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Details influence 1st impressions of our city

A gentleman was in town recently looking at possible locations for expansion of his business. He was eyeballing Marion because he needed to be close to one of the factories here.

As I drove him around to the sites I knew were available, he became increasingly excited about being part of our little community. He called city hall “impressive” and commented on how surprised he was at the “hustle and bustle” of local traffic and business activity.

But do you know what seemed to register most with him about Marion? It was our Christmas decorations!

So often in economic development circles, our talk is centered around the importance of good roads and schools and labor forces – and there is little question that these things are indeed important. We forget, however, that business people also make decisions about a community for less obvious reasons.

For the gentleman in question, the town’s Christmas decorations drew him in. I’ve had other visitors to town comment on the quaintness of our shops, the variety and quality of our restaurants and the presence of facilities such as the airport, hospital and museum that are not always available in a city of our size.

Several years ago, I had to represent the city at a meeting of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, a group who was considering our request to borrow money for the Main Street waterline project. The members of the Authority’s loan review board peppered me with questions related to our water system’s finances.

This was a little nerve wracking to me. I knew that these folks already had complete sets of our audited financial statements, so I really hadn’t prepared myself for their inquiries.

Just as my discomfort level was peaking, one of the board members – a lady from a private water company in Lexington – said, “Well, I suppose we could keep asking Mark a bunch of questions, but I, for one, have been in Marion, and I can tell you, they must do things pretty good there. They have those old-timey looking street lights with the wide sidewalks ... It’s just a really neat small town.”

Then, another board member – a man from Bowling Green who worked for the Rural Water Association – said, “I agree. I ride my motorcycle through there every year to go to a bike rally in Illinois. Did you know their welcome center is open on Saturdays? I was really impressed by that.”

Our loan request was approved unanimously after that.

I’m not naive enough to think a guy who needs to expand his company is going to choose Marion because of a 20-foot community Christmas tree and a nativity scene or that the city’s loan request was approved because of our welcome center’s hours of operation, but I do believe it’s every bit as important to tend to the smaller details of our community as it is to the traditional economic development infrastructure.

The old Head & Shoulders shampoo commercial said it best: “You only get one chance to make a first impression.”

(Mark Bryant has been the City of Marion’s city administrator since 2006. His column appears periodically in this newspaper.)

Measure restoring felons’ voting rights clears House

Despite the fact that the audio system failed last Wednesday and the session was cut short, important activity did take place in the Kentucky General Assembly.

Senate Bill 4, the informed consent bill I discussed last week, was signed by the governor and is the first bill to become law this session. It requires an in-person or a video teleconference consult between a woman seeking an abortion and a health care provider at least 24 hours before the abortion procedure. Our state constitution specifies that new laws take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the General Assembly, and with this year’s session scheduled to adjourn on April 12, the law will take effect on July 11.

The Senate passed SB 7, which would prohibit U.S. Title X funds from being used to provide abortion services, and the bill was sent to the House. Through the use of procedural moves, we were able to get the first of three readings on the bill.

I am confident that if the Democrat leadership in the House is not able to keep the full House from voting, SB 7 will pass and the governor will sign it.

Getting past House Democrat leadership, however, is no easy task, but I will keep fighting.

SB 7 takes a different approach for prohibiting abortion services funding than the approach I take in my House Bill 61, but would lead to the same result, so I am pleased to support SB 7.

The House debated and passed HB 70, a proposal to amend the Kentucky Constitution so that most felons would be able to vote after the expiration of their sentence. Certain crimes – such as treason, bribery in an election, sexual contact with a minor and “the intentional killing of a human being not done under the influence of extreme emotional disturbance for which there exists a reasonable explanation or excuse” – are excluded, and persons convicted of those crimes would not have their voting rights restored.

All amendments to our constitution must be approved by state vote, so should this bill reach the governor’s desk and get his signature, a vote on the amendment would be held in November.

Before an amendment can be placed before voters, the proposed amendment must be approved by 60 percent of the membership of both chambers of the General Assembly. The bill passed by a vote of 82–9 in the House, so the 60 percent threshold was met there. The bill is now in the Senate for its consideration.

I did not feel that “extreme emotional disturbance” or “reasonable explanation or excuse” in the phrase “the intentional killing of a human being not done under the influence of extreme emotional disturbance for which there exists a reasonable explanation or excuse” was adequately defined, so I voted No on HB 70.

Our constitution requires the budget to start in the House, and that process began in earnest as budget subcommittees heard hours of testimony on executive branch agency funding needs. Those subcommittees will ultimately report to the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee where members will craft legislation for consideration by the full House and, eventually, the Senate.

The executive branch budget bill is the largest bill considered by the General Assembly, but other budget bills also await legislative approval. We must approve the budgets of the legislative and judicial branches of government, as well as the state Transportation Cabinet operations budget and the state road plan, which funds road projects throughout the state.

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

Senate bill would strengthen religious expression, viewpoints at public schools

Last week was a busy and eventful one in Frankfort, but amid all the meetings and legislative action, I introduced legislation that would facilitate organ donations in Kentucky. (See story on Page 11.)

Senate Bill 139 that I am sponsoring continues legislation started when I was part of passing the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks’ Trust for Life in 1992. This measure would put into policy the procedure for medical examiners and coroners to follow to expedite information on an individual who died outside a hospital that is a registered organ and tissue donor.

SB 139 would be known as Courtney’s Law for Courtney Clear, a 19-year-old Caldwell County teenager who died as a result of injuries from a car wreck. Courtney had registered as an organ and tissue donor through the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks’ Trust for Life. Because there was no procedure in place, no procurement organizations were notified.

The Senate honored a young man from Marion, Eagle Scout Carsen Easley, for his achievements by passing my Senate Resolution 98.

Easley, the son of Thomas and Sandra Easley, earned his Eagle rank in 2013, the highest distinction given by the Boy Scouts of America, and more recently earned all 138 merit badges, a rarity even for Eagle Scouts. This young man has exhibited some outstanding qualities.

As I have said before, I expect great things from this young man. Remember his name because you will hear it again.

The fifth week of the 2016 General Assembly was a time to reflect on the giants who have served before us in the Kentucky Senate while keeping a focus on the task at hand – being fiscal stewards of tax dollars while navigating the state through an ever-changing world.

The contemplation was prompted by the death of former state Sen. Georgia Davis Powers, who laid in state in the Capitol Rotunda last Thursday. What she was able to accomplish in her 92 years of life is a reminder that no matter how slow and deliberate the legislative process can seem, great ideas can – and will – triumph.

As we honored a great Kentuckian, we were also busy last week debating bills in committee and on the floor. Some of the bills advancing to the House of Representatives include:

- Pension reorganization legislation, given the designation of SB 2, was the result of the two years’ worth of work by the Public Pension Oversight Board. SB 2 would make state retirement systems’ transactions more transparent, hold the systems accountable when contracting out services and require that pension trustees have actual investment experience. SB 2 is another attempt to provide legislators insight into the systems so they can provide appropriate oversight.
- SB 107 would expand the focus of teacher academies beyond core content to include the “developing disciplines” of English, science, math, computer science and world languages and include computer science as a content area eligible for the Teachers Professional Growth Fund. It would require the Council on Education Technology to address network capacity, technology laboratories and computer science education readiness in its Five-Year Master Plan and authorize grants from the Science and Mathematics Advancement Fund to school districts to develop and implement computer language and applications programs. It also amends state law relating to alternative certification of teachers, to include computer science expertise in the subject areas that qualify for certification of an adjunct instructor.
- In response to the prohibition of scripture readings in a public school’s stage adaptation of “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” SB 15 would strengthen the expression of religious or political viewpoints in public schools and public postsecondary institutions.
- SB 103 would require someone’s prepaid and pre-planned funeral arrangements to be followed after their death. Under current law, there is nothing to prevent the next of kin to change those arrangements.
- SB 7 would curb the flow of non-Medicaid, state-administered tax dollars to Planned Parenthood clinics in Kentucky. SB 7 would establish a three-tiered system for the state to fund family planning services. The first funding priority would be public health departments. The second funding priority would be nonpublic clinics that provide comprehensive primary and preventive health services. The third funding priority – if any money remains – would be to Planned Parenthood.

