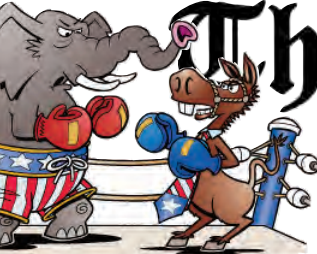


Back-to-school events tonight!



- Sneak-A-Peek at the elementary school runs from 5 to 6 p.m. for students whose last name starts with the letters A-M. Remaining students are invited from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Back to School Bash be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. with middle-schoolers reporting to the school's gym and high school students to the multi-purpose room.
Students head back to the classroom Tuesday.



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Alcohol petition set to circulate

Last week, Marshall County voters approved by a narrow margin the county-wide sale of alcohol for the first time since 1938. In Crittenden County, a movement to put the question of alcohol sales to the public has been on ice in recent months, but its organizer plans to unveil a petition this week.

Tyler Collins of Marion has put together a petition to seek the sale of liquor by the drink at restaurants inside the City of Marion seating 50 or more patrons. On Monday, he said the petition would be re-released today (Thursday). It will require the valid signatures of 240 registered city voters to move the question to the ballot. Collins indicated he plans to circulate the petition at the county fair this week.

Once the first signature is received, the required number must be obtained within six months. Once validated, an election must be scheduled for no sooner than 30 days and no later than 90 days from that time.

The last time alcohol sales were legal in Crittenden County was 1936. There remain 32 dry counties in Kentucky.



Gas prices to fall before Christmas

Motorists in Kentucky can budget a little more for Christmas shopping this year. According to Gas Buddy, the nation's premier source for gasoline pricing information, the Bluegrass State is one of 20 where gas prices are expected to dip below \$2 per gallon by the holidays.

"We're confident that our projections give consumers more than accuracy; we think they'll help them identify some savings that should come in handy at Thanksgiving and Christmas," said Patrick DeHaan, a petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.

The national average for December is predicted to slip to \$1.98. The fall is expected to continue well into 2016. The predicted trend is due largely to decreased demand for gas in the fall and winter. Gas prices in Marion Tuesday were \$2.38.

Meetings

- Livingston County Board of Education will convene at 7 p.m. Monday in the Cardinal Room at Livingston County Middle School in Burna for its regular monthly meeting.

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Farmers' market to get upgrade, expand scope

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Farmers' Market Week in Kentucky concludes Saturday, but users of the outdoor produce market in Marion have something to continue celebrating well beyond the weekend.

Marion Tourism Commission has reached an agreement with Alan Stout to purchase the lot on which the local farmers' market is located. Tourism Director Michele Edwards said the deal is expected to close next

week. "At that time, plans for renovation will begin," Edwards said.

She said the initial concept for the lot goes far beyond a farmers' market. Edwards hopes to turn the corner lot into a small park with picnic tables, a pavilion, green space and maybe a water feature to complement the sale of produce and baked goods. It is also proposed as a place to display the city's Christmas decorations and a nativity scene during the holiday season.

"We hope to market it for more than just produce," Edwards said, adding that perhaps the lot on the corner of West Poplar and North Main streets could be used for a small wedding ceremony or community event such as an arts and crafts fair. "There are still a lot of unanswered questions."

This week, Edwards and Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Susan Alexander are sit-

ting down with a representative from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund to discuss grants for the new development.

Currently, the lot is unlevel and has no amenities. Edwards said she hopes to clear and level the lot as soon as possible after Labor Day and have it ready for development in the spring. The market would be moved to another location to finish out this year.



Edwards

Ideally, the finished lot would offer parking off West Poplar Street and electricity, which could allow sellers to once again utilize Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) equipment that enables customers to buy foods at farmers' markets with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, benefits as well as to pay with debit or credit cards. Marion's farmers market at one time offered EBT, according to Edwards. Nationwide, farmers'

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Crowning achievements
Derby, beauty pageants highlights of fair

Walton looks for victory in derby after beating cancer

By BECCA SCHIMMEL
STAFF WRITER

From the time he was 6 weeks old, he's been under a car.

Brad Walton is getting ready for yet another demolition derby. He says there is nothing better than watching metal fly, hearing the loud exhaust and seeing the mud fly.

"I love it. It's like people need drugs to get an adrenaline rush, and all I need to get one is to get in a car," Walton said.

His father, Andy, who ran in the derby for 20 years, instilled a love for the sport in his son at a young age. A native of Crittenden County, Brad started participating when he was 18, but had to take a few years off after he was diagnosed with colon cancer.

He has been cancer free for four years now, and this weekend will mark his return to the mud of the fairgrounds arena.

"I'm calling it 'The Survivor' because I survived cancer," Walton, soon to be 35, said. "This is my first derby since the cancer, so I'm going to go all out."

This year's Crittenden County Lions Club Fair demolition derby is Saturday. The final night of the fair will also feature the lawnmower derby. The events begin at 7 p.m.

The main goal of a derby, of course, is to wreck the other cars before they wreck yours. Walton said a lot of aggression gets taken out during the derby, but most people remain friends off the track. In 2004, he won the derby.

"It's a family sport is what it is," he added. "You get people out there wanting to break your face and break your



PHOTO BY BECCA SCHIMMEL, THE PRESS

The annual highlight of the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair, the demolition derby, is a family affair for Brad Walton (center) of Marion. Walton, 35, grew up around derby cars, as his dad, Andy (right), participated in the event for 20 years and passed on the legacy to his son. After a few years off, Brad will return to the mud of the derby arena at the fairgrounds Saturday as the fair concludes.

car, and then, you get off the track and you're friends. For the most part, we're just a bunch of rednecks that like to have fun."

Walton said if someone is participating and they aren't nervous before they get onto the track, then there is something wrong with them.

"The first time I ever ran, I was nervous as all get out. I threw up," he said. "I don't care who you are, if you don't get nervous before you get out there, you're not human. Once you get hit, the butterflies are gone, and you're in driving mode," Walton said.

Tim Cosby, organizer of this year's derby, said he is expecting about 50 participants. The various classes are stock compact car, stock big car,

kicker class and power wheels for the kids.

Before the final heat, there is a lawnmower derby. Kenneth Hardesty Jr. said there are usually about 15 participants and the top three split a \$500 prize. First-place receives \$150, second-place receives \$100, and third receives \$50.

Other feature events at the fair include tonight's (Thursday) Enduro Circle Truck racing and Friday's truck and tractor pulls. All events will be held at the fairgrounds in Marion beginning at 7 p.m. Ride all night at the midway with the \$15 purchase of arm-bands. Entry to the fairgrounds is \$10 for ages 16 and up and \$5 for ages 6-15. Children 5 and under enter free.



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Chloe McKinzie was crowned Miss Crittenden County 2015 Tuesday at Fohs Hall on Day 3 of the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair.

Miss Crittenden County named Tuesday night

STAFF REPORT

Chloe McKinzie is now Crittenden County royalty.

McKinzie of Marion was crowned Miss Crittenden County 2015 Tuesday evening at Fohs Hall. She was one of 29 contestants in the top county fair pageant. Meantime, Sierra Fields of Morgantown was selected Miss Crittenden County Fair 2015 and will go on to represent the county in a state-level competition.

The pageant was part of the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair, which continues through Saturday. For pictures of the entire court and winners of fair pageants earlier in the week, see Page 4.

County replacing deficient bridge

STAFF REPORT

A structurally deficient bridge in rural northeastern Crittenden County is going be replaced.

At a special meeting Monday of Crittenden Fiscal Court, magistrates adopted a resolution that would allow the county to begin the process of replacing a bridge on White Road tagged by the state as in need of repair. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the weight limit on the bridge has already been reduced to 3 tons by state inspectors and the structure is probably not too far from being condemned.

"The foundation is shot," Newcom said. By adopting the resolution, the county can now let for bids to replace the 30-foot span on the rural county-maintained road that connects Fishtrap and Nunn

Switch roads. It carries some agricultural traffic, but is primarily used by the passenger vehicles of residents on the road, Newcom said.

The timing of construction is uncertain, as no bid has been awarded. Through the state's so-called 80/20 bridge program, the county will be on the hook for only \$19,400 of the \$98,000 project.

Last summer, a bridge on Bells Mine Road in northern Crittenden County was replaced. It and the White Road bridge are just two examples of the nation's crumbling infrastructure. According to the American Road & Transportation Builders Association, there are more than 215 million daily crossings on more than

61,000 structurally deficient bridges.

Kentucky's network of bridges, however, is generally in better shape than many states'. Only 8.7 percent of the commonwealth's 14,116 bridges are rated as structurally deficient in the U.S. Federal Highway Administration's 2013 National Bridge Inventory. Nationally, 10.5 percent of bridges are structurally deficient.

In addition to Kentucky's 1,234 structurally deficient bridges, though, another 3,202 are rated as functionally obsolete. These figures rated the commonwealth a D grade in the 2013 Report Card for America's Infrastructure. Overall, the nation



Newcom

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Motorcycle crash kills man, 36

STAFF REPORT

A Princeton man died late Saturday night as a result of injuries sustained in a three-wheeler motorcycle crash on U.S. 641 South near Mott City.

Bobby Ladd, 36, of Princeton was pronounced dead at the scene by the Crittenden County coroner following the single vehicle crash.

According to Kentucky State Police, Ladd was operating the 2014 Ice Bear Hawk Trike about 11 p.m. southbound near the intersection of Lilly Dale Road when he lost control of the motorcycle,

which left the highway and ran into a deep ravine that runs along the roadside. The bike flipped several times, traveling 87 feet before coming to rest. Ladd was ejected from the motorcycle.

According to Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent, the man's wife and two children were following behind him in a vehicle and witnessed the accident.

Emergency personnel responded to the scene and AirEvac Lifeteam was summoned, but paramedics were unable to stabilize the victim for flight and he passed away

before he could be transported.

Ladd suffered head and other injuries in the crash. He was not wearing a helmet.

According to The Times-Leader in Princeton, Ladd was a retired fork lift operator and member of Beulah Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

This was the second traffic fatality in Crittenden County this year. In June, a Sturgis pastor, Dexter W. Derr, 58, was killed in a single-vehicle crash on U.S.

60 East just outside of Marion.

The sheriff also worked another motorcycle accident involving two Missouri women earlier Saturday evening on Ky. 91 North. The women were traveling together and accidentally bumped into one another, causing both to crash. One was taken to Crittenden Health Systems by ambulance and the other was able to drive her motorcycle to the hospital. Both were treated and released.



Ladd

Fancy Farm one-of-a-kind experience

It's a one-of-a-kind environment that pits politicians against their constituents and doesn't allow a lot of wiggle room for saving face.

I went to my first – and, certainly, not last – Fancy Farm Picnic Saturday, and I now understand what all the hype is about. From Pinocchio-style signs depicting Republican gubernatorial nominee Matt Bevin to Confederate flags to gag t-shirts ... I have never seen an environment in which politicians are so blatantly called out on their actions and views by the community.

When emcee Matt Jones got up to begin, there were already cheers and chants ringing through the crowd both for and against the politicians. Democrats on one side and Republicans on the other. Nobody told them where to sit, but the separation was natural.

Jones roasted everyone on stage for their standard way of acting when facing ridicule, and Rand Paul, of course, didn't get away without his absence being mentioned.

It was nice to see people directly calling out and holding the politicians accountable rather than hearing attack ads that chip away any semblance of comfort or confidence in a candidate by questionable statements. Nobody gets to save face at Fancy Farm.

Bevin took a lot of heat from the crowd. It didn't help



that the first thing he did when stepping up to the podium was insult the event itself by saying it was childish. He also tried to distance himself from either party.

Democrats used attacks against Bevin that had come from his own Republican Party during last year's primary campaign against U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. They called him a "pathological liar," and an "East Coast con-man."

I had heard that there would be a lot of bold statements and cheering as well as heckling at the event. I figured that it would be an exaggeration, but I was not disappointed. The claim that not being born and raised in Kentucky puts someone out of line for being able to assess how the state is doing and make informed decisions seems like a stretch to me.

