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Ballot set for general election

The filing deadline for non-partisan races in the November election in Crittenden County came and went Tuesday with a flurry of candidates officially declaring their intentions. The filings include nine candidates seeking to fill the six seats on Marion City Council. For the names of those candidates and a glance at the entire general election ballot, see Page 3.

Book signing at library Saturday

Local author Mildred Alice Tinsley Edwards will be the featured guest at Crittenden County Public Library at 11 a.m. Saturday in the library conference room. Edwards will share the inspiration for her book "Brownie the Trucker Mouse." The children's story is based on an actual event. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. For more, contact the library at (270) 965-3354.



Quarterly meeting set for Chamber

Air Evac Lifeteam will host Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's quarterly luncheon slated for next week. The meeting will be at noon Tuesday at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. The speaker will be John Davis, an Air Evac membership sales manager. The luncheon is free, but RSVPs are requested by Friday by calling the Chamber at (270) 965-5015 or emailing susan@crittendenchamber.org.

Farm Bureau hosting meeting

Crittenden County Farm Bureau's annual meeting will be Sept. 2 at the Ed-Tech Center on Industrial Drive in Marion. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. There will be a short business session, election of officers and a by-law revision. The speaker will be Eddie Melton. Call (270) 965-4624 or stop by the Farm Bureau office in Marion to make reservations by Aug. 27.

Public meetings

- Marion City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Marion City Hall.
- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday in the judge-executive's courthouse office in Marion.
- Livingston Fiscal Court will meet at 5:30 p.m. next Thursday at the judicial center in Smithland.

By the Numbers

Kentucky's rate of uninsured adults fell from 20.4 percent last year to 11.9 percent halfway through 2014, a decline of 8.5 percentage points since the Affordable Care Act took effect in January, according to a recent Gallup Poll. Only Arkansas saw a larger decline.

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City ceases late-notice reminders for water bills

STAFF REPORT

Marion water customers will never see those red-ink, late-notice reminders again.

Starting this month, the City of Marion is implementing a money-saving measure by forgoing the traditional monthly late notices to water customers who are approaching the shut-off date.

According to local ordinance, city water bills must be mailed so that customers receive them by the first day of the month. Payment is due by the 10th day of the month, unless the 10th falls on Saturday or Sunday. In that

case, the bill is payable without penalty on the following Monday.

Red notices have gone out to customers as the 5-percent penalty period arrives on the 11th. Customers have until the 21st of each month to pay their bill with penalty. Otherwise, their water is cut off on the 22nd.

"We've come to the point that (the city) needs to save money anywhere it can," said Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant. "We were mail-

ing late notices to about one-quarter of our customers and that's not insignificant money when you look at what it costs to do that over a year's time."

City Clerk Pam Enoch said an average of 450 late notices have gone out to customers each month. The city has about 1,600 water customers. Postage alone exceeds \$150 a month and when time and printing is calculated, Bryant said it was an easy cost-cutting decision.



Bryant

There will be no notice to delinquent customers before water is turned off on the 22nd day of each month. Customers can generally get their water turned back on the same day it's shut off, if they pay the bill, penalty and reinstatement fee by 3 p.m. The reinstatement fee is \$15 for first offense, \$25 the second time and \$50 each subsequent time in a calendar year.

"We average about 35 shut-offs every month," Bryant said. "Most come in and pay on the same day or the following day."

Since there will be no late notices mailed, city officials think the automatic pay option may become more attractive. Customers can have their payment made via bank draft by filling out a form at city hall. The payment comes out of the customer's checking account on the 10th day of the month.

Customers may pay in person with a credit or debit card; however, there are no automatic payment options for cards and a convenience fee of 3 percent is added if credit or debit cards are used.

Trail of Tears trip



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Gene Glasscock and his wife Noqah Elisi make their way down Main Street in Marion Monday morning in a mule wagon. The couple are headed to Oklahoma, following the Trail of Tears route established to commemorate the forced relocation of Native American nations from southeastern parts of the United States in the 1830s.

Couple takes mule wagon along route of forced relocation of Native Americans

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
STAFF REPORT

Gene Glasscock's travels by horse and mule have taken him thousands of miles across the Americas and to nearly ever corner of the United States. At almost 80 years old, he's in the middle of a new adventure.

Glasscock's unconventional mode of transportation for the journey – a covered wagon pulled by two mules – brought him and his wife, Noqah Elisi, through Crittenden County this week. The couple are

headed to Oklahoma along the Trail of Tears, a system of modern roads used to closely follow the original northern Trail taken by Native Americans during their forced relocation from southeastern portions of the United States in the 1830s.

"I've lived the life a lot of people dream about," Glasscock said last week during a respite from the long trip that started in Black Mountain, N.C. "The Lord has been very good to me."

Led by Glasscock's beloved

mules Kate and Kitty, the couple, along with their little dog Bell, on Friday pulled onto Don Boone's family farm off U.S. 641 near the Crittenden-Caldwell County line. At Boone's invitation, they spent three days resting and preparing for the next leg of the journey that brought them through Crittenden County.

Each day of plodding forward along the route, Glasscock and Elisi try to cover 10 to 12 miles in their mule-pow-

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Plans for rock quarry modified

STAFF REPORT

A company wanting to start a limestone rock quarry at Paddy's Bluff on the Cumberland River in southern Crittenden County is modifying its plans for a loading facility on the river.

Grogan Properties LLC of Arlington, Ky., has applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build an inland harbor on the north shore of the Cumberland River just below Dycusburg where the proposed quarry would be located.

Paddy's Bluff is a well-known area of the county which once was home to an off-road vehicle park. It was sold to Grogan Properties and other investors in 2008.

Grogan wants to start a rock quarry on about 200 acres of the roughly 1,000 acres the company owns at Paddy's Bluff. It also wants to build a terminal on the river where the rock can be loaded

Corps taking comments

Written comments on the proposal for an inland harbor on the Cumberland River in southern Crittenden County are being taken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through Aug. 28.

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Unpaid fire dues, taxes could lead to lost property

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County real estate owners with a delinquent 2013 county tax bill have just two weeks to settle the levy or possibly face paying a third-party purchaser an inflated amount to satisfy the lien placed on the property. In some cases, that total can be more than double the current overdue tax and penalties. A third-party purchaser can even force a sale of the property to satisfy the lien.

To avoid the potential sale of a delinquent tax bill on real property, taxpayers must make payment to the county clerk before the sale takes place. Payment must be made at Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office by 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 28.

If delinquent taxes are not paid by that time, Kentucky law allows any individual or company to

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No need for panic: More to fear in United States than Ebola virus

Eighty-one years ago, FDR admonished us, as Americans, to fear nothing other than fear itself.

Yes, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our 32nd President, reminded us during his first inauguration that fear is a nameless, unreasoned and unjustified terror which can paralyze our ability to respond to danger.

Immobilizing horror can prevent us from escaping peril. It is, indeed, the most crippling – even most fatal – of all sensations.

Failure to leave a burning plane or a sinking boat immediately can have uncorrectable consequences. Quick response is paramount in the face of danger.

The reason for pointing this out is to get us thinking about what really scares us



and to understand what simply irritates us. The nightly news is wrought with horrifying images from around the globe, but are those horrors the real beasts at our door? I am not sure all of them are imminent threats. For instance, I would reckon we are more likely to be struck by lightning than infected with Ebola. I have no way of proving that and doubt there are any studies to back

up my argument.

The Ebola virus has made headlines over the past several weeks, creating a sense of fear that has little basis, in fact, according to Dan Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Although the virus is potentially fatal, "it is highly improbable to become a real threat in the U.S. For one thing, unlike other viruses such as the flu, which can be spread by casual contact, you've got to be in direct contact with infected bodily fluids to contract Ebola. It is not an airborne disease," said Weber.

Two American aid workers who had been helping Ebola victims in West Africa and who were infected on the job were flown to the U.S. recently for treatment. Special isolation facilities exist for victims

of infectious diseases, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is monitoring the treatment. Chances of those two infecting others around here are almost zero.

What we do need to be aware of is that many other lurking diseases are killing us quite regularly. Cigarettes can do it, too.

Honestly, West Nile virus is much more likely to get one of us in Kentucky. June through September is the peak time for this disease that is most commonly transmitted through mosquito bites.

Snake bites? Nah. Probably nothing to worry about unless your church endorses handling such reptiles. About 10 people die each year from snakebites in the United States. Of those, about 10 percent or more are during re-

ligious ceremonies.

Glad our new pastor at Marion United Methodist Church is more into old motorcycles, lol.

Ticks are to be feared. Round here, they're much more of a problem than snakes. Local health care workers tell me that tick fever is quite common, but they're seeing fewer cases this year than last year.

The next couple of months are a wonderful time to troll for ticks as their babies can be found in huge clusters. Collection by unsuspecting humans is simple. Just brush up against a leafy or stemmy plant and you'll attract the nearly invisible little critters. It's like walking into a kindergarten class with Blow Pops. Fear that!

Fort Knox: You can look but don't touch

The mere mention of Fort Knox usually means the Gold Vault. Officially, it is known as the United States Bullion Depository, and was constructed in 1936 at a cost of \$560,000. And this somewhat unpretentious structure has been surrounded by more legend, mystery and myth, than perhaps any other building in America.

Look but don't touch, is a more apt way to describe it. And the fact of the matter is you could get chased off if you stare at the building too long.

With a reported \$100 billion in solid gold stacked in the lower level of the Gold Vault it is no wonder the U.S. Treasury keeps a tight lid on the inner workings of its security system.

The grounds are surrounded by three fences that some say are electrified. Armed guards are positioned in bunker-like structures at each corner. Reinforced gates and barriers have been added since 9/11 to further discourage anyone from wanting to get close. They are authorized to use deadly force if need be. Combine this with alarms, cameras, possibly land mines, and you have a facility that would be nearly impossible to breach.

Of course, the government makes no comments regarding the Gold Vault's



security. In other words, it's not what we know, but what we don't know that keeps the building secure.

There are, however, known facts about the Gold Vault. The actual structure that can be seen from the highway is 42-feet high, 121-feet wide, and the vault door in the lower level is 21-inches thick and weighs more than 20 tons.

Paul Urbahns, a local historian from Radcliff points out how the security climate has drastically changed since the Gold Vault was built until today. "In the beginning the local newspaper published the gold delivery schedule. The gold arrived on trains and the locals would go to the railroad siding to watch the gold being loaded onto trucks," he said. The area was lined with armed military for security until the gold arrived at the Gold Vault."

In the early days anyone caught trespassing would have been arrested. Today they would probably be

shot. It was reported several years ago that a helicopter with a Travel Channel film crew flew over the Gold Vault. Flying low and using telescopic lens, they were arrested when they landed back in Louisville and their film was seized.

