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Free dumping offered by county

Just in time for spring cleanup, Crittenden County will offer free dumping next week at its convenience center off U.S. 60 East. The program will see the disposal center open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 17 and 18, according to Solid Waste Coordinator Sue Padgett. Large items, including furniture and appliances, will be accepted, but tires will not be taken. Disposal of household garbage will still require a fee.

MPD has opening for new patrolman

Marion Police Department has an opening for a patrolman following the resignation last Wednesday of police veteran Jerry Parker. Police Chief Ray O'Neal said Parker resigned in good standing after seven years with the department. MPD currently has five officers — Bobby West, Heath Martin, George Foster, Robert Harris and Chief O'Neal.

Paul tosses hat in presidential ring

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky is now ready to test how much change voters want, both for their government and for the GOP. The tea party favorite and frequent antagonist of leaders of his Republican Party began his White House campaign Tuesday, kicking off the run with a rally in downtown Louisville. He was then left for early nominating states with a pitch aimed at the libertarian corners of the GOP. Paul, whose father Ron has run unsuccessfully for president three times, begins the 2016 race as the second fully declared candidate, behind Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas. But he could face as many as 20 rivals for the nomination before the lead-off Iowa caucuses early next year.

— The Associated Press

Meetings

- Crittenden County Election Board will meet at 9 a.m. Friday in the county clerk's office.
- Livingston County Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Monday for its regular monthly meeting in the North Livingston County Elementary School library in Burma.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday for its monthly working session in the Rocket Arena conference room.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday in the judge-executive's courthouse office. First reading of the 2015-16 Crittenden Fiscal Court budget will be given.
- Livingston Fiscal Court will meet at 5:30 p.m. next Thursday at the judicial center in Smithland.



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CCHS teens accepted to new math, science academy

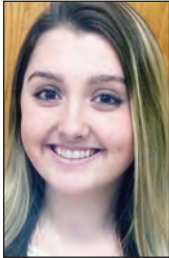
By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Two Crittenden County High School students have been selected to join the inaugural class of the prestigious Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics.

Kaitlyn Gayle Wheeler, the daughter of Bill and Kory Wheeler of Marion, and Audrey Lee Smith, the daughter of Chris and Stephanie Smith of Fredonia, are two of 60 students representing 36 counties in Kentucky selected to be part of the Craft Academy's Class of 2017.

The academy will open in August on the campus of Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky.

The Craft Academy was created during the 2015 General Assembly as a line item to allow exceptional high



Wheeler



Smith

school juniors and seniors across the Commonwealth to attend a boarding school-type academy on the Morehead campus. House Bill 232 authorizes the Craft Academy to issue state scholarships and high school diplomas. It will provide college-level curriculum that al-

lows students to finish high school while also completing up to two years of university coursework. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in their local high school graduation as well as the Academy graduation.

In his remarks last month during the signing ceremony to finalize legislation that created the academy, Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear said much like the Gatton Academy, which is located on the Western Kentucky University campus, the Craft Academy provides another tool for the state in preparing its future leaders.

On March 30, both Wheeler and Smith received their class schedules for the fall semester during the academy's orientation day.

For Wheeler, attending the Craft Academy means gaining additional rigor in her educational experience. Her first semester will focus on mathematics and psychology. However, she wants to explore all the various educa-

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Power of pink



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary at any given time has hundreds of donated books for sale to patrons of the hospital for only a quarter each. Not only do the books help those in waiting rooms and patients convalescing pass time, they generate money that goes into improvements at the hospital. Pictured above (from left), Barbara Riley, Muriel Hughes and Melva Harris display their carts filled with dozens of books of just about every genre.

Auxiliary books fund CHS projects

STAFF REPORT

It's not the library, but the hospital is a place where time can be passed more gently with lines of a book.

Whether it is in the waiting room or convalescing in a bed, local hospital patrons are fortunate to have a seemingly endless supply of reading material available in the lobby.

Crittenden Health Systems'

Auxiliary sells books for a mere quarter each.

"Twenty-five cents isn't too much for anyone," said Muriel Hughes, one of the ladies in pink who manages the hospital foyer and gift shop.

Donors give the books to the auxiliary, which turns the profit into bedding, mattresses, chairs for the waiting room and even some remodeling projects at the

health care facility.

"It's the best money maker we've ever had," said auxiliary member Melva Harris.

The ladies accept used books from anyone, and they're not particular about the genre. However, Harris said love-inspired books seem to move the quickest.

"When people get through

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CCES enacts nut-restricted food policy

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

It's a lunch-time staple for many American families with children, but a peanut butter and jelly sandwich can be a serious health risk to a growing number of people, particularly the youngest segment of the nation's population. That's why the local school district has enacted a peanut/nut-restricted policy at Crittenden County Elementary School.

The restrictions are campus-wide and started

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Crider showcases vocal gift at Carson Center on April 18

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Corey Crider doesn't perform close to home very often. Usually he's performing in faraway cities like Chicago. Currently, he is in Texas rehearsing for Amarillo Opera's upcoming production of "Les Miserables."

But this month, for one night only, Crider will perform at Paducah's Carson Center, where he'll have the opportunity to showcase his vocal talent fewer than 50 miles from his hometown. The Marion native will be a guest soloist April 18 as the Paducah Symphony Orchestra



Crider

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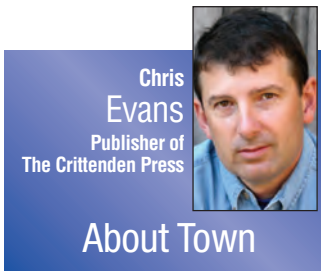
Rural hospitals' future appears bleak without community support

Lindell and Pauline Dolan owned and operated a small country grocery store until the late 1970s in rural western Tennessee where I grew up. It was a thriving business for many years, serving customers from a fairly broad area. However, when Walmart opened 8 miles up the road in the county seat, their business was inevitably crippled.

Dolan's Grocery pumped gas, sold feed, milk, bread, cold drinks, canned goods and a variety of in-season fresh vegetables. There was a wood-burning stove and a church pew in the back of the store where men from around the community would huddle to play checkers and smoke cigars.

In many ways, that little country store was the center of the community.

I will never forget the day



Chris Evans
Publisher of
The Crittenden Press

About Town

the auction company showed up to sell everything. It was my grandparents' store. My disheartenment was real even for a young boy. There to help pack boxes and load cars as the auction ended, I recall the sadness that filled those who came to buy and simply observe the final chapter of a community icon. It was a depressing day, yet fond memories remain of the times when I thought the entire candy section belonged to me.

Change can be wonderful,

inevitable and, yet, equally painful. As I watch our state and country's health care system move into the dawn of a new era under the Affordable Care Act, I wonder just how affordable — and how accessible — treatment will be in the coming years, especially for rural folks. I have a feeling that this change will be of the painful variety.

Rural hospitals like the one in Marion serve almost half of Kentucky's entire population. Like the hospital here, most of them in small communities serve a large number of uninsured, poor and aged citizens.

When we lost little country grocery stores, it was not because they failed as viable businesses; it was because the folks in the neighborhood started driving past them en route to the large discount

department stores that popped up in town. When people forsook Dolan's Grocery in order to save less than two bits on a gallon of milk, they lost more than they ever bargained for. And we lost part of Americana.

We've seen the same right here. When I first came to Crittenden County, there were country groceries in Dy-cusburg, Mattoon, Tolu and Sheridan. They are all gone, and that bit of our culture will never be recaptured.

Our rural hospitals are headed down the same path of extinction unless we recognize and reverse the trend.

"We were all surprised when the little country stores closed, but it was our fault," said Charlie Hunt, who is chairman of the volunteer board of directors that oversees management of Crittenden Health Systems, our

local hospital and affiliated services.

"The only way for rural hospitals to survive is through community support," Hunt says with the luxury of hindsight and a distinct understanding of what's in store for the future.

I have talked with Hunt, hospital CEO Greg McNeil and other administrators and health care workers in the last few weeks since the facility held its annual business meeting and unveiled its somewhat optimistic, yet very tenuous financial condition. Last week's report from State Auditor Adam Edelen backs up the discussions we've been having here — and in every small hamlet between Fulton and the Cumberland Gap. Our rural health care is

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Rising river makes for interesting adventure

When we moved to our farm in Livingston County in 1997 we had one question: Why hadn't our neighbors warned us we were in a floodplain?

The truth was, they didn't know it either. Oh, they had seen a few inches of water cross the road during rainy seasons, but nothing like we were dealing with that particular spring. The swelling Ohio River had spilled over into Deer Creek, bringing 8 feet of water to our front door. The neighbors were scratching their heads.

"It's never gotten that high before," they said. But, it had.

Some of the oldest residents remembered the 1937 flood that stretched from Pittsburgh to Cairo, leaving more than a million people homeless and 385 people dead. Back then, torrential rains and chunks of swiftly moving ice created the worst disaster in Kentucky's history. We learned the water rose to the second floor of the old house that used to be here. The lady who lived there had to be rescued by

Linda Defew
Crittenden Press guest columnist
Defew's Views

boat out of the attic window. Now, some 75 years later, things had greatly improved. Major work was done to make sure Paducah would never again see the devastating effects of the river being 18.5 feet above flood stage. And, in Livingston County, our narrow county road was built up and repaved. It could still be hit by rising flood waters, but nothing like in 1997... we hoped. Fast forward to Easter Sunday 2011. We had watched the water slowly rise every day for a week. It had rained hard all week, hitting the Ohio River counties the worst with both headwaters and backwaters. Still, we had our traditional plans for Easter, and

I'm a stickler for family get-togethers. Our children and grandchildren were coming for a big meal and egg hunt. I couldn't cancel.

We went on with the plans with a few stipulations. While we visited, my husband would keep a close watch on the NOAA flood prediction website that was updated every few hours. We had no doubt the family would be safe as long as they left before dark.

We were well into our egg hunt when the rain started to fall. The adults helped the little ones find the eggs and get back inside. About that time, Eddie came in through the back door. I could tell by the look on his face, it wasn't good.

"Kids, if y'all want to get home, you better leave now. The water has just crossed the road."

Amid the 2-year-old's cries to stay, we scrambled to get the kids loaded in their car seats along with a few leftovers, plastic eggs, pretty baskets and half-eaten chocolate bunnies. As we were saying our goodbyes,

the sky opened up and it poured.

I hurried to the car and Eddie to the truck, with both of us knowing what we had to do. Up the hill, about a quarter of a mile, an old homeplace with a rocky driveway sat high and dry. Like the last time, we would leave a vehicle up there, in case of an emergency.

We had alerted our mailman. For the next two weeks, we would have to boat to the water's edge to pick up our mail.

The next morning, Eddie got the boat out and tied it to the catalpa tree in our front yard – just in case. The water continued to rise. By the end of the first week, our pond was covered and the cabin beside it filled up to the windows. Although it lacked a few feet getting in our house, the fear that it might was always there.

We both agreed we would have built on higher ground had we had known this could happen. As it was, we counted our blessings, realizing it could have been a whole lot worse. Within a

couple of weeks, the waters receded and all was back to normal again.

Just a few weeks ago, once again, we watched the water from Deer Creek as it gradually moved across an empty field toward our road. The county road department made a special trip down here to put up signs that say, "Water Over Road." As most folks returned to life as usual, it was not for us. The sun was shining for the first time in a week, but we are not fooled. We'd been through this before. Deep snows and tons of ice were melting in the Northeast. We knew all that liquid had to go somewhere.

We tried to prepare. I made a last-minute grocery list as Eddie watched the latest flood predictions, knowing it would cross over any day. We talked to our neighbors who live along this precarious path and kept each other informed.

But as the river reached its crest and started to recede, we were able to relax and enjoy our time as river rats. It's an adventure most

people never get to experience.

Ducks and geese made for perfect viewing as they flocked to the newly flooded areas. Deer, coyotes and bobcats, fleeing the water, roamed closer than I liked.

Something favoring coyotes has become somewhat of a mystery.

"They're as dark as an old barn and taller than German Shepherds," Eddie says.

During the last flood, a pair of wolf-like animals, possibly hybrids, attacked his dogs while going for a run around the farm. It was one of those times he had left his gun at the house, but luckily, when he raised his hands in the air and shouted at them, they left. never to be seen again.

Who knows what the river will push out next time. As for me, I'll keep my camera handy, hoping to get an interesting picture or two.

(Linda Defew is a freelance writer from Livingston County who has had numerous works published. Her column appears in this newspaper periodically.)

The Press letters policy

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teens standing up for fellow students

To the editor
"Life is mostly froth and bubble; two things stand like stone; kindness in another's trouble; courage in your own," wrote Adam Lindsay Gordon.

Kids today are bombarded with media that leaves them emotionally stunted due to a surplus of violence, excessive exposure to stereotypical advertising and the need to be a part of the "in crowd." Never before, have the children in our community been exposed to such negative stimuli that are beyond our control.