Overall, it was a fun experience to be a part of, but definitely challenging to be neutral. I didn't want to be viewed as for or against any particular candidate. Luckily,



PHOTO BY BECCA SCHIMMEL, THE PRESS

The annual Fancy Farm Picnic in Graves County is highlighted each year by old-fashioned political stump speaking. This year's main event pitted Democratic gubernatorial nominee Jack Conway against Matt Bevin, the GOP's choice for governor. Bevin was the focal point of a lot of attacks and political theater, like the Pinocchio noses inferring that he is a "pathological liar" and a rooster with boxing gloves representing the claim that he once attended a cockfight.

ily, for me, with Jones as the emcee, there was plenty of comedic relief in between each politician insulting and baiting their opponents and colleagues.

If you haven't been to the Fancy Farm Picnic, I highly recommend it. The food is great, the environment is different, and it's an open place where you are encouraged to

talk about politics ... unlike work, school or most anywhere else.

(Editor's note: Becca Schimmel is serving as an intern with The Crittenden Press this summer. She is a senior journalism major at Murray State University. Her opinions are her own and may not necessarily be the opinion of this newspaper.)

NEWS BRIEFS

Corrections

- The caption for a photo in last week's issue accompanying Defew's Views by Linda Defew misidentified the photographer. The photo of "Cowboy Phil" was taken by Julia Ann Faulkner.

- A story in last week's back-to-school section incorrectly listed the prices for reduced-price breakfasts and lunches in the local school district. The prices are 30 cents and 40 cents, respectively.

School district inks K9 Resources deal

In a decision that offers zero-tolerance of prohibited items brought onto school property, Crittenden County Board of Education last week approved the Safe and Drug Free Services agreement with K9 Resources for the 2015-16 school year.

The cost of the services is \$8,856, with half of that amount to be paid, just like last school year, by Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community. The agreement will include 18 random and unannounced visits to the school district by K9 Resources officials.

K9 Resources is a professional detection service that utilizes professionally trained dogs to locate a variety of prohibited items including alcohol, drugs, medications and weapons on the campus of all schools in Crittenden County School District. Once a handler arrives with a dog, they immediately go to work to locate prohibited items that don't belong on school facilities.

The program's outreach isn't just limited to the school day. K9 Resources representatives can also arrive at school dances and sporting events.

4 buyers interested in ConAgra Foods

Two food manufacturers and two investment firms are rumored to be in talks with ConAgra Foods, the parent company of the Bremner Food Group plant in Princeton, a



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Top Democratic candidate visits county

Sanny Overly (right), Democrat Jack Conway's running mate in Kentucky's gubernatorial election, paid a visit to Crittenden County last Thursday. While in Marion, Overly visited the courthouse, Farmers Bank & Trust Co. and Marion Cafe to reach out to and discuss issues with voters as she made a swing through western Kentucky leading up to Saturday's Fancy Farm Picnic. Above, the candidate for lieutenant governor visits with Leva Shelby (left) and Judy McMains, both of Marion, inside the cafe. Overly, who lives on a family farm in Bourbon County with her husband and children, currently serves as a state representative and is the first woman elected to a leadership position in the Kentucky House of Representatives. She holds an engineering degree from the University of Kentucky and a law degree from the University of Louisville and has worked in both professions. "We have a lot of work to do to see that people in rural Kentucky get their fair share," she said of the Conway/Overly ticket. She touted a need to foster small business growth "on Main Street" and workforce development and expand preschool options for families.

month after ConAgra executives announced the company's private brand operations, including the local plant, would be divested.

Numerous people from Crittenden County work at the plant, which opened in 1993 and is one of the regions largest employers.

ConAgra has reportedly begun talks with TreeHouse Foods and Post Holdings in

consideration of the sale of its private label unit, according to the Reuters news organization.

The Reuters report, citing unnamed sources familiar with the discussions, identified TreeHouse, Post and two private equity firms, Apollo Global Management LLC and Cerberus Capital Management LP, as joining in the auction for Ralcorp Holdings,

Bremner's parent organization.

Discussions are still in their early stages, the sources noted.

In a June 30 announcement, ConAgra CEO Sean Connolly said the company was divesting its private brands operations as part of a new direction for the company.

— The Times Leader

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pastor's column 'highly judgmental'

To the editor

I must admit, I prayed long and hard before composing my response to Mark Girtten's article in last week's edition of the newspaper.

As I read the article, a wide range of thoughts ran through my mind all at once. As a matter of fact, I had to reread the article because I couldn't believe what I was reading, much less that it was written by a pastor.

I found his words and misguided thoughts to be cruel, harassing and, above all, highly judgmental. The mere fact that he would make such an assumption about any group of people to me is totally pompous and appalling. I found it profoundly sad that anyone, particularly a member of the clergy, would make such an effort to discourage people from turning to God.

If Girtten's objective was to push people away from God and the church, I must congratulate him on a job well done.

I must concede to agreeing with him that churches are vitally important and wonderful places for believers to worship God and fellowship with other believers. However, nowhere in the Bible does it say that a person can be a Christian only if they attend church on a regular basis in a manmade church building.

Dr. Charles Stanley in his

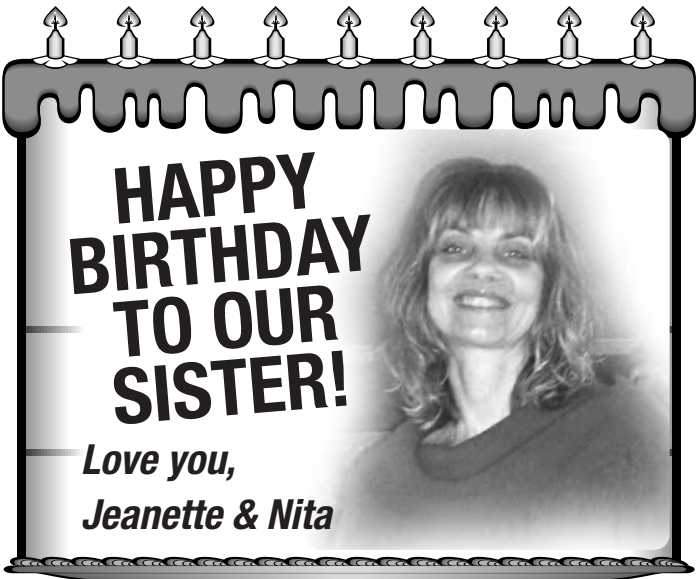
book, "Handbook for Christian Living," gives this Bible based-definition of the church: "...There is only one church, and it belongs to no particular denomination. The church is made up of those who have placed their belief – their faith – in the person of Jesus Christ. ...Those who believe in Him became His church and took on it the responsibility that comes with belief – the commitment to continue the work that Christ began.

In the Gospel of Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus gives the Great Commission, which completes this thought. Many Christians who do not attend a structured church regularly continue Christ's work by spreading the Gospel, serving their community and neighbors and tithing faithfully, something that not all who warm a church pew on a regular basis find themselves doing.

There are many scriptures I could insert into this letter that would be so appropriate and encouraging to many, but I must be mindful of the amount of space I have to write, so I will leave you with this scripture to consider, Romans 14:13: "Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way."

God loves all His children, and only He knows our hearts and motives. It is not for any of us to judge.

Tracy Steward
Marion, Ky.



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Ledbetter LIVESTOCK market report

USDA weigh-in sale
Aug. 4, 2015
Receipts: 354
Last Week: 307
Year Ago: 0

Compared to last week: Feeders steers and heifers traded mostly steady. Slaughter cows steady. Slaughter bulls traded 5.00 lower. Sale consisted of 6 stock cattle, 32 slaughter cattle, and 316 feeders. Feeders consisted of 18% feeder steers, 41% feeder heifers, and 32% feeder bulls.

Feeder Steers Medium & Large 1-2	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5 350-400	363	284.00-292.00	288.89		
4 400-450	410	277.00-287.00	283.21		
1 450-500	450	259.00	259.00		
6 500-550	524	247.00-251.00	249.83		
5 550-600	563	232.00-243.00	239.94		
9 600-650	623	220.00-229.00	224.81		
5 650-700	652	217.00	217.00		
1 650-700	655	200.00	200.00	Full	
7 700-750	724	200.00-210.00	207.12		
1 750-800	775	200.00	200.00		
1 800-850	835	190.00	190.00		
1 900-950	940	155.00	155.00		
1 1050-1100	1080	132.00	132.00		

Feeder Steers Medium & Large 2-3	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1 200-250	245	275.00	275.00		
2 400-450	435	268.00	268.00		
5 550-600	590	218.00-226.00	222.02		
1 600-650	640	208.00	208.00		
1 650-700	675	202.00	202.00		
1 700-750	700	196.00	196.00		

Feeder Steers Small & Medium 1	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1 750-800	790	162.00	162.00		

Feeder Heifers Medium & Large 1-2	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1 300-350	330	278.00	278.00		
4 350-400	378	266.00-274.00	270.21		
10 400-450	431	252.00-257.00	254.33		
13 450-500	484	231.00-245.00	236.96		
7 500-550	517	224.00-235.00	229.90		
20 550-600	567	220.00-224.00	221.68		
7 600-650	624	201.00-207.00	203.85		
24 650-700	680	200.00-204.00	200.81		
1 750-800	775	183.00	183.00		
35 750-800	775	195.00	195.00	VA	

Groups: 35 head 775 lbs 195.00 mix					
Feeder Heifers Medium & Large 2-3	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1 350-400	390	248.00	248.00		
1 400-450	445	230.00	230.00		
4 500-550	531	218.00-221.00	220.23		
4 550-600	590	210.00-211.00	210.75		
1 650-700	670	180.00	180.00		

Feeder Bulls Medium & Large 1-2	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2 300-350	338	282.50-289.00	285.68		
2 350-400	385	270.00-283.00	276.67		
10 400-450	434	250.00-275.00	263.16		
15 450-500	479	250.00-256.00	253.26		
16 500-550	527	226.00-238.00	233.46		
2 500-550	502	244.00	244.00	Lite	
8 550-600	566	224.00-240.00	232.59		
3 600-650	622	200.00-214.00	208.26		
17 650-700	671	195.00-201.00	199.23		
2 700-750	712	170.00-172.00	171.00		
7 750-800	752	183.00-185.00	183.29		
1 800-850	825	160.00	160.00		

Feeder Bulls Medium & Large 2-3	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1 350-400	375	250.00	250.00		
4 450-500	460	238.00	238.00		
1 500-550	540	206.00	206.00		
3 550-600	593	218.00	218.00		
5 600-650	648	191.00-199.00	197.41		
4 650-700	680	180.00-191.00	190.28		
1 750-800	760	165.00	165.00		

Feeder Bulls Small & Medium 1	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1 350-400	375	242.50	242.50		

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4 1200-1600	1329	97.00-105.00	102.52		
1 1600-2000	1660	96.00	96.00		

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
800-1200	1030	98.00	98.00		
2 1200-1600	1408	102.00-106.00	103.85		
2 1200-1600	1288	112.00-113.00	112.52	HD	

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5 800-1200	1039	93.00-101.00	96.83		
1 800-1200	1030	90.00	90.00	LD	
1 1200-1600	1250	103.00	103.00		
2 1200-1600	1275	88.00-89.00	88.51	LD	

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4 1500-3000	2091	120.00-125.00	122.73		
1 1500-3000	2080	142.00	142.00	HD	
1 1500-3000	1905	120.00	120.00	LD	

Bred Cows Medium & Large 1-2 Young	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1 800-1200	1125	160.00	160.00		
4-6 Months bred					

Bred Cows Medium & Large 1-2 Middle-Aged	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1 1200-1600	1450	132.00	132.00		
4-6 Months bred					

Bred Cows Medium & Large 1-2 Aged	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1 800-1200	1150	105.00	105.00		
4-6 Months bred					

2 1200-1600	1335	106.00-110.00	109.63		
4-6 Months bred					

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Source: Kentucky Department of Agriculture, USDA Market News, Frankfort, Ky.
www.ams.usda.gov/gmmreports/SV_LS166.txt

This report reflects price of majority of cattle with a USDA grade, weight and sex on sale date. This report does not represent all animals at sale.

July soggiest month since 2009, crops said to be in good shape

STAFF REPORT

If you thought July was wet, it was ... in more ways than one.

A total of 8.73 inches of rain fell on the county last month, according to the Kentucky Mesonet climate and weather monitoring station in the Repton area. Rainfall was measured on the ground 15 days, and the air was even more moist. The humidity topped out at 100 percent on all but three days.

All the moisture has hampered farmers.