Perhaps nothing drew more attention to Fort Knox and the Gold Vault than the 1964 James Bond film Goldfinger. It was arch-villain Auric Goldfinger's plan to break into the Gold Vault, not to steal the gold, but to render it useless by making it radioactive, thus inflating the value of the gold he already had.

Thank goodness for agent 007, and his ability to halt the evil scheme and preserve our nation's financial stability.

You can rest assured that none of the movie's scenes were shot inside the Gold Vault, and any information about its inner working was conjured up by Hollywood. Several scenes were shot in and around the Radcliff-Muldraugh area as well as some involving actual uniformed soldiers at Fort Knox.

As security conscious as the Gold Vault is, it is said to be the third most photographed building in America, behind the U.S. Capital and the White

House, and the actual day-to-day responsibility for protecting the nations gold supply falls under the jurisdiction of the United States Mint Police.

Gaining "inside" information about the Gold Vault is like, well, breaking into Fort Knox. It's nearly impossible. Believe it or not I was able to wrangle a phone number to a guard post inside the building. After one question, the guard, courteously, but quickly, referred me to the U.S. Mint Public Affairs Office in Washington, D.C. where I was told to submit my questions in writing, which I did.

By most accounts Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman are the only U.S. Presidents to have visited the Gold Vault. However, the written response from the U.S. Mint was that "Roosevelt is the only President to have signed the visitors log book at the Fort Knox Bullion Depository." Of course that doesn't necessarily mean Truman didn't visit. He just may not have signed in.

When asked if any biological warfare strains were kept in the Gold Vault, the written response was no.

Sometime in the early 1970's rumors began to circulate that the Gold Vault had depleted its inventory.

"A writer suggested there

was nothing in the vault," recalled former U.S. Senator Walter "Dee" Huddleston, an Elizabethtown resident. "He wrote that France had called in all its debts and all the gold had been returned."

So in 1974 Sen. Huddleston was joined by several congressional delegates from across the country, and 100 handpicked journalists to do what no other group had done before or since, and that is to go into the Gold Vault and look around.

At the time Gerald Lush was a young editor for the News-Enterprise in Elizabethtown, and was among some of the locals selected.

"It was covered by national and state newspapers, magazines, radio and T.V., he offered. "I really didn't think that much about it at the time. It was a fun experience, but I didn't see it as significant back then."

Now years later, Lush wishes he had some of the photos snapped that day. "They just disappeared from the files at the newspaper," he said.

Still, all these years later, Lush has etched in his mind what he saw. "I remember the rich, yellow glow when they opened the vault," he said. "I had been told that gold didn't glow after it was stored for a pe-

riod. But the gold I saw glowed."

Bill Evans, a radio executive in Elizabethtown also saw gold. "I saw several rooms full of gold, from top to bottom."

Evans also recalled something else that has stuck with him all these years.

"Four or five of us in the group were standing around talking," he offered. "The guards were behind us with Thompson submachine guns. We could tell they were nervous when one of them clicked his bolt and jacked it. They were all under stress while we were there. I realized my visit there was something very special even then."

Sen. Huddleston recalled that once the tour was over he presided over a press conference set up at the Gold Vault.

"I told everyone there was gold in the vault, and lots of it . . . from the floor to the ceiling," he laughed. "They made an exception for us to go in, and it hasn't happened before or since."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Next generation can achieve greatness

To the editor

Recently, I had the great honor and privilege to watch something that makes me not only a proud father, but also a proud American.

I watched 194 young men – 50 percent were 17- and 18-year-olds – commit to something greater than themselves. These young men just completed 10 weeks of basic training in which they learned and demonstrated their ability to live by the Army values of loyalty, dedication, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. The commitment of these young men renewed my confidence in this next generation.

When Socrates exclaimed the following, many today might assume he was talking about this generation: "Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders and love chatter in place of exercise; they no longer rise when elders enter the room; they contradict their parents, chatter before company; gobble up their food and tyrannize their teachers."

Even the Greatest Generation had its doubters: "They are frightful, terrible and horrible.

They have no manners. They have no morals. They race around in automobiles all day, and they dance in cabarets all night. They smoke. They drink," wrote Inez Haynes Irwin in the Aug. 21, 1927, issue of the Milwaukee Journal. She went on to say that generation of young people were also guilty of a lack of social responsibility.

If those examples are not enough proof that labeling today's generation as the laziest or one that will ruin our country, you have to ask how they could do any worse than the Baby Boomers. The same Baby Boomers as our representatives, senators and president have failed to effectively manage our country, have lead it to a brink of disaster by putting it trillion's in debt and, worst of all, they have no plan to correct the problem.

So the next time, you see a young man or woman on their cellphone or X-Box, at the skate park or just hanging out, I want to encourage you to remember that the next generation has never been good enough. But, amazingly, they all achieved heights never imagined.

I fully expect this generation to achieve greatness that we can never imagine.

Lt. Col. William L. McDaniel
Marion, Ky.

Woman allegedly threatens teen with gun

STAFF REPORT

A Marion woman faces a felony charge after allegedly threatening her son's girlfriend with a handgun and a vehicle.

Lori Fernandez, 46, of Nipper Road was arrested Friday night after her vehicle was stopped on Chapel Hill Road by Marion Policeman Heath Martin and Constable Billy Arflack.

Officers had been dispatched shortly after 7 p.m.

to the scene of an alleged shooting on Nipper Road. When Special Deputy Eddie Jack Myers arrived, he learned that the suspected shooter, Fernandez, had left the scene in a vehicle. Other officers responding to the call were en route and spotted Fernandez's vehicle a short distance from the alleged crime scene.

Deputy Ray Agent, who is the lead investigator on the incident, said Fernandez is

believed to have pointed a .380 semi-automatic Ruger handgun at a teenage girl. Witnesses also told officers that Fernandez fired the gun into the air.

Agent said the suspect told him she was shooting at an animal.

The alleged victim also told police that Fernandez tried to run her down with a vehicle and stopped only when her boyfriend – who is the suspect's son – inter-

vened by standing between the victim and the car.

Police do not believe drugs or alcohol were involved in the incident.

Fernandez is charged with first-degree wanton endangerment, a Class D felony; and second-degree wanton endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor.

She was lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center and later released on bond.

Audit of sheriff's office finds minor problems

STAFF REPORT

Last week, Kentucky Auditor Adam Edelen released both the audit of the 2012 financial statement of Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent and the 2012 sheriff's tax settlement. Reports were issued for both audits, which are required annually by state law.

The reports address minor problems found in the accounting practices of the sheriff's office.

Based on the results of the audit of the tax settlement, auditors found that the sheriff's office lacks adequate segregation of duties. The report acknowledges that the lack of segregation exists in the sheriff's office because a limited number of employees are available to properly segregate these job duties.

To address the need for segregation of duties, Agent has implemented compensating controls. Suggestions to strengthen those accounting controls were further made by auditors.

Meantime, results of the audit of the sheriff's financial

statement found the following:

- The sheriff's office lacks adequate segregation of duties.
- The sheriff should strengthen internal controls over financial reporting in order for the quarterly financial report to be materially accurate.
- The sheriff's office should remit excess fees due the fiscal court upon submitting the annual fee statement.
- The sheriff should submit a complete and accurate quarterly financial report in a timely manner.

As suggested by the findings of the tax settlement audit, stronger compensating controls are suggested to address the lack of segregation of duties. Strengthening internal controls over the recording of receipts and disbursements and financial reporting were also suggested.

As to the final two issues pointed out by auditors, Agent said his office is now aware of the necessary changes to be made and will take steps to correct those matters.

Ky. raises Child Care Assistance threshold

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky's Child Care Assistance Program has been reopened for new applicants after a budget shortfall closed it 16 months ago.

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services says its Department for Community Based Services reopened the program last week. The cabinet lowered the income eligibility for recipients from 150 percent to 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

Gov. Steve Beshear di-

rected a funding increase for the program in June, restoring the program to recipients whose income is 140 percent of the federal poverty level. That threshold will increase to 150 percent next July 1.

To apply online, visit chfs.ky.gov/ccap. Applications can also be made in person. An office locator directory is available at childcarecouncilofky.com/local-office-search.

For more information about eligibility and applications, visit childcarecouncilofky.com.



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A special thanks to Rev. Tommy Hodge and members of Crayne Community Church for the services and food following.

Sincerely,
Mary and Carl Ordway and Family





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9 candidates file for 6 council seats in Marion

STAFF REPORT

The November ballot in Crittenden County is now set. Nine people have filed for the six seats on Marion City Council up for grabs in the general election this fall. Also, one of two school board races will see a remake of a contest between two candidates who faced off in the 2010 election.

The non-partisan filings for city council and Crittenden County Board of Education came in a flurry over the past week, as the deadline for submitting paperwork to appear on the Nov. 4 ballot ended Tuesday.

Running for Marion City Council will be all six incumbents – Donnie Arlack, Jared Byford, Mike Byford, Frank Pierce, Darrin Tabor and Dwight Sherer. Also on the ballot will be Junior Martin, Jordan A. Murray and Ricky Winders. The six seats on city council are two-year terms.

Meantime, longtime Mayor Mickey Alexander will face Ken Floyd in the fall. Mayor is elected every four years.

In a rematch of the 2010 board of education contest for the District 2 post on the five-person panel, incumbent Barrett Belt will face Eric LaRue, who held the seat prior to Belt winning the latest four-year term. Belt defeated LaRue by only 17 votes in that election.

Running unopposed in District 5 is incumbent Phyllis Orr. Elections for the other three seats on the board are staggered.

Filing for constable as a write-in candidate was C.L. McDaniel in District 4. He is currently unopposed in a bid to retain the post.

Meantime, David Travis has withdrawn his name as a write-in candidate for District 1 constable. Also having withdrawn from the election is Rickey Riley, who had filed as a Republican candidate for District 4 magistrate.

