 percent, respectively.

“Many maintenance needs are quick and inexpensive to resolve, so it’s easy to make auto care a priority during Na-

tional Car Care Month,” continued White. “To help you ‘be car care aware,’ the Car Care Council has many free tools available at **CarCare.org**, including the popular Car Care Guide and a customized service schedule with email reminders that makes it simple to follow a routine maintenance program.”

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Under pressure? Check your tires

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Newer model vehicles are equipped with a tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) to warn drivers that at least one of their tires is underinflated. The dashboard light looks like an exclamation point inside of a horseshoe and, if illuminated, should be addressed immediately, says the non-profit Car Care Council.

“When the TPMS light goes on, it should not be ignored. Driving on underinflated tires can lead to an accident or cause damage to your vehicle,” said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. “As part of a proactive auto care plan, tire pressure should be checked monthly, including the spare,



as tires can lose pressure due to a number of factors, including seasonal temperature

changes.”

All vehicles manufactured after September 2007 feature a tire pressure monitoring system. When the TPMS warning light comes on, it means pressure in at least one of the tires has fallen 25 percent under the recommended pressure. Low tire pressure can be due to a number of factors, including climate, road hazards and driving conditions. Once the tires are inflated to the correct pressure as outlined in the owner’s manual, the warning light should go off. However, some vehicles may require a professional service technician to reset the light.

According to the council’s free 80-page Car Care Guide, tires that are not properly in-

flated also add rolling resistance that makes the engine work harder to move the vehicle. This can lead to lower gas mileage and potential damage to the vehicle.

“In addition to safety concerns, underinflated tires can cost you more at the pump,” said White. “Simply inflating tires to the proper level can improve gas mileage by 3.3 percent or 10 cents per gallon.”

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The Car Care Council encourages motorists to be car care aware and perform these five simple steps to improve fuel economy and save money.

1. Check Tire Pressure: Keep tires properly inflated and improve gas mileage by up to 3.3 percent.

2. Use the Right Motor Oil: Improve gas mileage by 1 to 2 percent by using the

grade of motor oil recommended by the manufacturer.

3. Replace Clogged Air Filters: Replacing clogged air filters on older vehicles can improve fuel economy and will improve performance and acceleration on all vehicles.

4. Check Engine Performance: Keep your engine running efficiently and improve gas mileage by an average of 4 percent.

5. Fix It: Addressing a serious maintenance problem, like a faulty oxygen sensor, can improve mileage by as much as 40 percent, according to **FuelEconomy.gov**.

“Proactive vehicle maintenance is a motorist’s best money saving tip,” said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. “Routine auto

care not only helps save on fuel costs, but it helps identify small issues so they can be serviced before they become bigger and more costly to repair.”

To help motorists increase fuel economy and take better care of their vehicles, the Car Care Council offers valuable tools on its website, including a free personalized schedule and email reminder service (<http://goo.gl/1xgn6>).

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Sun can damage car interior, exterior

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Come summertime, people anticipate spending plenty of time outdoors enjoying the warm weather and taking in the scenery. In addition to lazy days spent at the beach or around the pool, summer is a great season for road trips and other weekend getaways.

While many people look forward to the sunshine and heat of summer, extreme weather can be problematic for vehicles. The insurance quote service Insuramatch says the warmer season can take its toll on car paint and mechanical components can bake under the glaring sun and heat. Furthermore, temperatures can quickly escalate inside the vehicle, potentially damaging upholstery and anything else inside.

Avoid the sun

Protecting your vehicle means keeping it out of the heat and sunlight when it is not in use. At home, park it inside of the garage or under a carport. When shopping or running errands, attempt to find parking spaces in the shade or in a covered parking enclosure. Try to run the bulk of your errands during the early morning or evening hours when the sun will not be as glaring.

Wax more often

Try to wax your car after every wash. A good layer of wax can protect a vehicle's paint from dirt, debris and the sun's rays. Remember, premium waxes do not necessarily work any better than less expensive waxes, but the type of formula-

tion (liquid, paste and spray) may affect application and how long each application lasts. Consumer Reports found that paste waxes are easier to use than liquid waxes, though liquid waxes cleaned the best. Spray waxes were the easiest to use and left the fewest stains on plastic parts, but they didn't last as long as other waxes.

Clean out your "stuff"

The heat can cause items inside vehicles to melt or explode. Depending on the product, a lot of staining or damage can occur if items melt or explode inside a car. Wax-based products can be particularly harmful. Be wary of leaving lipstick, crayons, candles, lip balms, sunscreen, and lotions inside vehicles on hot days. In addition, remove canned carbonated beverages and other canned items to reduce likelihood of spills.

Use visors and car covers

If you cannot keep your vehicle parked in shady areas, do what you can to reduce direct heat and sunlight exposure.

Covers can protect against UV rays and any sap or bird droppings that may fall on the vehicle. Place reflective visors on the windshield to redirect sunlight so it doesn't turn the inside of the car into an oven. Keeping the windows open slightly also can keep the air in cars fresh.

While drivers are protecting their cars, they should also protect themselves, passengers and pets. Never leave a person or animal unattended in a hot car, even for a short time.

Warranty work not limited to car dealers

CAR CARE COUNCIL

True or false: Until your vehicle is out-of-warranty, it must be serviced by the new car dealer or the factory warranty will be void.

Although you may have answered "true," the correct answer is "false."

It's the law that independent repair shops can provide the services to maintain your new car warranty. Consumers are protected by the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, enforced by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which prohibits a manufacturer from voiding the vehicle warranty because service was done by a non-dealer.

According to the FTC, "It's illegal for a dealer to deny your warranty coverage simply because you had routine maintenance or repairs performed by someone else. Routine maintenance often includes oil changes, tire rotations, belt replacement, fluid checks and flushes, new brake pads and inspections." It is also important to note that the "Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act makes it illegal for companies to void your warranty or deny coverage under the warranty simply because you used an aftermarket or recycled part."

When using a non-dealer, independent aftermarket shop to maintain your vehicle under warranty, the council strongly



recommends keeping records and receipts for all maintenance that is done to the vehicle and adhering to scheduled maintenance requirements. If a warranty claim arises, these records will provide proof that maintenance has been performed in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations and requirements.

"It's a common misconception that only car dealers can perform the routine maintenance and repairs on a newer vehicle that is under warranty," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "The truth is that consumers can have routine repairs performed by their local independent repair shop or do the work themselves without affecting the warranty."

For more information from the FTC about auto warranties and routine maintenance, log on to <http://goo.gl/xfnG7v>.

Car prices now 3 times '86 average

METRO SERVICES

According to the popular website **ThePeopleHistory.com**, the average price for a new car in 1986 was \$9,255. While figures for 2016 have yet to be determined, in September 2015, the automotive resource Kelley Blue Book (**KBB.com**) reported that the average transaction price for light vehicles in August 2015 was \$33,543.