According to Monday's Crop Progress and Condition report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), some bottom land acreage along the rivers experienced a total loss, there were reports of disease pressure due to rainfall and humid air and hay quality could be lacking due to the

impact rains had on the timing of cutting hay and it getting wet before cut hay could be baled. Some producers were unable to finish first cutting until late July, therefore they will not get a second cutting this year. Poor hay quality could have significant impact on cattle farmers this winter.

This is all a result of July 2015 being the wettest month since November 2011 when 9.04 inches of rain was recorded and the soggiest July since the weather station became operational in June 2009. July 2015's rainfall was more than 10 times what fell in the previous July.

The average July precipitation in western Kentucky is approximately 4 inches, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The month also had its

share of dog days. The highest temperature recorded in 2015 was 93.7 degrees on July 29 and the mercury topped 90 eight times in July. On several days, the heat index reached triple digits. The monitoring site does not offer a specific heat index value for reach day.

Despite the heavy summer rains, overall, farmers appear in good shape this year.

NASS reports 95 percent of the state's corn crop in fair to excellent shape, as well as 95 percent of pastures and 93 percent of soybeans. Ninety-seven percent of livestock were reported in the same condition.

Corn and soybean progress is just ahead of last year and on par with the five-year average. Ninety-three percent of corn had silked as of Sunday and two-thirds of soybeans were in bloom.

AGRICULTURE BRIEFS

USDA, NASA team to assist farmers

A partnership involving the U.S. Department of Agriculture and NASA could benefit farmers in Kentucky as the nation adjusts to the impact of climate change.

USDA Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden says the agreement will expand cooperation on space-borne remote sensing efforts to gather soil moisture data to develop maps that can help farmers.

"We know that the climate is changing, and we have to adapt. We have to mitigate," she said. "We want to give our producers all those tools to make sure they know well in advance who is going to be impacted and when, so we can farm and ranch differently if we need to in certain parts of the country."

Harden adds that NASA satellite images will help firefighters and first-responders better detect wildfires and predict their behavior.

While it has been a wet year in Kentucky, with rainfall totals in some parts of the state 10 or more inches above normal, the Southwest has been ravaged by drought.

Don England, a hay and cotton farmer in Arizona, says technology can provide a critical edge for farmers during drought. He uses drones for thermal imaging that can determine soil health down to the acre.

"I can really look and see

and get a bird's eye view and cover more ground," he said.

England mentions the thermal imaging can save farmers a fortune by knowing exactly where to add fertilizer or other soil amendments.

FSA accepting CRP applications Sept. 1

Beginning next month, farmers and ranchers can apply for financial assistance to help conserve working grasslands, rangeland and pastureland while maintaining the areas as livestock grazing lands.

The initiative is part of the voluntary Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). In 30 years, CRP has helped farmers and ranchers prevent more than 8 billion tons of soil from eroding and sequester 43 million tons of greenhouse gases annually, equal to taking 8 million cars off the road.

The CRP-Grasslands initiative will provide participants who establish long-term, resource-conserving covers with annual rental payments up to 75 percent of the grazing value of the land. Cost-share assistance also is available for up to 50 percent of the covers and other practices, such as cross fencing to support rotational grazing or improving pasture cover to benefit pollinators or other wildlife. Participants may still conduct common grazing practices, produce hay, mow, or harvest for seed production, conduct

fire rehabilitation and construct firebreaks and fences.

The Farm Service Agency in Salem will accept applications on an ongoing basis beginning Sept. 1 with those applications scored against published ranking criteria, and approved based on the competitiveness of the offer. The ranking period will occur at least once per year and be announced at least 30 days prior to its start. The end of the first ranking period will be Nov. 20.

Producers can offer land for CRP's SAFE

An additional 1,100 acres of agricultural land in Kentucky is eligible for funding for wildlife habitat restoration.

The initiative, known as State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE), is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). In total, up to 400,000 acres of additional agricultural land will be eligible for wildlife habitat restoration funding through SAFE. The additional acres are part of an earlier CRP wildlife habitat announcement. Currently, more than 1 million acres, representing 98 projects, are enrolled in SAFE nationwide.

Interested producers can offer land for enrollment in SAFE and other CRP initiatives by contacting the Salem Farm Service Agency office at (270) 988-2180.

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This 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with wrap around porch and 2 good large shop & shed buildings is situated on a beautiful 14.5 acres tract. It Features: A great room w/ family/dining/kitchen built in range, DW & refrigerator. There is also a large formal living dining room, mud room & laundry. House has central heat & air & has county water.

Kioti CK25 Tractor w loader, Honda 300 FourTrax four wheeler, Land Master UTV LM400 2WD, Husqvarna zero turn mower M26128, Husqvarna GT27V52LS Riding Mower, Husqvarna Trimmer, Lawn Care Front Time Tiller, Yard Machine 22" Push Mower, DR All Terrain Mower, 6 x 12 Utility Trailer, Howse 5 ft. Rotary Mower, 7 ft. p/u disc, Husky 5000 watt Generator, Stack On Gun Case, Stihl MS180 and 025 chain saws, Stihl Leaf Blower, Craftsman; drill/driver set, 10" Table Saw w Extensions, 10" Radial Arm Saw, Router and Router Table, 19 volt drill/light set, Miter Accessory Kit, Socket Set SAE/Metric, 5 1/2 HP 25 gal Air Compressor, Jig Saw, Router, Polisher, Black & Decker Jig Saw, Bell Sander, Hedge Trimmer, Dewalt 12 V Drills, Stack On tool chest, 16 speed drill press, machinist tool box, Brown Sharp micro meters, Lufkin depth gauge set, machinist tools, 4 wheeler sprayer, Wilton Vise, 16 Gal Shop Vac, pipe wrenches, hand saws, pipe clamps, hand planes, levels, hammers, battery charger, assortment screws/nails/bolts/nuts, Skil 1/3 hp elect drill, pop rivet gun/rivets, concrete trowels/finish tools, electric wire, taps/dies, set of four wheeler tires, portable air tank, metal cabinets, meat hooks, wooden pulleys, sledge hammers, wedges, shovels, rakes, hay forks, bottle jack, Chest deep freeze, Frigidaire A/C, Daisy BB gun, rods/reels, tackle boxes, portable light stand, collection wooden pulleys, folding tables, trailer balls/receivers, fans, Wagner power steamer, wire chase, drill sets, 1/2 hp grinder w stand, aluminum scoop shovels, crescent wrenches, assort chains, set large combo wrenches, floor jack, car stands, saw horses, hand truck, appliance hand truck, wheel barrows, wooden ladders, aluminum ladders, oilers, wrenches, pliers, extension cords, miter saw, tractor transmission fluid, creeper, garden planter, John Deere seat, blue; quilt rack, tea pots, depression glass, VHS movies, jig saw puzzles, Weber grille, yard roller, pull type seed/fertilizer spreader, gun rack, concrete mixer, metal file cabinets, Echo hand blender, footed bowls, fruit bowls, wooden rolling pins, Cabinets, Dietz RR Lanterns, miniature Hall tea pots, chairs, step stool, book case, PLUS MANY ITEMS.

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FEATURE OF THE WEEK
MAIN ST. COTTAGE...3 BR 2 BA home located on N Main St in Marion. Central HVAC, gas fireplace, large Kitchen w/ plenty of cabinet space. Great Sunroom off the kitchen 2 car detached garage, black top driveway. Ac

MARION / CRITTENDEN
MIDWAY BRICK...3 BR, 1 full BA, 1 half BA, large LR, DR, eat-in kitchen, FR in the basement w/kitchen area, laundry room, & 2 car garage on 1.7 ac. GREENWOOD HGTS...Brick ranch ready to move in. 3 BR, 1 BA w/central HVAC, 1 car garage on corner lot. SALE PENDING
MULTI-LEVEL HOME...3 BR, 2 BA brick home w/large lot, 2 car detached garage, 2 storage bldgs., pool, landscaped property. Natural gas heat & air appliances included.
ONE OWNER...ranch home w/full basement, 3 BR, 1 BA w/large yard. Immediate possession after closing. Basement has washer/dryer hookup, large storm shelter. ca
GREAT STARTER HOME...2 BR 2 BA, Den, LR, DR. Plenty of room for a garden. This home is located in the southern portion of Crittenden county, Quiet Country living. Mg
EXECUTIVE HOME ON 4.5 ACRES...Colonial, 2 story, 4 BR, 3 full BA & 2 half BA. Foyer w/open staircase, parlor & large formal DR w/gas log fireplace. kitchen w/all major appliances, built-in cabinets & pantries; & breakfast room. Family/great room w/library nook, built-in storage cabinets & a w/burning fireplace. 40'x50' pole barn. Rf

CORNER LOT LOCATION...2 BR, 1 BA, close to schools, hospital and Country Club. Call for more info. Gb
SALE PENDING
LOVELY BRICK HOME...w/large double lot in center of Marion. 3 BR, 2 BA has large rooms throughout, hardwood floors, modern kitchen w/all appliances, formal DR, large basement w/storage & shower, 2 car detached garage, partially fenced. Bb
LAKE GEORGE ESTATE...3-4 BR, 2 BA home w/fireplace, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, dining & den w/great views of the lake. Detached garage w/ large addition & central HVAC, fireplace, wired for sound, BA w/shower, closet space, on over 4 acres. Jc
SALEM / LIVINGSTON
SALEM BRICK RANCH...3 BR, 1 BA, eat-in kitchen, utility room, baseboard heat, carport. SALE PENDING
FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS...2 BR, 1 BA home w/ extra large garage & storage building.
GORGEOUS VIEWS...3 BR, 2 BA mobile home on 3.5 acres overlooking the Ohio River. SALE PENDING

MARSHALL COUNTY
KENTUCKY LAKE ...2 BR, 2 BA home on 2.1 acres. Features eat in kitchen, hardwood floors, gas heat & air, 2100 SF shop building wired 220, 1 car detached garage, upper & lower deck overlooking the lake. Covered dock slip with power / water. jd
BUILDING LOTS
MAIN ST LOT...Many possibilities..
SALE PENDING
LARGE CORNER LOT...in Marion. Ready to build on. Many possibilities. 3.37 ACRES...located on the corner of Hwy 506 & Country View Drive. Utilities available. Lot is only 2.5 miles from the center of Marion, lot has restrictions.

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ACREAGE
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CRITTENDEN / LIVINGSTON COUNTY HORSE FARM... 25 acres w/3 BR, 2 BA mobile home w/appliances, 60 x 100 pole barn w/3-4 horse stalls, hay loft, 2 ponds, corner location, other buildings. Acreage is all open.
26 ACRES...Crop land located on Gum Creek/Blackburn Ch RD. SOLD
35.75 ACRES...in Salem K Y, w/commercial, residential, agriculture & recreational uses. Possible development of convenience store, storage buildings, warehouse. Property could be cleared of the small trees & convert to row crop or pasture. Gf
45 ACRES...Cropland located on Blackburn Church Rd. SOLD
TOLU FARM...Tolu, KY 4 BR, 3 BA-home. Large Master BR suite, Large kitchen w/pantry, & dining area just off the Living room. Walk out basement that has 2 BR, bath, laundry room, &



Winners of the local competition portion of the Miss Crittenden County Pageant held Tuesday night at Fohs Hall were (from left) Miss Photogenic Hannah Renfrow, fourth runner-up; Bailey Barnes, third runner-up; Brittany Buell, second runner-up; Miss Congeniality Lauren Beavers, first runner-up; and Chloe McKinzie, Miss Crittenden County 2015. Winners of the state competition were (from left after McKinzie) Sierra Fields, Miss Crittenden County Fair 2015; Emily Logan, fourth runner-up; Tiffany Nickelson, third runner-up; Madison Vaughn, second runner-up; and Kylee Knight, first runner-up. Fields, of Morgantown, will go on to represent Crittenden County in a state-level competition later this year. Vaughn earned the Brent Croft Humanitarian Award. Cayla Sheffer was named Miss Congeniality, and Baily Pride earned Most Photogenic.

PHOTOS BY NATALIE PARISH



Little Mister
Crittenden County
Winner
Harper Cash Lucas
First runner-up
Cruz Cavanaugh



Winners of the Miss Teen Crittenden County Pageant are (from left) Sydney Coomes, Miss Congeniality; Hannah Bell, fourth runner-up; RheaVynn Tabor, first runner-up; Shea Martin, Miss Teen Crittenden County Fair state winner; Mauri Collins, Miss Teen Crittenden County Teen local winner; Madison Champion, second runner-up; Shelby Brown, third runner-up; and Alexis Tabor, Miss Congeniality. Martin will compete in a statewide competition.