A quick glance at the Nov. 4 ballot in Crittenden County

- COUNTY**
County Judge-Executive
- Perry A. Newcom (R)*
County Attorney
- Rebecca Johnson (D)*
County Sheriff
- Wayne Agent (R)*
County Clerk
- Carolyn Byford (R)*
County Jailer
- Robbie Kirk (R)
- Daniel Kemper (D)
Property Valuation Administrator
- Ronnie Heady (D)*
County Coroner
- Bradley R. Gilbert (R)*
County Surveyor
- Jacob Cleveland Selph (R)
District 1 Magistrate
- Jeff Ellis (R)*
- Danny Fowler (D)
District 2 Magistrate
- Curtis Wade Buntin (D)*
District 3 Magistrate
- Glenn Underdown (R)*
District 4 Magistrate
- Mark A. Holloman (D)
District 5 Magistrate
- Donnetta Travis (D)*
- Wayne Winters (R)
District 6 Magistrate
- Dan Wood (D)*
District 1 Constable
- Bobby Phelps (D)*
- Barry R. Brown (R)
District 2 Constable
- Barkley Hughes (R)
District 3 Constable
- Paul Beard (R)
- Roy Todd (D)*
District 5 Constable
- Wayne West (R)*
District 6 Constable
- Billy Arlack (D)*
KENTUCKY STATEHOUSE
4th District Representative
- Lynn Bechler (R)*
- Jarrod H. Jackson (D)
- Matthew "Macky" Armstrong (I)
4th District Senator
- J. Dorsey Ridley (D)*

- U.S. CONGRESS**
1st District Congressman
- Ed Whitfield (R)*
- Charles Kendall Hatchett (D)
Senator
- Mitch McConnell (R)*
- Alison Lundergan Grimes (D)
- David Patterson (L)
JUDICIAL RACES
Non-partisan
District 5 Judge
- Daniel Heady*
Circuit 5 Judge
- René Williams*
Circuit 5 Family Court Judge
- Ben Leonard
- Brandi Hagan Rogers
1st District Court of Appeals Judge
- Christopher Shea Nickell*
1st District Supreme Court Justice
- Bill Cunningham*

- CITY OF MARION**
Non-partisan
Mayor
- Mickey Alexander*
- Ken Floyd
Council
Six to be elected from the following
- Donnie Arlack*
- Jared Byford*
- Michael Byford*
- Junior Martin
- Jordan A. Murray
- Frank Pierce*
- Dwight Sherer*
- Darrin Tabor*
- Ricky Winders

- SCHOOL BOARD RACES**
Non-partisan
District 2
- Barrett Belt*
- Eric LaRue
District 5
- Phyllis Orr*

Note: Write-in candidates will not appear on the ballot. Those candidates have until Oct. 24 to file for election.

QUARRY

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onto barges and transported to customers.

The company came under fire a couple of years ago when it violated terms of a previous Corps of Engineers permit by removing graves from Bunton Cemetery and reintering them at Dycusburg Cemetery. Federal agencies are still trying to decide how to handle that particular breach of the permit.

Meantime, Grogan wants to change its original plans to build the barge loading facility along the riverbank. In order to prevent problems with other navigation along the river channel, Grogan now wants to excavate and dredge a 2,400-foot harbor 100 feet into its shoreline property. The project would require removal of 349,200 cubic yards of soil and material – that's equivalent to about 7.5 million gallons of dirt. Removal of the soil would be sequenced and curtailed to minimize

silting in the river, and 5,000 tons of limestone rip rap would be used to stabilize the area when excavation is complete. The project would require dredging from the shoreline outward into the river about 15 feet in order provide sufficient water depth for barges to enter the harbor. A depth of at least 9 feet will be needed.

The harbor would be long enough to accommodate two barges, single width. Meanwhile, a fleeting area would be established downstream where 27 barges (three wide) could be tied up against 11 mooring structures known as dolphins. An on-site tender boat would be used to move barges from the mooring facility to the loading harbor.

The entire proposal, along with maps and graphics depicting the development are

contained in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice 11-31B. The public notice can be accessed on the Corps' Nashville District website at www.lrn.usace.army.mil by following the "Public Notices" Quick Link on the home page or directly at goo.gl/Xx2vFU.

Written comments in regard to the amended proposal should be directed to Lisa Morris, Regulatory Branch, Nashville Corps of Engineers, 3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214 on or before Aug. 28.

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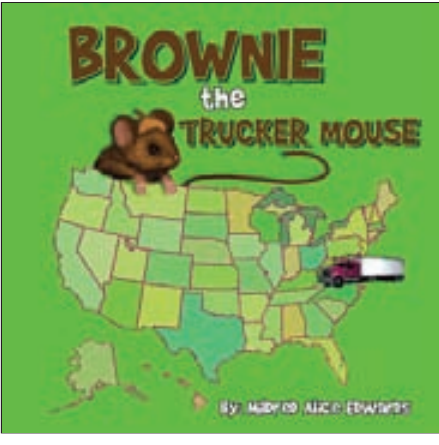


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FSA loans available to farm owners

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky farmers and ranchers still have time to apply for low interest 2014 loans available through the Farm Service Agency's direct farm ownership program. The deadline to submit applications is Sept. 30.

Eligible producers can borrow up to \$300,000 in direct farm ownership loans to buy or enlarge a farm, construct new farm buildings or improve structures, pay closing costs or promote soil and water conservation and protection. The interest rate on select loans can be as low as 1.5 percent with up to 40 years to repay.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for more farmers and ranchers to get low-interest loans to start their first farm or expand an existing family farm," said Kentucky FSA Executive Director John W. McCauley. "There are no backlogs or waiting for funding. If you've dreamed about starting a farm, or if you're looking to strengthen your farm, we want to help."

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Local Talent Search high, middle schoolers enjoy summer travels

STAFF REPORT

School's back in session in Crittenden County, but four middle and high school students will have a summer of travel and fond memories to look back on thanks to an educational guidance and outreach program through Madisonville Community College (MCC).

Jamie Burt, Kenny Perry, Wesley Grimes and Monica Hodge, all local participants in the college's TRIO Talent Search, were able this summer to experience earthquakes, explore space, walk Beale Street in Memphis, Tenn., and tour a couple of the South's premier institutions of higher learning. It will be a summer the students won't soon forget.

In June, Burt and Perry joined 48 middle schoolers from other counties for a day of learning and exploration at the Discovery Park of America in Union City, Tenn. While there, they experienced a simulation of the 1811-1812 Reel Foot Lake earthquakes, visited the Starship Theater and had a guided lesson of the 1880s Settlement. Students also discovered favorite areas of

the park that included a metal human slide, tower and maze; a polar bear; a cloud-maker and a NASCAR display.

Meantime, high school Talent Search participants like Grimes and Hodge kicked off their summer trip with a campus tour of Rhodes College, a liberal arts college in the heart of Memphis, Tenn. A local guitarist shared Memphis history through stories and songs on a bus tour. At the Center for Southern Folklore, the group was treated to a Southern-style meal and a trio of blues musicians who shared the history of American music.

Oxford, Miss., home of the University of Mississippi was the destination for the second day of the summer trip. After a guided tour of the city and a trip to Rowan Oak, the home of William Faulkner, the group toured Ole Miss and then headed to the charming downtown district of Oxford.

Arriving back in Memphis, students visited the Peabody Hotel to watch the famous march of the ducks, explored Beale Street and wrapped up the evening with a ghost tour

around the city. The trip concluded with a tour of the National Civil Rights Museum which included a viewing of the actual motel where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

Talent Search is a federally funded TRIO program for middle and high school students who meet eligibility requirements and have the potential to further their education. Its mission is to assist those students in successfully completing high school and to pursuing post-secondary education. The program is located at MCC and serves students in Crittenden, Hopkins and Muhlenberg counties. Anna Leasure is the program director.

Besides the cultural enhancement trips during the summer, Talent Search has many activities for students all year long. Monthly workshops, college campus tours, coordinated tutoring and enrichment trips are conducted during the school year. Talent Search also provides newsletters to both students and parents. Parents are strongly encouraged to become actively involved in

preparing for their child's educational goals.

New students are recruited primarily in the fall, particularly sixth-graders; however, referrals are appreciated all year and from all grades. Interested applicants must submit a completed application to be considered.

Last year, there were 76 TRIO Talent Search participants from Crittenden County. Those students join some elite alumni of TRIO programs. Professional athletes like NBA legend Patrick Ewing and NFL great Troy Polamalu and entertainers like actress Angela Bassett and Oprah Winfrey are among TRIO's famous participants that include congressmen, astronauts and authors.

Press seeking World War II vets

The Crittenden Press would like to honor all World War II veterans living in Crittenden County in an upcoming issue of the newspaper. If you are a veteran of the war or know of someone who is, contact Editor Daryl K. Tabor at (270) 965-3191 or email thepress@the-press.com.



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Food drive met with success

Claudina Travis prepares to make a donation Saturday outside of Conrad's Food Store to a county-wide food drive organized by Dwight Sherer (above). The month-long drive to stock the shelves of Crittenden County Food Bank culminated over the weekend with donation stations set up at both Conrad's and Food Giant. Sherer said the drive collected almost 3,000 food items and \$1,133 in monetary donations, which equals almost a month of expenses for the food bank. "What a great response from all of Crittenden County," Sherer said. "Thanks goes out to all who worked so hard to collect." The food bank will make its next distribution on Aug. 22 at 402 N. Walker St. in Marion.

TAXES

Continued from Page 1

purchase that tax bill. The third-party purchaser then has 50 days to give notice that the tax bill has been purchased. Payment must be sent directly to the purchaser, along with the associated penalties, fees and interest assessed by them after their purchase. If payment is not received, the third party can ultimately force a sale of the property.

"When these other people come in here and buy tax bills, they really jack up the prices on them," said Byford. "There are guidelines as to what they can charge, but it still jumps up there pretty good."

Byford gave an example of a \$1,000 delinquent tax bill ballooning to \$2,000 in order to satisfy the lien held by the third-party purchaser.

Those potential purchasers must register with Byford's of-

fice before they are eligible to buy delinquent tax bills. No third-party purchasers had registered with her office as of press time Tuesday, but they have until Monday to register.

Last year, there were four third-party purchasers to register and buy delinquent tax bills.

For those tax bills not purchased by a third-party, the county retains the lien on the property. That lien, which continues to accrue penalties, must still be satisfied by the property owner. If not satisfied, the county attorney can force an eventual foreclosure on the property.

A new issue complicating matters this year is tied to the fire dues first tacked on to tax bills last year.

"My concern is with property owners who were only billed fire dues due to homestead or disability exemptions," Byford said. "These

bills started out to be only \$30, but with penalties and interest, they are now over \$60."



Byford

In fact, those delinquent tax bills are now \$69.02. There are more than a dozen property owners who failed to opt out of or pay their \$30 fire dues.

"According to law, these bills are treated just like a delinquent tax on the property," Byford said. "Many of these individuals have not had to pay taxes in years because of their exemption and may not have even looked at the tax bill last year."

"I would hate for these third parties to come in and buy these small tax bills and later force a sale on these individuals."

For those who did not opt out of paying fire dues on their 2014 taxes by July 15, the \$30 fee will once again appear on their tax bill.

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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement
We have audited the Crittenden County Sheriff's Settlement – 2012 Taxes for the period April 17, 2012 through April 15, 2013 – regulatory basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the County Sheriff, as of April 15, 2013, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 17, 2012 through April 15, 2013 of the Crittenden County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 1, 2014 on our consideration of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comment and recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:
2012-01 The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

Respectfully submitted,

Adam H. Edelen
Auditor of Public Accounts

April 1, 2014
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The following bills were not included in the ad last week with other delinquent bills, due to a vendor's programming issue.