Even in our cozy little community of Crittenden County, the Internet is readily available to "make our lives easier" – easier to access blood and gore, roam without adult supervision and behave in unspeakable manners that would never be allowed in the presence of our parents.

Whew, I have to step off my soap box. The lack of oxygen from that high up is staggering.

Now, let me relate the quote from above and the previous paragraph.

Parents of Crittenden County High School students, stand and be proud of your children. They have been subjected to the barrage of social media and its emotionally numbing effects. They have been witness to cyber-bullying and its overwhelming negative effects on their fellow students, and they have come to a conclusion – they have decided they are courageous enough to show kindness in others' times of trouble. They have decided that this is a problem they are going fix. They have decided they are going to support their fellow students and even more than that – they want to put an end to a generation of "bullying," "cyber-bullying" and the "mean girl" culture. They are saying it's no longer cool to be mean, and they are tired of it.

Wow, what kind of strong-willed, independent thinkers have we raised – the kind who are not going with the flow because it's "cool," the kind who are going to cut their own path,

because it's the right way to go. Be proud, parents of Crittenden County. These young adults are finding their courage to stand up for others' troubles and fix their own.

Michele Orr
Crittenden County High School teacher
Marion, Ky.

Tolu resident recalls asking for street fix

To the editor
I am writing this letter in response to the recent news article which quoted our magistrate, Curt Buntin, and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom as saying no one had mentioned the street conditions in Tolu. I, for one, have told Curt Buntin personally about the streets and their conditions when the meet-the-candidates event was held at the Tolu Community Center before the last county elections.

Curt told me that he would not be able to do any work on these streets due to a lack of funds. He then asked, "Do you know what it is going to cost to blacktop a road?" Then he went on to tell me he had just gotten an estimate on blacktop for a road in front of his house.

I saw Judge Newcom at the benefit fish fry held at the Tolu Community Center on March 14. I asked him at this time if he could check on the chip seal streets we have and the condition of them. He assured me he would check on them. I told him many streets have large pot holes and other repairs were needed. I also told him about the statements of the Tolu magistrate concerning the lack of funds was the problem.

I just wanted to let everyone know that the statements of both men is concerning when they don't remember anyone telling them about the street conditions in Tolu. I, for one, have personally told both gentlemen, and at least one other resident I know of has expressed her concerns to our magistrate on another occasion.

Maybe they don't remember, but they were told.

Naoma Tinsley
Tolu, Ky.

Franklin, Ky., residents recall Cash wedding

Much like "The Andy Griffith Show" episode where an armored car carrying a large shipment of gold was to quietly pass through Mayberry with very little fanfare, only to have Barney let the cat out of the bag, Franklin, Ky., probably had several Barneyes back on March 1, 1968.

That's when Johnny Cash and June Carter decided to travel from their Hendersonville, Tenn., home to Simpson County (roughly 100 miles from Marion) to tie the knot. Cash died in 2003, as did Carter, and although their wedding day was to be relatively low-key by superstar standards, word quickly spread throughout the community.

Dan Ware, director of Simpson County Tourism Commission, says that the Johnny Cash-June Carter wedding has become a big chapter in the folklore of Franklin.

"We note it in our publications," Ware said, "and let visitors know they can go inside the sanctuary where they said their vows at the First Methodist Church."

A local newspaper report back then said the two Grammy Award winners and Grand Ole Opry stars chose Franklin for the unannounced ceremony because they were simply looking for a small town where a quiet wedding could be held.

Cash had proposed to June Carter on stage in Canada in February 1968 at the height of their popularity, and the couple had originally planned a summer wedding at Johnny's lake-side home in Hendersonville. Supposedly, however, one of Cash's daughters from a previous marriage suggested the pair elope to Kentucky, where the waiting period to get married was

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Out and About

shorter.

When Cash and Carter, whose legal name was June Carter Nix, arrived in Franklin, they immediately went to the courthouse and purchased a marriage license. The night before, the two had received a Grammy for their recording of "Jackson."

Ann Grow, the deputy county court clerk at the time, recalls that their presence caused quite an uproar in the office.

"I saw them, but Aileen Robey waited on the couple," she said. "I think it became a big day in her life to be a part of their visit here."

The couple then went two blocks to Dr. L.F. Beasley's clinic on College Street for the required blood test.

"A group of them came in our office together," remembers Shelvvia Goodrum, who actually conducted the blood test that day. "They invited us to the wedding, so Betty Sue Tuck and I walked over to the church but did not go in. We waited outside for them to come out, and when they did, June tried to give me her bouquet, but I told her I was already married. Now, I wish I (had taken) it."

From there, it was a short way to First Methodist Church across from the courthouse for the ceremony uniting the 36-year-old Cash and the 38-year-old Carter. The main sanctuary of the church was sprinkled with invited family and friends.

Among them was long-time radio station owner Henry Stone, who had been asked to record the event for the newlyweds.

"Merle Kilgore, who I didn't know, called me at the station," Stone offered. "He wanted someone to record the wedding. I took our Wollensack reel-to-reel over to the church and set it up, and during the ceremony, I stood just off the main area of the church."

Stone says he was standing so close that he could hear Rev. Leslie Chapman giving Johnny and June their instructions.

Stone wished years later he had made a copy for himself.

"It was exciting that day. They all drove up in their Cadillacs. Some in the group, particularly George Morgan, who sang a couple of songs, looked like they had already been celebrating, if you know what I mean."

Cash's best man was fellow Opry star Kilgore who co-authored one of the biggest hits of all-time, "I Walk the Line." June Carter's good friend Micki Dale Brooks was maid-of-honor.

Rev. Chapman became quickly aware of the celebrity status the ceremony had taken on. Although several locals had eased their way into some of the back pews, the balcony section was jam-packed. It was even reported that local downtown businesses, which included Kenneth Cline's grocery store, closed so employees could attend and take in the wedding and aftermath on that busy Friday afternoon.

Years later, Rev. Chapman recalled not really

knowing much about Cash, but more about June Carter.

"I had heard of the Carter family and mother Maybelle," he said. "But Cash was just really coming on the scene. They had 25 to 30 friends and family with them, and I remember that George Morgan sang two songs, 'I Love You Truly' and 'Because.' June cried during both songs."

Rev. Chapman must have gotten caught up in the excitement of the day, because in filling out his portion of the marriage license, he wrote that the marriage took place in Henderson, Ky.

The Franklin Favorite newspaper featured the event on Page 1 of Section B the following Thursday in its weekly edition. Pictures showed Cash in a black tuxedo with bow tie, while the bride wore a light colored, scalloped, knee-length dress.

While locals waited outside the church waiting for the newlyweds to emerge, others lined the streets to grab their piece of history, a piece of history that Franklin wants to keep alive.

Johnny and June may have kept their wedding ceremony a secret from the national press that day, but the residents of Franklin made sure there was enough fan-fare to last a lifetime.

There's no excuse. So get up, get out and get going. (Editor's note: Gary P. West is an author of several books, a freelance writer for several magazines and a syndicated columnist for several newspapers in Kentucky. He can be contacted by email at west1488@insightbb.com.)

THANK YOU
The family of Hazel Eskew wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food, flowers and visits in our time of sorrow. A special thanks to Rev. Lawrence Richardson for the kind words of comfort he shared with us.
Our thanks to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for making this difficult time as easy as possible. And thanks to Louise's Flowers for creating a beautiful floral arrangement.
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Education soon minus Hodges

By JASON TRAVIS
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It was in the early 1980s when Crittenden County High School received an invitation from KET to have its students participate in a television program called the Scholastic Challenge. A team was soon chosen to compete in the academic quiz bowl, and leading the students to the tournament was CCHS math teacher Mary Helen Hodges.

Also participating in the academic tournament was a team from Caldwell County High School. Hodges, now retired from education, said teachers and students in the area enjoyed the experience so much, they soon began competing in academic team meets with other high schools in the region.

That's how academic team competition was born in western Kentucky. It soon would spread across the state, from west to east, extending into Frankfort, Louisville and Lexington.

"We organized it here in the west, and it caught on at the state level," Hodges said.

She said it was a great opportunity for Crittenden County students to travel, compete and meet students from other schools. It also provided students not involved in other activities, such as sports, an opportunity to compete with an organized team and develop a sense of camaraderie.

Hodges was the first academic team coach at CCHS, coaching the team from 1982 to 1989. During that time, the teams won many tournaments from the district to state level. In 1986, Gov. Martha Layne Collins bestowed the title of Kentucky Colonel to Hodges for her efforts in establishing academic team competition in the state.

A Kentucky Colonel is the highest title of honor bestowed by the Commonwealth and the designation is given in recognition of noteworthy or outstanding service for accomplishments at the community, state or national level.

Hodges believes academic team competitions are an important part of education by providing an avenue for stu-

dents to study, learn and to be proud of what they know and can accomplish.

Hodges began her teaching career in 1972. She taught special education at the elementary school level for one year at Fohs Hall. She spent the rest of her teaching career at CCHS teaching math to mostly juniors and seniors. She also taught evening math classes for Madisonville Community College for 17 years.

A graduate of Murray State University, Hodges received a bachelor's degree in mathematics and special education and a master's degree in elementary education.

Hodges wasn't the first educator in her family. Her grandmother taught at Pleasant Grove Elementary School and was seen as a role model for Hodges, who knew she wanted to become a math teacher even before beginning elementary school.

Another role model was her father, Franklin Stallion, who was valedictorian of his Salem High School graduating class. Inspired by him, Hodges attained the same honor and was named valedictorian of her high school graduating class in Livingston County.

Hodges said some of the best advice she received as a teacher came from the late Bruce Moore, who was an assistant principal at CCHS. Hodges said he encouraged her not to give too much homework. He reasoned that giving 10 carefully selected math equations for homework assignments that were examples of what students needed to learn was just as effective as giving 20 or 30 equations. His reasoning also aided teachers, because it cut down on paperwork.

"I always remembered that and thought how correct he was," Hodges said. "I carefully chose the problems I would give for homework assignments. That made students enjoy it more because they knew they weren't going to be loaded down every night with homework. It also kept the students' morale up."

Noting how classroom equipment changed since she first began her teaching career, Hodges said she didn't start out with whiteboards

and markers, but rather with chalk, chalkboards and erasers.

Technology was also modest. She recalls the time it took to manually figure the averages for more than 100 students for a nine-week grading period.

"I had to figure all my students' grades by hand and perform long division to get the average," Hodges said. "In 1975, I got my first calculator. It was a Texas Instruments. All it did was add, subtract, multiply and divide, and it was \$37.50. Now, you can buy the same thing for \$5 or less."

By contrast, before she retired, she was figuring her students' grades by computer.

Also, in her early years of teaching, when students requested letters of recommendation for college, Hodges used a typewriter, not a computer and printer to generate the letters.

Looking back, she said she is glad to have been able to teach during both eras of technology.

In 2000, Hodges retired from CCHS. But her career in education was about to take a new turn.

She worked for the National Faculty, a hand-picked group of teachers, administrators, coaches, authors and experts who conduct professional development activities in order to improve 21st century teaching and learning.

Hodges also oversaw the math professional development grant in Livingston County from 2000 to 2001. As a graduate of Livingston Central High School, she appreciated the opportunity to work with former classmates who had become educators in the district.

Then, to help fill a vacancy, she taught math at LCHS for a year before returning to Crittenden County as a substitute teacher.

In 2005, she led a grant project through the Teacher Quality Institute at Murray State University to write units of study for Algebra I for 13 counties in western Kentucky.

Currently, she is the regional coordinator for mathematics intervention at the Kentucky Center for Mathematics based out of Northern Kentucky University. As re-

gional coordinator, her role is to visit classrooms and provide support to teachers and talk about the best ways to help children learn a good foundation in mathematics. She travels across the state conducting workshops for preschool and kindergarten teachers as well.

In her workshops, Hodges emphasizes research conducted in 2007 that indicated early success with mathematics is the greatest predictor of later achievement in school. She believes teachers need to devote a significant amount of time to teaching math and alludes to additional studies that suggest students who develop an early, strong foundation in mathematics perform better in other subject areas since math involves reasoning and thinking skills that are helpful in other subjects.

"Teachers are teaching math in new ways, and the children are learning faster," Hodges said. "We've learned just memorization is not the key. The key is a good, solid foundation of understanding how and why the numbers work together."

At the end of June, Hodges will officially retire after 43 years in education.

During her career, she's received the Who's Who Among American Teachers Award. In 2010, she received the Mathematics Education Service and Achievement Award given by the Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Her advice for new teachers beginning their educational careers is to demonstrate an even temperament and to enjoy their profession.

"If you're having a bad day, don't let the students know it. Put on your happy face and enjoy your career and enjoy your students," she said.

As for her plans after education, Hodges and her husband, Reg, are planning to leave their long-time home of Marion in July and relocate to Daytona Beach, Fla.