The local winners of the Miss Preteen Crittenden County Pageant are (from left) Haley Curtsinger, Miss Photogenic; Ashlyn Hicks, fourth runner-up; Katharine Keller, third runner up; Cassidy Crabtree, Miss Preteen Crittenden County; Hadlee Rich, first runner-up; Ryleigh Tabor, second runner-up; Rachel Mundy, Miss Congeniality; and Laurel Brown, Brent Croft Humanitarian Award.



State winners of the Little Mr. and Miss Crittenden County pageants were Nevaeh Lindle and Brandon Perkins Jr. Both will represent Crittenden County in a state-level competitions held later this year.



York, Feagan named grand marshals of Fredonia parade

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Each summer, the community of Fredonia plays host to two parties that everyone is invited to attend. This year's Fredonia Valley Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, the eve of the annual Fredonia Lions Club Summer Festival set for Saturday.

From antique cars to horses, mules and wagons, the parade promises fun for the entire family. Sharing both the honor and spotlight of the 2015 event are two long-time Fredonia residents, Larry York and Ted Feagan.

York, who will be 65 and is a life-long Fredonia resident, is happy about being named a grand marshal at this year's parade and said he is proud to be honored with Feagan.

"I want to be in the parade, have fun and meet people," York said about participating in the event.

A resident of Bright Life Farms, a faith-based non-profit group home for mentally or developmentally challenged adults, York stays active in the community. He continues to work for his fellow grand marshal at Feagan's Furniture two to three days a week and is considered a beloved member of the Fredonia

community. When he's not working, he enjoys many activities, including bowling, swimming and shopping with Bright Life Farms officials.



York



Feagan

A law enforcement enthusiast, York has self-described himself the deputy sheriff of Fredonia and over the years has enjoyed developing friendships with local law enforcement officials and state troopers.

Feagan, 78, whose family's business has been in operation in Fredonia for more than 80 years, will also headline the parade. Known for selling home décor, the business originally was a grocery when Feagan's father, Ted Sr.,



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS
Ted Feagan places a rotating perforated roll of music on a 1920s era player piano on display at Feagan's Furniture. He and fellow Fredonia resident Larry York will serve as grand marshals of this year's Fredonia Valley Parade set for 6:30 p.m. Friday.

started it in 1932.

A 1954 graduate of Fredonia High School, Feagan attended what was then known as Murray State College, where he took a variety of courses and was a manager of the men's basketball program.

"That was a good experi-

ence," Feagan said. "They were good ball players."

After taking a course in electronics, Feagan was employed with RCA and worked at Cape Canaveral in Florida, where he operated radar and radio. On one occasion, he had the opportunity to meet aero-

space engineering pioneer Wernher von Braun, who is credited with inventing Nazi Germany's V-2 rocket and later, NASA's Saturn V that rocketed astronauts in the Apollo space program to the moon. Feagan showed von Braun on radar when the clouds overhead would dis-

perse and allow for a missile to be fired.

Feagan was also a member of the Kentucky Army National Guard armory in Marion and was called to duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis in the early 1960s.

"It was an experience," Feagan said about his time as a tank radio operator. "I didn't like it when I was there, but I'm glad I got to be a part of it."

As he looks back on the events of the 20th century, Feagan recalls how the world and Fredonia has changed. Gone are the days when gas was 21 cents a gallon or cigarettes sold for 17 cents a pack. With all the changes, however, Fredonia is still filled with memories of long ago.

Sometimes those memories can be set to music. Feagan enjoys listening to the clear tunes coming from an antique player piano, which can still best any of today's mp3 audio files with its crystal-clear sound.

He believes his father would be happy at how the one-time grocery store has grown into such a prominent business in the area.

"I think he would be proud of it, because he started in a little place," Feagan said.

Gresham retires from state police

STAFF REPORT

A former Crittenden County sheriff's deputy has retired from state police.

Frank Gresham, an arson investigator with Kentucky State Police Post 1 in Mayfield, retired Friday. He was honored at a ceremony July 23.

Gresham was hired as a deputy under Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent in March 1999 and worked here for a little more than a year before joining KSP in May 2000. He was initially assigned to Post 4 in Elizabethtown as an arson investigator, but in 2001 he transferred to Post 2 in



Gresham

Madisonville, which serves Crittenden County. After serving there as an arson investigator for three years, he transferred to Post 1, where he ended his career last week.

Gresham began his career with the Lyon County Police in September 1987 and served there 10 years, achieving the rank of lieutenant. He currently resides in Lyon County.

Kentucky lottery sees record sales

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Lottery sales in the state set a record this year, inching closer to \$1 billion in annual sales, and the owner of a \$1 million winning Powerball ticket sold recently in Livingston County has stepped forward.

According to the Kentucky Lottery Corp., for the fiscal year ending June 30, there were \$899.1 million in sales. While that broke the old mark set the previous fiscal year of \$858.8 million, the return to the state treasury was less than budgeted. A record \$236.1 million was returned to the state, but it fell \$16.2 million short of the amount budgeted.

The winner of largest payout so far in the lottery's current fiscal year has claimed their prize from a ticket sold at the Minit Mart off Interstate 24 in Grand Rivers. The \$1 million ticket was sold July 8 to a winner who prefers to remain anonymous. A \$1 Mega Millions ticket was sold just two days earlier in Newport and was split between two individuals.

Scratch-off ticket sales were a key in the record-breaking sales performance last year. Those ticket sales rose \$39 million over the previous year, to a record \$560.5 million.

Draw game sales held nearly steady, at \$338.6 million. And Keno, a game introduced in late 2013, showed strong sales — \$47.3 million

in its first full year of sales.

The multistate Powerball and Mega Millions games — played in more than 40 states — continued their declining performance, following a trend seen at lotteries across the country. With relatively few mega jackpots, Powerball sales fell \$14.6 million to \$65 million, while Mega Millions sales declined \$6.6 million to \$33.2 million in Kentucky.

The lottery board's budget for the current fiscal year includes a sales projection of \$972 million.

The Kentucky Lottery has earned nearly \$4.4 billion for the state since it started in 1989. Proceeds go for college scholarships, grants and literacy programs.

(Editor's note: The Courier-Journal contributed to this report.)

Child well-being shows improvement in Kentucky according to recent data

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

When it comes to child well-being, Kentucky is 34th in the nation according to an annual report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

The 2015 Kids Count Data Book, released late last month, finds that compared to the beginning of the recession in 2008, Kentucky has made improvements in 11 of the 16 key metrics.

Terry Brooks, executive director of Kentucky Youth Advocates, says while the state has moved out of "the basement" — where he says it was a decade ago — plenty of challenges remain.

"We certainly hope that nobody is satisfied with that," says Brooks. "If you talk about bourbon, horse racing or basketball in Kentucky, nobody would be satisfied with a bottom third" ranking, and we shouldn't be satisfied when it comes to kids, either."

Kentucky's overall ranking was ahead of the nation's two most populous states, California (38) and Texas (41), and was the highest-ranked state in the South. Minnesota was No. 1 on the list and Mississippi was last.

Kentucky is showing the most improvement in health indicators, according to the report, ranking 24th nationally. Brooks credits that in large part to KCHIP, the state's children's health insurance program.

Brooks is convinced the biggest problem facing Kentucky, 32 in economic well-being, continues to be poverty, as families struggle with basic living expenses. The report finds one in four children in the commonwealth lives in poverty.

"Unless, and until, we can begin to change the trajectory for poverty in Kentucky, the overall trajectory for kids in Kentucky is not going to change," he says.

Brooks cites family-focused tax reform as one example of how improvements could be made.

While Kentucky showed gains in three of the four education-related categories, Brooks says celebration would ring "hollow." Two-thirds of the state's fourth-graders are still not reading at the national standard, while 70 percent of eighth-graders are not proficient in math.

Kentucky ranked 30th in education.

"In the world of 2015, we have to think about how our fourth-graders and eighth-graders are doing, and how they're competing with kids in Wisconsin (15) and West Virginia (46) and California (38)," he says.

Brooks adds that while K-through-12 educators are working hard, more kids need to be enrolled in preschool. According to the Kids Count report, 67,000 Kentucky children are not in preschool — a number which makes up about 58 percent of Kentucky's 3- and 4-year-olds.

Kentucky ranked 38th in Family and Community, the lowest of the four indicators.

"When communities have strong institutions

and the resources to provide safety, good schools and quality support services, families and their children are more likely to thrive," the report read.

Thirty-six percent of the commonwealth's children live in single-parent households, 12 percent live in a household where the head

lacks a high school diploma and 39 of every 1,000 births was to a teen mother. Only seven states had a higher birth rate to teens.

(Editor's note: Kentucky News Connection contributed to this story.)

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Intentional consequences of Atheism dire

This column is about the spirit of the religion of atheism, which is taught in most of our colleges and universities and is directed and controlled by Satan.

I've preached about atheism in our universities for a long time. Many do not realize what this teaching has done to many poor or not-highly-educated Americans. It not only destroys them, but is wreaking havoc on our nation. This is not to mention what the teachings have done to millions around the world.

The least privileged among us, especially the young, look at those who are educated and successful and want to model them. So they, too, give up all faith in anything bigger than man.

This leaves many of them with no moral moors or respect for others. Seeing the disrespect for life in abortion, their consciences are seared over, and they will go into a church and assassinate nine innocent people who have children, spouses, siblings and parents who love them with all their hearts. Others go into theaters and mow down innocent people and then take their own lives or get off with a plea of mental problems.

What causes most mental problems is sin in the hearts of people, and I know how it can lead one off balance in their sinful state.

Before I was born again. I lived as if I did not believe there was a God, even though I always believed He existed. Because some



who cared prayed for me until God, in His own way, brought me to my senses, I'll be eternally grateful.

Who in our wimpy court system is going to tell the world sin in hearts and minds causes mental illness?

This causes one to lose respect for self, God and man. Desperation takes over so many, and they end up self-destructing.

How wonderful it would be if all people with privileges many will never have would use their gifts and God-given abilities to lift up those less fortunate than themselves instead of robbing them of all hope in this life and the next one. No civilization can survive without a moral foundation and loving others as one's self.

How true the words spoken by G.K. Chesterton: "If there were no God, there would be no atheists."

Now, I will let some wiser than I give us their take on atheism.

Sir Isaac Newton stated, "Opposition to godliness is atheism in profession and idolatry in practice. Atheism is so senseless and odious to mankind that it never had many professors."

In "Principia," he stated, "The most beautiful system

of the sun, planets and comets could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful being."

Voltaire wrote, "The atheists are, for the most part, impudent and misguided scholars who reason badly who, not being able to understand the Creation, the origin of evil and other difficulties, have recourse to the hypothesis the eternity of things and of inevitability."

His crime was fighting it in the wrong way.

Ravi Zacharias wrote, "The atheist risks everything for the present and the future on the basis of a belief that we are uncaused by any intelligent being. We just happen to be here. That one is willing to live and die in that belief is a very high price to pay for conjecture."

The Encyclopedia Britannica says of Albert Einstein that he firmly denied atheism and adds a quote he once remarked to a young physicist: "I want to know how God created this world, I am not interested in this or that phenomenon, in the spectrum of this or that element. I want to know His thoughts, the rest are details."

Einstein's famous epithet on the "uncertainty principle" was "God does not play dice."

One of his famous quotes is: "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind."

Napoleon Bonaparte once spoke my sentiment to an atheist: "You are perhaps too intelligent to believe in God. I am not like

that."

The most notable spread of atheism was achieved through the success of the 1917 Russian Revolution, which brought the Marxist-Leninists to power.

For the first time in history, atheism became the official ideology of a state.

Before, during and after this achievement, statistics hold atheistic governments in the last 100 years responsible for the deaths of 40.47 million to 259.43 million human beings.

Hitler's atheistic, satanic creation of the cyanide rooms, ovens and death chambers that snuffed out 14 million non-Jews and 6 million Jews makes it really sad to hear any of our educated young people proudly declare they, with Hitler and his ilk, are leading other young people to end up like Hitler.

Seeing all the human carnage atheism has caused millions of innocent people, God's word in Psalms 14:1 sure has it right: "It is a fool that says in his heart there is no God."