The tax sale will be held on August 28, 2014, beginning at 8:30 a.m.. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by the close of business on august 18, 2014. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's Office any time prior to the tax sale. For more information please contact County Clerk's Office at 270-965-3403.

Carolyn Byford

OwnerName	TaxYear	BillNumber	PropertyAddress	PropertyDescription	MapID	AssessedVl	FaceAmt	AmtDue
BELT, DARRELL L	2013	383	3347 US 60 W	H&L	045-00-00-	30	30	69.02
BEVERLY, JOSEPH D	2013	524	348 KEN SPAR RD	MH ON ETHEL ALLEN	062-00-00-	30	30	69.02
COLEMAN, MARY LEE	2013	1142	4193 SR 70	LOT & IMP (F1-4-4)	049-10-04-	30	30	69.02
CRICK, NICOLE	2013	1358		CAMPER		30	30	69.02
CROWELL, J A	2013	1490	0 MAIN LAKE RD	CAMPER		30	30	69.02
FRANKLIN, ROBERT S	2013	2238	102 EAGLE EYE LANE	1998 CLAYTON	022-00-00-	30	30	69.02
GRIMES, TIM	2013	2552	8903 SR 70	75 MONTE 12X56	038-00-00-	30	30	69.02
JAMES, HAROLD	2013	3477	0 SR 70	78 VILLAGE 12X56	049-10-03-	30	30	69.02
JANESS, MARY	2013	3504	0 MAPLE SINK	26 FT CAMPER	050-00-00-	30	30	69.02
KOON, ROBERT E	2013	3894	501 HENRY RD	1.91 AC	051-00-00-	30	30	69.02
MILLNER, HAZEL E	2013	4669	4034 SR 70	LOT PLUS IMP (F1-3-12)	049-10-03-	30	30	69.02
ODOM, JANIE LUCILLE	2013	4953	9551 SR 70	LOT PLUS IMP	039-00-00-	30	30	69.02
PHILLIPS, MARY & TIMMY PHILLIPS	2013	5275	498 FIRST AVE	LOT & IMP TOLU (T1-1-12)	011-10-01-	30	30	69.02
WORKMAN, GARY OR KATTIE	2013	7298	953 JUST-A-MERE RD	90 CLAY 14X72	090-00-00-	30	30	69.02



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Marion’s musical days brought joyful times

Marion, in the early days, was very fond of music and enjoyed the excitement and sound of a good band. It was good family entertainment that all could enjoy. These yesteryear tidbits of Marion’s early bands and the birth of the bandstand are from the archives of The Crittenden Press. As I read these old items about the bands and all the different instruments, I can’t help but wonder if a person had a special music teacher that taught them to play the instruments or did they just pick out an instrument they liked and say, “I’ll learn to play this myself.”

Marion a musical center: The early days

Marion is getting quite a reputation as a musical center. There was a time not so long ago when music was little appreciated or cultivated here, considering the size and advance of the city in other arts and sciences.

The town has always been one of refined citizenship – well-educated and cultured – and to see the delightful art of music encouraged and put to the front is one of the best signs of the times.

Few towns the size of Marion can boast of as many excellent pianists, violinists, cornetists and organists, to say nothing of the other rare and beautiful instruments – Italian harp, flute, mandolin, clarinet, bass horn and other brass instruments, plus numerous others which have found admirers here – and people who have mastered them, thus adding pleasure to the home, schools and the churches.

Old age is soothed by it and carried back to the days of youth. Mother and father are reminded of their happy courtship days. Youth are rendered doubly joyful, and even childish glee rings out more happily under its subtle strains. Yes, music can soothe the soul.

Dec. 20, 1906

Marion Silver Cornet Band

The Marion Silver Cornet Band was organized a short time ago, with Mr. Percy Noggle as leader, he being an expert cornetist; Maurice Sutherland, French horn; James Travis, trombone; Henry Stone, tuba; W.L. Tucker clarinet; and J.L. Shrode, piccolo.

We look forward to some sweet music from this band in the near future as each and every one has musical talent.

June 20, 1907
The new bandstand holds music concerts

There has been a bandstand erected in the southeast corner of the courthouse yard. It is decorated with bunting and flags and lighted with electricity, and from this, the Marion Silver Cornet Band dispenses the sweetest music.

The concerts are given every Saturday evening at



Brenda Underdown
Crittenden County Historian

Forgotten Passages

8 o'clock and are very delightful. There has been a large and enthusiastic crowd of listeners at each performance.

Let everybody from far and near come to town and enjoy this rare musical treat and encourage the band boys.

The Marion Silver Cornet Band desires to express their thanks to the businessmen who had the stand erected for the music concerts and desires especially to thank Mr. H.D. Pollard for his many kindnesses shown the band for their first concert; also to Mr. S.M. Jenkins who furnished lights for these concerts and for his kindness in furnishing the band with a nice, well-lighted room for their regular practices.

June 1, 1928
Concert enjoyed by large crowd

A large crowd greeted the American Legion Band Saturday evening when they gave the first in a series of concerts for summer from the bandstand in the courthouse yard.

This band was organized over a year ago with Ben Price as leader and instructor. At that time, many of the boys were unable to read a note of music and only a very few had received previous training.

Since arranging for this series of concerts, a number of members from the band of the city schools have been asked to play with the Legionnaires.

These concerts are to be given every Saturday evening at 7 o'clock and are made possible by subscriptions from Marion businessmen and other citizens.

The personnel of the band at present is: leader, Ben Price; cornet, Doyle Vaughan, Jake Mayes, Clifton Enoch, Ben Price, Walton Morris and Barnett Vaughan; trombone, George Travis and John Wilborn; clarinet, Arnold Elder; mellophone, E.J. Morrill, Weems Croft and Everett Pickens; baritone, Orville Lamb and J.D. Asher; bass, Lee Morse and Guy Lamb; saxophone, Ted Boston; snare drum, Gilbert Frazer; and bass drum, Freeman Elder.

The selections played were "Invicargill," "Home Town," "Flower Queen," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "Under the Circus Tent" and the "Finnancier March."

June 17, 1932
City sponsors Saturday night band concerts

The 33-piece Community Band – the best band Marion ever had – will give



Shown in top photo is one of Marion’s early brass bands. Band members’ identities are not known. At left is an early photo of Marion’s popular gazebo on the courthouse lawn. It was the site of many Saturday night performances for the local bands. The old community well is shown on the left side of the photo and was likely a gathering place to visit and share local news. Rev. W. B. Yates (shown at right) was Marion’s well-known and very popular singing evangelist.

a public concert on the public square every Saturday night through the summer.

These concerts, under the able leadership of Ben H. Price, are sponsored by the business and professional men of Marion with the intention of stimulating community spirit and holding crowds in the city on Saturday nights.

The first public appearance of the band was made at Winlow Park on May 28. Cold weather kept many people away that night, but the few hundred who heard them voiced their praise so loudly that Marion men deemed it wise to have them play on the courthouse square every Saturday night.

Marion and Crittenden County’s best musicians will play in every concert. The following are the personnel: Lt. Ben H. Price, director; cornets, Ovid Kimsey, J. H. Paris, Henry Holloman, Bob Doss, James Small, Monroe Travis and Mrs. J.B. Wiggins; clarinets, Arnold Elder, Orville Grady, C. Imboden and Mrs. Joe Hogard; saxophones, Ted Boston, Trice Yates, Searcy Henry and M.Y. Nunn; mellophones, G. Clark, Chuck Rushing, Ray Holloman, John Myers and Bob Haynes; trom-

bones, John Wilborn, A. T. Crider and Harold Hogard; baritoners, J. D. Asher, Vaughn Myers and Albert Henry; bass, Houston Clark and Guy R. Lamb; drums, L. E. Mayes and Kenneth Dillard.

Aug. 5, 1927
Marion’s famous singer: Death comes to W.B. Yates

After an illness of several months, Rev. W.B. Yates, one of the best-known song evangelists of the Methodist church, passed into the Great Beyond at his home in Marion on July 31, 1927.

Billie Yates, as he was well and lovingly known to his countless friends, came home from his work last November a very sick man. From the first, his physician realized that his condition was serious, and soon after his return home, he was taken to an Evansville hospital where specialists told the family that he was suffering from a type of heart trouble that was incurable, and his life would be only a matter of days. In January, he was brought back to Marion to his home.

William Brown Yates was born Aug. 14, 1869. He was married to Miss Addie Stallions, who died in May 1895. To this union was born one son, E.H. Yates of Evansville, Ind.

He was married Sept. 13, 1898, to Miss Cora Daughtrey, who survives him. To this union, two children were born, Mrs. C.A. Taylor, who traveled with her father for some time as pianist, and William Yates Jr., a student at the University of Kentucky.

Besides his wife and the three children, he is survived by three brothers, T.R. Yates of Madisonville; George W. Yates and L. E. Yates, both of Marion; two sisters, Mrs. Lummie Clark of Marion and Mrs. Margaret Neimier of Manitou, Colo.

During the last quarter of a century and more, Billie Yates delighted thousands in all parts of the United States with his

singing. He was one of the leading song evangelists of America. Perhaps he has conducted services in every state in the Union.

He has literally sung his way into the hearts of people in all sections of the country, and today there are thousands who will regret to learn of his passing.

W.B. “Billie” Yates and his wife, Cora, are buried in the Mapleview Cemetery.

(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.)

Crosswalk program gets continued funding

STAFF REPORT

Good news for a popular Crittenden County High School after school program.

Crosswalk Learning Center officials received word that it will continue to receive funding for two additional years.

Crosswalk site coordinator Cheryl Burks said the grant that supports the program is a five-year grant. After the third year, the center completes a continuation progress report. The Center opened for the 2011-12 school year.

Burks said officials recently learned based on performance and available funding, the grant is re-

newed for years four and five.

After the fifth year of programming, school officials will write for a continuation of funding for additional years.

Last school year the center had 374 participants, including 283 different students and 91 different parents.

Crosswalk Learning Center is funded through 21st Century Community Learning Center grants.

The center provides tutoring and academic assistance, enrichment and entrepreneurial activities for high school students. The center will open in September.

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So many millions accursed from Christ

So many millions are accursed from Christ, and many of those people think they are Christian. But let us look at the only authority who tells us what being accursed is.

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that you have received, let him be accursed," reads Galatians 1:8-9.

Paul wrote in Romans 1:25-32 talking about those who had corrupted God's image: "Who changed the truth of God into a lie...for this cause God gave them up unto vile affections; for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly and receiving in themselves that reward of their error which was what they deserved...who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death."