Those figures should raise eyebrows among consumers, as they illustrate just how much more expensive new cars have become over the last three decades. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index inflation calculator indicates that \$9,255 in 1986 had the same buying power as \$20,041.47 in 2015, leaving consumers in 2015 well short of the necessary funds needed to purchase new vehicles.

If new vehicle buyers in 1986 were faced with similar average car costs as buyers in 2015 faced, they would have needed \$15,489.91 to drive a new car home from the dealership.

Pothole damage can be ID'd by three warning signs

CAR CARE COUNCIL

As winter winds down and the weather gets warmer, motorists will see more potholes on the roadways and avoiding them can be a real challenge. If you hit a pothole, the non-profit Car Care Council recommends watching for three warning signs to determine if your vehicle has been damaged.

Loss of control, swaying when making routine turns, bottoming out on city streets or bouncing excessively on rough roads are indicators that the steering and suspension may have been damaged. The steering and suspension are key safety-related systems. Together, they largely determine your car's ride and handling.

Pulling in one direction, instead of maintaining a straight path, and uneven tire wear, are symptoms of an alignment problem. Proper wheel alignment is important for the lifespan of tires and helps ensure safe handling.

Low tire pressure, bulges or blisters on the sidewalls, or dents in the wheel rim will be visible and should be checked out as soon as possible, as tires are the critical connection between your car and the road.

If you feel your vehicle has suffered damage from hitting a pothole, it is wise to have it inspected by a professional service technician. Potholes occur when water permeates the pavement – usually through a crack – and softens the soil beneath it, creating a depression in the surface of the street. Many potholes appear during winter and spring months because of freeze-thaw cycles. Potholes can also be prevalent in areas with excessive rainfall and flooding.

"Pothole season may last longer these days as many municipalities do not have the resources to fill potholes as fast as they should, leaving drivers to dodge them well into late spring and summer," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "Because hitting a pothole can put a big dent in your wallet, making necessary repairs right away could save you from more costly ones down what could be a very bumpy road."

What's That Smell?

6 Vehicle Warning Smells Your Nose Can Recognize

01 Burnt Rubber

The smell could mean slipping drive belts or misplaced loose hoses that might be rubbing against rotating accessory drive pulleys.

Caution: Do not reach in if the engine is hot.

02 Hot Oil

The smell of hot oil could mean that oil is leaking onto the exhaust system. To verify the leak, look for oil on the pavement or smoke coming from the engine area.

Caution: Turn off the engine before checking for a leak.

03 Gasoline

This smell is likely the sign of a gas leak, possibly a fuel injector line or the fuel tank.

Caution: Any smell of fuel is a possible fire hazard, so immediate attention should be given.

04 Syrup

The sweet smell of syrup may be a sign that the car is leaking engine coolant from a component related to the car's cooling system.

Caution: Do not open the radiator cap when it is hot.

05 Burning Carpet

This smell could be a sign of brake trouble. Have your brakes checked right away, especially if this smell is happening during normal driving conditions.

Caution: Brake trouble is a serious safety hazard.

06 Rotten Eggs

This smell could mean the catalytic converter is not converting hydrogen sulfide in the exhaust to sulfur dioxide properly.

Caution: a poor running engine can cause the catalytic converter to become overloaded and fail due to meltdown.

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it," Gary said.

The passion for rare automobiles rubbed off on his sons at a young age. Evan, who works with his dad some hauling rock, remembers when he and his older brother would sit in an old Impala with a road map stretched between them pretending to go on a trip.

About that same time, family outings consisted of going to car auctions, and as soon as they began driving, the boys began acquiring their toys.

"I get these boys in more trouble with their mama," Gary said jokingly. "We have some bad suppers every now and then."

In all honesty, Gary says his wife Cindy lets the boys be boys and is generally OK with their hobby.

Evan says the one car he'd love to own is a 1970 Plymouth Cuda, whose predecessor was the Baracuda. But

for now, he's content working on his 1978 Jeep CJ7 with black racing stripes. His punch list includes some interior work and a hardtop.

His older brother Brennan has a greater interest in classic vehicles – well, everything classic, he admits.

"I've always liked everything related to the past," said Brennan, far more mature beyond his years with a passion for local history along with old cars.

He doesn't own a cell phone and says he'd be content in his Belvedere listening to the sounds of the '60s from a collection of 8-track tapes.

It's his love of history that leads him periodically to the genealogy section of the public library and to meetings of the historical society, where he serves as vice president and works closely with Crittenden County historian Brenda Underdown.

While Evan drives newer vehicles, Brennan sticks to the older models.

"Dad was going through

Paducah and had to take a detour because of work on the Beltline and found the '62 Ford," Brennan explains.

Although it was fully restored, Brennan tweaked the interior by removing its bench seat and installing bucket seats from a 1958 Ford Thunderbird, blue carpeting that was an option on a 1965 Ford Ranger and a console from a 1961 Ford Falcon. Cecil Henry completed the vehicle with a new paint job of its original academy blue.

Whether it's deer or turkey or a big bass lurking in fresh water, any hunter will tell you they're looking for the next big one.

In Gary's case, he's reluctantly chasing a 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner.

"I drove one that belonged to a friend of mine in high school, and it's something I've never had, but I always liked that car. But I don't know if I'd want to find it because that would take the chase out of it," he said with a big smile.

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Area Deaths

Manley

Little

Steve Manley, 59, of Marion died Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at his home.

He was a truck driver.

Surviving are his wife, Mona Manley of Marion; a son, Josh (Michelle Robinson) Manley of Greenville, Ky.; a daughter, Samantha (Tony) Lyman of Elizabethtown, Ky.; a step-daughter, Mandy Dodson of Marion; step-mother, Dottie Doom of Marion; brothers, Randy Manley of Marion and Scott Manley of Princeton; grandsons, Colton Lyman, Hunter Manley and Drew Dodson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmie R. and Betty Jo Bennett Manley.

Graveside funeral services were Friday, April 1 at Crowell Cemetery in Crittenden County. Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Kearl

Ray D. Kearl, 88, of Toppenish, Wash., died March 26, 2016.

His parents were Sadie and Ross Kearl.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines and the U.S. Navy, having served in the Pacific Theater during World War II and in Korea. He was a retired federal flood inspector, a cattleman, volunteer for junior rodeo and a rodeo clown.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Mary McMican Kearl, formerly of Marion; daughters, Ginger Lawrence and Cyndi (Kirk) Stuart; grandchildren, Justin (Julie) Lawrence and Lace (Nick) Lawrence, as well as his great-grandsons Tristan Lawrence and Beau Donahoe.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sadie and Ross Kearl; a sister Norma Wilson; son, Dennis Kearl; and an infant daughter.

A memorial service was held at Colonial Funeral Home in Toppenish on Saturday, April 2. Memorials should be made to the Yakama Warriors or the Cottage in the Meadow. Contact the funeral home for memorial details.

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Roy Little, 93, of Marion died at his home Sunday, April 3, 2016.