Another proof the Bible is true, God said in Isaiah 1:3, "The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib, but my people don't know."

So that makes believers smarter than the dumb ox and the jackass.

(Editor's note: Rev. Lucy Tedrick of Marion Church of God shares her views periodically in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

Community church notes

■ Creek Side Baptist Church located on U.S. 60 West of Marion will hold Wednesday night services at 7 p.m.

■ The annual meeting of Hurricane Camp Board will be held at 7 p.m., Friday in the dining hall. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

■ Marion United Methodist Church is welcoming all Crittenden County School District employees to the first annual Rocket Launch at 10:45 a.m., Sunday. The program will feature guest speakers, blessings for the Crittenden County staff, potluck and a

question and answer period. Support the Rockets by wearing Rocket gear.

■ Mexico Baptist Church's clothes closet is open 9-11:30 a.m., each Monday.

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

Use Godly wisdom: Avoid being contentious with others

By JOEY DURHAM
GUEST COMMENTARY

Today my devotional is on this thought, "Easily Offended?" and my text is found in Proverbs 13:10, where we read, "Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well-advised is wisdom."

Few things are more distressing than contentions, regardless of whether or not the ones involved are children of God. An argument can, indeed, ruin your whole day. The Word of God has

important instructions for the believer concerning this, and should the child of God choose to despise its counsel, he does so at his own loss.

It is so important to understand why we become so upset and allow a disagreement to escalate into a quarrel wherein unkind words are spoken and animosity settles in afterward. Pride is the root according to our text.

When someone says something or does something that does not line

up with what we think is right or proper, our old flesh rears up on its heels and our pride is injured in some way, thus we are offended. It is so important that we admit to the link between our own selfish pride and our susceptibility to becoming offended. Spirit-wrought humility and a forgiving spirit are effective antidotes to the poisons of pride, wrath and malice.

Are you having a problem in this area? If so, be wise enough to confess it


as sin to God and make things right with Him and also the person or people that your pride has fueled contention with.

Life is too short to be carrying around the bitter baggage of being unforgiving, contentious and easily offended.

(Editor's note: Joey Durham, pastor of Sturgis Baptist Church, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

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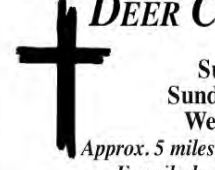
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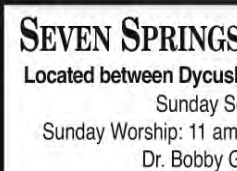


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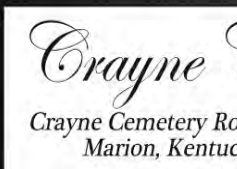
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Cloyd

Anna Lucille Cloyd, 96, of Marion died Thursday, July 30, 2015, at Crittenden Hospital.

She was a member of Central Baptist Church in Marion.

Surviving are a brother, Gilbert Cloyd of Marion; three nieces, Sue (Chris) Spurlin of Hopkinsville, Emily (Joe) Newlin of Lafayette, Ind., Roxanna (Butch) Carmen of Athens, Tenn.; and three nephews, Jerry (Kim) Cloyd of Hopkinsville, Tom Hendricks of Cloverdale, Ind., and Bruce Cloyd of Savannah, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Bela and Connie Ford Cloyd; a sister, Christine Cloyd Hendricks; a brother, Charles E. Cloyd; and two nephews.

Funeral services were Saturday, Aug. 1 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

McNeely

Troy Estill McNeely, 84, of Marion died Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

Surviving are four children, Troy W. McNeely, Rose Gilland, Wayne McNeely and Charles R. McNeely; two stepchildren, Wilbur Sisco and Joann Warner; a brother, H.C. McNeely; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

McNeely was preceded in death by a brother, two sisters and his parents, Lester and Narly Vincent McNeely.

There were no services.

Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem were in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

Norman

Wesley V. Norman Jr., 84, of Kodak, Tenn., formerly of Livingston County, died Thursday, July 30, 2015, at his home.

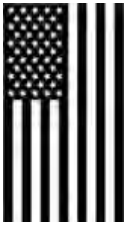
He was a member of the Army's 6th Armored Division and served 21 months in the Korean War. He was retired from Inland Steel in East Chicago, Ill., after more than 31 years of service. He was a 50-year Masonic Lodge member, belonging to Kodak Lodge 588. He was a member of Kodak United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Wilma Johnson Norman; a daughter, Teresa (Jim) McFadden; a son, Craig (Dianne) Norman; a sister, Dorothy Smiley; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two nephews; and three nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wesley V. Norman Sr.; his mother, Alice George Norman; and a brother, T.W. Norman.

Funeral services were in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Rev. James Keeling officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Kodak United Methodist Church Building Fund, 2923 Bryan Road, Kodak, TN 37764.



Ladd

Bobby Ladd, 36, of Princeton died at 12:20 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015 in Crittenden County as a result of a motorcycle crash on U.S. 641 South.

He was a member of Beulah Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Amanda Hall Ladd of Princeton; children, Tristan Ladd and Gabriella Ladd, both of Princeton; a brother, Terry Ladd of Princeton; parents, Ronnie and Vanessa Ladd of Princeton; and maternal grandmother, Judith Dixon Cartwright of Princeton.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Sid Cartwright; and paternal grandparents, Emil Ladd and Cora Lee McNeeley Ladd.

The funeral was at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Jerry Easley officiating. Burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

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Obituaries that appear in the paper are also accessible on the Web for free at The Press Online.

Attorney General warns residents on scam involving fake IRS calls

Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway is warning Kentuckians to protect themselves from fraud and be vigilant of phone scams claiming to be associated with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Recently, Attorney General Conway's Office of Consumer Protection has received calls from consumers who report that they have been contacted by scammers identifying themselves as IRS representatives or "officers."

The scammers are reportedly telling victims they owe money to the IRS. The scammers are also leaving voice messages stating that the victim must take care of a

"time-sensitive matter" and return the call, or the IRS will take legal action against the victim.

"If you receive a call from someone claiming to be a representative from the IRS who is threatening to take legal action against you, that is a strong indicator that it's not really the IRS," Conway said. "Additionally, when the IRS first contacts a taxpayer, they do so via postal mail, not by phone."

Oftentimes, scammers participating in this type of scheme use common names and fake IRS badge numbers. They may also demand payment via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer; however, the IRS doesn't ask for

either of these payment methods, nor will they ask for credit card numbers. Consumers are also encouraged to be vigilant of fake emails that look like legitimate IRS correspondence.

Additionally, Conway and his Officer of Consumer Protection recommend the following tips for consumers:

- Don't provide any account or other personal information. Hang up the phone.
- Never wire money to a person you don't know. Once you wire money, particularly to a destination out of state or out of county, it is very difficult or impossible to recover the funds.
- If you owe - or think you

owe - federal taxes, call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you with your payment questions.

- Forward emails from the IRS to phishing@irs.gov.
- Report IRS impersonator calls to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at www.tigta.gov or by calling 800-366-4484.

Victims and consumers wishing to report phone scams can contact the Office of Consumer Protection at 888-432-9257 or visit ag.ky.gov. Consumers can also report scams to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at 877-382-4357 or ftc.gov/complaint.

Mentor-Youth dove hunting on area fields

Registration for mentor-youth dove hunts sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will begin Monday. These hunts include specially set-aside fields for adults wishing to take up to two youths (ages 15 and younger) dove hunting. The number of hunters in each field is limited, with spaces reserved by calling KDFWR to register. Slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hunts will occur on Saturday, Sept. 5. Deadline to register is Aug. 21.

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Parrent offers nutrition tips to stretch budget

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Across Crittenden County, families are enjoying fresh fruits and vegetables at the dinner table from their home gardens. Many are also preserving their summer harvest for wintertime, when canned fruits and vegetables can add both color and flavor to meals long after the growing season has ended.

During a recent three-day food preservation workshop held at Marion United Methodist Church, participants learned the importance of food safety from a team of experienced home food preservationists. Sue Parrent, Crittenden County's program assistant for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) from the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, served as one of the workshop instructors.

The goal of the program is to allow participants to gain both confidence and experience needed to safely preserve food in their kitchens. Techniques in food dehydration were also explored during the hands-on program.

Those attending learned the proper techniques in canning green beans, drying apple slices and properly preserving homemade salsa, jams and jellies.



Sue Parrent, program assistant for Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program from the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service, served as one of the instructors during a three-day food preservation workshop held last week at Marion United Methodist Church. The program provided hands-on learning opportunities for its participants, such as learning to wash, snap and properly can green beans and other vegetables.

Parrent said it's easy to use modern-day pressure cookers for canning. But those who aren't familiar with their use are encouraged to stop by the Extension Service to receive assistance.

The Extension Service has both canners and dehydrators that individuals can take home for a specified period. Parrent cautioned it's extremely important to follow the directions listed for any pressure cooker. Tips such as making sure the rubber gasket around the lid is pliable and ensuring the top air vent is free from debris can help ensure a safe can-

ning experience. Individuals can bring their pressure cookers to the Extension Service if they have any questions regarding safety.

When canning, Parrent said it's also important to follow directions based on proven and tested recipes.

"People will say, 'My mother canned this way all

of her life' or 'My grandmother did it this way.' We say to follow the directions and use the recipes that have been approved for what you're cooking," Parrent said. "You can possibly take grandma's recipe and there might be a recipe we have for canning that will closely follow that and you can use our recipe which has been tested for safety."

Crittenden County's Extension Service has many publications available to the public regarding canning and food preservation.

Parrent said canning fruits and vegetables now can cut down on the grocery bill. Plus, there's the added advantage of knowing what's inside the preserved food.

As the EFNEP program assistant for Crittenden County, Parrent works with families who have children 18 and under in the home and teaches them the importance of getting the most out of their food budget. She can also offer simple recipes that are both nutritious and easy to make that even children can use with very little supervision.

She stressed it's important to eat healthy even if you are on a budget. Parrent can offer suggestions on proper nutrition for meals. Individuals can con-

tact her at the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236 and an appointment can be arranged to meet at her office. As an incentive, individuals receive a gift to take home with them that can be used while cooking.

"My goal is to make sure there's something from UK pertaining to food and nutrition in every home in our county," she said. "I'm here to serve the people of our county, help them stretch their food dollars and help them (learn) to make nutritious food for their families."

Individuals in need of Community Christmas class credit may also contact Parrent for information about educational classes.

Attending three, one-hour nutrition classes with Parrent will fulfill the Community Christmas class obligation to participate in the charity in December. Contact Parrent at the Extension Service for more information.

"It's hard to budget your money. Everybody needs to learn how to stretch their food dollar. I'm here to help them do that," Parrent said.



Parrent



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Benefit draws big crowd

A bright and sunny day provided an ideal backdrop for a golf scramble and bone marrow donor drive held Saturday at Deer Lakes Golf Course in support of Salem youth Mason Fuller, who also made it out to the course. The son of Tolu native Brad Fuller and his wife Jenny, Mason has been diagnosed with nuclear factor kappaB essential modulator (NEMO) deficiency syndrome, an immune disorder. Because of the immunodeficiency, Mason wore a face mask for protection. Doctors are seeking a 100 percent donor match for a bone marrow transplant. The event received a large turnout as residents from both Crittenden and Livingston counties came out in support of the Fuller family. Above, Mason takes the inaugural swing to begin the event as his mother and father look on.

KFB: Grocery prices are down; beef is at all-time high

STAFF REPORT

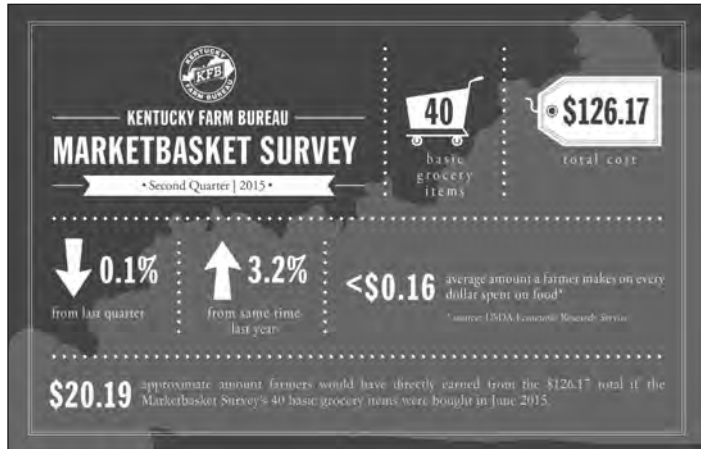
For the second quarter in a row, the average price of retail food items across the Commonwealth has decreased – even if just by a few pennies. The cost of beef, however, is at an all-time high.