All the false, fallen preachers who have suc-



cumbed to supporting these evils and preached a gospel unknown to God bring the wrath of God down upon not only themselves but all of America and all the rest of the wicked world of man-pleasers. Every individual who is involved in these crimes against God and all who support these evils in any way are also incurring God's wrath.

Paul proclaimed in Chapter 1 of Galatians that man did not give him his messages, but Jesus Christ Himself. He said that if he pleased man, he could not serve Christ.

He also recorded that in 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12: "When Jesus appears, it will be after Satan has caused millions, by his deception and lies, to do things they never thought they would do, with all de-ceivableness of unright-eousness in them that perish; because they re-

ceived not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

"And for this cause, God will send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie; That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unright-eousness, and shall be destroyed with the brightness of His coming."

Our nation is being destroyed with the lies that unlimited deviate sexual behavior is sanctioned by God. Our nation denies that the Bible condemns those who are involved in and support these evils.

"Oh, what weeping and wailing, when the lost are told of their fate. They cry for the rocks and the mountains, they pray but their prayer is too late," reads Revelation 6:15-17.

"And the kings of the earth and the great men and the rich men, and the chief captains and the mighty men and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

What is the Bible's definition of a Christian?

They were first called Christian at Antioch. Why? Because they were followers of His life, actions, beliefs and sufferings.

Jesus so loved all mankind that He not only showed it by helping all he met, He willingly gave His life in a horrible beating and crucifixion. This gave all a choice to live for God and do His bidding in helping others in this life and help them to obey God and end up in Heaven or do the bidding of Satan, hurt themselves and others in this life and end up in Hell at the end.

A follower of Jesus cares about the needs of another's soul, mind and body. A follower prays, works and tries to get others to follow Jesus so their lives are so much better here and hereafter.

Too many professed Christians do not have a burden for the lost, this country's future or the needs of those about them. They care only for themselves and theirs.

Too many think they are supposed to be carefree, thinking the joy that being a follower of Jesus gives us. They are having a good time, not bothering themselves with the needs and

souls of others.

Some say, "All we can do is pray."

That is the biggest and most important thing we can do, but how many really travail for the lost even in their own families? Ask any mother what travail is when she was giving birth to her children. The Christian is to travail for the lost to be saved.

If we do not know the wolf is at the door, we won't lock it. If you don't know your house is on fire, you will not call the fire department.

If one of your children were dying, you would really get down to business calling on God for help. How about the command to love our neighbors as ourselves?

Many – not wanting to be upset, burdened or sad at times – will not listen to the news of how Satan is destroying people, our children's futures of peace and tranquility and our religious freedoms. So there is no way they can pray with a burden if they don't have one.

My question is, "How can you really do as Paul tells us – to pray without ceasing and with earnest pleading for God to save the deceived and pawns in the hands of Satan – if you aren't acutely aware of the hell on earth all around us and what is happening to them?"

We have too many professors and not enough possessors.

Until Americans pray until the Holy Spirit convicts all sinners of sin and sinners confess and forsake their sins, God will not save America.

The majority of American voters put us where we are because the majority are lost, and now, politicians will not save us. Only God can, and will, but only when the majority of the voters are born again.

So we will pray and repent or we will perish!

(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.)

All must continue as vital members of Christ's body

By **FELTY YODER**
GUEST COLUMNIST

"And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees and the boughs of thick trees and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days...ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths," reads Leviticus 24:40-42.

On this yearly occasion, every Israelite must leave his home, flocks and business and must dwell in humble little booths along the highways and the streets of Jerusalem. And if anyone feared that the enemy would attack while they were absent, then obedience to this ritual would be their safeguard.

Peter was familiar with the Feast of Tabernacles and the glory thereof. When on the mount of transfiguration, he suggested they make three tabernacles. "Neither shall any man desire thy land

when thou shalt go up to appear before the Lord thy God thrice in the year," reads Exodus 34:24.

All Israel had one common purpose in mind, and it was to keep the Feast of the Lord and to celebrate the ingathering of their wines and oils in its season. This part of the Feast of Tabernacles is seen as the feast of unity.

Therefore, as we contemplate the glory of the Feast of Tabernacles as it looms before us in this present hour, we must learn to minister and function as members of the Body of Christ and not just as members of a sect or denomination. We must recognize that the Body of Christ is a spiritual organism, whose head is in Heaven and the very life and beginning is in the Holy Spirit, and manifest through the church. We must become a vital member in the Body of Christ, functioning according to the power of the Holy Spirit and

in the place and ministry which God has ordained for us in the Body.

In the original Greek, the word "sect" means opinion or party. And I don't know if Paul visualized the maze of religious schemes we have in the world today, but at least in his day, he saw through this religionism when he wrote the Corinthians. "For one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are you not carnal?" reads 1 Corinthians 3:4.

Some may find comfort in the thought that they can trace their church history all the way back to the apostle Peter. And others claim to go back to John the Baptist. Paul could boast that he was an Israelite of the tribe of Benjamin and a Pharisee. But he realized all that didn't mean anything.

The Jews thought they were good enough because they could claim Abraham for their father. But Jesus told

them that if Abraham were their father, they would do Abraham's works. He went on to tell them in John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do..."

Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel that they take his bones along when they go to Canaan. But they didn't fear God and weren't obedient like Joseph had been, so all they had were a dead man's bones.

King Jeroboam set up a gold calf at Bethel (the house of God) and he put one at Dan (judge) and it caused the people to sin.

What we are saying is that just because a church or a group of people started out in the ways of the Lord, it doesn't mean they continue perpetually.

"Now these things were our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted," reads 1 Corinthians 10:6.

Church notes

■ **Salem Methodist Church** will host a community-wide sing at 6 p.m., Saturday at the church. Everyone is welcome.

■ **Ambassadors for Christ Church** will hold revival services with Sister Becky Trammel from Bardstown. Times are 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Kenneth Downs and congregation invite everyone to attend.

■ **Sturgis Baptist Church** will hold homecoming services at 10 a.m., Sunday. Bro. Brady Rochester from Boiling Springs, S.C. will preach. His family will provide special music. For more information or bus transportation call (270) 333-7597. Pastor Joey Durham and the congregation invite everyone to attend. The church is located

at 620 Adams St. in Sturgis.

■ **Old Salem Baptist Church** will hold homecoming services on Sunday. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m., with services beginning at 11 a.m. with Bro. A.C. Hodge. A noon meal will be served, followed by singing by the Heritage Trio.

■ **The Ohio River Baptist Association**, which is comprised of 42 Southern Baptist churches in Crittenden and Livingston counties, will host an On Mission Celebration Rally at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 27 at Livingston Central High School in Smithland.

■ **Made by Mercy**, a Blue Gospel group from Tupelo, Miss., will be the featured singers at the annual weiner roast at Maranatha General Baptist Church at 1 p.m., Aug. 30. Enjoy a day of good music, food and fellowship. The church is located on Cedar Grove Road in Salem.

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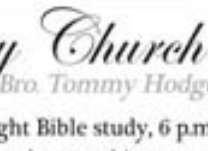
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Crittenden relies heavily on Social Security

By **TIM MAREMA AND ROBERTO GALLARDO**
THE DAILY YONDER

Crittenden County residents who are nearing retirement age can increase their lifetime income if they can wait a bit to start drawing Social Security benefits.

In Crittenden County, 1,338 residents – or 14.4 percent of the population – are aged 55 to 64. Those are the years when folks start thinking seriously about retirement.

Workers can start taking Social Security at age 62. But for those who can wait, the benefits go up.

“If you need Social Security early, take it – you’ve earned it,” said Virginia Reno with the National Academy of Social Insurance, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. “But waiting even a year or two can make a big difference in the long run. The extra benefits are there for life.”

Payments increase by 5 to 7 percent for each year of delay between ages 62 and 66, and by 8 percent for each year of delay between ages 66 and

70. The increases stop at age 70.

For someone who can wait until age 70 to take Social Security, the reward is a lifetime monthly benefit that is 76 percent higher than if taken at age 62.

For example, a worker who qualifies for a Social Security benefit of \$750 at age 62 would receive \$1,000 by waiting until full retirement age (66 for people born in 1943 to 1954). By waiting until age 70, the retiree would receive \$1,320 a month.

The higher benefit would also be the basis for future inflation adjustments.

Around Kentucky, only about one in four residents who are currently receiving Social Security retirement benefits waited until full retirement age to start their payments, according to the Social Security Administration.

In Crittenden County, 1,535 residents received retirement benefits from the federal system, according to 2012 figures.

The average recipient of Social Security retirement bene-

fits in Crittenden County received \$1,155 a month in December of that year. On an annual basis, that brought \$21.28 million in income to the area – 7.7 percent of all personal income in the county, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Getting the most out of Social Security benefits becomes more important the longer retirees live, said Leticia Miranda, a policy adviser with the National Council of La Raza, a nonprofit that focuses on Hispanic issues, including retirement.

“You may be here longer than you think,” Miranda said.

About half of seniors aged 65 to 69 get most of their income from Social Security. Many have other assets or work part time. But for three out of four seniors in their 80s, Social Security is the main source of income.

Nationally, a woman who is 65 years old today can expect to live until she is 86. For men, it’s 84 years.

Another consideration is how the timing of benefits will

affect a spouse’s income, Reno said.

“If you are the higher earner in a couple, delaying benefits not only means a higher benefit for you for the rest of your life,” she said. “It also means a higher benefit for your spouse if she or he outlives you in old age.”

In more than half of couples who are 65 today, one spouse will live beyond 90, she said.

But residents of nonmetropolitan areas like Crittenden County may have a harder time delaying their retirement.

“In rural areas there is often a challenge as folks move toward retirement,” said Deanna Sharpe, a personal finance professor at the University of Missouri. “They are more likely to face unemployment. Jobs are not as available. And when they are, they tend to pay less.”

Economic downturns can also affect when people decide to start receiving Social Security, Sharpe said.

“One of the coping mechanisms during the recent recession was to pick up Social

Security at age 62, even if they might not have planned to do that before the recession,” she said.

Retirees need to make informed decisions, Sharpe said, but too often that doesn’t happen.

“We find in surveys of financial literacy that quite a large portion of folks don’t understand the basics,” she said. “That’s a concern.”

But retirees can easily find free or low-cost advice. Sharpe said many USDA Extension Service offices can provide information on retirement planning. She also recommended nonprofit organizations such as the National Endowment for Financial Counseling and Financial Education (nefe.org).

The Social Security Administration’s website (ssa.gov) has a calculator that allows workers to estimate their retirement earnings based on their own work records and estimated retirement age.