The halls of the Capitol were packed last week with citizens from across the commonwealth advocating for legislation. I was pleased to meet with some of those groups and constituents from my district. Some of the activities that attracted people to Frankfort were the 874K Rally for Kentuckians who suffer from disabilities, Masons for the All Masons’ Day at the Capitol and students being recognized or assisting legislators. Many Kentuckians were also at the state Capitol to pay tribute to Sen. Powers.

This is just a quick snapshot of the work last week. There are many other issues being discussed in Frankfort, and I encourage you to join in those discussions. Our representative form of government was designed to give the people of Kentucky a voice. You have a big say in the laws affecting you.

Stay informed

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

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(866) 840-2835

Legislative Calendar Line
(800) 633-9650

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702 Capitol Ave.
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began in earnest as budget subcommittees heard hours of testimony on executive branch agency funding needs. Those subcommittees

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appeal of Marion is still alcohol-free,

To the editor

Alcohol abuse has become a major problem in this country as well as for the many individuals who are stuck in the pattern of abusing the liquid drug.

To drink alcohol in America has become the norm to the point that a non-drinker is often considered to be strange. Alcohol companies promote their liquor on TV commercials like it’s the greatest thing to do and that life will be awesome if you would consume their drinks.

But they conveniently leave out all the dangers and consequences associated with consuming alcohol, such as the drunk driving deaths, violent brawls, sexual promiscuity, rape, sexually-transmitted diseases, broken families, abused children, addiction, gateway to narcotics, tobacco addiction, confusion, depression, anxiety, laziness, health problems, family relationship problems and many, many more, according to Drug-Rehab-Center-Hotline.com/alcoholaddiction.html.

Let me encourage you to vote No on March 22,

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2016 BASKETBALL HOMECOMING

Crittenden County High School crowned its basketball homecoming king and queen Friday night during a ceremony before the girls' and boys' basketball teams swept a doubleheader from the Dawson Springs Panthers. Pictured is the entire homecoming court (from left) freshmen Kenlee Perryman and Sawyer Towery; juniors Landry McKinney and Char-

lie Johnson; 2015 queen Chelsea Oliver; newly-crowned Queen Lauren McKinney; King Dakota Watson; seniors Kristen Perryman and Dylan Hollis; seniors Madisyn Jones and Dylan Hicks; sophomores Madison O'Dell and Landon Brooks; (in front) flower girl Emory Orr and crown-bearer Cooper Rich.

CHS

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We looked at everything when we were cutting costs," McNeil said in an interview last week. "We were fighting it, and we were really doing all we could do."

What he means is that the belt tightening hurt, but it kept the hospital afloat long enough for the ship to be righted by the crew. McNeil's salary was included when hospital employees took a 5 percent across-the-board pay cut in the fall of 2013. Additionally, CHS eliminated matching employees' 401(k) contributions and limited its participation in employee health insurance premiums.

Now, about 24 months later, 4 percent of that pay cut has been reinstated and a return to at least some of the other benefits is being explored.

In a volatile environment where small and mid-sized hospitals are closing with regularity, McNeil points to Crittenden Health Systems' quality of care for keeping it viable and competitive.

"Our employees provide very, very high-quality care, and they take pride in that. They treat people right," he said.

The hospital's signature has been its ability to offer professional care close to home.

Robin Curnel, the chief nursing officer, says the hospital's infection rate is so low, it's not even measurable. She said the staff works hard to make sure patients get better quickly, receive proper rehabilitation and don't come back for the same problem twice.

In the past year, the hospital has hired a seasoned

chief financial officer, Jim Bishop, who has renegotiated nearly every materials and service contract and audited other expenses from insurance to software maintenance agreements.

CHS at a Glance

By the Numbers

Accute care beds.....	38
Adjusted Patient Days annually.....	20,000
Operating room cases per month.....	100-120
Full- and part-time jobs.....	213
Annual payroll.....	\$7 million

Annual Revenue/Expenses

Gross Revenue.....	\$40 million
Expenses.....	\$14 million
Net Revenue.....	\$16 million

Cash Position

10 years ago.....	\$8 million
Fiscal Year 2014.....	\$1 million
Fiscal Year 2015.....	\$1.65 million
Today.....	\$2.1 million

Compensation Restoration

4Q/2013.....	5% across-the-board pay cut
10 years ago.....	Elimination of 401(k) match
	Limited health insurance package*
1Q/2016.....	4% across-the-board pay reinstatement
	Considering reinstating of 401(k) match
	Exploring health insurance options

*Defined contribution insurance

"Things are a little better now," said Hunt, who has been chairman of the hospital board for three years, through some of the toughest times in history. "We have some money in the bank, and we're talking about doing some new things that absolutely, positively need to be done."

One of those things is spending about \$1 million to renovate the radiology and fluoroscopy department. In the budget this year is a plan to buy seven new hospital beds at a cost of about \$7,000 each. There's money to improve computer hardware and software for nurses and maybe even some cosmetic improvements like new landscaping.

It's the dawn of a new day, but these same hospital officials are quick to point out troubling waters that lie ahead. Gray skies can form at a moment's notice in the current health care climate, and the CEO says hospital managers and directors will be closely scrutinizing every expense and working every revenue angle to keep things moving.

"We appreciate what the employees have been through. They have done a lot, and I am proud of what they have been able to do, but things could change quickly," McNeil said.

McNeil said the board of directors leaves nothing to chance. He said the board has worked tirelessly to explore facts and figures without any guesswork. Over the past couple of years, hospital leaders have entered into contracts with Air Evac Lifeteam to operate an air ambulance service on its campus and with Baptist

Health, which will soon start operating the ambulance service.

The recently renovated operating room, once a financial burden because of construction problems that plagued the project for more than two years, is now paying dividends. It is doing twice the procedures it did a couple of years back. Curnel said that is because many people are choosing to have their surgery close to home rather than in a larger city. She attributes that largely to the four qualified surgeons who now use the facility.

"The future looks reasonably stable," Hunt said.

And that's a miraculous recovery from where the hospital was not too long ago.



PHOTO BY SAMANTHA STEVENSON, CAMPBELLVILLE UNIVERSITY

Two locals in Campbellsville pageant

Campbellsville University's Valentine's Queen pageant will feature two Crittenden County graduates. Candidates include (front row, from left) Chelsey Robinson of Taylorsville; Beth Webb of Staffordsville; Amber Wright, a sophomore from Marion representing WLCU TV/FM; Madison Daulton of Somerset; Brooke Pedigo of Glasgow; (back) Tiffany Yount of Campbellsville; Kendall Riddle of Louisville; Breaune Ward of Marysville, Ind.; Jessica Tinsley, senior from Marion representing Sigma Delta Pi; and Bailey Foxworth of Nicholasville. The contest will be Friday evening at Ransdell Chapel.

Tax season in Ky. brings refunds, scams

STAFF REPORT

It's tax season, and that means scams are running rampant as Kentuckians prepare their returns.

According to Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, many local residents have reported calls from people claiming to be with the IRS and pressing individuals for information, even threatening action by the federal agency. Area residents are warned to protect themselves and be vig-

ilant of such phone scams

However, someone claiming to be a representative from the IRS who is threatening to take legal action is a strong indicator that it's not really the IRS. In fact, when the IRS first contacts a taxpayer, they do so via postal mail, not by phone.

It is important to provide no information of any type to such callers.

Meantime, because of enhanced security features and fraud analysis tools, the Ken-

tucky Department of Revenue is estimating that refunds in the state may take a bit longer to process this year – up to 21 days for electronic filers if their return is error free.

According to the department, filing electronically is still safe and the quickest way for taxpayers to get their refund – and the only way to have their refund direct deposited. Refund requests from taxpayers who file paper forms could take six to eight weeks.



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Renewing farm tags helps 4-H

By LESLEA BARNES
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENT

4-H has an opportunity to raise funds for Crittenden County and statewide 4-H programs through the Kentucky Ag Tag Donation program.

Since 2012, Kentucky farmers have had the option to make a \$10 voluntary donation when they purchase or renew their license plate. As an individual that makes the voluntary donation for your farm vehicle, you help 4-H grow strong leaders for tomorrow, advance agricultural education in Kentucky and promote Kentucky farm products.

Commissioner of Agriculture, Ryan Quarles will again equally divide the amount raised among 4-H, FFA and Kentucky Proud.

Farmers can make the donation of \$10 when renewing

their farm license plates at the county clerk's office in March. With more than 184,000 farm plates bought or renewed each year in Kentucky, the commissioner's action can generate significant funds to support these three outstanding programs.