According to Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) Federation's latest Marketbasket Survey taken in June of this year, the average total cost of 40 basic grocery items was \$126.17, or 5 cents lower than what was reported in the previous quarter.

This slight price decrease now places KFB's Marketbasket Survey total \$3.03 lower than where it ended in 2014, but it is still \$3.88 higher than the total reported in the second quarter of last year.

Food price averages at the national level, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics' most recent Consumer Price Index (CPI) data, reflected an overall increase of 0.4 percent in June. This was the largest single-month increase in the CPI report since September 2014, partly due to a sharp increase in the cost of eggs. The CPI data shows that national prices for food-at-home have increased by an overall total of 1 percent during the past 12 months.

So far, the USDA Economic Research Service's prediction that food prices



would level out during 2015 has proven on target in Kentucky. Overall, annual food-at-home cost increases were forecast to keep pace with, or end up slightly below, average food price inflation.

In the second quarter Marketbasket Survey, the overall trend of decreasing prices was led evenly by dairy products, grains, fruits and vegetables.

Review of categorical pricing revealed that dairy experienced the greatest total price drop at 73 cents.

Beef, on the other hand, reached a new all-time high in the survey's history (\$38.02 for five beef items) after setting a new high last quarter. The average cost for a pound of ground beef in June was \$3.92. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistic, the price for a pound of ground beef first topped \$4 in August of last year. The last time it was under \$2 was in July 2003

when the average was \$1.88. Kentuckians and all Americans still continue to enjoy some of the lowest food prices in the world. Shoppers in the U.S. spend only about 10 percent of their disposable income on food each year. Those costs remain far lower than any other country in the world thanks to many of the agricultural efficiencies utilized in America. Today the average U.S. farmer produces enough food and fiber to provide for about 154 people, a significant jump from an average of 19 people per farmer back in 1940.

Yet while more food is now being produced on less land, the farmer's share of the retail food dollar in America is down. According to the USDA's Food Dollar Series, a farmer earns less than 16 cents per dollar spent on food, down significantly from the 31 cents earned in 1980.

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 60 and older or \$5 for those under 60. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information.

Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Menu is baked spaghetti, peas and carrots, cucumber salad, wheat garlic bread, ambrosia and an oatmeal cookie.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is baked catfish, navy beans, beets, cole slaw, cornbread and peaches.
- Monday: Ladies Exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio

Fellowship Dinner
next Thursday at 5 p.m.

A \$5 donation is requested to take part in the meal and side dishes are requested. Entertainment will be provided.

begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is chicken strips, twice-baked potato, lima beans, whole wheat bread and pineapple slices.

- Tuesday: Craft Day begins at 10 a.m. Menu is pepper steak, rice, navy beans, green beans, whole wheat roll and tropical fruit cup.
- Wednesday: Game Day with Barb begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is pork chop, oven-browned potatoes and carrots, broccoli casserole, wheat roll and pineapple fluff.
- Next Thursday: Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Menu is beef lasagna, seasoned peas, cucumber salad, wheat garlic bread, an oatmeal cookie and Mandarin oranges.

Myers earns diploma from Murray State University

STAFF REPORT

Marion resident Emily Myers received her bachelor of science degree in communication disorders from Murray State University May 9.

Myers is the daughter of Mike and Missy Myers of Marion.

The university has an enrollment in excess of 11,000 students.

(Editor's note: Some colleges and universities, such as Murray State University, do not release dean's and president's lists to newspapers. This may also include graduation announcements and honors. If a student wants their information posted in a local paper, the student must request this information through their respective school.)



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First Dollar certificate presented

Members of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce presented a First Dollar certificate to Tanya Newcom, owner of Something to Talk About on South Main Street in Marion. Newcom, who opened her store earlier this summer, offers fresh and silk flower arrangements and antique pieces. She also has an inventory of Yeti coolers and tumblers for sale. Chamber members at the presentation include (from left) Elizabeth Floyd, Elliot West, Randa Berry, Robin Curnel, chamber president, Newcom, Holly White and Susan Alexander, executive director.

Yehling to speak on autism, new book Aug. 20

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

To be the best in any sport, athletes must compete at the highest level and often overcome a torrent of obstacles to reach maximum performance. In his latest book, former Crittenden County High School assistant track coach and southern California resident and author Bob Yehling captures the story of a world-class Maui surfer and his personal journey living with a form of autism. Yehling will speak at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 20 at the Crittenden County Public Library about his book and provide insight concerning those who deal with the disorder yet still manage to develop unique gifts and talents that often take them to great heights. In his new book, “Just Add Water,” Yehling tells

the story of Clay Marzo, considered to be one of the best surfers in the world. In 2007, the Maui resident was diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome, an autism spectrum disorder that is characterized by difficulties in social interaction and nonverbal communication. Individuals with Asperger’s syndrome typically function better than those with other forms of autism and can be extremely talented in a certain skill, yet have difficulty using facial expressions, gestures and understanding body language. The book also focuses on family dynamics and the difficulties and challenges that were faced as each member of Marzo’s family came to terms with his condition. It turned out riding the waves off Maui’s coastline was nothing compared

to dealing with the waves of uncertainty as Marzo, 26, spent much of his childhood being misdiagnosed by doctors and misunderstood by those around him. Before being properly diagnosed, he was thought to have suffered from other disorders, including OCD and ADHD. The uncertainty about his condition resulted, in part, to his parents’ divorce and having an estranged relationship with his brother. “I think he’s been completely misunderstood,” Yehling said about his impressions of Marzo. “People with Asperger’s cannot read facial expressions, so they are always trying to find out what the intent of the person speaking is.”



Yehling

Yehling said those afflicted with Asperger’s syndrome also are very blunt and don’t know how to tell a lie. Yet they are often perceived as rude, dismissive and aloof. Yehling found Marzo to be warm, engaging and very intelligent when in a comfortable environment. When Marzo didn’t feel comfortable he was silent. To gather information for the book, Yehling flew to Maui and met Marzo in his natural element. But developing a running dialogue wasn’t always easy. “I’ve been a journalist for almost 40 years and that was the toughest project in terms of getting my subject to open up and talk,” Yehling said. As time progressed he learned not to

push on those “quiet” days and allow Marzo to dictate the level of communication. Some days they would drive around Maui and Marzo would remain very quiet. Yehling said the next day he could be very talkative. Yehling believes part of the book’s appeal is drawn from the fact that there aren’t many world-class athletes who are autistic. He said those dealing with Asperger’s syndrome have the capability of being the best in the world at a unique gift or talent. But everything else in their world often gets pushed to the back burner. “These are remarkable people once you hone in on what their passions are,” Yehling said. “They are remarkable and very friendly.” “Just Add Water,” is available at online retail

sites, such as Amazon.com, brick and mortar book stores and at Wal-Mart. Yehling will sign copies during his visit at the public library in Marion. In addition to being an author, Yehling is also a book editor and teaches writing conferences across the country. He gets the opportunity to come back to Marion, which he considers his second hometown, about two or three times a year, after having lived in Crittenden County previously for almost five years. Speaking about his visit to Marion, Yehling said he is looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and providing insight and education on the spectrums of autism. He also plans to show a DVD of Marzo’s surfing talent at the book signing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Aug. 7
■ The annual Fredonia Valley Parade will be held at 6:30 p.m. This year’s grand marshals are Ted Feagan and Larry York. Churches, clubs and sports teams are encouraged to participate along with owners of antique cars, trucks vans, horses, mules and wagons. For more information on the event call (270) 625-6936.
Saturday, Aug. 8
■ The Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Public Library. The program will be scanning and preserving old photos presented by Steve Eskew.
■ Crittenden County High School Class of 1995 will celebrate its 20th reunion at Green Turtle Bay conference center. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. A meal is included in a payment of \$40 per person. Payments are accepted via check or PayPal to Josh Hamilton at (808) 375-7607 or joshav8r@gmail.com. If unable to pay in advance, payments will be accepted at the door.
Wednesday, Aug. 12
■ Extension Homemakers 67th Annual Meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m., at the Marion-Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center. The program will include Dawn Holloman speaking about her visit to China. The event is open to the public.
Saturday, Aug. 15
■ Members of the Livingston Central High School Class of 1966 are invited to attend the first planning meeting for the 50th reunion at 10 a.m., at the Livingston County Public Library meeting room. For more information contact Connie Head Watkins at (270) 898-7721.
Wednesday, Aug. 19
■ Livingston County Middle School’s SBDM Council will conduct its monthly meeting from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the school.
Friday, Aug. 21
■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit 217 in Burna will hold a rummage sale Aug. 21-22 at its headquarters in Burna.
■ Diabetes Support Group will meet from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Service. The program will be provided by Crissy Carter, Livingston Hospital Director of Community, Wellness and Nutritional Services. For more information call (270) 965-5236.
Tuesday, Sept. 1
■ Crittenden County Farm

Bureau’s annual meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., at the Marion-Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center. Make reservations before Aug. 12 at their office or call (270) 965-4624.
Saturday, Sept. 5
■ The CCHS Class of 1965 will hold its 50th class reunion at Fohs Hall beginning at 5 p.m. with a “meet and greet.” Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Everyone who attended CCHS from 1960-1965 is welcome to join the festivities after 7:30 p.m., to celebrate. Call (270) 965-5003 or (270) 965-3332 for more information or check Facebook.
Saturday, Sept. 12
■ National Guard Reunion will be held beginning at 10 a.m. at the Lions Club. For more information call Rich Nelson at (270) 704-5140 or Roger Lubben at (270) 625-0971. All past and present members are invited.
■ Crittenden County Class of 1960 will hold its reunion at the Marion Country Club. Social time is from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by the meal at 6 p.m. Contact Betty Little at (270) 704-5744. Contact Leroy Hodge at 819 Sturgis Rd. to make reservations. Cost is \$25 per person.
On-going events
■ Do you have extra vegetables you would like to share? Livingston County Helping Hands Food pantry will accept vegetables each Tuesday this summer from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call (270) 928-3383 for more information.
■ Salem Garden Club meets at 6:30 p.m., the second Thursday of each month at Salem City Hall. You do not have to be a member to attend. Call Janet Hughes at (270) 988-3835 to verify location during the summer months as the club meets at members’ homes.
■ Students can now register for summer and fall classes at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah. Call (855) GO-WKCTC or visit westkentucky.kctcs.edu for class offerings. Fall classes begin Aug. 17.

(Editor’s Note: Keep the community aware of area events. Send calendar items to pressnews@the-press.com.)



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Local bank branches out to Henderson

Farmers Bank & Trust Co. hosted a grand opening for its Henderson branch on July 24. The new full-service bank is located at 1555 S. Green St. and is the third branch opened by the 116-year-old local bank. Bank directors and staff pictured above with leaders of the Henderson community and members of Henderson County’s chamber of commerce, known as Kyndle, Assistant Vice President Rosanne Chandler; Director and Executive Vice President Chris Cook; Director Erick Dalton; Henderson branch Community President Terry Emrick; Vice President Andy Hunt; Henderson branch employee Lisa Fuller; Director and Vice President of Business Development Scott Audas; Henderson branch employee Gayle Anguish; Director, President and CEO Wade Berry; Vice President Paja Crider, Henderson branch employee Angie Jackson; Henderson branch Manager Brenda Crume; and Vice President Barrett Belt.

One more local college campus goes tobacco-free

STAFF REPORT
Three of the most popular institution of higher learning for Crittenden County graduates are now tobacco-free. West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah on Saturday became a tobacco-free institution. Madisonville Community College went tobacco-free in 2013 and Murray State University did so earlier this year. WKCTC began its tobacco-free plans last fall with the development of a committee that consisted of faculty, staff and students who conducted extensive research to create a com-

prehensive tobacco-free proposal for the campus. WKCTC faculty and staff voted to pass the proposal in October 2014. WKCTC President Barbara Veazey said the new policy is a positive step for the college. “It’s important for us to

set an example of how we can best live our lives healthy, professionally for the entire well-being of our community,” she said. When looking at Kentucky’s health numbers, Veazey said becoming tobacco-free is “absolutely the right thing to do for our

students.” WKCTC’s tobacco-free policy includes all forms of tobacco, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vaporizing devices, electronic cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products on any campus property.