And the National Academy of Social Insurance has materials online about the impact of delaying Social Security

benefits (nasi.org/WhenToTakeSocialSecurity).

With national discussions about Social Security frequently in the news, some workers may worry whether the system will be there when they need it. Sharpe said people should stay abreast of the issues. “That’s part of making an informed decision,” she said.

But Reno said that should not influence a personal decision about when to draw benefits.

“Social Security will be there if you wait,” she said. The system is fully financed for about the next two decades and is three-quarters financed thereafter, she said.

“Despite what you may hear, lawmakers have some good options to fix the system for the long haul,” she said.

(Editor’s note: Tim Marema is editor of the Daily Yonder, a national website that covers news about small cities and rural America. Roberto Gallardo is an associate professor at the Mississippi State University Extension Service.)

OBITUARIES

— PAID OBITUARY —
Munsch

Donna Kaye Cox Munsch, 70, of Salem died Aug. 5, 2014, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Paducah.

She was a member of Southland Baptist Temple, who loved to read, play bingo and do word searches.

Munsch is survived by a daughter, Angie Turner of Paducah; a sister, Faye Dae of Ledbetter; and two grandchildren, Alex Turner and Allison Turner.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Munsch; two sisters, Louise Riley and Hazel Driver; and her parents, Orville and Elsie Wright Cox.

Funeral services were Friday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with the Rev. Larry Lewis officiating. Burial was in Tyner’s Chapel Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Condolences may be left online at BoydFuneralDirectors.com.

— PAID OBITUARY —
Janus

Dorothy “Dottie” Edna Janus, 76, of Portage, Ind., formerly of Marion, died Aug. 8, 2014, at her home.

She is survived by three daughters, Jane Janus Bey of Portage, June Janus Smith of Portage and Joyce Janus of South Carolina; nine grandchildren, including Austin Janus of Marion; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Walter Ernst; and a half-brother, Raymond Martin.

Janus was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Eliza Hutzell Ernst; her husband, Ronald Janus; a son, John Janus; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Edmonds and Evans Funeral Home in Portage.

Burial will be in Crayne Cemetery in Crittenden County at a later date. Myers Funeral Home in Marion is handling those arrangements.

Bell

Barbara Markham Bell, 70, of Marion died Aug. 11, 2014, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

She was a certified nursing assistant for many years at Crittenden Health Systems.

Bell is survived by her husband, Herbert Bell of Marion; two daughters, Pam Hopkins of Marion and Robbie Beach of Sullivan; a son, Duane Markham of Marion; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Sharon Swearer of Henderson, Vada Crafton of Owensboro, Margie Randolph of Sturgis and Sandy Beach of Sturgis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Maggie Templeton; her first husband, Robert Markham; three brothers, Freddy Templeton, Jimmy Templeton and Whitey Templeton; and two sisters, Lucille Gibson and Joice Newsome.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. Burial was in Sullivan Community Cemetery in Sullivan.

Online condolences may be made at WhitsellFuneralHome.com.

Daughtrey

Floyd A. Daughtrey, 79, of Henderson, formerly of Crittenden County, died Aug. 10, 2014, at St. Anthony’s Hospice Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson.

He was a member of the former Ambassador Baptist Church. He was retired from the U.S. Steel Gary Works in Gary, Ind. He was a member of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F.&A.M. in Dycusburg.

Daughtrey is survived by two sons, Alan Daughtrey of Henderson and retired Brigadier Gen. Norman E. and wife Cindy Arlack of Frankfort; a daughter, Vicki and husband Marlon Linzy of Henderson; three sisters, Hedy Campbell of Illinois, Ann Sutton of Fredonia and Dena Guess of Suwanee; a brother, Junior Daughtrey of Addison, Ill.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Hazel R. Daughtrey, who died March 29, 2007.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home in Henderson with Rev. Donald R. Berry officiating. Entombment was in Fairmont Cemetery Mausoleum in Henderson.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Anthony’s Hospice.

Marion woman hurt in one-vehicle crash

A Crittenden County woman was injured Monday morning in a single-vehicle accident on U.S. 641.

According to Crittenden County Sheriff’s Deputy Ray Agent, Jerri Spillman, 56, of Marion was southbound on U.S. 641 when she reportedly lost control of her Chevy Trailblazer in a curve and exited the roadway. Agent said the vehicle appeared to flip multiple times, ejecting Spillman into a thicket.

Agent said the woman, who reportedly lost consciousness for a period, was air-lifted to a Nashville, Tenn., hospital for treatment of her injuries. There was no word on her condition at press time.

The accident occurred about 7.5 miles south of Marion near the Crittenden-Caldwell County line.

Marion couple jailed on drug charges

A Marion couple has been arrested by Kentucky State Police on drug-related offenses following an investigation into a complaint of drug activity.

Carl R. Belt, 41, and Beverly S. McDaniel, 40, were arrested Aug. 5 after Trooper First Class Darron Holliman and Crittenden County Sheriff’s Department responded around 9:30 p.m. to a resi-

dence on Pleasant Hill Road in reference to a complaint of illegal drug activity.

While at the residence, consent to search was obtained by authorities. During the search, officers located suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Belt was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth), first offense, which is a Class D felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor. McDaniel was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, as well as first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth), second offense, a Class D felony.

Both subjects were lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center.

To anonymously report any type of suspected illegal drug activity, citizens can call the KSP toll-free drug tip hotline at (800) DOPE-TIP. The hotline is answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

State gets driver’s license extension

Kentuckians don’t have to worry about their driver’s licenses for another year.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has granted Kentucky a one-year extension to meet new security requirements for its driver’s licenses. The extension, which expires Oct. 10, 2015, is renewable.

Without the extension, Ken-

tuckians would have had to show two forms of ID to enter some federal buildings. Homeland Security has granted extensions to 20 other states.

The problem is not with how Kentucky’s driver’s licenses look but with the security procedures in place at the 142 county offices across the state that issue the licenses. The state must comply with the federal Real ID act of 2005, passed in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

— *The Associated Press*

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A great way to use excess tomatoes, peppers, onions and other ingredients is by making salsa you can enjoy fresh now, or preserve for use throughout the year.

To safely can salsa at home, you have to use proper food preservation techniques. If preserved incorrectly, the salsa could not only taste bad but also



result in botulism, a deadly food-borne illness caused by toxins produced by bacteria in the canned food.

There are thousands of salsa recipes out there. Not all of them are safe for canning. As with any food

preservation recipe, make sure the one you select is research-based and meant for home canning.

These recipes have been tested for their food safety and will ensure that you can at the right temperature for the appropriate length of time.

Other salsa recipes, found on the Internet, in cookbooks or from the family recipe stash, should not be canned. Enjoy those salsas fresh or frozen for longer storage.

Once you choose a re-

search-based recipe – available at your local extension office – be sure to follow it closely. Do not change the ingredient amounts. Never reduce the specified amount of lemon juice, lime juice, or vinegar. By adding the right amount of one of these acids, you can safely can salsa in a boiling water canner.

In addition to using the right ingredients and proper processing time and temperature, headspace, or the amount of space between the top of the jar and

the food, is very important. This allows air to vent from the jar during heating and creates a vacuum seal between the jar and the lid as the jar cools. For most salsa recipes, the headspace should be 0.5 inch.

Extension offers a series of home canning publications. FCS3-578, “Home Canning Basics,” provides an introduction to safe home canning. FCS3-581, “Home Canning Salsa,” includes recipes for beginning, intermediate and advanced canners, impor-

tant food safety information and step-by-step instructions for canning salsa. Both are available online at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/FCS3/FCS3578/FCS3578.pdf> and <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/FCS3/FCS3581/FCS3581.pdf>, or through your local Cooperative Extension office.

For more information about food preservation and safety contact Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.

Alexander conducts state workshop; celebrates new GFWC headquarters

STAFF REPORT

Susan Alexander recently conducted a state-wide workshop in Frankfort to introduce local Woman's Clubs to programs suggested by Kentucky chairpersons and utilizing information from the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

“Unlocking Doors of Opportunity,” is the theme Alexander, a member of the Woman's Club of Marion, selected for her two years of administration as GFWC Kentucky State President.

Alexander selected for her special project, “Applause on Main,” which encourages Kentucky club women to look for areas to beautify in their hometowns. Alexander sees this as a hands-on project and encouraged members to look up and down the main streets in their towns and view what visitors see and strive to make them better.

The ribbon cutting at the new GFWC Kentucky headquarters was also planned with the workshop so more members could attend. The property for the new headquarters was obtained under Peggy Barnes' administration along with the selling of the former headquarters home in Louisville.

Alexander and Barnes and numerous other officers



Two past and two current officers of GFWC were present to take part in the official grand opening of the GFWC Kentucky Headquarters in Frankfort July 25. Shown from left are Peggy Barnes, GFWC Kentucky President 2012-2014; Helen Evans, State President, 1970-1972; Susan Alexander, GFWC Kentucky President 2014-2016 and member of the Woman's Club of Marion; and Wendy Thompson, Director of Junior Clubs. The headquarters was previously located in Louisville.

helped to renovate the new location and prepare it for the grand opening.

The headquarters includes an office for the current state president along with sleep-

ing quarters for all of the executive officers.

The international headquarters for the General Federation is located in Washington, D.C.

Over 100 GFWC Kentucky members attended the workshop. Nancy Hunt, First District Governor and a member of the Woman's Club of Marion, was also in attendance.



Belt-Blackburn

Paula and Jerry Ray Belt of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Staci Nicole Belt, to Ryan Mathew Blackburn, son of Jodie and Shelia Blackburn of Fredonia.

Belt is the granddaughter of H.B. and Lois Phillips of Marion and the late Jerry and Naomi Belt of Tolu. She is a 2006 graduate of Crittenden County High School and is attending International Academy of Design.

She is a member of Tolu United Methodist Church. She is employed by Frazer,

Rogers and Peek law firm.

Blackburn is the grandson of Joyce and Phillip Attwood of Fredonia and the late Jack and Nancy Blackburn of Princeton. He is a 2007 graduate of Caldwell County High School. He is a member of Life in Christ Church and is employed by Alliance Coal.

The wedding will take place 4:30 p.m., Sept. 6 at Hurricane Camp Tabernacle in Tolu.

All friends and family are invited to attend. Only out of town invitations are being sent.

Woman's Club District 1 workshop held in Marion

STAFF REPORT

Members of five of the eight Woman's Clubs in District 1 attended a summer workshop in Marion Aug. 1.

Nancy Hunt is the General Federation of Woman's Club Kentucky First District Governor. Hunt selected “Doors of Opportunities,” as the theme for her two-year term as GFWC Kentucky First District Governor. Hunt attended a state training in July and relayed this information to leaders in the 1st District.