"Kentucky 4-H has again been given a tremendous opportunity by Commissioner Quarles to raise significant funds to support 4-H," said Melissa G. Miller, interim executive director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "The donations made to the Ag Tag Donation program will help 4-H give young people around the Commonwealth opportunities that develop leadership, citizenship and life skills in a learn-by-doing atmosphere."

More than 255,000 youth are involved in Kentucky's 4-H program. Kentucky ranks in the top 10 in several 4-H

enrollment categories nationwide. All 120 counties in Kentucky have 4-H programs, and all counties will receive a portion of the support from the Ag Tag Donation program.

Last year, Kentucky 4-H received \$180.12 million from the Ag Tag Donations. These funds are split between the county where the funds originated and the Kentucky 4-H Foundation for state level programs.

That means half of the Ag Tag donation stays in Crittenden County, funding programs and activities that teach children and teens about leadership, citizenship, science and technology, communications, public speaking, agriculture and more.

Crittenden County 4-H's share for 2015 was a little more than \$200 and benefited programs such as Crit-

tenden County Middle and High School Leadership Clubs, Dog Club, Shooting Sports, Cloverbuds, Home-school Club and fourth and fifth grade in school clubs. This year, Crittenden County has a great opportunity to increase financial support for our local 4-H Councils, clubs and programs by encouraging farmers to make the donation.

Making the \$10 donation on each farm license plate at renewal is an excellent opportunity for our agricultural community to support the youth of our community and help fund the programs that can make a lasting difference in their lives.

For more information about Crittenden County 4-H, visit our Facebook page Crittenden County Extension Service or call the office at (270) 965-5236.

Classes will cover pruning of fruit trees, pesticide application

STAFF REPORT

Several agriculture-related events are scheduled for Crittenden County over the next month, including classes on how to best trim fruit trees and apply pesticides.

On Feb. 23, Crittenden County Extension Service will be hosing a demonstration on trimming your fruit trees. It will take place from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Ed-Tech Center on Industrial Drive in Marion.

Daniel Becker will be presenting the workshop on pruning fruit trees before spring budding. The first part of the workshop will be discussion on pruning trees.

"After the discussion, we will carpool to the Lucas property for hands-on pruning of trees," said Dee Brasher, the local Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources. "We will also discuss protecting young trees from deer damage."

Next up, Crittenden County Extension will be offering a series of pesticide

private applicator license classes for new or expired licenses. Classes are at 9 a.m. Feb. 23, 6 p.m. Feb. 25 and 6 p.m. March 3. All trainings will be held at the Extension office just outside of Marion on U.S. 60 East.

Individuals who purchase restricted-use pesticides for personal use are required to have an applicator card.

Other agriculture events scheduled include:

- There will be a grain crops breakfast held at 7:30 a.m. March 1 at the Ed-Tech Center. Those planning to attend must RSVP to the Extension Service office at (270) 965-5236.
- Beekeepers will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 8 at the Ed-Tech Center.
- Crittenden County Cattlemen's Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 10 at Crittenden County Public Library.

Call the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236 for more information on any of the programs or classes or email Brasher at Deanna.Brasher@uky.edu.

State tax check-off aids local food bank

STAFF REPORT

Kentuckians can donate some of their state income tax refund to help feed people in Crittenden County and across Kentucky.

Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said donations to the Farms to Food Banks Trust Fund helps food banks distribute surplus produce to hungry Kentuckians. Last year, according to Tamara Sandberg, executive director with the Kentucky Association of Food Banks (KAFB), just more than 5 tons of fresh produce has been received by Crittenden County Food Bank through the program.

"We know it works," Quarles said. "There are a lot of farmers out there who grow fruits and vegetables and they rely upon this to help get food, that would otherwise rot on the vine, into the hands of those who need it."

The check-off box to donate to hunger relief is on line 33 of the state income tax form.

Last year, Quarles says taxpayers donated more than \$30,000 to the Farms to Food Banks Trust Fund.

KAFB says last year's taxpayer donations helped fill half a plate full of fruits and vegetables for 210,000 meals.

Quarles says that's especially important for children

in Kentucky, where nearly one in four doesn't always know where his or her next meal will come from.

"It affects their school performance," he points out. "It has an adverse effect on the quality of life and other growth opportunities that they have during those critical years."

In addition to reducing hunger, Quarles says the program helps farmers recoup losses on product they could not sell to grocery stores.

"But, it's perfectly fine to eat," Quarles stresses. "There might be a minor blemish on the produce that prevents it from going to the grocery store, but it's perfectly healthy."

Last year, 300 Kentucky farmers were paid an average of just over \$1,500 for their surplus produce, supplying the state's food bank network with more than 2.5 million pounds of Kentucky-grown fruits and vegetables.

Crittenden County Food Bank has monthly distribution on the fourth Friday of each month at 402 N. Walker St. in Marion. The next distribution day is from 8 a.m. until noon Feb. 26.

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

Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter weigh-out sale

Feb. 9, 2016
Receipts: 287 **Last Week:** 634 **Year Ago:** 556
Compared to last week: Due to severe weather conditions cattle receipts and demand were lite. Feeder steers under 700 pounds traded 4.00-8.00 lower. Feeder heifers traded steady to 6.00 lower. Feeder bulls under 650 pounds 3.00-4.00 lower, over 650 traded steady to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 4.00 higher. Sale consisted of 3 stock cattle, 30 slaughter cattle, and 254 feeders. Feeders consisted of 30% feeder steers, 43% feeder heifers, and 16% feeder bulls.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
4 300-350 313 213.00-215.00 213.49
3 350-400 380 188.00-200.00 194.20
10 400-450 413 186.00-195.00 191.62
8 450-500 483 171.00-180.00 178.35
10 500-550 528 161.00-169.00 166.73
8 550-600 578 150.00-159.00 157.09
4 600-650 616 151.00-157.00 154.70
13 650-700 693 144.00-145.00 144.93
4 700-750 722 139.00-143.00 141.99
6 750-800 761 139.00 139.00
2 800-850 817 137.00 137.00

Feeder Steers Small and Large 2-3
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 250-300 295 195.00 195.00
3 350-600 568 132.50-146.00 138.59
2 600-650 617 142.00 142.00
1 650-700 685 131.00 131.00
1 700-750 735 127.00 127.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 200-250 215 265.00 265.00
5 300-350 336 170.00-181.00 174.60
6 350-400 368 170.00-177.00 172.65
12 400-450 427 164.00-173.00 170.30
15 450-500 470 159.00-165.00 164.00
12 500-550 534 145.00-155.00 151.14
13 550-600 557 145.00-152.00 150.55
7 600-650 614 131.00-141.00 137.99
3 650-700 665 130.00-131.00 130.33
12 700-750 718 130.00 130.00
1 900-950 915 110.00 110.00

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 300-350 310 137.50 137.50

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
2 350-400 362 190.00-194.00 191.99
2 400-450 422 188.00 188.00
14 450-500 482 168.00-179.00 175.50
8 500-550 524 160.00-167.00 164.63
4 550-600 576 146.00-154.00 150.52
2 600-650 612 138.00-141.00 139.52
7 650-700 679 131.00-138.00 133.89

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%
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2 1200-1600 1438 62.00-64.00 62.96

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%
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3 800-1200 1148 68.00-72.00 70.00
6 1200-1600 1367 70.00-75.00 72.05
1 1200-1600 1275 63.00 63.00 LD

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
5 800-1200 977 62.00-70.00 68.01
1 800-1200 1000 58.00 58.00 LD
3 1200-1600 1257 60.00-65.00 62.32

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 1000-1500 1305 79.00 79.00 LD
3 1500-3000 1893 125.00-150.00 137.327
1-3 Months bred
1 1200-1600 1345 117.00 117.00
4-6 Months bred

Stock Cows and Calves: No test.
Baby Calves: Beef Breeds No test. Dairy Breeds no test.

Legend: VA=Value added, LD=Low dressing, HD=High dressing, BX=Brahman X.



1 700-750 705 120.00 120.00
1 750-800 780 118.00 118.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3
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1 300-350 315 185.00 185.00
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COAL

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tuckians,"

It's unclear exactly how many Crittenden County miners will be immediately affected by the layoffs, but a few dozen are believed to work at Alliance mines.

Larry Threlkeld, a retired coal miner who remains active in the United Mine Workers of America union, says the effects will be felt in this area for a long time to come. He said Siemens, which has a plant in Marion that makes products for the railroad industry, is already feeling a bit of slowdown. He has family who works there.