He was a retired minister having been ordained in 1955. He had also been employed by the State of Illinois Commerce Commission. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, Madisonville; a 65-year member of the Carrsville Lodge #812 F&AM; Rizzpah Shrine of Madisonville; Princeton Shrine Club and the American Legion.

Little served in the United States Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 70 years, Kuma Holloman Little of Marion; a son, Daniel Roy Little of Winchester, Va.; a daughter, Karla G. Conner of Marion; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Lemma Wright Little; two brothers; three sisters; and a grandson.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, April 7 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery. Visitation was scheduled for 5-8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home with a Masonic service set for 7 p.m.

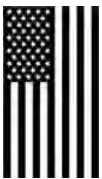
Hoffman

John Franklin Hoffman, 53, of Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Marion, died Wednesday, March 30, 2016 in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Surviving are his wife of 28 years, JoAnn Hoffman of Las Vegas; parents, Charles and Lou Hoffman of Marion; a daughter, Dannielle Hoffman of Channahon, Ill.; two step-sons, Wayne Sopczek of Las Vegas and Richard Sopczek of Chicago; three brothers, Charles David Hoffman of Marion, Mark Allen Hoffman of Pelzer, S.C., and Matthew Hoffman of Etters, Penn.; a sister, Lisa Hoffman of Highland, Ind; and three grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, April 5 at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay. Memorials may be made to John Franklin Hoffman Memorial Fund, c/o Vanover Funeral Home, P.O. Box 380, Clay, KY 42404.

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Fear the Fall; be prepared

Top cause for home injuries

Falls are the top cause of home injuries, sending over one million Americans a year to an emergency room for treatment.

"Most people think of their home as a safe haven – not as a likely spot for accidents. Conditions that you take for granted – a pile of items to take upstairs now stacked in a corner, a cord snaked across the floor to charge a cell phone – may be hazardous to your health," said Belinda Hill, RN, director of Baptist Health Home Care in Madisonville. The agency serves patients in Christian, Hopkins, McLean, Muhlenberg, Webster, Caldwell, Crittenden, Todd, Lyon and Union counties.

Take a fresh look at your home environment and take these easy steps to remove hazards:

- Create clear, uncluttered pathways.
- Remove throw rugs or install non-skid backing on them.
- Move electrical cords out of walkways. Coil or tape cords next to walls to avoid having to walk over or around them.
- Make sure handrails on stairs are sturdy. Install handrails on both sides if possible.
- Rearrange items in your kitchen so that you can reach them easily.
- Place a light near your bed where it is easy to reach.
- Install lights on stairs and night lights in hallways.
- Use grab bars in the tub or shower.
- Put a non-slick mat or stick on strips in the floor of the tub or shower.

Making these changes to your home or office will help to reduce your risk of falling, said Hill.

"Falls are the number one reason for injuries and can be a life-changing event," she added.

If you do take a tumble, contact your local home health provider to schedule a visit with a professional who can come to your door to educate you about your condition.

Local clerk among those who champion Trust for Life, state organ donor program

For more than a decade the month of April has been about saving and healing lives. Donate Life champions across the country fill the month of April with powerful testimonials to demonstrate the lifesaving message of donation and transplantation. The goal of National Donate Life Month is to make LIFE possible by educating and motivating individuals to register their decision to be organ, eye, and tissue donors.



Guill

One of those champions is Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill.

"This April is especially momentous because Kentucky has a very exciting announcement to make," Guill said. "I am honored to share that Kentucky has surpassed the national goal! Today, 50 percent of Kentuckians are registered donors! This is a point of pride for our Commonwealth and a symbol of hope for all those waiting for lifesaving transplants."

Since 2007, the Circuit Court Clerks and their deputies have asked every Kentuckian getting a driver's license or ID to join the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry.

"It's a question we are required to ask, but knowing what a difference it makes to families, gives this question even greater meaning. Joining the confidential Registry is stating your willingness to save lives, if you can. Every person who says 'yes' gives hope and shows support for patients in need," says Guill.

The national artwork for 2016 National Donate Life Month is inspired by sunflowers, which is especially meaningful to one passionate Kentucky family.

"Carissa was a beautiful young woman with a heart of gold. She was full of energy, a hard worker, loved to make people smile and could never do enough to help others," says Carissa's mom, Cathy Mattingly.

In 2009, Carissa and her two children, Rance and Adie, died in a horrible automobile accident. In the worst moments of her life, Cathy

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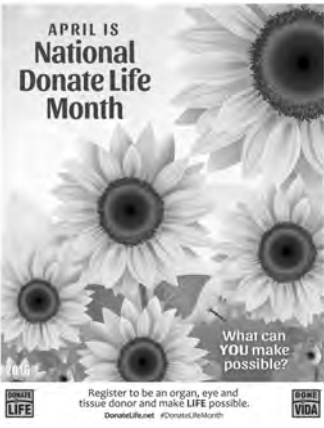
- It is estimated that nearly 30,000 patients began new lives in 2015 thanks to organ transplants (from 8,500 deceased and 6,000 living donors).
- 122,000 men, women and children await lifesaving organ transplants. More than 1,000 of them are 10 years old or younger.
- About 58% of patients awaiting lifesaving transplants are minorities.
- Another person is added to the nation's organ transplant waiting list every 10 minutes.
- Sadly, 8,000 people die each year - 22 people each day - because the organs they need are not donated in time.
- The average waiting time for a kidney from a deceased donor is 3 to 5 years. A kidney from a living donor offers patients an alternative to years of dialysis and time on the transplant waiting list.
- 13% of patients waiting are in need of a liver. Living donation of part of the liver is an option for these patients; the remaining portion will regenerate and regain full function. Partial lung, intestine and pancreas living donation are possible as well.
- More than 33% of all deceased donors are age 50 or older; more than 5% are age 65 or older.
- To register your decision to save and heal lives, visit www.DonateLife.net.

recalled a conversation with Carissa.

"She said to me, 'Mom, if you have something in this house you don't need you give it to Goodwill. Why wouldn't you give your organs to those who need it?'"

I knew that is what she wanted. Carissa saved three lives that night. Cathy has met her daughter's kidney recipient, Matt. Matt travels the world and sends Cathy postcards showing where Carissa's gift has taken him. Cathy has listened to her daughter's heartbeat again thanks to her heart recipient, Elezerine.

"Elezerine is a firecracker, just like Carissa was, and I just love her," Cathy said.



Cathy's family has grown sunflowers in their garden in Meade County for years. A favorite of Carissa, Rance, and Adie. Cathy loved that sunflowers were picked as this year's Donate Life Month artwork. The face of a sunflower contains as many as 2,000 seeds. One sunflower has the potential to create an entirely new field of flowers. Everyone has similar potential to make life possible for many by registering as a donor. One organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people, give sight to two people through cornea donation and heal countless others through tissue donation.