"We will miss our family and friends, but it will be exciting to start a new adventure and a new chapter in our lives," she said.

(Editor's note: The Crittenden Press will throughout the year bring you stories on many of Crittenden County's retired teachers.)



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in Trouble, with a capital T.

Health care is a very complicated and broad subject. The terms and conditions in which hospitals operate today are almost cryptic to the average American. Few of us understand how these institutions bill us, much less how they make ends meet in a climate of major change that nips at the heels of their very existence. It's grossly tragic in many ways because as new laws go into effect, there's more and more downward pressure on these small hospitals. It's almost like there is a supreme power somewhere that wants to see these first lines of health care erased from the countryside.

In a purely business sense, county hospitals do not have a good record for making money, or breaking even for that matter. The state auditor's report found that nearly one-quarter of Kentucky's 66 rural hospitals are in danger of closing.

A variety of financial factors wouldn't make them attractive to investors, to say the least. They're generally not as efficient as larger-volume health care facilities and their expensive high-tech equipment gets far less use than equal technology at metropolitan sites. One would imagine that more resources are required to recruit and keep physicians in places like Marion than perhaps Louisville or Nashville, Tenn.

The deck is stacked against small facilities like CHS. Washington nearly wiped out rural hospitals when it started meddling with health care in the early 1980s. Nearly 500 were forced to closed before some changes were made in the late 1990s.

Hospitals in Livingston, Union and Caldwell counties each received critical-care designations during the tumultuous earlier times and those stripes are serving them very well right now. Simply stated, the government makes sure their entitlement payments are

roughly equal to costs. That's what happens in our border counties.

Meanwhile, Crittenden's hospital operates toe-to-toe with much larger health care facilities like those in nearby Paducah, Hopkinsville and Madisonville. Crittenden Health Systems is a long-term, acute-care facility just like the bigger boys. When Medicare and Medicaid patients are served in Marion, Uncle Sam pays the hospital much less for the same procedures that patients would get at other nearby county hospitals under the critical-care designation. Remember, it's an odd and convoluted system.

When most of your customers are Medicare and Medicaid subscribers – with that segment making up 85 percent of your receipts – you're losing anywhere from 7 to 15 percent on every job you do.

Based on the ramifications of Obamacare, it looks like America is headed to-

ward a single-payer health care system much like the United Kingdom and Canada. When that happens, Uncle Sam's wallet will be paying not 85 percent of Crittenden Hospital's services, but 100 percent. When that happens, hospitals will have to play solely by government rules or get completely out of the game.

Right now, hospitals are leaving the table based on what is occurring and what is sure to happen down the road. A hospital in our sister community – Crittenden County, Ark. – closed about a year ago.

More than 50 rural hospitals have been shuttered in the last few years across the U.S., most of them in the rural South.

So what are we left to do? The local hospital's current administration and board of directors appear to have gotten control of a ship that was perhaps headed into unforgiving waters just a few months ago. For that, we



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Items currently consigned to sell are vehicles, farm equipment, lawn furniture, household furniture, lawn mower, 440 volt shop heater, portable propane grill, Jeep Wrangler wheels and tires, assorted Craftsman tools, 100 gal. propane tank, assorted shop tools, motorcycle lift and stand and several misc. items.

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Mail processing change could affect delivery

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Changes in local mail service began this week when the U.S. Postal Service ceased processing mail in Paducah, potentially adding a day to some deliveries, including certain subscriptions to The Crittenden Press. David Walton, spokesman for the Kentuckiana district of the Postal Service, said as of Monday, processing of all local mail was shifted to Evansville, Ind. The change has been three years in the making and is part of a nationwide move to consolidate processing cen-

ters and eliminate facilities across the country. Walton said the change should not affect delivery times. "It shouldn't have any affect at all," Walton said Tuesday, adding that First Class mail has a two- to three-day delivery expectation. However, Crittenden County native Gerl McKinney, who is vice president for the American Postal Workers Union Local 2500, said the consolidation will mean added time to mail delivery. "It's ironic. In a day and age when people expect every-

thing instantly and faster, the Postal Service is getting slower," McKinney said. Crittenden Press Publisher Chris Evans said he expects some deliveries of the newspaper through mail to slow. "People who live in the 420 service area outside of Crittenden County will very likely see a change in the timing of their delivery service," he said. "That's because all the mail now has to be processed out of state." Walton said the move by USPS to consolidate more than 200 processing plants

over the past few years has been a part of its plan to meet customer needs despite a decline in the amount of mail it handles and revenue losses. "Technology has affected everyone," he said. "We've had to make adjustments as well." Marion Postmaster Anthony Banks said the switch in processing centers should have no effect on local post office operations. "Nothing has changed here as far as I've been notified of," he said Monday. "Pick-up times should remain the same."

As for postal employees, several at the affected processing center and post office in Paducah are from Crittenden County and the Salem area, McKinney said. Walton said the consolidation will affect 41 jobs at the Paducah processing facility, but Paducah's downtown post office will remain open and continue to offer customer service. About 15 employees will be relocating and the job duties of others changing at the Paducah facility, McKinney said. He added that none of the em-

ployees are being laid off. A few are retiring and the rest will relocate to other regional post offices, such as to Calvert City, Murray and the USPS Annex on Park Plaza Road in Paducah. McKinney said many of those employees will have their hours cut to 30 a week in their new positions, and some employees at the regional post offices will also likely see a cut in hours to make space for the new positions. *(Editor's note: The Paducah Sun contributed to this story.)*



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

City earns monthly chamber honor

The City of Marion was recognized Tuesday as the Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Month. The city has 24 full-time employees and eight part-time workers. It maintains 39 miles of streets and roads, \$15 million in real estate and other property and funds a 25-member volunteer fire department. The city also has 1,600 water customers and 1,450 sewer customers. It operates the local 911 dispatching center and helps maintain two parks and Lake George. Chamber members pictured are (from left) Holly White, Merideth Hall, Chamber President Robin Curnel, Elizabeth Floyd, City Administrator Mark Bryant, Elliot West, Randa Poindexter and Chamber Director Susan Alexander.

CRIDER

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presents "Carmina Burana" at the Carson Center. Crider, an operatic baritone, has familiarity with the piece. He performed it as a soloist with the University of Kentucky Symphony Orchestra and choirs nearly a decade ago. "Carmina Burana" is a scenic cantata composed by Carl Orff between the years 1935-36. It's based on 24 poems from a medieval collection and

meant to be performed by a large orchestra, choir, children's choir and soprano, tenor and baritone soloists. To perform the piece, Crider said a soloist must secure the pronunciation and understanding of the text, which includes Germanic Latin as well as Middle High German and old Provençal languages. The latter two languages Crider sings exclusively in the piece. "As the concert date nears, I'll be working on it every day, for longer sessions, will have secured the pronunciation and understanding of text and will

be mostly singing through the most challenging parts to make sure I'm technically secure with them by performance time," he said. It was in early February when Paducah Symphony Orchestra officials asked Crider about his interest and availability. At that time, he was performing in the first-ever production of "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" at the Madison Opera in Madison, Wisc. He said the first and last movements of the piece, which include "O Fortuna," are fa-

mous in pop culture and movies such as "Excalibur" and various car commercials. They are also often used as the opening music for radio talk shows. "I've never met a soul who doesn't respond to that particular piece," he said. "But to feel it live gives you a whole other level of appreciation for it. It is more heavy metal than heavy metal." The performance at the Carson Center will allow Crider to reunite with his college choir director and formative mentor, Dr. Bradley Almquist. He'll

also have the opportunity to sing on stage with another of his mentors, Dr. Randall Black, his first voice teacher. "This makes this concert very special to me, beyond just getting to sing so near home," he said. After his appearance, Crider is scheduled to sing one of his most-performed roles, Escamillo, for a one-act version of Bizet's "Carmen" called "The Tragedie of Carmen," in Naples, Fla. Over Memorial Day weekend, he will sing in a concert version of Puccini's "Tosca" with the Detroit Sym-

phony Orchestra. Then it's off to the Finger Lakes Opera in Upstate New York for a mid-summer production of "Elixir of Love." Performances in Virginia and Ohio will round out the autumn season. For more on "Carmina Burana," log onto Paducah Symphony.org/carminaburana. Crider's appearance schedule can also be found online at Facebook.com/coreycriderbaritone. *(Editor's note: The photo accompanying this story was taken by Erica Zaccari.)*

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tional opportunities available. While she has several career options in mind, she plans to wait on making a decision until she learns more about each field of study. Although she will miss her high school classmates, she said social media will make staying connected with friends easier, and she will still have the opportunity to attend prom and graduate alongside her longtime friends and classmates. Wheeler expressed her gratitude toward her parents for their encouragement and support. "I love them for doing everything that they could to make this dream a reality for me," she said. "I am a student, and so I took this opportunity to make myself the best student I could be. I know that they're proud, and I honestly couldn't be more appreciative of the life lessons and support that they have given me." Wheeler's mother, Kory, said her daughter has spent summers volunteering at the library and attending academic camps to further herself so she could attain her goals. "We are so proud of Katie in everything she does," Kory said, "not always because of her success rate, but for the 110 percent she puts in after setting her goals. Academics

have been her goal since she was little, whether it was wanting to up her AR reading level in elementary school or pushing teachers and administrators in middle school to allow her to take high school classes early." She credits the local school system for helping her daughter achieve her goals and encouraging her to meet her full potential. Attending college two years earlier means both independence and greater responsibility at a younger age. Extra security measures will be in place on the Morehead campus to protect the teens and mandatory study hours for students enrolled in the academy are designed to help them with academics and to reassure parents their child's education is a top priority. Technology will also prove to be important for communication with family members. Morehead State University is almost a five hour drive from Marion. Smith's mother Stephanie, said she sees lots of Facetime conversations in her future. "We are extremely proud of our daughter," Stephanie said. "We have been saying for quite some time her level of thinking and maturity was not what you expect from a 15-year-old." February's heavy snow prevented Audrey from attending a panel interview on the Morehead campus for the selection

process, so a Skype interview was scheduled instead. Officials said they would notify her of their decision March 2. Because most students were in school on that date, the notification time was scheduled in the late afternoon. "That was the longest wait of my life," Audrey said. "I did not make it past 'Congratulations Audrey,' before I burst into tears of happiness and excitement. Mom and I just held each other and cried together. It took several days for it to sink in and feel like it was really happening." Audrey's initial areas of study will include biology and chemistry. While she's interested in becoming a pediatrician, she said other careers, such as space science, also

seem intriguing. She credits both her high school teachers for their help and administrators for their role with the application process. She also appreciates the support she's received from her parents. "My parents have been my No. 1 supporters," the teen said. "They have helped me through everything and made sure I was prepared for anything that would happen in my future." At the end of two years in the Craft Academy, students will have earned as many as 60 college credit hours, finished high school and have the opportunity to further their education at Morehead State University or transfer to any other college or university that expands their career interest.

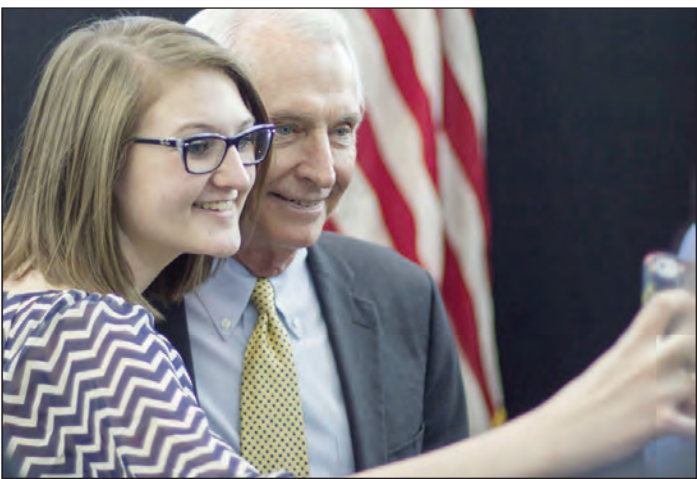


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Crittenden County High School student Audrey Smith 15, takes a selfie with Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear during a bill signing March 30 at the Morehead State Space Science Center. Katie Wheeler, another CCHS student, and Smith will be attending the prestigious math and science Craft Academy in Morehead, Ky.

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Backroads Festival arrives April 24

STAFF REPORT

A much-anticipated annual event is only two weeks away. The 2015 Amish Tour and Backroads Festival is scheduled for April 24 and 25. Events include quilt shows, craft bazaars, bake sales and the opportunity to celebrate and tour the rural landscape of Crittenden County in springtime.

Among the events include an Amish market and craft bazaar held each day at Marion Commons/Welcome Center. Booths will be set up to sell crafts and other items. Among them will be concessions to benefit both animal shelters in Crittenden County. Shelter officials urge individuals to come out to Marion Commons and help support the shelters.