Hunt's theme was patterned after GFWC Kentucky State President Susan Alexander's theme of “Unlocking Doors of Opportunities.” Alexander is the first member of the Woman's Club of Marion to serve as president of the state association. Another first is having local member Hunt serving as Governor of the First District at the same time.

Other local members who have served as Governor in addition to Alexander and Hunt include Judy Winn and Ruth Davis. The late Mrs. Lewis Chipps held the position in 1951.

Participants at the workshop were welcomed to the local club by Rebecca

Zahrte, president of the Woman's Club of Marion. Zahrte also serves as secretary of the 1st District. Morning refreshments were provided by Benton's Woman's Club.

Michele Edwards, Executive Director of Marion Tourism Commission, spoke to the group about projects undertaken by tourism to improve and beautify Marion.

The special project selected by President Alexander for her two-year administration is “Applause on Main Street.” Each club selects one or more area to improve on the main streets in their towns.

Gale Vinson, a member of the Murray Woman's Club and the GFWC Kentucky 2014 LEADS participant advised the group of ways they can become better leaders. LEADS, or Leadership Education and Development Seminar, is held annually prior to the national convention. One member from each state is selected to attend.

Other Woman's Club of Marion members on the program included Kathy Bechler, 1st District Conservation Chair; and Sandra Belt, Education Chair.



The Woman's Club of Marion was the location of the GFWC Kentucky First District Summer Workshop Aug. 1. Sandra Belt (shown speaking) is a local member and First District Education Chair. She informed the group on suggestions from the General Federation for education projects in the community. Others attending from Woman's Club of Marion included Kathy Bechler, Gladys Brown, Meredith Hall, Nancy Hunt, Judy Winn and Rebecca Zahrte.

Lunch was catered by the Main Street Italian Grill with desserts provided by members of the Woman's Club of Marion.

Following adjournment many of the attendees visited local shops and the Amish community.

Marion will host the fall conference of the 1st District Oct. 23 at the Marion/Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center. The annual arts,

crafts, and photography contest exhibits will also be on display at the fall conference.

Vice Governor Paula Robinson of Benton encouraged all club members to participate in these contests. High school students can also participate in arts and craft categories.

Crittenden County students can contact Zahrte for further information.

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 use of the exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information.

This week's activities and menu include:

- Today: Menu is spaghetti, meat sauce, California veggies, wheat garlic bread and peach crumble. The monthly fellowship dinner will feature beans and cornbread and begins at 5 p.m.
- Friday: Bingo begins at

10:30 a.m. Menu is barbecue pork on wheat bun, au gratin potatoes, cucumber salad, oatmeal cookie and pears.

- Monday: Ladies' exercise by Full Body Fitness begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is chicken and dumplings, buttered spinach, baby carrots, baked apples and cornbread.
- Tuesday: A legal aide will be available beginning at 10:00 a.m. Menu is meatballs with gravy, baked potato, lima beans, wheat bread slice and dreamsicle gelatin.
- Wednesday: Game day with Barb begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is southwest pork roast, mashed sweet potato, green beans, cornbread and banana pudding.
- Next Thursday: Bible study begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is beef noodle casserole, corn salad, broccoli, wheat bread and Jell-O cake.

Community CALENDAR

Saturday, August 16

- An international Belt family reunion will be held in Crittenden County Aug. 16 and 17. Anyone who shares a connection with the Belt name from around the world is invited to Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 16 and Marion-Crittenden County Park beginning at 10 a.m. Aug. 17. For more information, contact Mike Copsy at (217) 254-4357.

Monday, August 18

- Crooked Creek Baptist Church will host GriefShare, a 13-week program for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. The program begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$35.
- Tuesday, August 19**
- Crittenden County High School SBDM Council will meet at 5:30 p.m., in the high school conference room.
- Crooked Creek Baptist Church will host DivorceCare, a 13-week program for individu-

als recovering from the pain of separation or divorce. The program begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$35.- Wednesday, August 20**
- The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1373, will meet at 11:15 a.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library. All current and retired federal employees are invited to join the monthly meeting.
- Crittenden County Adult Education Center will host an open

house from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., for both existing and future students. Come see the center's new look and new technology that will accompany the new GED. Enjoy ice cream while you learn about the new GED test. Call (270) 965-9435 for more information.- Saturday, August 23**
- The Crittenden County Youth Triathlon will be held at the Marion Country Club. Race day check-in and late registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 30

- The Crittenden County High School Class of 1956 will hold its 58th class reunion at 5 p.m., Aug. 30 at the Majestic Steak House in Princeton. Dinner will be the buffet.
- Tuesday, September 2**
- Crittenden County Farm Bureau's annual meeting will be at the Ed-Tech Center on Industrial Drive in Marion. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be a short business session, election of officers and a

by-law revision. The speaker will be Eddie Melton. Call (270) 965-4624 or visit the Farm Bureau office in Marion to make reservations by Aug. 27.- Saturday, September 27**
- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's Pumpkin Festival Car Show will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This year the show will also feature antique tractors. To register for booth space, contact the Chamber at (270) 965-5015.



FOOTBALL

Junior pro registration
Tuesday is the deadline to register for Junior Pro Football, which is for players in grades three through six. Practice began this week, but players may sign up on Monday or Tuesday of next week at Marion-Crittenden County Park from 6-8 p.m. For more information, contact Chad Mott at 270-704-1458.

Flag football Saturday
Assessments and late registration for flag football will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday at Rocket Stadium. Participation is free. This league is for players in K-2.

Rocket scrimmage moved
The Rocket football team will scrimmage Trigg County at 6 p.m., Friday at Christian County Middle School. This is a new location.

CCMS hosts Massac
Crittenden County Middle School's football team will open its season at 6 p.m., Saturday at home against Massac County, Ill. The Rockets were scheduled to play Trigg earlier this week, but the game was cancelled due to conditions of Rocket Field.

RUNNING

Glow run Sept. 5 at park
The second annual Lady Rocket Basketball Glow in the Park 5K and fun run will be held at dusk Sept. 5 at Marion's City-County Park. T-shirts and glow in the dark accessories will be provided with the \$25 registration fee. Spirit awards will be provided for teams of five or more members based on costume, team theme and name. For a registration form or more information, call 270-704-0447.

SOCCER

Youth league sign ups
Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association will be registering for fall leagues from 9 a.m., until noon Saturday at Dairy Queen. For more information, call Ashley Smith at 270-704-1669.

GOLF

CCHS opens season
Crittenden County High School's golf team hosts Hardin County in a match today at Marion Country Club.
In a match Saturday at the Dawson Springs Invitational, Crittenden's Cameron McDaniel and Colby Watson led Rocket golfers with 81s. Reid Baker fired an 86, Cole Foster shot an 87 and Will Tolley finished at 106.
The Rockets' 335 team score was good for eighth place out of 13 teams at the event. Bullitt County's 300 won the 18-hole tournament at Pennyryle State Park. Union was second at 303.

SOFTBALL

There will be a co-ed softball tournament on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Fredonia's Legion Field. There is a 6:4 men to women ratio required. Extra hitters are allowed so rosters can include 12 players. Cost is \$175 per team. Proceeds benefit a youth travel basketball team. For more information or to register, call Tony Belt at 270-556-6005.



Lady Rockets Soccer

Members of the 2014 Crittenden County High School soccer team are (seated from left) seniors RaKara McDowell and Marie Riley, (kneeling from left) Bailey Priest, Elizabeth Corley, Ivy Torres, Jennifer Bricken, Margaret Sitar, Emily Tinsley, Alexis Tabor, Nikki Shuecraft, Ashley Wheeler, (standing from left) coach Neville Palmer, Katie Wheeler, Kelsey Lucas, Charity Sitar, Kali Travis, Macye Shoulders, Amanda Lynch, Emily Robertson, Bailey Barnes, Christina McMackin and coach Ken Geary.



Lady Rockets Soccer

Members of the 2014 Crittenden County High School volleyball team are (front from left) head coach Cara Merrick, Paige Winterheimer, Emily Roman, Chloe McKinzie, Dianna Bradford, coach Rheanda Dunn, coach Rayann Coleman, (middle) Maria Dossett, Kaitlyn Myers, Arry Schoefield, Taylor Belt, Catherine Hutchinson, Megan Sherrill, Emily Hall, (back) Alyssa West, Brandy Book, Ellie McGowan, Kenlee Perryman, Paige Gilbert, Kyron Hicks, Kaitlyn Hicks, Hannah Bell and Sage Winterheimer.

2014 LADY ROCKETS
CCHS VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Player	No.	Grade	Squad	Emily Hall	21/0	Soph	JV
Dianna Bradford	4	Sr	V	Alyssa West	7	Soph	JV
Chloe McKinzie	1	Sr	V	Sage Winterheimer	11/2/0	Soph	JV/V
Emily Roman	8	Sr	V	Kaitlyn Hicks	6	Fresh	F/JV
Paige Winterheimer	12	Sr	V	Brandy Book	11	8	F/JV
Taylor Belt	10	Jr	JV/V	Paige Gilbert	18	8	F/JV
Maria Dossett	15	Jr	JV/V	Kenlee Perryman	16	8	F/JV
Catherine Hutchinson	14	Jr	V	Hannah Bell	4	7	F/JV
Kaitlyn Myers	6/13	Jr	V	Ellie McGowan	5	7	F/JV
Arry Schoefield	17/7	Jr	JV/V	Kyron Hicks	2	7	F/JV
Megan Sherrill	9	Jr	JV/V				

GIRLS ROSTER
CCHS SOCCER

Player	Grade	No.
Jennifer Bricken	8	11
Elizabeth Corley	8	22
Christina McMackin	8	17
Ashley Wheeler	8	24
Bailey Barnes	9	5-JV/6-V
Bailey Priest	9	26-JV/10-V
Amanda Lynch	10	9
Emily Robertson	10	18
Macey Shoulders	10	88-GK/20-F
Alexis Tabor	10	8
Emily Tinsley	10	35
Ivy Torres	10	1
Kattie Wheeler	10	24
Kelsey Lucas	11	25
Nikki Shuecraft	11	22
Charity Sitar	11	16
Margaret Sitar	11	2
Kali Travis	11	4
RaKara McDowell	12	36
Marie Riley	12	7

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‘D’ is key for soccer girls

STAFF REPORT

There's a new approach to soccer in Crittenden County: Don't ever let the other team score.

That's what Lady Rocket coach Ken Geary is working to instill in his club, which opens the season Tuesday at home against Union County.

Geary has retooled his team and its philosophy during the offseason. He is moving many of his most seasoned players to the defensive side of the field. The strategy is to earn a chance to play offense by shutting down the opposing team.

"It's helping us focus more and redefining the way we play," said the fifth-year skipper.