Since 1992, Crittenden Circuit Clerk's office has worked for this mission by collecting \$1 for the Trust For Life's educational initiatives. The number of people in need of transplants continues to outpace the number of organs donated. More than 121,000 people are waiting for a transplant and a second chance at life. On average, 22 people die each day because the organ they need is not donated in time. Regardless of age or medical history, everyone can register to be a hero, like Carissa, when they renew their driver's license or ID.

"Carissa was a hero. Every 'yes' is a heroic step toward saving those in need. Thank you Crittenden County for your generosity," says Guill. Now Kentucky continues to fight towards the next goal of reaching 75 percent on the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry.

Anyone can register to make life possible at www.donatelifeky.org or call the Trust For Life with questions or help registering 1-866-945-5433.



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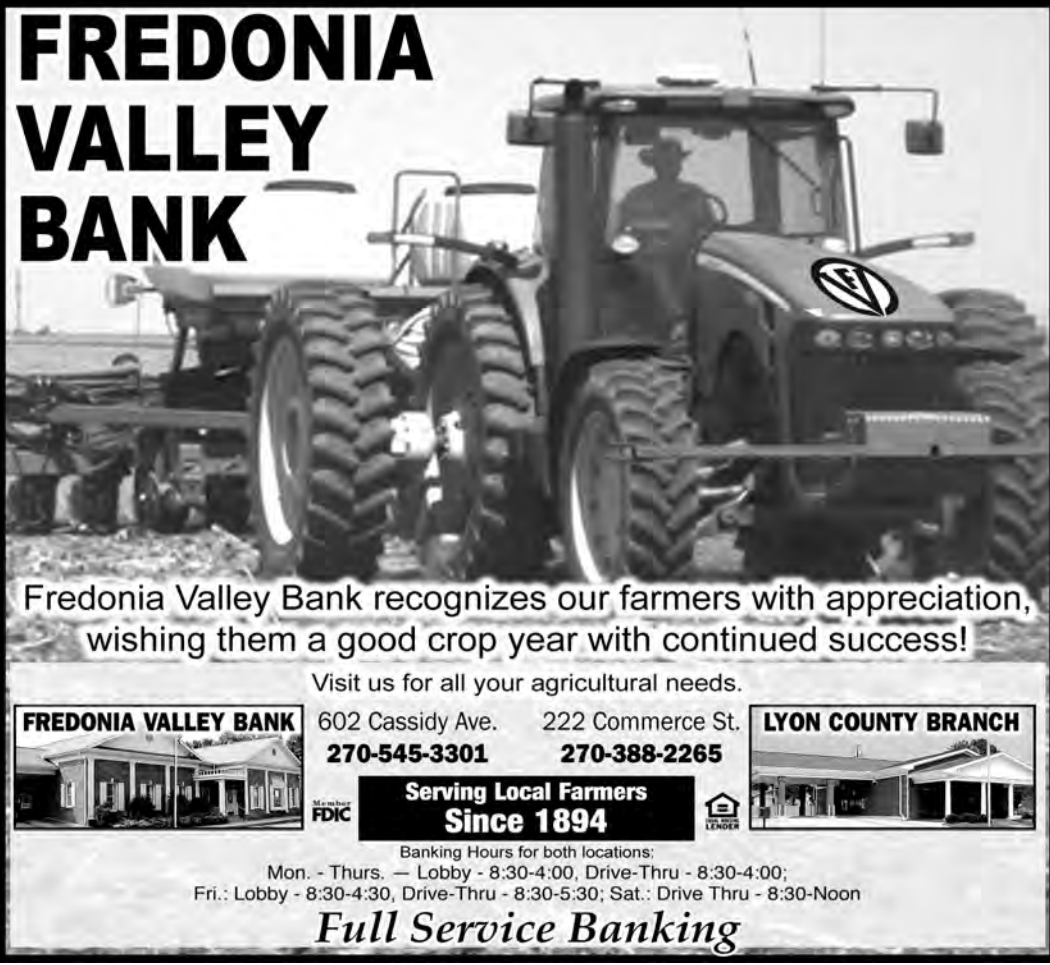
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Library offering fine amnesty next week

Next week, Crittenden County Public Library will be offering all patrons a chance to get back in good standing by returning overdue materials without penalty. During National Library Week, April 10-16, the library will wave fines – no questions asked – for overdue books, videos or any other items checked out from the library and not returned by the due date. The library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The library will also offer discarded books for sale April 21-23 during the Back Roads Festival. Hardbounds will be \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents.

Community events scheduled for week

- Mustang Mafia of Western Kentucky's first car show of the season will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Casey's General Store in Sturgis. Awards will be given for entries, there will be a 50/50 drawing, music and door prizes. All proceeds goes to Shelter of Love Morganfield.

- Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in the meeting room at Crittenden County Public Library. It will be the annual meeting. For the program, everyone is asked to bring a legal document – will, deed, military documents, marriage license, etc. – that they have acquired during their research and share it with the group, telling how it helped them in their genealogy.

- All former **Moore Business Forms** employees and their guests are invited to a reunion at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the country club in Marion. For information, call (270) 965-3484.

Senior center menu set for coming days

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those 60 and older or \$5 for those under 60. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: The center will be offering rides to the grocery and other appointments around town. Call to sign up. Menu is oven-fried chicken, baked sweet potato, buttered broccoli, whole wheat roll and pears.

- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is ham and bean soup, hot beets, seasoned greens, cornbread and pear crisp.

- Monday: Ladies' exercises will be led at 9:45 a.m. by Full Body Fitness Studio. Menu is chili, pimiento cheese on whole wheat bread, saltine crackers and tropical fruit salad.

- Tuesday: Nutrition Lesson with Sue Parrent begins at 10 a.m. Menu is pulled pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, cornbread and brownie.

- Wednesday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread and fruit cobbler.

- Next Thursday: Menu is sweet and sour chicken, rice, spring roll, green beans, dreamslide gelatin and fortune cookie. The monthly fundraiser will begin at 5 p.m. Guests are asked to bring side dishes, and music will be provided. Proceeds from \$5 meal help fund the home-delivered meals program.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information. The center is a service of Pennyrile Allied Community Services. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

Masterful hands turn wood to art

A 2009 winter storm ravaged our area, bringing down two connected cedar trees in its wake, one living, one dead. We passed by it several times without giving it much notice. Our neighbor, Richard, raised about a dozen cattle, and had used that particular tree for one of his fence post for decades. Since wood carving was my husband's hobby and cedar was his favorite wood, he had to get a closer look.

One day, we parked our truck on the side of the quiet country road and Eddie climbed up the 8-foot embankment. Now, at his feet, lay one of the largest cedar trees he had ever seen, well over a hundred years old. Although two trees had obviously grown together, sharing one common trunk, only one side was viable.

The tree measured approximately 20 inches in diameter and about 40 feet in length, with significant deterioration at the bottom. But, above that, it was solid and a perfect wood to carve. He was amazed at its beautiful red color and pungent cedar scent. Luckily, it had fallen near the edge of our narrow road and landed in Richard's field.