"There will be ripple effects from this," Threlkeld said. "I don't think it looks good at all. I don't see these jobs coming back unless something is done to change EPA regulations."

Kentucky is among a coalition of states challenging the EPA rules, and on Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court temporarily froze Obama's clean energy push. Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin, a Republican, applauded the ruling.

"The Court's decision to freeze these illegal climate regulations is a victory in our efforts to save our coal jobs and protect Kentucky families from skyrocketing energy prices," the governor said.

Another former miner from Crittenden County sees the same thing. Steve Haire worked for Alliance for many years. He said it's a very strong, non-union mining company that has never been pinched like it is now.

"The sad thing is that if Alliance lays off 500 people, that is going to mean about 1,500 more jobs are affected. According to Coal Age magazine, a coal miner produces 2.7 other jobs. So you can pitch those out, too," Haire said.



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The mining of coal in Crittenden County was overshadowed by that of fluorspar, but residents of the county have depended on coal mining jobs back to the 19th century. Above, two unidentified miners emerge from the Kit and Jack Coal Mines near the community of Bells Mines in 1901. Last week, hundreds employees at three western Kentucky mines were given 60-day notices of layoffs.

At the close of last year, there were 3,324 coal mining jobs in western Kentucky, according to the Kentucky Quarterly Coal Report from the state's Energy and Environment Cabinet.

WARN notices – Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification – were delivered to miners Friday. The future level of operations at Warrior's Cardinal mine is "uncertain," according to Lovell. However, closure of the Elk Creek mine operated by Hopkins County Coal was announced last year.

"Prolonged weak market conditions made this production response necessary," Lovell said.

Local lawmakers called the announcement unfortunate.

"The reality of it is, it's just terrible news," said state Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson,

whose district includes Crittenden County as well as the coal fields of Union, Webster and Henderson counties.

Ridley pointed to the increased usage of natural gas for power generation and overall decreased demand for coal as two of the keys that have led to more than 1,000 mining layoffs in western Kentucky since the start of 2015.

"I've heard a lot of concerns across the district," the senator said.

He stopped short of blaming over-regulation for the decline, but Republican state Rep. Lynn Bechler of Marion did not.

Bechler acknowledges slowing demand and low natural gas prices are playing a role, but he believes Washington's so-called "war on coal" through environmental regu-

lations shoulders a good portion of the blame.

"I'm terribly disappointed," he said. "It's just another example of what the EPA and Obama Administration have done to Kentucky's economy and the coal industry. It is clear to me, it's had a major impact."

Statewide, more than 3,100 coal jobs have been lost in the last 13 months, and in that period, coal production in Kentucky has dropped to its lowest level since 1954.

"We've been a little more fortunate than eastern Kentucky, but it was inevitable," Bechler said. "I would hope these jobs would come back, but I'm not overly optimistic."

Threlkeld agrees that western Kentucky may be in a better position to handle the job losses than eastern Kentucky, where there are few alternatives. His son-in-law was out of work when Dodge Hill Mine in Sturgis closed months ago, but was able to find a job in another industry.

"In eastern Kentucky, there is nothing else, but around here, we do have some other jobs ... some factories," Threlkeld said.

However, he said those are limited, and the coal industry's downturn could negatively affect them, too. What jobs are available in the area likely cannot match what miners are accustomed to. According to the National Mining Association, the average coal miner in Kentucky earns \$73,000 annually in wages alone. The average worker in the Commonwealth brings home just more than \$40,000.

Since 2008, more than 40,000 coal miners across the nation have lost their jobs.

"Right now, we're in a transition period for energy," Ridley explained, alluding to the nation's decreasing reliance on fossil fuels. "People are starting to purchase, believe it or not, solar panels."

Bechler said there is little state lawmakers can do to save coal jobs in Kentucky beyond lobbying Washington for decreased regulation.

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Church gatherings brought county together

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, some of our old-time church gathering history comes alive once again through the children's day programs and the memorable fun-filled singing conventions.

June 17, 1897

June 13 was children's day at Dycusburg, and the Methodist church was packed with people to witness the interesting services. The Sunday school superintendent was ably assisted by the two tireless workers. Messdames P.K. Cooksey and T.J. Yeats, had arranged for the occasion, and they had reason to be proud of their work.

Addresses were made by Rev. A.J. Thompson, of Kuttawa and Messrs. Yeats and Glass of this place. The little folks had appropriate recitations, and their part of the program was most delightfully rendered.

Among the little girls who participated were Misses Ray Cooksey, Lucy Gregory, Mamie Graves, Lulie Ramage, Hattie Yeats and Mamie Richards. The little boys were also in evidence.

Miss Willie Cooksey presided at the organ and assisted by our choir, a splendid one. The music was inspiring. Among our good singers, whose talent did much to make the occasion a success, are Misses Cooksey, Waters and Cassidy, and Messrs. Ed. Dalton, J. R. Glass and Billy and Marvin Charles.

At noon, the contents of the well-filled baskets were spread in the grove, and there was plenty for all. Rev. A.J. Thompson preached a splendid sermon. It was a day that will be long remembered in this community.

July 1913
Children's Day at Mt. Zion
Sunday morning at an early hour, wagons, buggies,



horsebackers and footbackers began to arrive till several hundred people had gathered. Then came the auto with R. Kemp as driver with some of Marion's best citizens as passengers.

At 9:30, the house was called to order by the pastor, Rev. J.A. Wheeler. He introduced Rev. W.P. Gordon of Marion, and with eloquence, he addressed the people for about 15 minutes.

There was a song by the choir. Bro Wheeler called for prayer by Bro. Th.H. Cochran. The program was then turned over to the children. The session represented the highest morals of literal and spiritual life.

At 12:15, in the beautiful grove such as surrounds a country church, dinner was spread. Some wondered how this multitude could be fed. It was like the five loaves and fishes. There was plenty, and it was as fine a dinner as the writer ever saw, and everybody seemed to enjoy it.

The day was closed by Sister Duvall, who by this time was so filled with the Holy Ghost that she gave us an old-fashioned Holy Ghost talk. To say the least of it, we had an all-around good time that will dwell with the memory through time and eternity.

Sept. 11, 1913 County Singing Convention

The county singing convention met at Repton Church Saturday. A large crowd was present, and the exercises were opened by



The wonderful old picture is worth a thousand words. It was shared by Orville Truitt. The time period was from 1908-1912, and possibly a homecoming at the old Mt. Zion Church. His grandfather, Marvin Truitt, is the middle man in front with a guitar. All dressed in their Sunday go-to-meeting clothes, men, women and children gathered around the wooden tables laden with food and listened to the music.

singing by Repton choir, followed by devotional exercises by Rev. B.F. Hyde, who also delivered the welcome address.

Cave Springs choir then took charge of the singing. This choir did good singing and showed they had good training. They were followed by Rosebud choir, who also delivered some excellent music led by Desmond Crowell.

After a song by the entire congregation, the choir from the Second Baptist Church of Marion, with George Gass as leader, was next, and many comments were made upon the spirit with which they sang. This was followed by a recitation, "The Gift of God to Fallen Man" by Miss Lockie Powell, and Mrs. E.M. Duvall made an interesting talk on the "Blessings of Music."

More music followed by Messrs. Travis, Crowell, O'Neal and Crowell and a solo by Guthrie Travis.

June 25, 1937 Weston Sunday School Convention

The Weston District Sunday School Convention will be held at Greens Chapel, Thursday, July 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding with a committee report at 3:10 p.m. in the afternoon.

W.F. Winders is district president and Irene Cain, secretary. Mr. Winders invites all and ensures all choirs that may be in attendance that a place will be arranged on the program for them, even if an appearance has not been previously arranged.

Special features will also find places on the schedule

according to Winders, who also releases the following program: Opening with a song; and the devotional will be conducted by Lucian Sullivan 10 minutes later; the welcome address at 9:45 a.m. by Melburn Cain; and the response by superintendent of Bells Mines Sunday School.

At 10:05 p.m., reading of the minutes of the last meeting will take place, and shortly thereafter, district officers will make reports. The first address will be that of H.B. McDowell entitled, "Observation from the County President," with music 15 minutes later.

Rev. W.C. Dempsey will speak on "Building up the Sunday School," beginning at 10:45 a.m., with Catherine Beard scheduled at 11 a.m. on "Sunday School Citizenship." The report of the Sunday School is next, and Mrs. Mattie Dempsey discusses children's training shortly before noon.