The Lady Rockets have won just seven games over the past seven seasons so there's no reason to try something different. Right?

"For the last 10 years we've played what we call 'Poke and Hope' soccer," Geary explains. "We'd kick it as far as we could and hope someone could get it and get off a shot."

Of course, the coach says the game is much more sophisticated than that; therefore, the staff's plan is to reteach the game's most basic fundamental approaches. They're moving the quickness to the back-court and will try to wear teams down before attacking offensively.

Improving footwork and the team's soccer I.Q. are keys to a successful season, the skipper said.

Returning at goalie for the Lady Rockets is fourth-year player Marie Riley. She's been the starting goalie for three seasons and will be a key ingredient in any success the team musters. Behind her is sophomore keeper Mayce Shoulders.

RaKara McDowell, a four-year starter, is the other senior. She's been in the program for years and is one of its brightest stars. McDowell is one of the former offensive players who has been called upon to lead the defensive front at midfield.

"She's embraced it," the

coach said.

Kelsey Lucas and Margaret Sitar will be key figures on the defensive front, too. They're the stopper and sweeper, respectively.

"We've moved our quicker girls with more foot skills to the defense out of necessity," the coach added.

Sitar is the team's fastest player.

On offense, the leading returning scorer is Kali Travis and Nikki Shuecraft was second on the team in goals last year. Emily Tinsley will join that duo in the front-court.

Other players in the regular varsity rotation will be Katie Wheeler, Charity Sitar, Alexis Tabor and Amanda Lynch. Bailey Priest and Bailey Barnes, a couple of freshmen, will be first off the bench.

Wheeler has a strong leg and generally takes care of goal kicks and other heavy footed operations. Sitar is a scrapper, Tabor an excellent setter and Lynch very quick.

Depth is a concern, Geary

CCHS Soccer History	
Season	Record
2001.....	4-10
2002.....	7-8
2003.....	4-6
2004.....	5-7
2005.....	8-6
2006.....	7-6
2007.....	5-13
2008.....	0-13
2009.....	0-12
2010.....	0-16
2011.....	3-18
2012.....	0-14
2013.....	4-18

said. He said the roster remains open for junior varsity players.

"We will take anyone in seventh or eighth grade who wants to play soccer," he said.

Geary is pleased with the team's work this summer and progress through pre-season scrimmages. They tied Ballard Memorial and lost narrowly to Obion Central (Tenn.).

"We've learned what this team is capable of and how we need to coach them," he said.

V-ball team gets new skipper

STAFF REPORT

There's a new sense of excitement in the Lady Rocket volleyball program.

Part of the enthusiasm comes from the club's new coach, who grew up playing competitive volleyball and knows the game inside and out.

Cara Merrick was a member of the school district's faculty last year, but was assigned to help the soccer team. Now, she's much more at home on the volleyball court.

"This is my thing," she says with a coy smile.

A three-sport athlete in high school at Mt. Vernon, Ind., Merrick is in her comfort zone working with the Crittenden County volleyball girls.

"We have a good group. Our varsity team has all the talent in the world, they just need confidence," she said.

Merrick admits that her style is tempered by a strong competitive spirit. She thinks volleyball can have a bright future at CCHS, but it's going to need a better feeder system. Most girls get little, if any court experience, until they join the high school team. She wants to develop a middle school and youth program in the county.

The Lady Rockets will dress about 11 players for the varsity team. The roster includes several other players who will see time on the junior varsity squad. A number of them are seventh and eighth graders.

"I've told the girls I don't expect them to go out and beat everyone they play, but I want them to have fun and enjoy the season. I think we have a good team. I'm excited about it," said Merrick, who is a distance relative to longtime Crittenden educator Todd Merrick.

Speed is the Lady Rockets' strength. They also have strong leadership. Merrick hopes to improve the team's court sense and improve its basic fundamentals along the way this season.

Dianna Bradford, Chloe McKinzie, Emily Roman and Paige Winternheimer are the squad's seniors. Merrick says they bring a great deal to the lineup. Bradford, Roman and McKinzie are strong servers. Wintern-

CCHS Volleyball History	
Year	Record
2013.....	4-18
2012.....	6-17
2011.....	16-6
2010.....	12-10
2009.....	12-11
2008.....	15-7
2007.....	13-14
2006.....	26-4
2005.....	18-13
2004.....	5-17
2003.....	1-12

heimer is a great setter, and so are McKinzie and junior Megan Sherrill.

Juniors Catherine Hutchinson and Kaitlyn Myers are the team's tallest players. They should be a force around the net, the coach said.

Kentucky tradition: Squirrel season opens Saturday

KENTUCKY AFIELD

Generations of hunters have honed basic hunting skills and techniques and provided tasty table fare by stalking the forest for squirrels.

For a young Chris Garland, squirrel hunting provided a gateway into the woods and remains a family tradition.

"I still enjoy it," said Garland, now an assistant director in the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' wildlife division. "Opening weekend comes and I almost feel obligated to go. I'll go a little bit in the early season and I like to go after deer gun season. That's another fun time to hunt because there is a little less pressure on other species and fewer people in the woods, especially on public lands."

Kentucky's fall squirrel season opens Saturday and continues through Nov. 7. It resumes Nov. 10 following a pause for the opening weekend of modern gun deer season and ends Feb. 28.

The outlook is encouraging.

"I think we'll have another good season," said Ben Robinson, small game biologist with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "We've been trending up for a little while. The squirrel population is in really good shape right now."

Hunters help Kentucky Fish and Wildlife monitor the squirrel population by volunteering for the annual Squirrel Hunter Cooperator Survey.

Last year, data provided by 81 hunter cooperators showed they saw an average of two squirrels per hour and hunted for an average of three hours. Dogs were used on 5.6 percent of squirrel hunts.

Biologists expect more of the same this season.

The fall mast crop plays a considerable role in squirrel populations. Following a good mast year, squirrels typically enter spring and summer in better physical condition and female squirrels tend to produce healthier litters.

"Fortunately we had a pretty good mast year last year," Robinson said.

As children, many of us were taught to stop, look and listen before crossing a roadway or railroad tracks.

The concept also applies to squirrel hunting during the early fall season when trees are still full of leaves and the dense foliage can conceal squirrels from a hunter's sight. That's why a lot of people prefer to use a shotgun in the early season.

Look for stands of hickory, oak and beech trees. Freshly cut nuts falling from above or shavings piled around the base of a tree are tell-tale signs of a good place to set up. Soft mast like dogwood berries and black gum fruit also is an important food source for squirrels in the early fall. As the season wears on, there's a variety of hard mast available, particularly acorns.



"Even if it's kind of dry, usually there's enough dew on the ground in the morning that you can sneak around without making a whole lot of noise," Garland said. "You can hear them cutting and barking or just see the movement in the tree

limbs. If it's a really foggy morning or it's rained recently, when they jump from limb to limb, you can hear the water hitting the forest floor."

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Gene Glasscock, his wife Noqah Elisi and their dog Bell on Friday stand beside the wagon they are using to travel the Trail of Tears. The wagon is pulled along the route by two mules. The couple spent the weekend on Don Boone's family farm just north of Fredonia and made their way through Crittenden County on Monday and Tuesday. The large banner on the wagon is a tribute to Elisi's son, John Bunce, who died in an accidental shooting in 2012.

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ered, green and yellow, canvas-covered wagon. They're sure to start early in the morning in order to beat the heat of the long summer days.

On Monday morning, the couple left Boone's farm on their way to Marion. Making their way in a light morning mist, they reached the city just after 10 a.m. Soon after, they were welcomed by Don Hodge to their next overnight, his home on West Bellville Street.

Unhitched from the wagon, Kate and Kitty fed on the back lawn where Glasscock had erected a makeshift rope fence. That's all it takes to keep "the girls," as Glasscock affectionately calls them, corralled.

"I feel like they are a gift from the Lord," Glasscock said.

And why not? The pair have already pulled his wagon from the East Coast to the West Coast and back to the Atlantic Ocean on a nearly-three-year trip that began in 2010. The journeyman estimates they have traveled as far as 7,000 miles together.

"I'm just guessing," he said. "I don't have an odometer on them, of course."

On Tuesday morning, the trusty team was hitched and headed across the Cave In Rock Ferry into Illinois, where camp would be made for the night. From there, it headed onward to Tahlequah, Okla., at the foot of the Ozark Mountains. Glasscock hopes to arrive at the capital city of the modern Cherokee Nation by his 80th birthday on Oct. 11.

Both Glasscock and Elisi claim Native American ancestry, but the trip along the Trail of Tears was Elisi's plan. She says it is a memorial ride for her son, John Bunce, who died from an accidental shooting in 2012.

Elisi said she had a vision 15 years ago while living in Alaska that she and her son would make the journey along the Trail. After his death, Elisi spent the entire winter grieving. It was at this time she began talking with Glasscock. Soon after the couple married and began planning their current adventure.

"I always thought I'd like to do that," Glasscock said of tracing the Trail of Tears, "but hers was a burning desire."

And Elisi has been able to

keep her promise to her son. She carries his ashes with her while following along the Trail of Tears.

"Losing my son was my darkest moment," Elisi said. "God's love meets us in that darkest moment."

Elisi and "Papa," as she often calls Glasscock, have taken to the trip as a spiritual journey. In fact, of all his adventures, Glasscock says becoming a Christian at 18 is still the highlight of his life.

And neither seems to miss the amenities of modern life absent from their trip halfway across the United States, though they do have a GPS device, computer and cell-phones all charged by solar energy.

The couple uses the GPS to follow the path plotted in 2011 by Ron Cooper, who walked the Trail of Tears. Cooper, too, passed through Crittenden County.

While on the road, Glasscock's son in Oregon handles all of the former high-rise construction worker's affairs.

It's a lifestyle to which Glasscock has grown accustomed.

Besides his cross country journeys with Kate and Kitty pulling his wagon, Glasscock

has ridden horseback from the Arctic Circle in Canada to the equator in South America. He has also ridden astride a horse into the capitals of all the Lower 48 states.

"I truly enjoy being out here on the road and meeting people of all different cultures," he said.

After reaching Tahlequah, Glasscock and Elisi hope to turn around and head back east along a southern route of the Trail of Tears. Along the way, they hope to find a plot of land at the foot of the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee and homestead.



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Cole Fralick, 13, of Princeton participates in a football throwing competition at Saturday's Lions Club Fredonia Festival. This was the 50th year for the celebration.

Thank You

We want to thank our church friends and family for all the calls, cards, food and most of all prayers in the deaths of Jessica Stallion Lynn and Lance Lynn. They are greatly missed. Thank you also to Bro. Murray and Bro. Rogers for their touching words. They will always be in our hearts.

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