Quilt shows also highlight the festival each spring. The Welcome Center Quilt Show will feature antique and collector quilts. This year, a new element has been added to the festival. Marion Tourism Commission will have brochures available for a Backroads Quilt Square Tour in the county.

Painted barn quilt blocks,

either on barns or displayed on other buildings, have grown in popularity over the last decade in this country. They are not only considered a great opportunity for attracting tourists, but can also help preserve and celebrate a family or community's heritage.

The Christian Church Quilt Show will also be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at 211 W. Bellville St. in Marion.

The Woman's Club of Marion will host a quilt show and bake sale April 24 at its club headquarters on East Carlisle Street. Quilt viewing and goody purchases can be made from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Quilts can be entered from 9 to 10 a.m. An award will be presented to the show favorite at 2 p.m. Quilts can also be picked up after 2 p.m.

On April 25, the Backroads Quilt Show will be held inside Marion's City Hall chambers. (See accompanying story for details.)

All events are free to the public. For additional information on the 2015 Amish Tour and Backroads Festival, contact Marion Tourism Commission at (270) 965-5015.

Annual Backroads Quilt Show scheduled for city hall April 25

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Hall's council chambers will be decorated with a variety of colorful and intricately designed quilts for the Backroads Quilt Show scheduled for April 25. Quilts can be displayed by anyone and do not have to be made by the exhibitor. Organizers stress the show is not a sewing competition but an opportunity to showcase works of art.

The featured quilt display in the city hall lobby will be provided by master quilter June Culvey. Culvey won best of show at the 1991 National Quilt Association Quilt Show in Paducah with her quilt entitled "Golden Camelot."

Quilts can be entered from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Each quilt will include an information card listing the owner and maker, date when made and pattern, if known, and other information which may be of interest to viewers. Cards will be available at the show or can be picked up in advance at the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service located at 1534 U.S. 60 East in Marion.

The Backroads Quilt Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spectators will vote for the show favorite or People's Choice Award. The winner will be announced at 3 p.m. and will receive a plaque and a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Quilts can be checked out from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Previous Backroads Quilt Show award-winning quilts are not eligible for show favorite, but can be displayed.

The show is free to the public and is sponsored by the Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Association.

For further information contact Sarah Ford at (270) 965-3833 or the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.

Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter auction results

April 7, 2015 Cattle weighed at time of sale. Receipts: 612 head. Last Week: 794 head. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly steady. Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00 lower. Supply included 38% feeder steers, 35% feeder heifers, and 26% feeder bulls. 15% of the feeders traded were over 600 pounds.									
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2					Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	150-200	195	330.00	330.00	4	300-350	341	332.50-335.00	334.39
1	200-250	220	365.00	365.00	6	350-400	380	310.00-320.00	315.85
7	250-300	274	350.00-380.00	362.36	8	400-450	421	270.00-300.00	288.46
13	300-350	328	345.00-372.50	358.01	14	450-500	480	270.00-286.00	277.94
21	350-400	391	311.00-335.00	313.92	16	500-550	527	251.00-265.00	255.57
21	400-450	423	287.50-312.50	297.42	18	550-600	576	240.00-262.00	247.17
29	450-500	483	270.00-284.00	277.90	4	600-650	602	241.00-243.00	241.88
16	500-550	522	262.00-273.00	270.47	4	650-700	688	196.00-200.00	197.00
22	550-600	572	246.00-258.00	254.49	13	700-750	735	190.00-196.00	190.46
6	600-650	605	238.00-241.00	238.50	1	750-800	790	190.00	190.00
1	700-750	700	210.00	210.00	1	800-850	835	155.00	155.00
2	750-800	788	185.00-190.00	187.48	9	900-950	905	151.00	151.00
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Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3					Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3				
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1	200-250	235	285.00	285.00	5	400-450	431	230.00-262.00	251.67
2	250-300	260	280.00-330.00	304.04	4	500-550	534	242.00-243.00	244.92
5	300-350	334	310.00-327.50	315.83	4	600-650	635	226.00-233.00	227.72
6	350-400	397	305.00	305.00	1	650-700	670	190.00	190.00
8	400-450	434	280.00-282.50	281.62	6	700-750	734	160.00-180.00	176.66
10	500-550	534	242.00-256.00	246.82	3	750-800	765	170.00-175.00	173.29
1	550-600	560	229.00	229.00	Slaughter Cows:				
3	600-650	616	227.00	227.00	%Lean Weight Avg-Dress High-Dress				
Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3					Breaker 75-80 1300-1735 95-103				
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1	350-400	360	185.00	185.00	Lean 85-90 1000-1300 93-102 106-110				
1	500-550	515	175.00	175.00	Slaughter Bulls:				
1	550-600	585	162.50	162.50	YG: Weight Lo-Dress				
1	700-750	700	152.50	152.50	#1-2 1365-1905 120.00-125.00				
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2					Stock Cows: Cows 6 to 10 years old and 5 to 8 months bred 1400.00-1725.00 per head.				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Stock Bulls: 18 mo to 2 year old ang and here bulls 2000.00-2800.00 per head.				
1	150-200	190	370.00	370.00	Baby Calves: Beef breeds: 160.00-390.00 per head.				
2	200-250	225	320.00-335.00	327.67	Dairy: N.T.				
7	250-300	281	320.00-325.00	323.98					
7	300-350	325	300.00-321.00	306.35					
20	350-400	369	282.00-305.00	296.61					
29	400-450	418	267.00-281.00	275.11					
30	450-500	472	250.00-265.00	256.75					
7	500-550	518	240.00-249.00	244.05					
11	550-600	574	224.00-241.00	237.76					
5	600-650	615	213.00-220.00	217.18					
1	650-700	665	200.00	200.00					
4	900-950	932	151.00	151.00					
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3									
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price					
1	200-250	235	300.00	300.00					
4	250-300	289	260.00-280.00	264.68					
1	300-350	340	285.00	285.00					
4	350-400	362	225.00-270.00	236.48					
10	400-450	434	250.00-265.00	258.19					

Book features collection of soldier's letters

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Alexa Black describes researching the life of Pfc. Harry "Bud" M. Threlkeld much like taking a trip back in time.

As with so many young men fighting in both the European and Pacific theaters during World War II, Threlkeld gave his life for his country. Only memorabilia and letters written to his parents from the battlefield remain. But those letters tell the story of a young man from the small Livingston County river town of Carrsville who witnessed world history as it unfolded before him.

Black had the opportunity to sort through the letters and give a voice to the man who wrote them. Her book, entitled "Red: A Collection of Letters from WW2 Soldier Pfc. Bud Threlkeld," is now available for download electronically.

Black started compiling information for the project last summer. The letters were left in the possession of one of Threlkeld's relatives, Carrsville resident Norberta Karr Williams. She wanted people to hear his wartime experiences.

Some of Threlkeld's letters have appeared in The Crittenden Press in a regular guest contribution from Black.

Threlkeld left his family not only letters, but World War II memorabilia, photographs and V-mail – or Victory Mail – written to his parents, friends back home and his brother, Charles, who was also a soldier during World War II.

The letters, many of which were written during some of the most significant battles of the war, date from the beginning of his service to the very end. Threlkeld died in Germany from a shell explosion in the middle of his squadron just before the war's conclusion.

In addition to detailing his travels from England, France, Belgium and Germany, Threlkeld also describes his missions, re-

flections on his life before the war and his reliance on his faith in God.

While reading his letters, Black was able to discern subtle nuances that separated the soldier from the civilian.

"Pfc. Bud Threlkeld was always thought of by his fellow soldiers as the courageous and fearless leader," Black said. "But when you read the letters he sent back to his mother, especially when he speaks about his childhood to her, you get to see a sliver of that vulnerable and hesitant side of him that only his family and closest friends knew. That was one of my favorite parts about writing this."

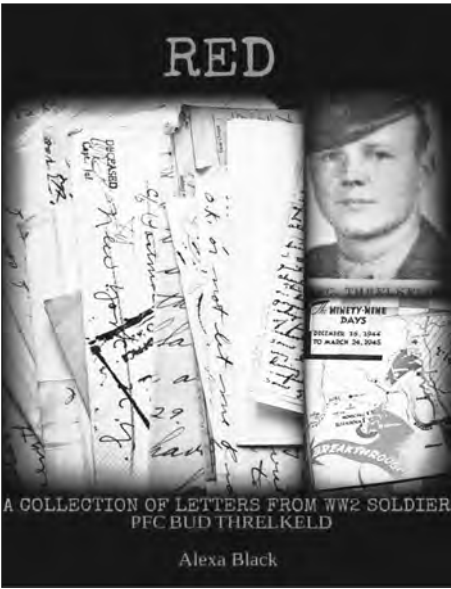
While the letters were well preserved after more than 70 years, Black said time took its toll. Deciphering his handwriting proved to be the greatest challenge in documenting his story. However, she also imagines conditions for writing weren't always the best, considering he was in the middle of battle while writing most of them.

After studying his personal thoughts and reflections during wartime, Black hopes Threlkeld would be happy with how his story has been told.

"I certainly hope he would like it. I hope he would read it and feel like he was portrayed as the brave and upbeat hero he truly was," she said. "Though, I get the feeling he would never think of himself in that light."

Black described her research on the project, which included sorting through letters and photos, as an interesting way to learn about Threlkeld's life and discover how he was dealing with the war.

"I feel like I have learned a lot from Bud through his letters. The fact that he maintained such a positive outlook and even made a lot of light-hearted jokes in his letters home is amazing to me," she said.



"Most people deal with far less than our guys out there fighting a war and still don't have that kind of attitude on things. So it was something to think about and apply to my own life."

Black, who studied art and film at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah, has also illustrated a children's book for local author Marilyn Konstanty. And she's set to publish another book, this time an inspirational novel. She's currently working on a series of self-help inspirational e-books.

As a writer, Black enjoys the opportunity to transfer memories into story form. She also likes the lack of boundaries fiction writing offers when creating stories and characters. No matter the genre, she said she tries to incorporate liberating and eye-opening ideas that individuals can apply to their own lives.

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Conrad's joins cancer battle

Last week, Conrad's Food Store in Marion made its annual contribution to the battle against cancer by donating \$500 to Crittenden County Relay for Life. Above, (from left) store co-owner Angel Henry, manager Jane Robertson and Relay for Life representative Margaret Gillard are pictured during the check presentation on Friday.

BOOKS

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reading them, they usually bring them right back and donate them back to us," said Barbara Riley, another auxiliary lady on duty Monday.

Danielle Steele, John Grisham and other notable authors can be found on the book

shelves.

Fictional Amish books also sell very well, the ladies say.

There is plenty of traffic through the hospital lobby, which helps sales tremendously.

"I think our used book sales is often busier than the gift shop," Riley added.

All of the proceeds are put right back into the hospital in

some fashion. About 300 titles are shelved at any given time, but the ladies say there are more in the back room.

Still, they will take all the donations they can get.

The program started about three years ago when the public library donated some books to the auxiliary. From there, the story has just gotten better, say the auxiliary ladies.

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Why does God let ISIS slaughter His own?

Why does God let ISIS slaughter His own? For the same reason He let Rome slaughter 20 million in the early church and the apostate Roman Church slaughter 60 million. Since then, millions have been slaughtered by atheistic communists, Nazi Germany and many other anti-God people.

The marvelous thing is that the slaughtered get a fast transport to heaven, and the murderers get their passage to ever burning hell.

This question is a bone of contention among the God complainers and is sometimes something Satan holds over God's faithful followers to cause doubt in God's word or their own relationship with Jesus.

God's word reminds us, "Yea, and all that live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. He that endures unto the end shall be saved."

Satan hates Jesus and all His followers and is determined to cause us hurt by trying to get us to turn away from Jesus and end up in his hell.

First, let us look at a time Jesus was battling with this same question during his own inhumane suffering.

After a horrible beating, then nailed to a cross with horrible open gashes on His back and hanging there for six long, horrifying hours, He cried out to God, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

He was the Son of God! He had just talked to God all night long before He let the enemies take Him prisoner.

Yet, here He was, hanging hour after hour by a nail in each hand and one in His feet, a crown of horrible



thorns on His head, a back with gashes to the bone and a face torn with the whip edges, all while struggling to get every breath.

In order for Him to breathe, He had to pull himself up with those torn, painful hands and push Himself up with those nailed feet, rubbing His torn, lacerated back against that old rough tree. Meantime, He was not hearing one word from His Heavenly Father.

Listen to the Hebrew writer: "In the days of Christ's flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."

His fear came when He realized if He gave up, He would fail His Father, and the world would go to hell, as He was its only hope.

His love for His Father and lost, hopeless, stupid, sinful, rebellious human beings held Him there. He still was left not knowing how much longer He would have to suffer.

Also, if He gave up and

quit God, He had no other place to go and neither would we.

But when He determined to wait on God, and cried out to Him, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me," God delivered Him.