"I wonder if Richard would mind if I took that tree for carving?" he asked me. "If he would give me permission, it would be easy to take my tractor and bring the trunk back to the barn."



Linda DEFEW
Guest columnist
Defew's Views

"I bet he wouldn't care. Why don't you give him a call?" I asked. Richard was a private man. He raised cattle on his farm and didn't bother anybody. Whenever we passed his farm on the way to town, he might be out feeding his cattle and we would stop to say hello, sometimes bringing some pit barbeque when we had a cookout. He always seemed appreciative and loved telling us about the days before we had moved down the road from him.

"It was a rough place back then. Hunters running up and down the road, drinking and poaching deer. It was awful. But, now that you're here, there's no more of that. You really calmed things down."

We agreed with Richard. The Livingston County farm had seen its share of changes for the good.

Then, when Eddie asked about the felled tree, he didn't hesitate, "Sure, you can have it." He went on to tell him how to get through the gap in the fence with his tractor. The only advice he gave was to watch out for his bull!

Help getting it moved came with an unexpected phone call a few weeks later. Eddie's brother, Jim, and nephew, Jeff, were building a hunting lodge. They asked if he would carve faces on a 10-foot post to be used as a support beam in their entranceway. I saw his eyes light up.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The 2009 ice storm that hit western Kentucky yielded the perfect wood for some elaborate carvings.

Thanks to Richard, he had the perfect tree. Eddie was honored by the request, but at the same time apprehensive. He decided to first see how his chisels would react to the wood. We went back to retrieve limbs and pieces he had discarded due to worm holes.

Back at home, he worked around burls and waste

wood, digging through layers, looking for red wood. From the way it appeared, he was convinced it was a special wood just waiting to be carved. Now, with confidence the wood was willing, he told them he would do his best.

Eddie often wondered where his love for wood carving came from. No doubt he had inherited

ANNIVERSARY



Bill and Jane Tinsley

Tinsleys celebrate 50th anniversary

Bill and Jan Tinsley of Marion celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last month with a family dinner. Bill and the former Jane Wade were married on March 21, 1966, in Elizabethtown, Ill. Pastor W.G. Wodicker officiated. The

couple was attended by friends Hank Wesmoland and Loretta Etheridge. They are the parents of two sons, Glen (Abbey) Tinsley and Matt (Tabby) Tinsley, both of Marion. They also have three grandchildren.

Berry to be installed as Salem Postmaster

STAFF REPORT

Paula Berry, a native of Crittenden County, has been working the United States mail for 15 years and she's worn out a bunch of tires doing it.

The former rural carrier has risen through the postal service ranks and worked at more than a dozen offices from Paducah to Greenville, but now she'll be postmaster in Salem, just a little more than 3 miles from her home. She's elated to say the least.

Today (Thursday), the U.S. Post Office at Salem will host an official installation ceremony and reception for Berry. It is scheduled to start at noon. "I am thrilled to death," said Berry, who has been assigned to the Salem office since December, but only recently learned it would be a permanent posting.

When she was postmaster at Hanson in Hopkins County, Berry drove 60 miles one way to work.

"It was one hour and 10 minutes no matter what, and I tried it several ways," she said.

When she was appointed to the Greenville office in Muhlenberg County, the trip was even longer.

"Now, I can drive to work five days a week and go home for lunch every day and it still will not be as many miles as I drove to get

work one day at Hanson," said Berry, still a bit giddy about the new gig.

She was working in Sturgis last winter when the area supervisor called and offered her a spot near her home.

"When I got off the phone, I just hopped and jumped out of the office said to the others working there, "Guess where I'm going?" she said with a laugh. "They said, "Disney World?"

"I was just so happy. I called everyone I knew," Berry adds.

The new postal chief for Salem grew up in southern Crittenden County near the Mexico community. She and her husband Todd have raised their family just north of Salem near the Livingston and Crittenden County line.

Over the years, she's worked at nine other post offices, which include Edyville, Madisonville, Uniontown, Morganfield, Nortonville, White Plains and Owensboro.

It's been quite a run, and now she's very satisfied to be in her own backyard.



Berry

CCES earns Energy Star recognition

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Elementary School has been certified by the nation's premier energy efficiency advocate for its success at cutting its use of electricity.

The facility is the first in the school district to become an Energy Star Certified Building, scoring 95 out of a possible 100, meaning it is in the top 5 percent of similar buildings nationwide. To achieve certification requires only a 75.

"It takes a lot of hard work to make that happen," Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said.

Clark said certification became a goal of district maintenance supervisor Greg Binkley, and was achieved through the effort of staff and students at the 35-year-old building. The district has each month consistently used less energy at each building over the last couple of years.

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Salem Garden Club, city hand out 2015 community awards

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Salem Garden Club and the City of Salem recently held their ninth annual Spring Banquet.

Those attending enjoyed a great home-cooked meal prepared by Sue Harmon Jennings, Pat Tolley, Beverly Wallace and Hazel Croft with lots of desserts provided by club members. It was a time to say thank you to those who supported financially or volunteered their time and services.

The year 2015 was a huge success for the garden club. More than \$1,000 was donated back to the community, including donations to Mason Fuller, Salem Baptist Youth, Livingston County Helping Hands and Christmas for Kids in Livingston County. Most thankful was a sponsored child from Livingston County who got to attend 4-H camp last summer. He said it was the best three days of his life.

They also donated a \$500 scholarship to a 2015 Livingston Central graduate who was a single mother attending West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

New club officers for 2016 were recognized as President Janet Hughes, Vice President Donna Howard, Secretary La-Jean Quisenberry, Treasurer Carolyn Howard, Correspondence Secretary Beverly Wallace and Historian Pamela Buijk.

Salem Garden Club's Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Lora Miller and Lydia Miller of Salem. They have volunteered to work in the courtyard garden multiple times and helped water throughout

the summer.

Salem's Civic Beautification Award was presented to David and Stephanie Goin along with their children Braden and Aaron. They have worked many hours adding new flowerbeds and a large vegetable garden. Their landscape is decorated for every season.

Hughes thanked Stan Wallace for his service as mayor. His is a retired senior chief boatswain's mate from the U.S. Coast Guard, and his leadership skills have been greatly appreciated by the city commissioners.

Mayor Wallace recognized City Clerk Croft for her outstanding efforts every year to organize Salem's Lighted Christmas Parade. It has been labeled "The Best Little Parade in Western Kentucky." He also recognized Josh Brown, who volunteers to help publish the spring and fall newsletter for the city.

Plans for Salem Day May 7 were announced. This year's theme will be "Derby Day." Entertainment will be provided by Ridin' Shotgun, Steven Baker, Salem Cloggers, and Rozann's Dancers. Farmers Bank will sponsor the derby pie contest. There will also be a derby hat competition along with vendors and inflatable's, which are sponsored by Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel Co. each year. For those in need of last-minute Mother's Day Gifts, Marty Kaiser will have a selection of plants and gifts on hand.