At noon, a basket dinner will be served on the lawn and preparations are being made for the largest crowd in the history of this convention. All sorts of delicacies and good, pure, wholesome food will be in abundance, as it has always been.

The afternoon session begins at 1:30 with a musical program and addresses of Sunday school ideals will be made by Mrs. J.B. Hina, Gladys Walker and County Attorney Stone, each choosing topics directly related to the general subject.

E. Jeffrey Travis speaks on religious education, and later, Rev. Wallace Rutherford sums up the work and

situation of the district concluding at 3:10 with the reports of secretaries and reports of committees.

Leaders from all parts of the county, as well as those of adjoining counties, plan to be in attendance, and a day long to be remembered is eagerly looked forward to by everyone.

June 28, 1940

The hillside at historic Bells Mines was covered with the largest homecoming crowd in its history last Sunday. Almost everyone who should possess sentiment for a day at Bells Mines appeared, as did numbers of friends and many strangers. Estimates of the crowd ranged from 1,000 to 1,200.

The forenoon was occupied by a children's program, which is tradition, and a few impromptu speeches by those who just couldn't hold themselves in.

The Cave Springs choir, under direction of Virgil Drennan, was one of the features and placed the day in a position to be long remembered.

Baxter Melody Boys, well known to local audiences, entertained during the afternoon hours. The building was crowded during the entire performance, and at no time during the day was

there more than standing room in the church.

An old-timer in discussing the day said, "Speaking of loaves and fishes, at noon, there was enough delicious basket dinners to feed a large part of Uncle Sam's army. Two long tables were completely covered besides the number of groups throughout the grounds who couldn't find room for the baskets at the tables."

From a survey there were representatives from Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Florida and Michigan, not to mention the hundred from Kentucky.

All surrounding counties were represented, and a large portion of all churches in Crittenden were present.

A great time in our history, Athose large, all-day church gatherings brought everyone together from all over the town and county to have a day of fellowship and good times.
(Editor's note: Brenda Underdown is a Crittenden County historian, genealogist, chair of the Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found on her blog at OurForgotten Passages.blogspot.com.)

Distinguished alumni sought for 2016 class

STAFF REPORT

Local education leaders are looking for nominees for the 2016 class of Crittenden County Schools Distinguished Alumni Awards, which will be presented before graduation in the spring. Both living and posthumous awards can be given.

Nominations may be made through Feb. 19, and selections will be determined by educational, professional and community service accomplishments. The five-member selection panel will announce the honorees later this winter.

Anyone may nominate an

individual. Recipients of the award must have graduated high school from a Crittenden County school. Applications are available on the school district's website at Crittenden.kyschools.us.

Past honorees have included authors, legislators, educators, research specialists, historians, geologists and scientists.

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— 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Sinful leaders give us sinful laws

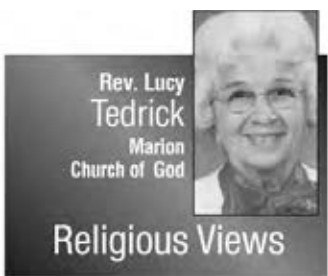
God has given us our form of government, where the majority rules in elections. It is sad to see the majority of Americans vote in such sinful leaders.

That is why I have pled with America ever since I went around the world and saw what it was like. Many of our best died on those godforsaken fields and streets fighting Hitler's brand of socialism and Japan's brand of pagan religion in order to keep America from being like them.

We are as rotten in our morals as many nations in history who were destroyed at this point. We are now even running a socialist (communist) for President! Read history!

How frightening to even think of the possibility of Hillary winning, extending Obama and his hate for America; the communist Bernie Sanders turning us into a Marxist hellhole; or Donald Trump who is another wolf in sheep's clothing, who does the same as Obama in destroying all his opponents with lies, and gutter insults. People, please look deeper than all the great angry promises.

Growing up in the best nation in history – the only one that was ever blessed enough to be called by the name of God's own Son, a Christian nation – I left this county with a borrowed \$50



in my pocket and hay seed in my hair. I worked hard, with the ethics to not cheat my boss with my time, to keep my word, to pay my bills and with the determination my family and Grandma Underdown had instilled in me. I enjoyed the American Dream far beyond many ever dreamed of.

How heartbreaking to see the majority of our people wanting leaders who kill the innocent unborn, demanding Sodom and Gomorrah laws be passed on all of us and voting in leaders with morals of an alley cat, all while our very best die among people who are filled with Satan and breathe hate to everyone in the world who disagrees with them.

So many of our best put their lives on the line to protect us, never making it home. And many who do are in such horrible condition that it sickens you to see what they endure day after day, hour after hour.

They never have any hope of ever being any better, and are forsaken by their wives many times. Many do not even knowing they are home.

The present condition of this once God-fearing, loving nation is comparable to a precious, sweet, loving, cuddling baby which slowly grows into a lost, broken, horrible serial killer. My prayers are not for godly leaders, but for godly voters who will only elect godly leaders.

Unless God sends His Holy Spirit to convict millions of sin, righteousness, and judgment, we will not only get more of the same of what is destroying us now but much worse.

We deserve what God gives us, as we are to remember, "God rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomsoever He wills," reads Daniel 4:17.

Our young people deserve better than what we are leaving them. They deserve to be taught from the cradle of God's Word and the ways which are their only hope for any kind of lasting happiness here and, certainly, here after.

In this life, we make our own hell here when we determine to flaunt in God's face the love, blessings and the very life and air we breathe. We make our own hell when ignore all the

wonderful things a loving, caring and all powerful God gives us.

It is heartbreaking to see what so many school teachers and professors of higher learning are filling our young people's minds with. This robs youth of the very best in both lives.

How sad to see this alcohol grief pushed on our small county and the heartache it will cause by one of those students of higher learning, a young, educated, good-looking man who could be using his time and talent as a role model to those young people who might not be as fortunate to get to go to college. These young could use their precious lives learning trades, making their lives better instead. The need to hear something besides, "You need to have alcohol to make you more popular or pay your city's bills with blood money."

Praying, caring Christians in this and surrounding counties, please pray with faith, love and influence others to think, "What would God want me to do?"

(Editor's note: Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

Writer sees life with new pair of eyes

By SARAH HARDIN
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

All of those who know me here in Marion would probably say I am a simple, private person, and they would be right. You won't find me surfing social media, or in any kind of leadership role.

I'm not even one to put in my two cents worth. I've had my share of making mistakes and dealing with consequences.

I have, however, recently been led to write about something very near and dear to my heart. Most everyone knows that my family has been going through hardships with my dad's – Bro. Wayne Winters – recent illness, but

through his unfortunate journey, I have found my way back to having a close relationship with the Lord. Since becoming strong in my faith again, I have begun to see things differently.

These are some of my personal thoughts and feelings that I would like to share.

You wouldn't think that a preacher's daughter would be one of those people who believe that a Christian can be a bad guy, but yes, I used to be that girl. I was one who thought Christians were fake because they choose to actually abide by the laws and rules that were set by God in stone all those years ago.

Oh, how we have allowed ourselves to move in directions, completely opposite of His teachings and word.

I would look at a Christian, and think I could never live up to that standard, that they are good and that's not me. I am a simple person. Thank God, I was easy to reach.

We have nothing to offer God, but He loves us anyway.

I live my life every day in a struggle just like the next person, but I see things through new eyes.

If you are living like I was and seeing Christians as troublemakers, then I suggest you do what I did. Ask Jesus to give you a new pair

of eyes, so that you can see with love instead of hate, with understanding instead of judgement and with knowledge instead of pride.

My dad's spiritual strength through this lengthy battle has inspired me to keep up the fight of faith in my Christian walk. It has been hard, but more than anything, it has helped to further our family in learning to trust in God's timing, mercy and grace.

In life, it all comes down to choices. Life is a gift.

What choice will you make today?

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Area Deaths

Flener

Boyce Dale Flener II, 53, of Morgantown, Ky., died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016 at Hospice of Southern Kentucky, in Bowling Green.

He was a member of Aberdeen Baptist Church where he served as deacon and music director.