As Isaiah 53:11 reads, "He saw the travail of His soul and was satisfied."

He had met God's requirement for our sins.

Now, let us again hear Paul in Hebrews 12:1-4 referring us to this same subject at the time real persecution against Christians had not really begun: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

"For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your minds. You have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."

Paul went on to say that we all have to be tested, and if we faint not, we, too, will be delivered and end up with God in a million times better world.

Paul also wrote, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are the called according to His purpose."

There are two conditions here, "to them that love God"

and "to them that are the called according to His purpose."

When His followers meet those two conditions, we can know everything will work out for our good.

The reasons He doesn't always answer our prayers are known only to Him most of the time, and we must trust His will for us at that time to be done.

Just because He doesn't always answer immediately, it doesn't mean for us to stop seeking His help.

On many occasions, Jesus points out that continually seeking got His help. God has to see many and different things happen before He can keep all His word in supplying our needs. He always sees the whole picture. We cannot.

Looking again at the awful price Jesus had to pay in order for our redemption shows sin against God is heinous and an affront to God.

Every sin is against God, regardless of what or to whom we do it.

Sinning against God puts Him to shame when He owns us and gives us every breath we breathe. When we dare to disobey Him and obey His arch enemy, Satan rejoices because he wins and God loses.

That is why the Hebrew writer said that when we sin, we crucify Christ afresh and put Him to an open shame.

God Himself paid the price for our sins.

He made us and put us in a world where evil and Satan was, and, therefore, He was responsible for our being here in the first place.

But He told man in the

beginning, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." He gave and is still giving us the right to choose whom we will serve.

Remember Paul's statement, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not charging their trespasses unto them?"

God was the only one who was holy and powerful enough to pay for our sins. He was the only one who had the valuable price to meet His own demand.

God came in flesh to suffer and die for our sins because He loves us and knows we are but flesh and bones. He gave His very best for the worst of us.

God's suffering was twofold – Himself feeling the pain and seeing His only begotten Son suffer for what He Himself had made and put here.

In order for God to be able to suffer for us, He had to have a fleshly body and suffer its limit or the price would not be met. So He put His

seed (Word) in the womb of Mary and a body was made for Him to live in.

Remember, John said, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

Do we ever think of how shamed God is when we obey Satan instead of Him?

God owns us and suffered so terribly by the hands of men He owned and had given them everything they had, even the breath they breathed. He died for our sins so we could miss hell and have heaven. He knows Satan and the world looks on and sees that sinners choose Satan instead of Him.

No wonder there is a hell for those who end up choosing Satan instead of God. No wonder God passed the word to the world in Psalms 14:1, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God."

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

Community church notes

■ Services will resume at Tyner Chapel Church beginning at 11 a.m., Sunday. Bro. Charles Tabor will officiate.

■ Barnett Chapel Church will hold a spring revival at 7 p.m., April 15-17 with evangelist Bro. Jackie Brantley. Bro. Steve Tinsley and the congregation welcome everyone to attend.

■ A revival will be held at Old Salem Baptist Church April 19-22. Services begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., April 19 and at 7 p.m., week-

nights. The evangelist will be Justin Mason. Pastor Desi Ginn invites the public to attend.

(Editor's note: Keep the community aware of your church's activities and celebrations. Email your church notes to The Crittenden Press at pressnews@the-press.com. Type "Church Notes" in the subject line. Items need to be received by 5 p.m. on Monday for the current week's publication each Thursday.)

Southern Baptists say Ky. baptisms were up last year

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

Several Crittenden County congregations contributed to the more than 14,000 baptisms in Kentucky's Southern Baptist churches in 2014, which was an increase from the year before.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention said in a recent news release that executive director Paul Chitwood has been focusing on evangelism and growing ranks by building new churches and reviving existing flocks.

The convention recorded 14,223 baptisms in 2014, up from 13,975 the previous year. About 20 percent of the 2,400 member churches did not submit baptism numbers.

"We can't help but be humbled by these reports from our churches," Chitwood said. "It truly is a blessing to see God at work all around us. In one year, we saw enough people saved to populate a mid-sized Kentucky city."

Southern Baptists account for more church memberships in Crittenden County than any other denomination. The county's 15 Southern Baptist congregations are served by the Salem-based Ohio River Baptist Association, which includes 42 churches from Crittenden and Livingston counties.

With 35 baptisms, Marion Baptist Church reported the

most in the local association's 2014 annual report. Meantime, Hillvue Heights Church in Bowling Green recorded 511 baptisms, the most in the state.

The Baptist Convention said undesignated financial contributions to churches were up to \$314.3 million in 2014 from \$309.8 million the year before.

"While we celebrate this growth, we need to be mindful that our ministry is not about numbers," Chitwood said. "It's about sharing the gospel at a crucial time in history when so many people are without hope and have no understanding of how much God loves them and wants them to be saved."

Be well-balanced while holding an open heart toward others

By JOEY DURHAM

GUEST COLUMNIST

I want to bring this thought to your heart, "a balanced Christian life involves welcoming." I'll take my text from Romans 15:5-7, where we read, "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God."

In order to live a balanced Christian life, we must not only warn other

believers about that which must be avoided, but we must also welcome fellow brothers and sisters into our fellowship. While God's Word declares a biblical separation at times, it also teaches unity in the church.

Sometimes we get so caught up in the battle between true Christianity and the superficial liberalism of our day, we tend to look at all believers with suspicion rather than seeing them as fellow members of the Body of Christ.

Of course, we need to exercise caution and scriptural discernment in our associations with others,

but we must never "cut off" fellow believers simply because they don't agree with our preferences and issues that we feel are important. Preferences are different than Bible doctrine.

Your opinion may differ from mine, and that's fine. But if your doctrine is corrupted from correct Bible teaching, then there is great cause for concern and separation from scriptural error is not only expected, but it's commanded from God in Romans 16:17-18.

(Durham is pastor at Sturgis Baptist Church in Union County. His column appears periodically in The Crittenden Press.)

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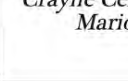


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OBITUARIES

Jones

Grace Hummel Jones, 93, of Marion died April 1, 2015, at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center. Prior to retirement, she had been employed at the health department. Jones is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert and Portia Goode Jones. Graveside services were Tuesday in Crescent Hill Cemetery in Scottsville, Ky., with Rev. Todd Love officiating. Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Hodge

Harold Hayden Hodge, 94, of Marion died April 3, 2015, at his home near Frances. He served in the U.S. Army at the 64th General Hospital during World War II. He was a retired steel worker and a member of Emmaus Baptist Church. Hodge is survived by his wife, Alpha Ophelia Fuller Hodge of Marion; six sons, Mike (Vicki) Hodge of Florida, Paul (Jeannie) Hodge of Indiana, Mark (Christine) Hodge of Frances and Reg Hodge, Tim (Hope) Hodge and Greg (Carol) Hodge, all of Marion; four daughters, Alfreda (Wayne) Wheeler, Mildred Hodge and Henrietta Ellington, all of Marion, and Brenda (Tom) Farrow of Pennsylvania; a sister, Mildred Matthews of Missouri; a brother, Bruce Hodge of Hobart, Ind.; 27 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Asel B. and Mary Edna Vinson Hodge; a daughter, Wanda Hodge; five brothers, Randal Hodge, Oscar Vinson Hodge, William Hodge, Wilbur Hodge and Rawels Hodge; and a sister, Josephine Corey. Funeral services with military rites were Tuesday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. Tim Burdon officiating. Burial was in Owen Cemetery. Condolences may be left online at BoydFuneralDirectors.com.

Conway

Troy P. Conway, 82, of Sturgis died April 4, 2015, at his home. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a paratrooper. He was a retired coal miner who worked for Peabody Coal Co. and was a member of United Mine Workers of America. Conway is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara Conway of Sturgis; two sons, Troy Wayne (Jan) Conway of Sturgis and Randy (Nikki) Conway of Sturgis; three grandchildren, Travis Wayne Conway, Randi Dae Conway and Ashly Beth Conway; and a sister, Imogene Blood of Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Nezzie Conway; and two brothers, Roy and Shelby Conway. Funeral services were Monday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Rev. Victor Hassell officiating. Burial was in Green Chapel Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to: Lourdes Hospice, 2855 Jackson St., Paducah, KY 42003.

Hodge

Wanda Ruth Hodge, 67, of Marion died April 3, 2015, at River's Bend Retirement Community in Kuttawa. She was of the Christian faith and was a retired medical technician at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem. Hodge is survived by two daughters, Jennifer Galante of Kansas and Kathleen Saunier of Lexington; her parents, Harold and Alpha Fuller Hodge of Marion; six brothers, Mike Hodge of Florida, Paul Hodge of Indiana, Mark Hodge of Frances and Reg Hodge, Tim Hodge and Greg Hodge, all of Marion; four sisters, Alfreda Wheeler, Mildred Hodge and Henrietta Ellington, all of Marion, and Brenda Farrow of Pennsylvania; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were Tuesday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. Tim Burdon officiating. Burial was in Owen Cemetery. Condolences may be left online at BoydFuneralDirectors.com.

Koon

Rebecca Ann Koon, 67, of Marion died April 4, 2015, at Volunteer Community Hospital in Martin, Tenn. She was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness and a U.S. Army veteran. Koon is survived by her husband of 39 years, Michael Koon; five sons, Randall Koon of Tacoma, Wash., Scott Koon of Denton, Texas, Bryan Koon of Union City, Tenn., Wade Koon of Wasilla, Alaska, and Eric Koon of Jackson, Tenn.; a daughter, Anna McClain of Marion; four sisters, Eugenia Mayo of Columbia, S.C., and Barbara Fix, Patricia Reece and Marsha Steppig, all of Columbia, Ill.; 15 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Grace Kettler Steppig. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Adam Kantrowitz officiating. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery. Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Watson

Sidney Vernon Watson, 82, of Marion died April 2, 2015, at Baptist Health Paducah. He was a self-employed painter and a member of Lola Baptist Church. Watson is survived by his wife, Freda Watson of Marion; four sons, Mike Watson, Tim Watson and Randy Watson, all of Marion, and Danny Watson of Salem; a daughter, Rhonda Stratton of Kuttawa; a brother, Billy Watson of Hopkinsville; two sisters, Mary Belle Smead of Pawpaw, Mich., and Laureen Maynard of Salem; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Lawson and Ruby Truitt; and his parents, Sidney Watson and Tidie Roger. Funeral services were Saturday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. Bennie Chandler officiating. Burial was in Love Cemetery. Condolences may be left online at BoydFuneralDirectors.com.

Chamber sets annual meeting

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce has made a change in the way it holds its annual meeting, at least for this year. Due to various evening-time conflicts with end-of-school activities and other community events, the Chamber has decided to move its annual business meeting and awards ceremony to a luncheon. Although plans for where it will be held or who will cater it are not firm, the Chamber has set 11:30 a.m. May 21 for its annual meeting. The group will recognize a number of individuals and businesses, including its Person of the Year, Unsung Hero and Community Pride recipients. A formal call for nominations will be appearing in an upcoming issue of The Crittenden Press.

Chamber festival committee plans for fall events

STAFF REPORT
Although it's six months away, Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is already making big plans for its fall Pumpkin Festival. The event will be Oct. 4 in Marion and will feature most of the usual attractions, including crafts, vendors and fun for kids. The Chamber is hoping to bring back the pedal tractor pull, a popular event for children. Its car show could be in jeopardy because some of the people who have organized that part of the event in the past are no longer available. If anyone is interested in helping with that project, contact the Chamber office at (270) 965-5015. "We're also thinking about a duck calling and/or turkey calling contest," said Chamber President Robin Curnel. The Chamber's festival committee met Tuesday morning and will be revealing more details about the fall program in the coming months.

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Fredonia Heritage Society seeking photos

STAFF REPORT
Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is inviting area residents with photo contributions for the society's upcoming book, "Veterans of the Fredonia Valley," to stop by the Fredonia Lions Club Building on Saturday to have their images scanned. The new book is about veterans with a connection to the Fredonia Valley –

those from within an approximate 6-mile radius of Fredonia. To be included, a photo and/or a biography of the veteran should be submitted. "The purpose of this scan day is for everyone to bring pictures of veterans to be included in our new book," said Pam Faughn, a member of the Fredonia Valley Her-

itage Society. "If you or a member of your family or any of your ancestors served in any branch of the military in wartime or in times of peace at any time in history, we want to include them in our book" From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. members of the historical society will be set up in the Lions Club headquarters to

digitize photos for inclusion in the new history book. "The scan day on Saturday will kick off our efforts, and we hope to receive a large number of photos on that day," Faughn said. "If you bring your photos to the scan day, your photo will be scanned, and you will not have to leave your photos. It will be done while you wait."