The Salem Garden Club and the City of Salem are ready to spring into a great year.



At top, Salem Mayor Stan Wallace (left) and Salem Garden Club President Janet Hughes present Lydia Miller with the Salem Garden Club Volunteer Award. Lora Miller also received the recognition. Above, the Salem Civic Beautification Award was presented to David and Stephanie Goin and their sons Aaron and Braden.



Lora Miller



March Business of the Month

James Penn Construction was recognized as the March Business of the Month by Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Each month, the chamber selects a local business for recognition. Penn is shown at left with the recognition.

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Celebrating heart health

Late last month, Crittenden County Middle School students celebrated National Heart Month and presented a check to Baptist Health Foundation in the amount of \$861.30, which they collected in various ways during February. They made their presentation in honor of middle school teacher Bryce Winders, who earlier this year had a stent placed to alleviate a blockage. Pictured (from left) are Teresa Cash, Baptist Heart Center director; employees Elisha Richardson, Robert Brown, Beth Mueth (hidden); middle school curriculum coach Tiffany Blazina; Patrick Withrow, Director of Outreach for Baptist Health Paducah; Lora Croley, Development Manager with Baptist Health Foundation; students Emma Williams, Maggie Blazina, Raylee Belt, Tanner Way; and heath and physical education teacher and coach Winders.

Crosswalk to present ‘Arts in the Evening’ on April 19

STAFF REPORT

The fourth annual Arts in the Evening program will be held later this month. This year's theme is "The 80s: Big Hair, Music and More." It will take place in the high school's multi-purpose room from 6 to 7:30 p.m. April 19.

This program will showcase both Crittenden County High and Middle School students' drawings, paintings, sculptures, a puppet show and musical performance by The Crosswalk Musicians Club and the high school band.

New to the program this year will be a Student Soup/Chili Cookoff. Atten-

dees will have the opportunity to sample, judge and dine on delicious dishes prepared by students.

"For a small donation you will have the opportunity to take home a beautiful ceramic bowl painted by our students filled with your favorite soup/chili," said Cheryl Burks, Crosswalk Learning Center site coordinator.

"Please come out and support our students and the arts."

If you wear 80s attire, your name will go into a drawing for a door prize. This program can count as a Community Christmas credit class.



Burks

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TUESDAY
Baseball at All A Classic
Softball at All A Classic, Dawson
Track at Murray Relays

RUNNING

Upcoming 5K race
Deer Creek Baptist Church 5K to support Relay for Life April 22. Event starts at 6:30 p.m. at Deer Creek Church near Sheridan.

TRACK&FIELD

Lucas No. 1 in Region
Crittenden County sophomore Aaron Lucas is currently the top ranked miler and two miler in the First Region Class A track ratings. Lucas ran a 4:55 flat 1600 meters in a meet at Marion March 24 on the same day he posted a 10:55 in the 3200 meters. The best 1600 meters in Class A this season was by Aaron Wier of Lexington Christian at 4:32.69. In the 3200 meters, Louisville Holy Cross's Keeton Thornsberry has the state's best time in Class A at 10:07.90. Lucas qualified last year for the state meet in the two-mile race.

HORSEBACK

Trail ride at Fredonia
Fredonia Valley Riding Club will host a horseback trail ride starting at 1 p.m., Saturday. This is also a membership drive event. Anyone interested in being part of the group is invited to participate. Membership forms will be available at the event. Membership fees are \$20 for an individual or \$30 for a family. The ride will begin at Jeff and Debbie Watson's farm in Caldwell County. There will be a potluck meal following the ride. The meal is scheduled for 4 p.m. Meat and drinks will be provided. Participants should bring side dishes. For more information, call (270) 365-0009 or (270) 625-4099.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons
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Ethan Stone bagged this gobbler during last weekend's youth turkey hunt. It weighed 21.95 pounds, had a 9.5-inch beard and three-quarter-inch spurs.

GOLF

Heritage Tournaments
The Heritage at Marion County Club has announced its 2016 golf tournament schedule, which includes the normal slate of events, plus a new 18-hole, one-day tournament, the 4-Person Gareth Hardin Memorial in memory of the late club director. All of the events are open to the public except the Club Championship in September, which is available for members only. Here is this season's schedule of events:
April 16-17 2-Man Scramble
May 21-22 3-Person Scramble
June 4-5 4-Person Scramble
June 18-19 Buck & Doe Couples
July 16 4-Person G.Hardin Mem.
July 23-24 2-Man Scramble
Aug. 27-28 Sycamore Hills
Sept. 10-11 Club Championship

Former Bobcat on Padres' opening-day roster

STAFF REPORT
Former Marion Bobcat Travis Jankowski has made the Padres' Major League Baseball roster and singled in the club's 15-0 opening-day loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers Monday at Petco Park.
Jankowski formerly played for the now defunct Marion Bobcats in summer collegiate league in 2011. That season, he led the Ohio Valley Collegiate League in batting average and stolen bases.
The 24-year-old from Lancaster, Pa., has earned a spot on the big-league club as a reserve outfielder and pinch runner. Jankowski stole five bases during spring training.
The 2012 first-round draft pick is considered among the top half dozen prospects in the San Diego system. The club's top farm hand, Manny Margot, also plays outfield but was sent down to start the season with the Padres' Triple A affiliate.
Jankowski has proven his worth this spring training, hitting .250 with one home run and showing speed on the bases and range in the outfield.
Over the winter, it appeared Jankowski's chances of making the big league club were diminishing, even after he was called up in August of last year and hit .211 in 34 games for the Padres.
San Diego picked up center-

fielder Jon Jay from the Cardinals during offseason and there was reportedly talk about shopping Jankowski's worth around the league during the winter meetings.
Still, the lanky outfielder was able to find a way onto the active major league roster, performing well in the Arizona Cactus League this spring. He was among 25 players who opened the season with San Diego despite a very crowded field of candidates vying for limited spots in the club's outfield.
The left-handed hitting



Jankowski spent the offseason trying to bulk up a bit in order to be able to handle the rigors of a 162-game major league schedule. He added 10 pounds, according to one report out of San Diego.
Power may never be in his game, but Jankowski is among a number of players – from veterans such as Jay and Melvin Upton Jr. to those with little to no big-league experience – vying for playing time in the outfield next to everyday right fielder Matt Kemp.
Jankowski continues to maintain a relationship with friends he made in Marion.
The Padres will play in St. Louis July 18-21.