Flener was a retired teacher, having served as high school band director and music teacher in Crittenden County, Ohio County and Butler County. He was also a licensed real estate agent and Level II Land Steward in Kentucky with Whitetail Properties Real Estate, based in Pittsfield, Ill. He was an award-winning vocalist, having performed at the Grand Ole Opry several times. Flener was a member of a southern gospel quartet, The Travelers, and co-founder and lead singer of another group, The Crossmen Quartet, for 23 years.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Kimberly Scott Flener; a son, Joshua Scott Hampton (Jennifer) of Morgantown, and a daughter, Amanda Lane Flener of Morgantown; two granddaughters, Laney Bell Hampton of Morgantown and Sophia Lane Johnson of Morgantown; his parents, Dale and Linda Coots Flener; a brother, Scott Flener (Kara) of Morgantown; a sister-in-law, Angela Scott Keathley (Bryan) of Union City, Tenn.; a brother-in-law, Jason Keith Scott, (Carissa) of

Brandenburg, Ky.; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Services were Sunday, Feb. 7 at Aberdeen Baptist Church in Morgantown with burial at Aberdeen Baptist Church Cemetery. Jones Funeral Chapel in Morgantown was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Boyce Flener Arts & Humanities Memorial Fund at Morgantown Bank & Trust, P.O. Box 68 Morgantown, KY 42261.

Asbridge

Thomas “Junior” Asbridge, 86, of Salem, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2016 at his home.

He was a retired carpenter and a member of Pinckneyville Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Lillian Kirk Asbridge; daughters, Jane Teague (Steve) and Becky Asbridge; son, Tim Asbridge (Melinda); sister, Juanita Johnson; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and; 10 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, A.E. and Nina Asbridge; sisters, Luvena Bozeman, Erleen Kitchen and Perlene Kirk; and a brother, Bill Asbridge.

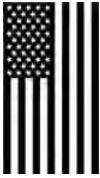
Services were Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Joel Frizzell and Rev. Gerald Cannon officiating. Burial was at Pinckneyville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Happy Trails Ministries or the Pinckneyville Baptist Church Audio Visual Fund.

Stalion

D.H. Stalion, Jr., 82, of Marion died Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 at Livingston Hospital in Salem.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.



Surviving are his son, David W. Stalion of Lexington, Ky.; daughter, Debra Young of Richmond, Ky.; brother, Buddy Ray Stalion of Marion; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel Hurst and Pauline Stalion Sr.; three brothers; and a sister.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday Feb. 11 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Deer Creek Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until service time Thursday at the funeral home.

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Freshmen students at Crittenden County High School learned about the responsibilities of a nurse anesthetist through a demonstration by licensed nurse anesthetist Shana Geary during a school program last week at the Freshmen Academy. The academy will have a variety of speakers this school year to help students learn about career opportunities. Pictured standing next to Geary are Hunter Holeman and Drake Kemper. Pate Robinson was the volunteer patient lying on the table.

Woodyard

Helen Roberta Woodyard, 95, died Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.



She was originally from Salem where she was a very active member of Salem United Methodist Church. She also worked for many years at Salem Rx Center and after retirement enjoyed volunteer work with the Livingston County Hospital Auxiliary.

In later life, she moved to Smithland and attended Smithland United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Henrietta Lovell of Nashville, Tenn.; Joyce Ann (Carl Lynn) Dunn of Knoxville, Tenn.; two sons, James Larry (Joyce) Woodyard of Paducah and Jerry Curtis (Jill) Woodyard of Miamisburg, Ohio; 10 grandchildren: Teresa Ann (Larry) Perry, Michelle Scott, Craig Alan (Lisa) Dunn, Laurinda Lee (Jeff) Hancock, Sherry Lynn (Michael) Heinrich, James Gabriel (Laura) Woodyard, Jonathan Henry (Monica) Woodyard, Brooke Louise (Neill) Knue, Katherine Marie (Jeremy) Joseph and Betsy Jill (Russ) Freshwater; 17 great-grandchildren: Lauren Christine and Emily Alexa Perry, Joshua Clinton and Christine Alexis Dunn, Savannah Nicole (Mostafa) Khagly, Allyson Paige (Paul) Coomer; Luke Gabriel and Zach Thomas Woodyard, Presley Grace and Lincoln Samuel Woodyard, Keagan Abigail, Caden Michael and Quinn Rylee Knue, Kolten Jaxon and Braxton Chase Joseph and Curtis Ryan and Tyler James Freshwater; and one great-great grandchild, Haven Coomer.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, James Henry Woodyard; her parents, Alvin and Lillie Ethel (Champion) Bebout; three sisters: Opal Grace Cooper, Vivian Victoria Singleton, and Edna Evelyn Wilson; and three brothers, William Ford Bebout, Orvel Givens Bebout and Alvin Dwayne Bebout.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem with Dr. Daniel S. Lovell and Rev. Michael Grimes officiating. Burial will follow at the Salem Cemetery.

The Woodyard family will receive family and friends on Wednesday night, Feb. 10, from 5-8 p.m., and until the funeral hour on Thursday at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Condolences or messages may be left online at www.boydfuneraldirectors.com

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Being overweight can cause joint pain, strain the cardiovascular system and result in fatigue. But humans are not the only animals to suffer from obesity. Many companion animals are overweight as well. Helping pets to shed extra weight can alleviate a number of health concerns and help pets feel more comfortable.

Extra pounds can sneak up on cats and dogs. According to the National Pet Obesity Awareness Day Survey conducted by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention, in 2012 52.5 percent of dogs and 58.3 percent of cats in America were overweight or obese. This equates to 80 million dogs and cats at increased risk for weight-related health disorders, including many cancers.

"Our data shows that obe-

sity is rampant, and we are certainly setting up more and more dogs and cats for joint problems during their lives," said veterinarian and surgical specialist Dr. Steve Budsberg of the University of Georgia. "This results in hundreds of millions of dollars in medical bills and countless surgical procedures for weight-related conditions."

Few animals will turn away from extra food, and overfeeding is a primary culprit in animal obesity. Here are some other causes of paunchy pets:

- Leaving food available all of the time.
- Giving the animal too large a serving size.
- Supplementing food with table scraps.
- Offering too many treats in between meals.
- Feeding the animal too

many carbohydrates or a sub-par food.

- Being unaware the pet is scavenging food from the garbage or from other animals.
- Lack of exercise.

Focusing on the causes of obesity in pets can help pet owners develop a strategy to assist companion animals with weight loss.

- Check ingredients. Scores of different pet foods are on the market. Not all are created equal, and some may actually contain ingredients that make it difficult for pets to maintain a healthy weight. For example, many dog treats now contain sugar to make them even more irresistible to dogs, fueling greater sales. Some of the mainstream dog treats available at pet stores and supermarkets list sugar as the

second or third ingredient, which means there are high concentrations of sugar, and this can lead to weight gain. By reading labels, pet owners can weigh the potential health benefits of the foods they select.

- Measure food carefully. The serving portions suggested on food products are just suggestions. Pet owners can reduce or increase serving sizes as necessary based on an animal's activity level and age. Older, less active pets will not need to eat as much.
- Split up meals. Rather than feeding a cat or dog one large meal per day, serve two to three smaller meals per day. Eating smaller portions more frequently can keep pets' metabolisms working while burning off excess calories.
- Check where the nutrition is coming from. When reading

labels ensure that a meat is the primary source of calories in the food. Foods that provide the majority of their calories from grains and other carbohydrates may not be satisfying pets, who will then compensate by overeating. Pets can be both obese and malnourished.

- Pay attention to picky pets. Hungry animals should not be picky of their food choices. If an animal refuses to eat until you give him or her a food or treat of choice, it could be an indication that the pet is customarily overfed. A hungry pet will eat what is served.
- Select low-calorie treats. Opt for apple slices, green beans or raw carrots as rewards for pets. They are lower in calories than many processed treats. Always check that a food is safe before feeding it to a companion animal.

Chocolate, garlic, grapes and onions are toxic to some animals.

- Make sure pets get plenty of exercise. Combine the right foods with exercise to ensure a pet maintains a healthy weight. Dogs can be walked, and cats can chase around stimulating toys to burn calories.
- Don't overlook a physical malady. Sometimes weight gain is the result of an illness. Poor thyroid function is a common culprit when pets' weights fluctuate. Annual checkups with a veterinarian are necessary to keep abreast of any potential weight issues.

Much like their owners, dogs and cats suffer from being overweight and obese. Many of the same remedies that work for overweight men and women are just as effective at helping pets maintain healthy weights.

Just how old is your cat or dog?