The deadline for submission of all material will be in August. Any biographical submission consisting of more than 1,000 words may be edited. Photographs and biographies may also be emailed to Faughn at pamfaughn@att.net. For questions or to reserve a copy of this book in

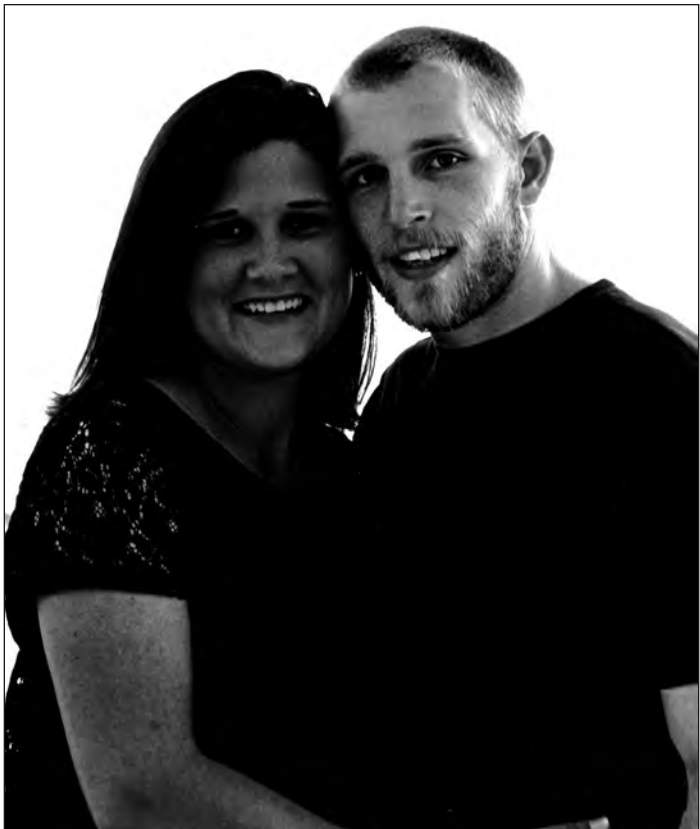
advance, email Faughn at the above address or contact any member of the book committee: Nancy Paris, Marsha Green, Maggie Gammon, Linda Ward or Richard P'Pool. "This book will be one you will want for your library, and you will definitely want yourself or your loved ones included," Faughn said.



Johnson-Kinnis

Kit Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany L. Johnson, to Chad M. Kinnis, son of Karen Kinnis and the late Ronnie Kinnis. Johnson is the daughter of the late Alisa Atkinson. Maternal grandparents are Freda Morrill and the late Bill Morrill.

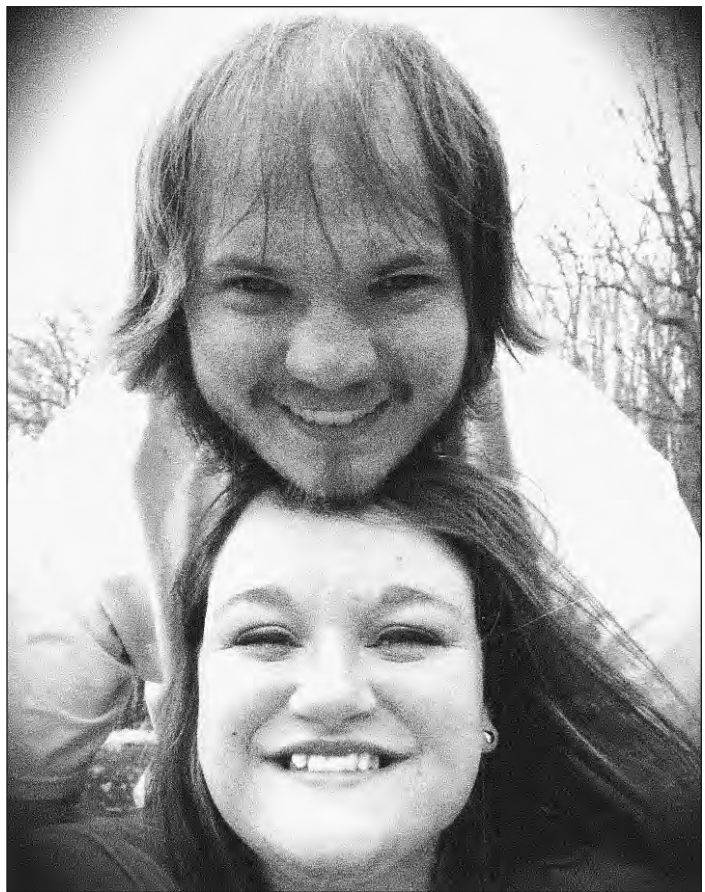
Paternal grandparents are Betty Kinnis and the late James Kinnis. Friends and family are invited to a wedding shower from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., April 19 in the tea room of Trace Creek Baptist Church. The couple is planning an invitation-only private wedding ceremony to be held May 1.



Thompson-Stanley

Larry and Kathy Thompson of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelsey Rea, to Joshua Daniel Stanley, son of Tony and Tammy Stanley of Morganfield. Thompson is the granddaughter of Ross and Jane Thomas and the late Julian and Geraldine Thompson. She is a 2007 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 2012 graduate of Western Kentucky University with a bachelor of science degree in child studies. She is employed as a kindergarten instructional assistant at Jefferson Elementary School in Henderson. Stanley is the grandson of

Jerry and Betty Sears of London, Ky. and Jane Stanley of Niagara, Ky. He is a 2008 graduate of Union County High School and a 2012 graduate of Murray State University. He is employed as a security officer at Earle C. Clements Job Corp Academy in Morganfield. The wedding will be held at 4:30 p.m., May 9 at the bride's home, located at 115 Briarwood Dr. in Marion, with a reception following at Fohs Hall. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m., at Fohs Hall. Family and friends of the couple are invited to attend.



Doom-Allcock

Dwayne and Jeanette Doom announce the engagement of their daughter, Chasity Leigh Doom, to Travis Keith Allcock, son of Ricky and Ann Allcock.

The wedding will be held at 6 p.m., April 21 at Life in Christ Church. Only out of town invitations are being sent. Family and friends are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, April 10
■ 4-H Communications Day will be held at 5:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Service. Youth interested in learning and participating in speech or demonstrations can contact 4-H Extension Agent Leslea Barnes at (270) 965-5236 for more information.
■ Mustang Mafia of western Kentucky will hold its first cruise-in of the season from 6 to 9 p.m., at Kaycee's General Store on Main Street in Sturgis.
■ The Lace Up for a Cure run to benefit Relay for Life will be held at 6 p.m. at the Marion City-County Park. Registration will take place at 5 p.m. Contact Chad Bell at (270) 969-0385 or Natalie Parish at (270) 871-1383 for more information. Entry is \$25 per person.
Saturday, April 11
■ The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Public Library. The program will include Civil War History in the county. After the meeting, weather permitting, members will take a field trip to Bells Mines and Weston to view the Civil War markers. Bring a sack lunch.
■ Sheridan Fire Department will host a consignment auction beginning at 10 a.m. Items will be accepted starting April 10. The department reserves the

right to refuse items. For more information call John Croft at (270) 969-0004 or Evan Head at (270) 969-4878.
■ Crittenden County 4-H will host a cake decorating program. RSVP by calling the Crittenden County Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.
Saturday, April 18
■ Just Cuts in Salem will hold a cut-a-thon from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in support of Mason Fuller, son of Brad and Jenny Fuller of Salem. Refreshments will be served and donations toward the Fuller fund accepted.
Saturday, April 25
■ The Backroads Quilt Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Marion Commons City Council Chambers. This year's featured quilter is June Culvey. For more information call (270) 965-5236 or (270) 965-3833.
On-going events
■ Relay for Life of Crittenden County will hold meetings at 5:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month at the Crittenden County Courthouse. This year's theme is "Every Hero has a Story."
■ Veterans in Crittenden County looking for benefit information can contact Renita Duff with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays at (270) 322-9087.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. 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.
Upcoming activities and menu include:
- Today: Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Menu is beef stroganoff on noodles, seasoned peas, baby carrots, whole wheat roll and fruit salad pudding.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is pork chops and onions, hashbrowns casserole, mixed vegetables, cole slaw, whole wheat roll and snickerdoodle.

Monthly fellowship dinner
5 p.m. today (Thursday)
Entree will be beef roast with sides dishes brought by guests
A \$5 donation is requested
Entertainment will be provided

- Monday: Ladies exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is sweet and sour chicken, rice, spring roll, Oriental green beans, apple crisp and fortune cookie.
- Tuesday: Nutrition Listen with Sue Parrent begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is barbecue pork on wheat bun, twice-baked potato, baked pork and beans and oatmeal cookie.
- Wednesday: Menu is beef stew, cole slaw, lima beans, pineapple delight and cornbread.
- Next Thursday: Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Menu is roast turkey, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes and cranberry salad.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Hometown news

2nd Lt. Hannah Brantley keeps up with hometown news as she displays a copy of The Crittenden Press while serving in Afghanistan. Meanwhile Christene Hodge of Marion shares her copy with Jared Sullen German of the Boston Celtics (previously of Ohio State) while at Madison Square Garden.

Focusing on gluten



At leader training April 1, lesson leaders from the five Extension Homemakers Clubs learned that a gluten-free diet is not a fad diet, but specifically meant for people with gluten intolerance, sensitivity and for those who cannot digest gluten. Angie York, Lyon County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, stressed the importance of reading the ingredients on products to determine if they include gluten. Stella Brown (left), member of Morning Glories Club and Martha Fletcher, member of Evening Belles Club, studied the label on the waffle syrup they were using on their gluten-free waffles. Attending the training were (from left) Brown, Fletcher, Wanda Rudd and Micki Crider. Not pictured: Sharon Giltz, Darl Henley and Sue Parrent. For more information on gluten, attend an Extension Homemakers Club meeting in April or contact the Crittenden County Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.

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Easter color winners named

Third grader Allie Beard and second grader Dawson Jones were winners of this year's Easter coloring contest sponsored by WMJL and Food Giant. Both won giant cookies and a gift bag.

CCES 3RD NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

Crittenden County Elementary School honor roll supplied to The Crittenden Press by the school

3rd Grade

Jennifer Bell
All-A Honor Roll: Jeremiah Foster.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Jayden Conner, Mia Hackney, Ava Henry, Kaylee Hewitt, Tristan Long, Jessenia Medina and Hurst Miniard.

Heather Bloodworth
All-A Honor Roll: Jaxon Hatfield, Micah Newcom, Karsyn Potter, Gattin Travis and Lane West.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Jaylee Champion, Travis Champion, Alexis Hughes, Robert Jackson, Shayla Jones, Ashayla McDowell, Destiny Reed and Abbey Swinford.

Mandy Perez
All-A Honor Roll: Kiley Croft, Luke Drawdy and Haylee Perrin.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Noah Atchison, Kira Belt, Aubrey Conyer, Chloe Jackson, Avery Johnson, Laycee Lynn, Sophia Madden, Keifer Watson and Tristan Yates.

Kinsee Potts
All-A Honor Roll: Riley Curnel, Maddie Travis and Addie Mundy.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Erin Stewart, Skyler Sullivan, Sofie Watson, Emily Adams, Tanner Crawford, Emma Frazer, Tucker Riley, Turner Sharp, Donald Samuels, Lucy Haire, Alex Conner and Wyatt Shewmaker.

Sarah Riley
All-A Honor Roll: Casey Cates, Caden DeBoe, Gabe Keller, Bennett McDaniel, Cutter Singleton, Kailyn Stokes, Isabella Wilson and Jasmine Wooley.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Dante Badgwell, Tyler Belt, Lizzie Campbell, Payton Maness, Levi Piper, Chloe

Rozwalka, Jaylen Tapp and Carly Travis.

Ashley Roberts
All-A Honor Roll: Allie Beard, Hayden Cavanaugh, Ckyl Corriveau, Adrienne James, Jacob Mahns, Joey Myers, Dreama Noffsinger, Katie Perryman, Marley Phelps, Brynn Porter, Gabe Rushing, Conner Simpkins, Riley Smith and Ethan Abbott-Torres.

4th Grade

Rita Binkley
All-A Honor Roll: Raven Hayes and Sydney Harkins.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Ricky Alvarez, Briley Berry, Nathan Bozeman, Zachary Counts, Anthony Federico, Taylor Guess, Isaac Phillips, Caden Riley, Emilee Russellburg and Preston Sisco.

Rebecca Bryant
All-A Honor Roll: Seth Blackburn, Brylee Conyer, Callie Dempsey and Parker Kayse.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Evan Belt, Hannah Fisher, Addie Hatfield, Mya Moore, Kaleb Nesbitt and Lexi Wesmolan.

Johnna Fitch
All-A Honor Roll: Natalee Buchanan, Jordan Hardesty, Macie Hunt, Karsen Shouse and Tanner Campbell.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Paris Anderson, Genesis Calderon, Trevor Eifler, Collin Epley, Sam Impastato, Hailey McCann, Gavin Peek, Nick Pendley, Isaac Sarles, Alyssa Woodall, Carly Towery and Braydon Williamson.