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FOOTBALL

CCMS football schedule
Sept. 3 at Union County
Sept. 10 WEBSTER COUNTY
Sept. 15 at South Hopkins
Sept. 19 at Trojan Bowl
Sept. 22 at James Madison
Sept. 29 BROWNING SPRINGS

Little league sign ups
Registration for Junior Pro Football for boys in grades 3-6 will be held during Sneak-a-Peek at Crittenden County Elementary School and at Open House at Crittenden County Middle School on Thursday. Cost is \$55. A discount is available for multiple children in same household. Practice will begin Tuesday. Players will need to have proof of a physical examination before being allowed to participate in full-contact practices. Many players will be able to get free physicals through their private insurance or at a reasonable rate from their family physician. If not, Dr. Johnny Newcom of Health Quest Wellness Center will be giving physicals starting at 4:30 p.m., at the park concession stand on Thursday, Aug. 13. Anyone with questions about Junior Pro Football may call Chris Evans (270) 704-0435.

Flag football Aug. 22
Registration and assessments for flag football will be from 8:30-10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22 at Rocket Stadium. This league is for grades K-2 and it there is no fee. Games will start the following Saturday. For more information, call Jeremy Wheeler at (859) 333-4095.

SOCCER

Fall league registration
Crittenden Youth Soccer Association is now registering boys and girls ages 3-14 for the fall soccer season. Forms may be picked up at Tru-Color Graphics on Sturgis Road in Marion. Completed forms may be mailed to CYSA, PO Box 584, Marion KY 42064. Registration will also be available at the Crittenden County Elementary School Sneak-a-Peek Thursday, and at Marion Dairy Queen from 9 a.m., until noon on Saturday, Aug. 15, which is the final day to register. Cost is \$40, which includes shirt and socks. Season starts on Aug. 24. For more information, call (270) 952-5798 or join our group on Facebook at CYSA.

BASEBALL

JHF Wiffle Ball Friday
The Jake Hodge Foundation Wiffle Ball Tournament at Little Busch Stadium in Princeton has been rescheduled for Friday through Sunday. The tournament was rained out a couple of weeks ago. It's the group's major fundraising event for the year and will include a number of players and teams from Marion.

GOLF

Foursome wins QB event
The golfing foursome of David Hedger, Tom Heaton, Larry Yates and Danny Ray Phelps won the annual Pippi Hardin Memorial Quarterback Club Golf Tournament by a single stroke last Wednesday with a 14-under-par 58. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Crittenden County High School football program.

4-Person this weekend
The annual 4-Person Golf Tournament will be held this weekend at The Heritage at Marion Country Club. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Cost is \$320 per team. Call (270) 704-5015 to register.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons	
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round
Bullfrog	May 15 - Oct. 31
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Rail / Gallinule	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9
Canada Goose	Sept. 1-15
Archery Deer	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Archery Turkey	Sept. 5 - Jan. 18
Wilson Snipe	Sept. 16 - Oct. 25
Wood Duck, Teal	Sept. 19-23
Teal Only	Sept. 24-27
Crossbow Deer	Oct. 1 - Oct. 18
Crossbow Turkey	Oct. 1 - Oct. 18
Youth Deer	Oct. 10 - 11
Muzzleloader	Oct. 17 - 18
Shotgun Turkey	Oct. 24 - Oct. 30
Gun Deer	Nov. 14 - Nov. 29
Crossbow Deer	Nov. 14 - Dec. 31
Crossbow Turkey	Nov. 14 - Dec. 31
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 16 - Feb. 10
Dove	Nov. 26 - Dec. 6
Wilson Snipe	Nov. 26 - Jan. 31
Shotgun Turkey	Dec. 5 - Dec. 11
Muzzleloader	Dec. 12 - Dec. 20
Dove	Dec. 19 - Jan. 10
Youth Deer	Dec. 26 - 27



Lady Rocket second-year volleyball coach Cara Merrick directs practice at Rocket Arena and (at right) Rocket golfer Will Tolley takes a few practice swings while teammates Sammy Greenwell and Logan Belt pause to observe.

Prep sports programs gear up for fall seasons

Crittenden County’s football, soccer, golf and volleyball teams are all working out on regular schedules on campus, preparing for their respective seasons. All will be in full swing by the time school starts next week.
Golf has already started its fall campaign with a couple of invitational appearances and others scheduled over the coming days (see results this page).
Volleyball and soccer are participating this week in scrimmage games and football will host its only pre-season scrimmage Friday, Aug. 14 at Rocket Stadium.
The Crittenden Press will be featuring each program in upcoming issues, complete with schedules, photographs and team rosters. The annual Football Special Section will be published on Aug. 20.



Former Rockets ready for collegiate baseball

STAFF REPORT
Former Rocket baseball player Adam Driver pitched in all three of his American Legion team’s games last week in the state tournament at Paducah’s Brooks Stadium.
Driver, who has signed to play baseball at Campbellsville, took the loss in Eddyville Post 68’s elimination game last Wednesday despite pitching seven quality innings.
The legion team was 1-2 in the state tournament, and Driver was disappointed with the outcome after his club finished the regular season at 14-2.
“We were the best team in the tournament,” Driver said.
Games last week were played in stifling heat, which may have taken a toll on the Post 68 players, Driver suggested.
Post 68 beat Campbellsville then lost to defending state champion Shelbyville before being knocked out of the tournament on a ninth-inning, walk-off single against Richmond.
Driver struck out seven and allowed three runs, one earned, in relief against Richmond. He



Driver

appeared as a reliever in all three state tournament games, working 10 innings.
Driver also played right field at times this season for Post 68.
The collegiate pre-season begins in less than three weeks for Driver, and his Campbellsville University team will open play Labor Day weekend at St. Catherine’s.
Brenden Phillips
After redshirting at Owensboro’s Brescia University last year, former Rocket Brenden Phillips says he’s gotten better behind the plate, and had hoped to challenge for a backup role on the varsity team this fall. However, Brescia is making a coaching change and Phillips isn’t sure what to expect.
“We don’t know yet who our new coach is going to be,” he said.
Phillips spent the offseason playing in a collegiate summer league in Mississippi. He said it was a great experience.
“I got better. A lot of the guys I played with were from Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Alabama so I learned a lot,” he said.



Phillips

Phillips, who will have four years of college eligibility remaining, may also see some time as a designated hitter this year. The Bearcats return a senior catcher.
Travis Gilbert
A heavily populated pitching staff at Capital University has prompted former Rocket Travis Gilbert to switch positions. This summer, he has been refreshing himself on catching techniques and plans to challenge for playing time behind the plate at the Columbus, Ohio school.
Gilbert, who holds several Crittenden County High School pitching records, was recruited as a hurler, but with 20 other athletes on the staff, he’s decided to make a move.
“Not that I didn’t think I could have challenged for a spot pitching, I just figured this was my best option to get a lot more innings,” said Gilbert, who caught playing summer ball in his younger days and last year for the Indiana Spikes showcase team. Gilbert pitched in junior varsity games last season at Capital and got one inning of varsity work.



Gilbert

Smithland park named for Ringstaff

STAFF REPORT
Livingston County recognized a long-time public servant and athletics supporter last Thursday when a new sign was unveiled, naming the Smithland ballpark on U.S. 60 near the Cumberland River for the late Roy Ringstaff.
The park, home to baseball and softball in Livingston County, was dedicated during a ceremony attended by Ringstaff’s family, park supporters and public officials.
Ringstaff served as a county magis-

trate from the Burna area for 17 years. He died in May 2005 at the age of 69.
“Roy was always at the ball field. He never missed a game,” said Magistrate Terry Stringer. “He was always dedicated to the youth of our county.”
The ballpark was built several years ago and much of the credit for getting it done went to the late Ralph Smith, a former sheriff and judge-executive. The sign erected last week also recognizes Smith’s contributions.



Ringstaff

At right are Ricky and Scott Ringstaff, sons of the late Roy Ringstaff, at last week’s ceremony.



MARION SWIM TEAM MEET RESULTS

Marion Swim Team claimed first place in a home meet against Central City and Madisonville in July. Results are as follows:
MEDLEY RELAY
8u girls - 1st, Aubrey Hollis, Ali Hollis, Anna White, Allie Brantley; 2nd Aubry Grau, Georgia Holeman, Gracie Orr, Rianna Maness.
10u girls - 1st, Payton Maness, Addie Hatfield, Anna White, Carly Towery; 2nd, Braelyn Merrill, Aubrey Hollis, Allison White, Hannah Long.
10u boys - 1st, Jaxon Hatfield, Holden Cooksey, Evan McDowell, Jeremiah Brantley
12u girls - 2nd, Carly Towery, Addie Hatfield, Payton Maness, Ryleigh Tabor.
12u boys - 1st, Dylan Yates, Xander Tabor, Kollin Graham, Chase Stevens; 2nd, Zander Morrison, Holden Cooksey, Aaron White, Jasper Morrison.
14u girls - 2nd, Hannah Long, Shelby Cooper, Ryleigh Tabor, Rheavynn Tabor.
14u boys - 1st, Briley Brown, Sawyer Towery, Xander Tabor, Jordan Urbanowski.
Open girls - 1st, Anna Schnittker, Kaylee Graham, Patti Merrill, Sarah Hodge.
Open boys - 1st, Travis McKinney, Clay Stevens, Sawyer Towery, Neal Bryant.
FREESTYLE
6u girls - Allison White, 1st; Braelyn Merrill, 2nd; Morgan Stewart, 3rd.
6u boys - Noah Byford, 2nd; Eden Bryant, 3rd.
8u girls heat 1 - Anna White, 1st, Aubrey Hollis; 2nd, Allie Bryant, 3rd; Rianna Maness, 6th; heat 2 - Georgia Holeman, 1st; Ali Hollis, 2nd.
8u boys - Gaike Markham, 5th; Rien Tabor, 6th.
10u girls heat 1 - Carly Towery, 1st; Addie

Hatfield 3rd; heat 2 - Payton Maness, 1st; Hannah Long, 2nd.
10u boys - Holden Cooksey, 3rd; Jaxon Hatfield, 4th; Jeremiah Brantley, 6th.
12u girls - Addie Hatfield, 2nd; Ryleigh Tabor, 3rd.
12u boys heat 1 - Chase Stevens, 2nd, Xander Tabor, 3rd; Dylan Yates, 4th; Kollin Graham, 5th.
14u girls - Shelby Cooper, 1st.
14u boys - Sawyer Towery, 1st; Jordan Urbanowski, 2nd; Aaron White, 3rd.
Open girls - Kaylee Graham, 2nd; Anna Schnittker, 3rd; Kim Rieke, 5th; Sarah Hodge, 6th.
Open boys - Clay Stevens, 1st; Travis McKinney, 2nd; Neal Bryant, 3rd; Briley Brown, 4th.
BACKSTROKE
6u girls - Braelyn Merrill, 1st; Allison White, 2nd; Morgan Stewart, 3rd.
6u boys - Noah Byford, 1st; Eden Bryant, 3rd.
8u girls - Anna White, 1st; Aubrey Hollis, 2nd; Aubry Grau, 4th; Ali Hollis, 5th; Rianna Maness, 6th.
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Bid Notice

Notice of Request for Sealed Bids: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is currently accepting sealed bids for the replacement of a bridge on White Road (CR-1048) in northeastern Crittenden County. This bridge spans Caney Fork located .546 miles north of Fishtrap Rd. The size of the bridge deck shall be 20' x 30'. The new structure shall be constructed of ASTM A588 weathering steel with open grid deck or reinforced concrete beams. The structure must include guardrail approved by the Kentucky Department of Transportation and must meet any other Kentucky Department of Transportation guidelines and requirements. The bridge must be AASHTO approved. The bridge must be adequate to carry HS 20-44 loading. The bridge must meet all Kentucky load and engineering requirements. The bridge must maintain the existing clearance to ensure current water flow. The successful bidder must present a Kentucky Engineer stamped set of plans to the Crittenden County Fiscal Court after the bid has been awarded. The bidder must also provide proof of current liability insurance and worker comp to be included with the bid submission. The Crittenden County Fiscal Court will procure any necessary permits