METRO SERVICES

Cat and dog owners know that the responsibility of caring for their favorite felines and preferred pooches changes as those animals age. But owners may not know just what constitutes an "aging" pet.

Many might go by the popular notion that one dog year is equal to seven human years. But that figure is not quite accurate and is rarely associated with cats, leaving many cat owners to wonder the age equivalents for their furry companions.

The American Veterinary Medical Association notes that determining the age equivalent of pets is not as simple as "1

Cat equivalency		Medium dog equivalency	
CAT	HUMAN	DOG	HUMAN
7 years.....	45 years	7 years.....	47 years
10 years.....	58 years	10 years.....	60 years
15 years.....	75 years	15 years.....	83 years
20 years.....	98 years	20 years.....	105 years

Toy dog equivalency		Large dog equivalency	
DOG	HUMAN	DOG	HUMAN
7 years.....	44 years	7 years.....	50-56 years
10 years.....	56 years	10 years.....	66-78 years
15 years.....	76 years	15 years.....	93-115 years
20 years.....	96 years	20 years.....	120 years

human year = X cat/dog years." In fact, making such determinations is especially difficult with dogs, whose age equivalents depend on the size

of the dog. But the AVMA does calculate pet age in human terms, and the accompanying chart show the equivalents on which they tend to rely.

Overpopulation leads to 2.4M euthanizations

METRO SERVICES

Pet overpopulation poses a considerable problem, just check the pens at Crittenden County Animal Shelter The Humane Society of the United States says about 2.4 million healthy, adoptable cats and dogs are euthanized each year – about one every 13 seconds. Many of these animals are the offspring of beloved pets or stray cats and dogs who reproduce unchecked.

One of the easiest solutions to pet overpopulation is to have them spayed or neutered. Another solution is for prospective owners to adopt from a shelter – one that handles spaying and neutering for animals. In Crittenden County, a \$60 adoption fee includes spaying or neutering at an area vet.

Many pet owners are hesitant to have their animals spayed or neutered. That hesitation may stem from some prevailing myths.

Myth: Recovery from sterilization takes a long time.

Fact: Many veterinarians allow pet owners to bring their pets home on the same day of the procedure. Pets are usually fully recovered within a week.

Myth: Removing reproductive organs will make my pet get fat and lazy.

Fact: Weight gain is not a byproduct of spaying and neutering. Pet weight gain is typically linked to an unhealthy diet and inadequate exercise.

Myth: My pet's personality will change for the worse.

Fact: Pet behavior may improve after the animal is spayed or neutered. Males tend to be less aggressive, and females won't howl, cry or pace when they're in heat. Also, your pet actually may stick closer to home because the desire to find a mate has been reduced.

Myth: It's advisable to spay a female pet after she has at least one litter.

Fact: Many vets stand by medical evidence that suggests females spayed before their first heat are typically healthier than those who aren't.

Myth: It is expensive to have my pet sterilized.

Fact: Subsidized voucher programs as well as low-cost spay/neuter clinics can help make the procedure affordable.

Myth: The sterilization procedure is painful for my pet.

Fact: The surgery is done under general anesthesia, and the pet will not feel anything. Discomfort is usually mild.

Myth: If I keep my pet intact, I can have a puppy or a kitten just like him or her.

Fact: The offspring of a pet cannot be guaranteed to be a duplicate in looks or personality to your existing pet.

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Eclipse preparation meeting next week

A meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. next Thursday in The Peoples Bank conference room for those in the community interested in putting on events centered around the August 2017 total solar eclipse in western Kentucky. This meeting is to see who is on board and ready to move plans forward. Final decisions need to be made on this date for an event.

Local man named to UK dean's list

A Crittenden County resident was among more than 7,000 students to have made the University of Kentucky dean's list for the fall 2015 semester.

Matthew Alan Pendrick, a senior architecture major, joined a record high 7,189 students recognized for their outstanding academic performance. To make a dean's list in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester.

Also named were Livingston County residents Cody Dale Doom, a senior economics major, and Laura K. Poindexter, a freshman.



Senior center meal set for this evening

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center's monthly fundraising meal is today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. It will be a Valentine's Day-themed event. An entree will be provided, but guests are asked to bring a side dish. A \$5 donation to benefit the center is requested. Musical entertainment will be provided by Richard Maxfield.

Community events set for coming days

- Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in the meeting room at Crittenden County Public Library. Everyone should bring a legal document, such as a will, deed, military records, marriage license, etc., that they have acquired during their research, to share it with the group and tell how it helped them in their genealogy.

- After Hours Extension Homemaker will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

- Crochet Corner will meet from noon to 1 p.m. next Wednesday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

- Evening Belles Extension Homemakers will meet at 12:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

- Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 19 at the at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

- 4-H Communications Day Informational meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

- 4-H Homeschool Club will meet at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

- 4-H Pinterest Club will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Feb. 27 at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

- Quilt Club will meet at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 29 at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

Rocket Boosters mentor local students

STAFF REPORT

A new mentoring program pairing Crittenden County freshmen and sophomores with members of the community kicked off in January.

High School Principal Curtis Brown calls Rocket Boosters a win-win situation for mentors and those being mentored.

"We hope it will evolve as students make connections with their mentors, and it will lead them to succeed in life," Brown said. "We want the students to know we are

behind them in school, and we want to make connections."

Brown said many of the freshmen and sophomores in the mentoring program may not have decided whether to choose the college or career path, and this program, which includes a cross-section of adults from the community, can assist in that decision.

"These kids will, in the future, be in the workforce, and the adults have all ex-

perienced success in life, in a lot of different areas, so they know what it takes to do that," Brown said.

Rocket Boosters pairs students with mentors with similar interests or career paths. Some of the mentors include clergy, law enforcement, bankers, small business owners and social workers.

Marion pastor David Combs, a participant in the new program, says mentor-

ing children is an important investment.

"We need to invest in them, help them to not make the same mistakes we have made," said Combs, who recently concluded a mentoring study with parishioners at Marion United Methodist Church.

"In the Old Testament, everywhere you find Israel in trouble with God you will find these words in some way shape or form - 'and there grew up a generation that knew not the Lord,'" he said. "In the Old Testament

there was a failure to communicate the lessons learned. What I believe we fail to see is that it is not the fault of the younger generation. But it is the failure of the older generation to invest in the future.

"This is what excites me about mentoring."

Brown said the program is also good for students to develop contacts with adults in their hometowns.

"These adults love their community and want to give back to their community," Brown said.



Brown



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Crochet Corner donates scarves

The ladies with the Crochet Corner group in Crittenden County have now donated two dozen pocketed scarves to Crittenden County Health & Rehabilitation Center. Pictured above are members (from left) Madeline Henderson, Kathy Bechler, Violet Lee, Barb Gross, leader Rebecca Zahrt, Debbie Cox, Judy Lanham and Nancy Lapp. Shown at left are nursing home Activities Director Candy Yates and residents (from left) Betty Sullenger, Ruth Robertson, Willie Sue Phillips and Rose Crider. Crochet Corner meets the first and third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m. at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

Audio books include Willie Nelson's autobiography

STAFF REPORT

Planning a long drive? Want something to listen to while you craft, exercise or clean house? Following are some new audio books gracing the shelves of the Crittenden County Public Library:

Non-fiction:

"Do Over" by Jon Acuff.

"It's a Long Story" by Willie Nelson.

"My Southern Journey" by Rick Bragg.

Fiction:

"Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee.

"Murder House" by John Patterson.

"The Storm of the Century" by Al Roker.

"Pretty Girls" by Karin Slaughter.

"Deadly Assets" by W.E.B. Griffith.

"The End Game" by Catherine Coulter.

The top 10 audio books for last month were:

1. "Dirty Blonde" by Lisa Scottoline.
2. "Field of Prey" by John Sandford.
3. "The Lost Key: A Brit in the FBI Novel" by Catherine Coulter.
4. "Memory Man" by David Baldacci.
5. "Alert" by James Patterson.
6. "Bel-Air Dead: A Stone Barrington Novel" by Stuart Woods.
7. "Celebrity in Death" by J.D. Robb.
8. "Dark at the Roots" by Sarah Thyre.
9. "Dark Harbor" by Stuart Woods.
10. "Dry Bones: A Longmire Mystery" by Craig Johnson.

These audio books on CD and many more are available at the library.

The library also offers pe-

riodicals, a reference section including local genealogy information, back issues of The Crittenden Press, a variety of children's programming, e-books, e-magazines, adult computer classes, free WiFi and public computer use and more. You may also browse the card catalog online at CrittendenLibrary.org.