HIGH SCHOOL DIAMOND SPORTS ROUND UPS

CCHS Softball

Spring Break has provided no leisure activity for the Lady Rocket softball team, which has charged through perhaps the toughest part of its non-district schedule over the last few days.
The Rocket girls – now 5-6 overall – lost 7-0 to Henderson County (6-7) Tuesday night after falling 9-3 to Caldwell County (9-4) Monday. Both games were at home. Crittenden has lost 4 of its last 5 against a bitterly difficult schedule, including No. 16 Union County last week.
Against Henderson, Brandy Book had two hits, including a double, and four other girls reached on singles, but Crittenden didn't put anything on the board despite four Henderson errors.
Crittenden's Kaitlyn Hicks pitched all seven innings and allowed 11 hits. She struck out three and walked six.
Kali Travis, Hicks, Kiana Nesbitt and Courtney Beverly each singled for CCHS.
On Monday, Caldwell County blasted the Crittenden girls with a dozen hits despite pitcher Cassidy Moss striking out five over seven innings and walking none.
Moss led the way at the dish, collecting two of her team's five hits, including a two-run triple in the sixth. Book then singled in Moss for the Lady Rockets' final run of the game. Other CCHS players with hits were Hicks and Nesbitt.

Win over Dawson Springs
Moss struck out 10 in a three-hit 11-1 victory over Dawson Springs (2-5) Friday at Marion-Crittenden County Park in a game that was moved to Marion after Dawson's field was unplayable because of rain. Moss also did some damage at the plate, hitting a home run and a double and driving in five runs.
Hicks, Book and Jenna Potter also had two hits apiece – include a double each – and Potter knocked in a couple of runs. Others who hit safely for Crittenden were Travis, Emmie Smith and Nesbitt.

Rocket Baseball

Jeffersontown blanked the Rockets 12-0 Tuesday at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., as Crittenden County (5-8) passed the halfway mark on its Sunshine State tour with 1 win in 3 games.
Bobby Stephens, Pate Robinson and Ethan Hunt each singled for the Rockets, but the boys couldn't put anything together for runs. On defense, seven Rocket errors were partly responsible for the lopsided loss. J'town (8-4) also battered Crittenden with 20 hits in the game.
Maeson Myers went four innings on the hill to start the game for CCHS and Taylor Yancy and Ethan Dossett finished it up.
Jeffersontown put up crooked numbers in four different innings and played errorless baseball.
Slow start gives Bath route to win
Crittenden spotted Bath County four runs in the first inning before settling in and making the game close the rest of the way in a 4-2 loss in Florida.
Bath used three quick hits and three runs to chase Rocket starter Maeson Myers in the opening frame. From there, senior Alex Cosby came on to stop the Wildcats (11-2) in their tracks. Bath has the best record of any team in the 16th Region.
The Rockets scored one in the bottom of the first and one in the second, but that was it. Ethan Hunt and Myers each drove in runs. Paxton Riley was the only other Rocket to hit safely in the game.
Cosby struck out seven after relieving with no



Breaking Out

Crittenden County's baseball and softball teams hosted Dawson Springs' boys and girls in games Friday night as a lead-in to their respective Spring Break schedules.
The Rockets are in Florida and the Lady Rockets have hosted their own round-robin tournament fundraiser and played a very tough schedule this week.
Pictured at top is CCHS baserunner Courtney Beverly lurching off third as Kaitlyn Hicks fouls off a pitch. At left is Rocket baserunner Ethan Hunt scoring on a not-so-close play at the plate.

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outs in the first and finishing the game. He walked one and allowed four hits.
Florida opener goes well for CCHS boys
Crittenden opened its play in the Sunshine State with an 8-1 win over Henry County (7-3) behind a big offensive game by leadoff hitter Nick Castiller and a complete-game win by senior pitcher Ryan James.
Castiller had two hits, scored two runs and drove in one. Ethan Hunt also had two hits and two RBIs. Other players with singles were Bobby Stephens, Dylan Hollis, Alex Cosby and Shelby Robinson.
The Rockets scored five runs in the last of the sixth inning to blow open what had been a close

game.
James struck out two and walked none in the game.
Rockets routs Dawson Springs before break
Dawson Springs didn't get out of Marion until the mercy rule went into effect Friday in the Rockets' home-opener. Crittenden County scored half of their runs early then unloaded the bench en route to a 10-0 win over the Panthers.
Crittenden managed 11 hits, including doubles by Ethan Hunt and Maeson Myers. Alex Cosby and Shelby Robinson had two singles apiece. Also collecting hits in the game were Castiller, Dylan Hollis and Paxton and Payton Riley.

Dugout Club will host 15 exhibition games Apr. 30

Crittenden County Dugout Club has announced that it will host three divisions in the CCDL's pre-season baseball and softball jamboree on Saturday, Apr. 30.
The CCDL – Crittenden, Caldwell, Dawson, Lyon League – is the organization that directs play for boys and girls in youth baseball and softball in all recreational divisions in ages seven to 12.
Marion-Crittenden County Park will host seven 10-under baseball games, three 12-under softball games and four 10-under softball games on the last Saturday of the month. Each team involved in the pre-season tournament will get two one-hour games. These are exhibition games only, giving teams a chance to hone their skills ahead of the regular season, which starts the first week in May. Schedules for the regular-season games will be available in about a week.
Other communities in the CCDL will host divisional pre-season scrimmage games on the same date as those in Marion. Following is a list of wehregames will be played:
Caldwell County will host 10 games in 8-under baseball and four games in 8-under softball.
Dawson Springs will host four games in 8-under softball and three games in 10-under softball.
Lyon County will host seven games in 12-under baseball and six games in 10-under baseball.
The matchups have yet to be determined, but a team will play both of its scheduled games at one venue. In case of rain, games will not be rescheduled.



The Kentucky Heat youth travel basketball team won the Owensboro Spring Bash Tournament last weekend. Team members are (front from left) coach Luke Gerrard, Kaiser Frick, Evan Michalek, (back) coach Cory Gerrard, Travis Champion, Caden DeBoe, Logan Rodgers and coach Jared Champion.

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bid notice

Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board, Marion-Crittenden County Airport, Repaint Airfield Markings: Sealed proposals for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for REPAINT AIRFIELD MARKINGS project at the Marion-Crittenden County Airport will be received by Chairman, James C. Johnson at 118 North Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 until 2:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, April 28, 2016. Please allow two business days for delivery of sealed bids. At that time, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Marion-Crittenden County Airport terminal building located at 500 Airport Road, Marion, Kentucky 24064. Proposals may be hand delivered at the terminal building immediately prior to the Bid Opening. All sealed proposals delivered before the Bid Opening shall be addressed to: James C. Johnson, Airport Chairman, Johnson's Furniture, 118 North Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064. The upper left hand corner of the sealed envelope must identify the following information: CONFIDENTIAL (DO NOT OPEN), CONTRACT PROPOSAL, Bid of [Name of Contractor] for Repaint Airfield Markings at Marion-Crittenden County Airport. To be opened at 2 p.m. CST on Thursday, April 28, 2016. Plans may be obtained from Lynn Imaging (www.lynnimaging.com) upon payment of \$75, a non-refundable deposit. Direct telephone line: (502-499-8400). All addendums will be available from Lynn Imaging. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to obtain these addendums. The Engineer will provide electronic copies of the plans and specifications to the successful bidder to facilitate construction but cannot provide any electronic copies prior to award of the project. Each sealed proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or satisfactory bid bond, in a sum that is not less than five (5) percent of the aggregate amount of bid, payable to the Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board. The successful bidder will be required to execute Contract and to provide Contract Surety in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the bid amount for performance, and a bond in the amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the bid amount guaranteeing the payment of all labor, materials, and etc. Rights to waive any formality in any pro-

posed guarantee, to reject any and all bids, and to negotiate with the apparent low bidder to such extent as may be necessary, are reserved. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids. Bids may be held by the Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract. The contractor and all sub-contractors shall be prequalified with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the work being performed, including J91 – "Airfield Striping", and be on the current "bidder's list". The bidder shall submit evidence of prequalification with the bid proposal. Evidence of prequalification for all sub-contractors will be required at the preconstruction meeting. Title VI Solicitation Notice: The Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. TRADE RESTRICTION CLAUSE (49