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prior to the installation of the bridge. The Crittenden County Road Department will be responsible to haul away the old bridge that is to be removed by the contractor. The Crittenden County Road Department will also be responsible for backfilling the approaches for both ends of the new bridge to grade upon completion of installation. Completion of this project shall be a minimum of 60 days after all permits are acquired and a contract is signed and agreed upon by both the Crittenden County Fiscal Court and the successful bidder. If you have any question or would like to inspect the site location please contact the Judge-Executive's office at (270) 965-5251. Sealed Bids must be submitted to the Crittenden County Fiscal Court at 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208, Marion Ky. 42064 before 8:30 a.m. on August 17, 2015. Please mark all envelopes as White Road Bridge Bid. Bids received will be opened at the regular Fiscal Court meeting on August 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. The Crittenden County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. (1t-06-c)

Bid Notice

Invitation to bid: Receipt of proposals: The City of Marion will receive sealed bids for the Leland Avenue-Leland Court Resurfacing Project until 2 p.m. local time on Friday, August 21, 2015 at Marion City Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Ky., 42064, at which time all bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Project: The City of Marion, Kentucky, is seeking bids to perform the following work: Provide 1 ½ inch thick asphalt concrete paving for Leland Avenue and Leland Court, which are located off Moore Street in Marion. The streets combined are twenty-three feet (23') wide and approximately one thousand seven hundred fifty feet (1,750') long. The paving materials needed will be a tack coat of emulsified asphalt and surface coat of asphalt cement (AASHTO M226 and as required by local authorities). The work to be executed will consist of (a) apply tack coat to existing streets; (b) place asphalt concrete at minimum temperature of 225 degrees Fahrenheit in strips not less than ten (10) feet wide overlapping previous strips; (c) test in-place asphalt work for thickness and smoothness; (d) remove and replace defective work and patch to eliminate evidence of patching; and (e) provide a minimum thickness of 1 1/2 – inches on the surface course, with a smoothness of +/- 1/8 inch in 10 feet (no ponding of water is acceptable). Owner's rights reserved: The City, as owner, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or waive any informalities in the bidding process. The City, upon making a determination to award, shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. No bid shall be withdrawn up to sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the City. Submitting bids: All bids must be sealed in an envelope, with "Leland Avenue-Leland Court Bid" written on said envelope. Bids must be addressed or delivered to the Office of the City Administrator, Marion City

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Legal Notice
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 11-CI-00130
TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING, LLC
PLAINTIFF vs.
JEFFERAY A. ASBRIDGE, ET AL
DEFENDANT
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the July 9, 2015, I will on Friday, August 21, 2015, beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 421 South Walker Street, Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky

TWO CERTAIN Tracts or parcels of land with the improvement in and near the corporate limits of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, and bounded as follows:

FIRST TRACT: BEGINNING at a stake or stone on the West side of South Walker street in the Old G.W. Perry's (now George A. Scott) line; thence south with West line of said Street 8 feet to a stake or stone, an agreed corner to George A. Scott; thence in a Westerly direction 100 feet to a stake or stone corner to W.D. Hayes lot; thence North course 8 feet to a second parties line; thence East course with said second parties line, 100 feet to the point of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: BEGINNING at a stake or stone ten feet south of the South west corner of the lot conveyed by Sam Gugenheim and wife to Nannie Miller, and being the North west corner of the lot hereby conveyed; thence south 60 feet to a stake or stone; thence East 107 ½ feet to a stake or stone in the line of street; thence north with west line of said street 60 feet to a stake or stone ten feet south of the southeast corner of lot belonging to Sam Gugenheim; thence West 107 ½ feet to a stake or stone, the place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Vickie Asbridge and Jefferay A. Asbridge by deed dated March 4, 2000, of record in Deed Book 185, page 599, in the Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

Vickie Asbridge died on August 23, 2001, and title to the above described property passed to Jefferay Asbridge, in accordance with the survivorship clause in said Deed.

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

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE

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This the 23rd day of July, 2015.

Robert B. Frazer
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
(3t-08-c)

Legal Notice
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CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-CI-00088
EVERBANK
PLAINTIFF VS.
BLAIR WINDERS
DEFENDANT
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the June 11, 2015, I will on Friday, August 21, 2015, beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 1000 State Route 120, Marion, Kentucky 42064

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Blind man making way across country on bike

By **BECCA SCHIMMEL**
STAFF WRITER

From the west coast in Oregon all the way to the east coast in Virginia, Thomas Hyatt and Joe Shearer are riding their tandem bike on the TransAmerica Bicycle Trail.

The 4,134-mile ride has been done before, but probably never with a completely blind co-pilot. The two made a stop in Marion Friday along with their support driver, Joe's wife Susan Shearer. The three visited Marion United Methodist Church, a certified haven for cyclists along the trail that offers showers, kitchen facilities, free Wi-Fi and a place to rest.

Hyatt has been blind for 27 years. His blindness was caused by retinitis pigmentosa (RP), which is a gradual degeneration of the retina. Now, his "Blind Ride" is about raising awareness for the visually- and physically-impaired.

According to Joe Shearer and Hyatt, macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness in the nation, and it generally affects people 45 or older. That includes the entire post-World War II Baby Boomer generation.

"By 2020, our senior citizen population is said to be our biggest population," Shearer said.



PHOTO BY BECCA SCHIMMEL, THE PRESS
Thomas Hyatt (right) and Joe Shearer (left) are riding a tandem bicycle across America this summer. What makes their journey so unique is that Hyatt is blind. Shearer's wife, pictured above, follows behind the men in a vehicle. The trio made a pit stop in Marion late last week. A sign (inset) on the back of the men's bike playfully indicates Hyatt's handicap.

They are hoping to draw attention and raise awareness to a forthcoming problem in the senior population. The men said there are a lot of programs for children with vision loss, but not many for adults.

"They're doing some incredible research for that now – stem cell research and different research," said Shearer.

"They're actually at the human clinical stage where they're able to regenerate retinal cells. They do research for macular degeneration as well as other diseases like Usher syndrome."

Hyatt explained that Usher syndrome is a side effect of RP, and it affects hearing.

Hyatt and Shearer began their ride on May 11 and are

planning to be in Virginia by next Wednesday. Along the way, Shearer said they have met someone in every town who knows someone who is visually impaired, and a lot of them are unaware of the resources available. He said the real impact that they have been able to make has been through informal one-on-one contact with the people who are interested and want to know more about what it's like to be blind and what's available to help those who have no sight.

"In Canyon City, Colo., I met this interesting man. His daughter was legally blind and said that she should be losing all of her eyesight within probably the next decade," Hyatt said. "She just celebrated her 21st birthday the week before we got there, and what her dad is doing is actually taking her anywhere she wants to go in the nation so she can see it before she loses her eyesight."

Hyatt went on to say that there are a lot of programs that assist the visually- and physically-impaired, and though there are equal opportunity employers, it can be hard to actually get a job. He said companies might let you apply and interview, but a lot of employers are scared to hire the blind.

"You see a lot of visually-impaired people (who) have been sort of sheltered and pampered by our government," Hyatt said. "Due to supplemental income and Social Security supplemental income, they fall into a trap. They get subsidized housing, food stamps, they get SSI, and they get all of this, whereas they don't get an opportunity to work."

He said there are not enough counselors to handle the number of people who need assistance finding a job and getting access to the resources they need. Hyatt urges employers not to be scared to hire the blind, suggesting positions they would be great at such as dispatch and telemarketing services.

One of the most difficult parts about Hyatt's ride across the country has been the loss of routine and independence. He said it was frustrating and a challenge having to rely on others more as he first began his ride. He credits Susan's patience and help in adjusting.

"When he's home in

Florida, his life is very organized; his house is organized," Shearer said. "People aren't coming in and changing it on a daily basis. But when you do what we're doing, every location and situation is different on a daily basis, and in spite of the fact that we have some routine with riding and setting up camp, all of that is in a different location."

Shearer said as a result of losing his independence, Hyatt has had to become comfortable with being dependent on others and relying on someone else. But the good side of that is getting used to and learning how to adapt and how to overcome challenges.

"Susan has been a blessing to me because there in the beginning, I was very agitated," Hyatt said.

Susan said it was a challenge for all of them, but a challenge that they have been able to overcome.

For more information or to contact Hyatt or Shearer and keep up to date with their ride, search for "Blind Ride" on Facebook.



City's tornado siren sounds 2 false alarms

STAFF REPORT

Twice since Monday, the early-warning emergency siren system in Marion has malfunctioned, causing some concern for city officials.

Marion residents were awakened to the emergency sirens going off at about 3:15 a.m. Monday morning and the alarm sounded again about 8:30 a.m., Tuesday.

Police Chief Ray O'Neal said this isn't first time the system has malfunctioned. It went off on its own a few weeks back, too.

The company that installed the alarm system will be notified, said Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant.

There are only two places where the alarm system can

be deployed – Marion Police Department and Marion Fire Department. It's deployed over a radio signal. The police chief suspects there could be a cellular phone or other communications device on a similar frequency that is setting off the alarm system by accident.

In order to prevent more false alarms, Bryant said the system will be further disabled by cutting off power to the alarm. If it's truly needed to alert citizens of an emergency, the electricity can be turned back on.

"It's concerning because if this keeps going off for no reason, people will not respond when there really is an emergency," O'Neal said.

BRIDGE

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rated a C-plus.

Kentucky's bridges are inspected every two years. A structurally deficient bridge does not necessarily mean it is unsafe.

MARKET

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markets redeemed \$16.6 million in SNAP benefits last year.

Plans for buying the lot started in March. The purchase price of the lot is not yet public record, as the sale has not been finalized. One stipulation of the sale, however, is that the development carry the name of Imogene Stout, the seller's late-mother.

Kentucky has 160 farmers' markets in 107 counties registered with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and approximately 2,700 participating vendors. Kentucky farmers' markets recorded more than \$12 million in sales in 2014.

Emily Shelby, chair of Marion Main Street Inc., said there are seven or eight

Also at Monday's fiscal court meeting, magistrates approved the three-year lease of a new Caterpillar backhoe for the road department. Payments will be \$1,434 per month, and the county will have an option to buy the backhoe at the end of the term.

The move will give the road department two backhoes. With a single backhoe, when the equipment goes down, the county is forced to rent, go without or even borrow, which it has done from the City of Marion. A backhoe is needed on a daily basis and is one of the most heavily used pieces

of equipment in the road department's arsenal, said Newcom.

The next fiscal court meeting will be moved from its regular third Thursday of the month to 8:30 a.m. Aug. 17 in order to avoid a conflict with the state's county attorney conference that week.

Delinquent county property tax bills will be sold Aug. 27

STAFF REPORT

A county real estate owner with a delinquent 2014 property tax bill has just three weeks to pay the levy and penalties 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 eventually force the sale of the property to satisfy the lien.



Byford

To avoid the potential sale of delinquent tax bills on real property, owners must make payment to the county clerk before the sale takes place. That sale is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 27 in Crittenden County Clerk Carolynn Byford's courthouse office.

If delinquent taxes are not paid before that time, Kentucky law allows any individual or company to purchase tax bills. 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.

Byford said she has seen a \$1,000 delinquent tax bill bal-

2015 city tax bills come due Nov. 1

STAFF REPORT

City tax bills for property owners inside the City of Marion are due by Nov. 1. Since that date falls on a Sunday, walk-ins will need to pay by Friday, Oct. 30 to avoid the 25 percent penalty, as city hall is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Property tax payments put in the city's drop box over that weekend will be honored at the early amount. Payments mailed must be postmarked by Saturday, Oct. 31, as post offices are not open on Sunday.

loon to \$2,000 to satisfy the lien held by the third-party purchaser.

Potential purchasers must register with Byford's office 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 several more days to do so.

"There have been several inquiries from individuals and other entities on when the sale is and how to register for the sale," Byford said.

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.



IMAGE PROVIDED

An artist's concept shows what the farmers' market in Marion may look like as early as next year following Marion Tourism Commission's agreement to purchase the lot on which it is located.

regular vendors at the local farmers' market. Most are from the Amish community, but anyone can set up on the lot for \$10 per day. It is generally open from about 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but the tim-

ing is up to vendors, she said.

"We've had a really great year this year and last year," Shelby said.

However, last year's popular peach vendor will not be

there this fall. Shelby said the Henderson man who set up shop on the lot last autumn lost about 85 percent of this year's crop to the brutal winter. He plans to be back next year, she added.



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