Mandy Winders
All-A Honor Roll: Natalie Boone, Jacob Hoover, Jazmyn Lineberry, Evan McDowell, McKenna Myers, Kady Parrish and Jack Reddick.

A-and-B Honor Roll: Zack Damron, Nate Faith, Kara Fulkerson, Seth Guess, Wyatt Hodge, Kaden Langston, Madalyn Schiller and Kaydinz Tinsley.

5th Grade

Tammy Brantley
All-A Honor Roll: Tanner Beverly, Courtney Fulkerson, Jaden Long, Tucker Sharp, Ryleigh Tabor and Emma Walters.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Hayden Adamson, Maggie Blazina, Alyssa Bozeman, Maddox Carlson, Holden Cooksey, Ethan Curnel, Kaitlyn Guess, Jordan Hutchison, Chloe James, Zander Morrison, Hadlee Rich, Samantha Tinsley, Chase Wesley and Coby West.

Cindy Crabtree
All-A Honor Roll: Trace Derrington, Jalynn Hackney, Braydon Hill, McKenzie Quertermous, Jordan Watts, Raina West, Emma Williams and Dylan Yates.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Callie Brown, Raylee Belt, Erica Darnell, Jake Drawdy, Kollin Graham, Hannah Herrington, Bryan Littlepage, Peyton Purvis and Faith White.

Ashley Frederick
All-A Honor Roll: Addyson Faughn, Addy Kirby, Kendall Parrish and Logan Young.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Keilee Baker, Ben Evans, Storm Franklin, Aliyah Frutiger, Jordan Jones, Tate LaRue, Mallory Lynn, Shaylea Mitchell, Harli Morris, Clayton Newcom, Grace Roberts, Gage Russell, Ethan Shewmaker, Katie Willan and Denon Wilson.

Sara Omer
All-A Honor Roll: Luke Crider, Grace Driskill, Leah Long and Blake Martin.
A-and-B Honor Roll: Kyler Alsobrook, Laurel Brown, Faith Conner, Daley DeBoe, Savannah Esquivias, Jacey Frederick, Jordan Long, Luke Mundy and Dalton Wood.

Meeting set for cemetery association

STAFF REPORT

Shady Grove Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting next week, according to Nancy Herran. The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sunday at Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

WKCTC announces summer, fall registration now underway

STAFF REPORT

High schoolers considering higher education can now register for summer and fall classes at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah.

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Mule, County Court Days bustled with activity

In the early 1900s, Marion was very active in the business of buying, selling and trading mules and horses. Mules, back in the earlier days, were of the same importance to a farmer as a new tractor or farm implement is today. To be a successful farmer, you needed a good team of mules. Each farm family kept from two to four work-horses and mules.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let's learn some of this history and the importance of these animals.

Sept. 15, 1910
Monday was a banner day; a big crowd was in town with stock, leaving more than \$20,000 in our two banks.

On Monday morning bright and early, people commenced to congregate in Marion from all parts of Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties with a goodly number of prominent stockmen and buyers from Morganfield and Hopkinsville.

There were more fine horses and mules exhibited and sold at good prices than ever known on any previous day in the history of Marion – more than \$20,000 was left in deposit in our two banks.

The greatest number of mules bought by any one buyer went to R.M. Young of Morganfield. They numbered 25 and were all last spring's mules. The price paid averaged \$100.

While Crittenden County is noted for fine mules, the display Monday was far in advance of that of any previous occasion. And even with all the fancy prices paid and offered, many refused them and led their stock home.

Among the many sales made Monday, we note a few of them: One mule from J.R. Marvel, \$140; one mule from W.G. Hillyard, \$145; one mule from W.R. Stewart, \$145; two mules from J.J. Hunt, \$265; and two mules from Hugh Bennett, \$230. Paul Paris sold one mule colt for \$75. One horse from Sullenger Bros. sold for \$125. These were sold to Messrs. Layne and Leavell of Hopkinsville.

Notwithstanding the fact that such days are not usually the best days for the merchants, they, on this occasion, reaped a rich harvest, and especially, so did the restaurants and hotels. Mr. Babb sold over 500

Brenda Underdown

Crittenden County Historian



Forgotten Passages

watermelons Monday to the restless hungry crowd, keeping a man busy wheeling off the rinds.

J.H. Orme and Haynes & Taylor, our two popular drug firms, had their cold drink counters and tables full of customers all day.

County Court Day
County court day owed its importance not only to the fact that it was then that some of the business of the county were attended to but also that accused law-breakers were called before the bar of justice to give account of their alleged misdemeanors and were judged innocent or had sentence pronounced upon them.

This day was also greatly enjoyed in a social way by the people of the rural communities, when great numbers of them gathered at the county seat and enjoyed meetings with their friends and relatives from other communities.

It was also a time when lawyers, court officials and many other people from surrounding counties came into Marion.

Also very popular at county court days were the activities that took place at Jockey Lot, which was located where the Crittenden County Rescue Squad is today on West Carlisle Street.


Many people from all parts of the county would bring various kinds of produce, fruit of Crittenden County soil, watermelons and cantaloupes by the wagon loads and display their goods at Jockey Lot. And, of course, the time-honored custom of "horse swapping" and "mule selling" had its place at Jockey Lot.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let's revisit some of these activities of our town in yesteryear.

Feb. 17, 1910
The day dawned bright and clear and with the exception of a strong wind from the south, the day was all anyone could wish. From sun-up until noon, the people seemed to pour into town from every quarter. The north- and south-



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bound train brought quite a number from Henderson, Morganfield, Sturgis, Blackford, Crayne, Fredonia and Princeton.

Judge Blackburn convened the county court, and in a short time, disposed of the regular business docket, which was very light.

Much fine stock was exhibited on the street all around the court square, which made it look like a county fair.

Just across from the courthouse, a doctor selling headache medicine was alternately entertaining a large crowd and selling his medicine. He had the crowd and sold the medicine.

Feb. 18, 1921
Monday was a fine day.

The weatherman seemed to have made the day to order – the heavens were cloudless and the air balmy.

For some weeks past, the weather conditions had been soggy. Early in the morning people began to come into town from every direction on horseback, in buggies and two- and four-horse wagons, afoot and by train until the town was full of men, women and children. It was the largest crowd of men in the city for some time.

Early in the day, Jockey Lot began to be crowded with men with their animals for trade or sale. It is reported that there were 500 men there with one or more head of stock. There were few sales made, but many

animals changed hands. Mr. John Speece did a land office business with his lunch counter, which was located on Jockey Lot. The pavements around the public square were jammed almost all day until one had to wit and move as the crowd moved or else go out in the street to get by. The stores were practically crowded with purchasers from a penny's worth up. The public square was filled up and the religious troupe was there with banjos and songs and taking a collection. Also, the blind man with his harp was on hand with the tin cup kept prominent. Everybody wore a smile and looked hopeful, and no sort of disturbance was reported. Many prospective candidates were in the throng, feeling their way so they might decide as to the advisability of throwing their hats into the ring. They sure wore some broad smiles as they shook the hands of the people. Most all the business houses, music stores, hardware and drug stores, gro-

ceries and dry goods stores and, especially, the eating places, report good sales. Mr. Cox said it was the best day he ever had. Guy Givens was just so swamped that he had not recovered sufficiently to know what to say, only that he just could not take care of his trade. Mr. Alvis Stephens said it was the biggest sale day they had for quite a while. Mr. George Orme reported the biggest trade in a long time. Bob Haynes said his trade reminded him of the good old days. The M.H. Cannan Co. reported an unusually good day. The banks reported a mighty busy day. Taylor and Taylor reported good sales.

Mule days and county court days were an exciting time in our history. (Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and genealogical societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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MONDAY

Baseball at Lyon All A

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TUESDAY

Track at Murray

2nd REGION SOFTBALL

ALL A CLASSIC

At Marion-Crittenden Co. Park

Monday

Crittenden Co. vs. Dawson
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Tuesday

CC/Dawson vs. UHA, 5:30pm

Livingston Cent. vs. Lyon Co., 7pm

Thursday, April 16

Championship, 6pm

2nd REGION BASEBALL

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At Various Sites

Monday

Crittenden Co. at Lyon County

UHA at Dawson Springs

Tuesday

At Dawson Springs

CCHS/Lyon vs Livingston Central

Thursday, April 16

At Dawson Springs

Championship, 6pm

YOUTH SPORTS

Kickball sign ups continue

Any child age 4 or 5 interested in playing kickball at the park this summer may register through Saturday. After that date, registration will close. Cost is \$25, which includes supplemental insurance and a team jersey. A registration form is available online at the Dugout Club Facebook page or The Press Online Sports link. Forms can be picked up at The Crittenden Press. Payment must accompany registration form when it is submitted to Dugout Club. For more information call Chris Evans (270) 704-0435.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Spring Turkey	Apr. 18 - May 10
LBL Turkey	Apr. 20 - May 3
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round
Coyote Lights Night	Feb 1 - May 31



Levi Willis took this turkey while hunting with his grandfather Keith Barnes. It weighed 24.6 pounds and had an 11 inch beard.



BASEBALL

STAFF REPORT

Senior pitcher Adam Driver was sharp for 5½ innings as Crittenden County (4-4) beat Caldwell County (7-2) 3-2 Tuesday at Marion.

Driver struck out 10 with an assortment of pitches. CCHS coach Donnie Phillips said the team's big righthander was the best he'd seen him in this young season.

Caldwell got one run early before Driver settled in on the mound. Crittenden went ahead 2-1 in the third when sophomore Ethan Hunt hit a bases-loaded, 0-2 curveball up the middle for 2 RBIs. Crittenden got its third run in the fourth when Caldwell's pitcher balked with two outs and a 1-2 count on the batter with Maeson Myers at third.

Driver left the game after getting into a two-out jam in the sixth, but reliever Alex Cosby worked out of it.

Caldwell loaded the bases in the seventh and scored when Hunt misplayed a grounder at third. On the next batter, Hunt made amends with a diving catch then stepping on third for a double play to help seal the win.



Junior pitcher Nick Castiller struggled a bit early, but settled into a groove against Lyon County last week as the Rockets beat the Lyons in a big district matchup. Crittenden will face Lyon County at Eddyville next week in the first round of the All A Classic. Pictured above left is Castiller eyeballing a baserunner back to second as Rocket shortstop Shelby Robinson moves over to cover the bag.



Lady Rocket sophomore catcher Jessi Brewer focuses on this pitch from classmate Cassidy Moss during a recent CCHS softball game.

SOFTBALL

STAFF REPORT

Lightning stopped the Lady Rockets from playing softball Tuesday night. The girls were ahead 2-0 in the second inning against Christian Fellowship when the umpires called off the game at Marion.

Crittenden County (2-7) has had a

number of games cancelled due to rain or wet fields over the past two weeks. Its tournament last weekend at Woodford County was washed out.

Although the forecast doesn't look good over the coming days, the CCHS girls are hoping to get enough sunshine on Saturday to host its six-team round robin tournament at Marion-Crittenden County Park. See pairings at left.

Gilland 2nd in indoor race series

Ten-year-old Colton Gilland of Marion finished second Saturday in points on the Mid-America Arenacross Series Saturday at the John Arnold Arena in Sturgis.

Series races started Dec. 6 and ended last weekend. It included in 7 races.

Gilland placed within the top 5 in his class at each race on the series. Events have been at Sturgis, Martin, Tenn., Murray and DuQuoin, Ill.

This was Gilland's first time to perform in a competitive

racing series. He started the season on a 70cc Honda then moved to a 65cc KTM, which he received for Christmas. He used the new ride for the final race.

Gilland will begin racing outdoor tracks in the next few weeks. TMXA is one of the area outdoor series in which he will compete.

Gilland's mother, Melissa, said her son has been riding dirt bikes about 2 years and has a huge love for it.

"He is following in (father)

Craig's footsteps as he once raced 4-wheelers," said mom.

"We are excited that he has the desire to compete in dirt bike racing; however, it makes me very nervous when he is on the track," his mother added. "We love the time that we get to spend together as a family supporting him at the races and have made lots of friends doing this."

Gilland was first introduced to racing during the Lions Club Crittenden County Fair last summer.



Colton Gilland



Ethan Stone,13, bagged this gobbler Sunday. It had a 10.25-inch beard, nearly one-inch spurs and weighed 23 pounds.