CFR part 30) AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENT (41 CFR part 60-4, Executive Order 11246) CERTIFICATE REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION AND GOVERNMENTWIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (BIDDER OR OFFEROR) (2 CFR part 180 (Subpart C), 2 CFR part 1200, DOT Order 4200.5 DOT Suspension & Debarment Procedures & Ineligibility) CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (SUCCESSFUL BIDDER REGARDING LOWER TIER PARTICIPANTS) (2 CFR part 180 (Subpart C), 2 CFR part 1200, DOT Order 4200.5 DOT Suspension & Debarment Procedures & Ineligibility) Questions may be directed to Ronnie S. Canups II, P.E., Stantec Consulting Services Inc, 601 Grassmere Park Road, Suite 22, Nashville, Tennessee 37211, Telephone: (615) 238-2735. Email ronnie.canups@stantec.com. Final questions are due by close of business on Monday, April 25th, 2016. (1t-40-c)

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Guard offers crash course in core values to CCES

Third- through fifth-graders at Crittenden County Elementary School got a crash course in some of the Kentucky Army National Guard's core values while running a scaled down version of a military obstacle course last Wednesday on the school's front lawn. Guard Spc. Ashley Turley (above), who set up the course at the school, works as a mental health counselor with Mountain Comprehensive Care at CCES. She is also a behavioral health technician with the 1163rd Area Support Medical Company in Shelbyville. While running the course at CCES, students learned the U.S. Army's seven values including Integrity, loyalty, duty, respect, honor, selfless service and personal courage. At bottom right, students scale the wall with assistance from Turley and CCES secretary Jessica Penn. Dressed for career day rather than combat-ready, Jake Hoover (top right) traverses above and below obstacles.



Program to share domestic abuse experience

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

The relationships we enter for intimacy and emotional fulfillment can often turn into the coldest and most destructive. And in Kentucky, 1 in 3 women will feel that betrayal through abuse at the hands of an intimate partner.

"It's a plague," Donna Girten says of domestic abuse, adding that it would be mistaken to think Crittenden County is immune from the social ill just because its symptoms are often hidden from sight. "This is something that affects our community."

That's why Girten and the Woman's Club of Marion are hoping to raise awareness to the complexity of domestic abuse through a program scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday at club headquarters on East Carlisle Street. The event, which will also focus on drug and alcohol abuse, marks the fourth consecutive year the organization has hosted a forum on community issues.

While Girten holds no degree in psychology or social work, she does possess something far more valuable in helping others understand abuse than any Ph.D. She suffered through an abusive marriage for 22 years.

"For those on the outside," Girten explained, "they just don't know. I hope this really sheds some light on how this happens and what to look for."

Seeking escape from an unpleasant home life, Girten became a teen mom and left high school early. She soon became dependent upon the man who

would terrorize her for more than two decades. She said her ex-husband's sworn duty to protect and serve as a police officer ended at the front door of their home.

"Nobody would have thought it. Abusers are the greatest chameleons."

Twelve years and hundreds of miles removed from her abuser, she is now able to speak candidly about her experiences – the bruises and broken bones, the slurs, cruelty and emotional distress and the psychological damage at the hands of a man who pledged to love and honor her.

Trust in another man, she explains, is hard for any woman to come by after leaving an abusive relationship. Girten suffered through own her share of unhealthy partnerships following her divorce.

"If you're a young lady ... looking for love, here's my best advice to you," she says, "if your past has some bumps in the road, get healthy. Because if emotionally and mentally you are a 2 on a scale of 1-10, then you'll attract another 2."

For the last seven years, Girten has shared a wonderful life with her husband Mark, who became pastor at Crooked Creek Baptist Church after the couple moved here from Texas. Through her relationship with her husband's ministry, over the years she has been able to help scores of people both inside and out of the church through domestic abuse, divorce and grief counseling.

Like for so many others, recovery from abuse was not easy

for the South Carolina native. After escaping abuse at the hands of her intimate partner, the hardest part lay ahead.

"It took me about a year to come out of the fog."

It was around that time she sought peace through a toxic mix of pills and alcohol.

"I decided I didn't want to live anymore. That was my solution."

For years, Girten struggled to find herself. The first three years were the most difficult, but after about five years, she was ready for recovery.

"Just like drug and alcohol abuse, a person who's being abused has to be the one to decide that they want help in order to get better," she said. "I had a lot of work to do. Each year got a little better. Without God, I'd still be a heap on the floor."

Now on the other side of an ordeal that consumed more than half her life, Girten is stronger than ever.

"I am very confident in who I am and my purpose."

There are many misconceptions about domestic abuse and the extent of damage it can do to a person, Girten cautions. Abuse is not limited to the poor and uneducated. It can cross all socio-economic demographics, and men can even be victims at the hand of an intimate partner.

It's also not just physical, in fact, that can be the easiest pain to overcome.

"Remember back in school the old saying, 'Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me'? It's not true," she said.

The emotional abuse – con-

trolling a victim's freedoms, undermining self-esteem and intimidation – goes much deeper. Girten still wakes up screaming from her emotional wounds. There's also cruelty, neglect and verbal abuse. And economic abuse by limiting the victim's access to resources is another form of control for an abuser.

One of the most common questions surrounding abuse, Girten said, is, Why does the victim stay or continue to return time and again?

"Every abusive episode is followed by, 'I'm sorry, I'll never do it again,' and a great outpouring of affection," she said, again referring to an abuser's acting abilities. For the victim, "I call this the fix. It's all about love and the need for it, and the fear of not having it."

Girten calls domestic abuse a dependency – a co-dependency, to be exact – with the abuser needing control and the abused craving love.

Sometimes complicating matters, those who escape their abusers may be shamed into returning by loved ones and even spiritual leaders who fail to understand the severity of the situation.

"You won't find anyone more pro-marriage than Mark and I, but sometimes it's just not salvageable," Girten said. "God doesn't want anyone killed."

Three women are murdered by their intimate partners in this country every day.

Girten and the Woman's Club are inviting anyone in the community Saturday to learn more about this particular issue facing the community.

"I hope people will come and ask questions," Girten said.



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