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Public Notice

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Public Notice

No trespassing, no hunting on the farm of Patsy Ledbetter on Old Fords Ferry Road in Crittenden County. Farm was known as the Charlie Dowdy Farm. Not responsible for accidents. (2t-40-p)

Public Notice

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Bid Notice

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Notice is hereby given that on April 1, 2015, Janice Orr Wirth of 310 S. Walker St., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed Executrix with will annexed of Donald Abell Wright, deceased, whose address was 310 S. Walker St., Marion, Ky. 42064. Hon. Karen Woodall, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executrix with will annexed on or before the 1st day of October, 2015 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Melissa Guill, Clerk

Crittenden District Court

(1t-40-c)

Legal Notice

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CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 14-CI-00127
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
PLAINTIFF
VS.
JAMES CORLEY
DEFENDANTS
Unknown Spouse (if any)
of James Corley
Carolyn Corley
Unknown Spouse (if any)
of Carolyn Corley
7 Bay Traders, LLC

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the March 23, 2015, I will on Friday, April 24, 2015, beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 84 Blackburn Church Road

Parcel A: A certain lot or parcel of land containing on (1) acre on the Blackburn Road and being approximately 100 steps South of Kentucky Highway 120 and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake or stone in the East right-of-way of Blackburn Road and corner to Denzel Hunt and being the Southwest corner of this lot; thence East 210 feet to a stake or stone, a new division corner; thence with the new division line 210 feet North parallel with said Blackburn Road to a stake or stone, a new division corner; thence West 210 feet to the East right-of-way line of Blackburn Road; thence South with said road to the point of beginning.

Parcel B: A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden Count, Kentucky and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake or stone and being the Southeast corner of a lot previously conveyed by Johnny Travis et ux to John Dunbar et ux by Deed dated April 29th 1976 and recorded in Deed Book 121 at page 408 in Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office; thence in an Easterly direction 20 feet to a stake or stone, a new division corner; thence a new division line in a Northerly direction 298 to a stake or stone, corner to a lot this day conveyed by Travis to James A. Blackburn et ux; thence a new division line and with Blackburn in a Westerly direction 230 feet to the East line of Blackburn Church Road (also known as Marion Potter Mills Road); thence with said road in a Southerly direction 58 1/2 feet to a stake or stone and being the Northwest corner of the lot previously conveyed to Dunbar; thence with line of Dunbar in an Easterly direction 210 feet to a stake or stone; thence with line of Dunbar in a Southerly direction 210 feet to the point of beginning.

Included is a 1992, Sunshine 28X52 mobile home, Serial No. ILS30289 AB

Being the same property conveyed to James Corley and his wife, Carolyn Corley who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from Shelia Gail Binkley, individually, and as Executrix of the Estate of Betty Dunbar, and her husband, James Binkley; Janice Harris and her husband Denny Harris; Rosemary Dunbar, a single person; Johnny R. Dunbar and his wife,

Linda Dunbar, dated August 28, 2002, recorded August 29, 2002, at Deed Book 194, Page 95, Crittenden County, Kentucky records.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS.

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Only delinquent property taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, wit the balance upon credit of 30 days. The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.

This the ____ day of April, 2015.
Robert B. Frazer
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Sale was served, U.S. mail, postage prepaid this the ____ day of April, 2015, to the following:

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Crittenden County Circuit Court
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CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
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Legal Notice
COMMONWEALTH
OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 13-CI-00020
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
PLAINTIFF
vs.
MARK WALLACE, ET AL
DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

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Property Address: 117 West Elm Street, Marion, Kentucky

DESCRIPTION:

A certain house and lot in the town of Marion in Crittenden County, Kentucky, lying on the North side of West Gum Street, now West Elm Street, and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake on the North side of Gum Street, now Elm Street and on the West side of an alley about 212 feet West of Main Street; thence North said Alley on the west side 200 feet to a stake; thence West 94 feet; thence South with a parallel course of said Alley 200 feet to Gum Street; now Elm Street; thence East with Gum Street; now Elm Street; 94 feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Mark Wallace, a married person, from Robert D. York and wife, Corine York, on December 30, 1998 and recorded on January 11, 1999 in Deed Book 182, Page 414 of the records of the Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

Less and Except the following described parcel of land as set out in the Partial Release of Mortgage dated July 12, 2013 and recorded in Mortgage Book 202, Page 408, records of the Crittenden County Court Clerk:

A parcel of land located on the west-erly side of a 12' alley, approximately 212' west of Main Street between Elm Street and Depot Street being bounded on the north by Michael and Susan Alexander and Beaver

Brothers, Inc., bounded on the west by Kenneth and Daphenia Downs and on the south by the remainder of Mark Wallace, all being located in the City of Marion, KY and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a set 1/2" iron rod and cap, said point being on the west right of way line of a 12' alley and being approximately 166' north of the north right of way line of Elm Street, said point also being in the east line of Mark Wallace, as described in deed book 182, page 414, a new division corner established this survey; Thence, with a new division line across the property of Wallace, N 88°50'19" W a distance of 94.00 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod and cap, a new division corner set in the east line of Kenneth and Daphenia Downs, as

described in deed book 198, page 75; Thence, with the east line of N 00°02'28" E a distance of 34.00 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod and cap set at the northeast corner of Downs, said point also being in the south line of Beaver Brothers, Inc., as described in deed book 144, page 426; Thence, along the south line of Beavers Brothers and Michael and Susan Alexander, S 88°50'19" E, passing the southeast corner of beaver Brothers, Inc., at a distance of 27', continuing a total distance of 94.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod and cap with no identification found at the intersection of the south line of Michael and Susan Alexander, as described in deed book 134, page 251; Thence, with the west right of way line of the aforementioned 12' alley, S 00°02'28" W a distance of 34.00 feet back to the Point of Beginning of the herein described tract.

The above described parcel contains 0/07 acres more or less as surveyed under the supervision of Jacob C. Selph, Kentucky Professional Land Surveyor No. 3810, of Four Rivers Engineering & Surveying between April 14th and May 18th, 2009. A graphical depiction of said property is attached hereunto as EXHIBIT "A".

All bearings referred to are based on magnetic north as observed on May 22, 2009. Differences in the bearings cited in the above description and those called for in the original deeds are due to variations in the amount of magnetic declination present at the time of the survey. All iron pins referred to as set in the above description are 18" long 1/2" ribbed steel rebar with a 1" plastic cap marked FRLS LS 3810".

SOURCE OF TITLE: The above described property is a portion of the property conveyed to Mark Wallace, a married person, by Robert D. York, and wife, Corine York, by deed dated December 30, 1998 and recorded in Deed Book 182, page 414, in the Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

Rene Wallace, wife of Mark Wallace, joins in this conveyance for the purpose of releasing any contingent dower interest she may have in subject property.

The above described property has since been conveyed to Michael D. Alexander and his wife, Susan Alexander, by Mark Wallace and his wife, Rene Wallace, by deed dated June 18, 2009 and recorded in Deed Book 214, Page 9, in the Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

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AUCTION

Personal Property of Allen Lynn and
Property of Lynn Auto Sales
April 11, 2015 • 9:00 a.m.

Location: Lynn Auto Sales
518 South Main Street – Marion, Ky

Automobiles/ Tractors/Trailers/Automotive Supplies

John Deere 4020 Tractor, 1986 F150 4 x 4 V8 Automatic, 2003 Kia Sorento SUV, 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited V8, 2001 Volkswagen Beetle, 4' x 7' Golf Cart Trailer, 50" x 9" Golf Cart Trailer, 1996 Yamaha Jet Ski on trailer, 2 – Golf Carts, 205/70/15 Tires, Automotive manuals, Gas cans, Tractor Cross Drawbars, Miscellaneous car parts

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Community leaders at Tuesday signing of a document proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Crittenden County are (from left) Robin Curnel, Staci Blackburn, Julie Brooks, Community Educator Holly White, Crittenden County Schools Superintendent Vince Clark, Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers and Newcom (seated).

Officials team together to raise child abuse awareness

STAFF REPORT

Raising awareness on a sensitive but important issue, that's the goal of local leaders who joined Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom Tuesday afternoon during a signing ceremony proclaiming April Child Abuse Prevention Month in Crittenden County.

Officials are bringing awareness to the matter by hosting a variety of events this month, including Wear Blue Day on April 24. In addition, pinwheels, which symbolize child abuse prevention awareness, will be placed along school grounds and other locations within the community.

In the proclamation, Newcom urges all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community.

Child abuse is considered to be one of the nation's most serious public health problems. Scientific studies link the abuse and neglect of children with a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavior disorders.

Officials want to demonstrate the importance of families and communities working together to stop child abuse.

NEWS BRIEFS

Juvenile suspected in county shooting

A Crittenden County juvenile has been charged with felony wanton endangerment for allegedly firing multiple rounds from a handgun in the vicinity of another person driving an ATV.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department is investigating the incident which is believed to have occurred on March 29 on Blackford Church Road in rural Crittenden County.

Although no names have been released because the case involves a juvenile suspect, local authorities say the court is considering certifying the 17-year-old male as an adult due to the seriousness of the alleged crime.

No one was injured, according to the sheriff's office.

The suspect was apparently in the driver's side of a moving vehicle and there was an ATV with one person on board following behind the vehicle. Shots were allegedly fired from the passenger side of the vehicle.

No other information was available from public records, because of the juvenile's involvement. At this time, there have been no charges filed against the unnamed driver of the vehicle.

Local law enforcement has arrested a man who was identified through DNA left behind at a crime scene.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Don Perry arrested

Louisville resident Brandon Jagers, 33, after officials say he stole property from a Jefferson County residence, including firearms. He was an inmate at Crittenden County Detention Center when Perry issued the arrest warrant.

Brandon Jagers, 33, is accused of stealing the property from the home on May 15, 2013, according to an official police warrant.

Official records say Jagers dropped a cigarette while he was inside the residence. Investigators collected the cigarette and had it sent to a Kentucky State Police lab for analysis. Authorities say Jagers was "positively identified through DNA profile."

Police have charged Jagers with one count of burglary. He remains lodged in Crittenden County

— The Associated Press

have called the center in a very emotional state, scared they were in trouble.

"I've had elderly people calling in tears," she said.

Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway said someone claiming to be a representative from the IRS who is threatening to take legal action is a strong indicator that it's not really the IRS. Additionally, when the IRS first contacts a taxpayer, they do so via mail, not by phone.

Callers may also demand payment via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer; however, the IRS doesn't ask for either of these payment methods, nor will they ask for credit card numbers.

Don't provide any account or other personal information, Conway warns. Simply hang up the phone.

IRS scam making rounds again locally

Area residents are warned to protect themselves from fraud and be vigilant of phone scams claiming to be associated with the IRS.

Recently, several people have reported they have been contacted by scammers identifying themselves as IRS representatives. The scammers are telling victims they owe money to the IRS. These scammers have also left voice messages stating that the victim must take care of a "time-sensitive matter" and return the call, or the IRS will take legal action against the victim.

Local 911 dispatcher Tina Newcom said some residents

Minor quake felt felt last Wednesday

There was a rumbling both above and below the ground in the area last week.

As thunderstorms rolled across the tri-state region after dark last Wednesday, a 3.6 magnitude earthquake struck the New Madrid Fault Zone. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the tremor occurred at 10:51 p.m. in the bootheel of Missouri near Steele. The USGS originally labeled the shaking a 4.0 magnitude, but downgraded the measurement.

People from western Kentucky, southern Illinois and northwest Tennessee felt the tremor. There were no reports of damage or injuries.

NUTS

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Monday with school officials monitoring students' lunches for peanut- or nut-containing products. Parents were notified of the new policy in a letter sent home with students on March 27, before spring break.

The need for a restricted policy was first explored after parents of multiple students

with allergies to peanuts and tree nuts expressed their concerns before the school-based decision making (SBDM) council about the elementary school's doctrine toward this growing and dangerous food allergin. That was almost two years ago, according to CCES Principal Melissa Tabor.

"We have been researching this for a year and a half," she said of implementing the peanut/nut-restricted policy.

"We had a wellness committee overseeing this, researching about 20 other school districts that have done this."

The decision was made at the SBDM-level to establish the new policy. The council includes Tabor and teacher and parent representatives.

Tabor said there are at least five students at the school with proven nut allergies, which may bring on severe rashes, swelling and life-threatening

breathing difficulties. Even small amounts of allergens can create serious problems, and nuts do not have to be ingested to do so. Skin contact, even inhalation of allergen molecules can cue a reaction.

Because of the possibility of cross-contamination, a campus-wide, comprehensive avoidance of foods containing nuts was deemed to be the best solution to reduce the health risks to students with aller-

gens, Tabor indicated.

Crittenden County School District Superintendent Vince Clark said he supports the action taken at the elementary school, despite the argument that the policy is a burden on parents when it comes to packing lunches for finicky eaters who may rely on PB&J sandwiches and snack crackers containing peanut butter to get them through the day.

"There are valid points on

each side of the issue," he said. "Ultimately, we have to support efforts to offer a safer learning environment for the children."

Tabor emphasized that students who bring peanut or nut products to school will not be punished or isolated. She said two cafeteria tables are available for each class, with one designated as nut-free.

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