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Flu shots urged as activity rises

STAFF REPORT

With influenza activity increasing across the country, Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) officials are encouraging residents to get vaccinated against the flu if they haven't already received a vaccination.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has received recent reports of severe flu illness in young and middle-aged adults," said Dr. Kraig Humbaugh, senior deputy commissioner of DPH. "Even though flu activity levels have not yet peaked this season in Kentucky, now is a good time to protect yourself and your family by getting a flu vaccination, since some time is needed after vaccination to produce immunity."

Flu vaccinations may be obtained at local health departments, health care provider offices, local clinics and pharmacies. Consumers should check for availability before they arrive, but overall flu vaccine supplies remain ample this season. Many health plans cover the cost of the vaccine.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Florists attend Atlanta buyers market

Owners and employees of Bowtanicals Florist and Gifts, which has locations in Marion and Salem, recently attended the Atlanta International buyers market. Co-owner Caryn Steele is excited about new lines to be added to the store shelves as a result of their trip. Attending were owners Keith and Caryn Steele, Elliot West and employee Randa Berry and Maria Belt.

Movie on senior schedule

STAFF REPORT

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

- Today: Craft Day begins at 10 a.m. Menu is meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole wheat biscuit and pears.

- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. A tax preparer will be on hand Fridays to answer questions related to filing 2015 taxes. Call to make an appointment. Menu is Italian chicken, mashed potatoes, white gravy, green beans, whole wheat biscuit and banana pudding.

- Monday: Ladies' exercises will be led at 9:45 a.m. by Full Body Fitness Studio. Menu is hamburger, baked pork-n-beans, baked potato on whole wheat bun and oatmeal cookie.

- Tuesday: A legal aide will be on hand at 10 a.m. The center will be hosting a trip to Paducah for lunch and a movie. The cost will be \$10, half for the movie ticket and half for transportation, which is provided. Seniors will be responsible for their own meal and snacks. Call to make reservations. Menu is chicken and dumplings, broccoli cheese casserole, buttered carrots, baked apples and cornbread.

- Wednesday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is beef vegetable soup, pimiento cheese with crackers, cornbread and Mandarin oranges.

- Next Thursday: Craft Day begins at 10 a.m. Menu is chili dog with onions on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, applesauce and dreamsicle gelatin.

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

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Speaking of State



Crittenden County High School students Baylee Priest (left) and Emily Tinsley achieved superior ratings at the Murray Regional Speech Tournament Saturday. Priest's performance in Poetry Interpretation and Tinsley's skills as a Broadcast Announcer earned them the chance to compete at the Kentucky High School Speech League's 2016 state tournament to be held March 11-12 at the University of Kentucky.



Greenwell is regional storytelling champion

Members of the Crittenden County Middle School Speech team competed in various categories at the regional speech tournament Saturday at Murray High School. Each of the students pictured above qualified for the middle school state tournament to be held March 25-26 at University of Kentucky. They are (front from left) Emma Herrin, Ashleigh Dunkerson, Luke Crider, Dylan Yates, Sammy Greenwell (back) Aliyah Frutiger, Kyron Hicks, Jaycie Driver, Harley Wesley, Anzie Gobin, Ellie McGowan, Emma Waters, Raina West, Samantha Tinsley, Leah Fritts and James Crider. Special recognition was given to Greenwell, who was named Regional Champion in Storytelling based on his first-place ranking at the tournament.



Livingston County Hospital and Healthcare Services Auxiliary members include (from left) Rozann Malcolm, Helen Tharp, Tana Myrick, Virginia Bowen, Carla Belt, Beverly Wallace, Phyllis Cansler, Peggy Fralix, Nora Johnson and Jackie Myrick. Not pictured is Mary Lou Terry.

Auxiliary donates to Livingston Hospital

STAFF REPORT
Each year, Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services Auxiliary raises funds through gift shop sales, a golf tournament, a Christmas bazaar and various other events. Over the last three years alone, more than

\$34,000 has been donated to the Salem hospital for the purchase of hospital furnishings, clinical equipment, and service expansion.

"Thank you, ladies, for your generous donation of time, talent and love for Liv-

ingston Hospital," said LHHS CEO Mark Edwards. "We are forever grateful."

If interested in becoming a member of the auxiliary, contact the LHHS Auxiliary at (270) 988-7256 or (270) 988-7259.

Legislature pauses to honor highly-decorated Boy Scout

The Kentucky Senate passed legislation last week recognizing the achievements of Marion Eagle Scout Carsen Easley.

On Feb. 2, chamber passed Senate Resolution 98, sponsored by Sen. Dorsey Ridley of Henderson, honoring the local Scout.

Easley, son of Thomas and Saundra Easley, earned his Eagle rank, the highest distinction given by the Boy Scouts of America in 2013, and more recently earned all 138 merit badges, a rarity even for Eagle Scouts.

"This young man has exhibited some outstanding qualities," said Sen. Ridley. "Achieving not one, but two rare accomplishments is a testament to his work ethic, determination and impeccable desire to serve his community. His service to his community is without reproach and his dedication is proven. I applaud this young man."

Easley, a sophomore at Crittenden County High School, has received other such distinctions for his service in the Boy Scouts as the God and Family, God and Church, God and Life, and On My Honor awards; the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow, and the Lincoln Heritage Council's Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year from the National Eagle Scout Association.

In 2014, he was awarded the Medal of Merit from the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America for "outstanding service in implementing Scouting skills and ideals." Easley was traveling with two other Scouts when they came upon a vehicle accident. They stopped to assist the victims, earning them the award for courage.

"I expect great things from this young man," said Sen. Ridley. "Remember his name because you will hear it again."



Marion Scout Carsen Easley is honored on Senate floor for his grand accomplishments through Scouting.

When the Senate adjourned on Feb. 2, it did so in honor and recognition of Easley.

Local senator's legislation would shore up organ harvesting gaps

■ Clerk says 202 Crittenden County residents have signed up for organ donation in past year

State Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, has introduced legislation in the 2016 General Assembly that would facilitate organ donations in Kentucky.

Senate Bill 139 continues legislation started when Sen. Ridley was part of passing the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life in 1992. This measure would put into policy the procedure for medical examiners and coroners to follow to expedite information on an individual who died outside a hospital that is a registered organ and tissue donor.

"This strengthens current law," Ridley said. "Occasionally, the procurement organizations are not notified of organ and tissue donations when a death takes place outside of a hospital. This measure directs the medical examiner or coroner to make the call."

Trust for Life is non-profit organization dedicated to educating all Kentuckians about organ donation and helping patients in need.

SB 139 would be known as Courtney's Law for Courtney Flear, a 19-year-old Caldwell County teenager who died as a result of injuries from a car wreck. Courtney had registered as an organ and tissue donor through the Trust for Life when she renewed her driver's license. Because there was no procedure in place, no procurement organizations were notified.

"I have worked closely with Courtney's parents, Briggett and Gary Flear in drafting this legislation," Ridley said. "Her parents, especially Mrs. Flear, have really taken the lead in this issue so that the wishes of registered organ donors are followed in Kentucky. The family sees it as a way they can make a positive out of a tragic loss."

"This legislation is just



Sen. Dorsey Ridley (right) and Sen. Dennis Parrett discuss legislation in the Kentucky Senate.

putting into policy the steps that need to be taken in such tragedies."

More than 121,000 Americans – nearly 1,000 in Kentucky – are on the waiting list for an organ transplant, and 22 people die each day waiting.

The state's circuit clerk offices are an integral part of increasing public education about organ donation and growing organ donor registry. Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill's office has done its part again this year in the effort to end the wait.

"Our driver's license counter is the No. 1 place Kentuckians register as

donors. This year, 202 generous Crittenden County residents said 'Yes' and joined the confidential Kentucky Organ Donor Registry," said Guill. "Our office also collected \$1,190 for the Trust for Life. We are so proud to help this lifesaving mission."

Today, 1.6 million Kentuckians are registered donors.

SB 139 has been assigned to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. The Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks is in support of the legislation and will work with Sen. Ridley to help pass it.

Students' 7th day for snow means more days in May

STAFF REPORT
Students in Crittenden County have missed seven days of classes due to wintry weather following Tuesday's cancellation. That will likely push the last day of school to May 24 if no more days are missed.

Summer dismissal was initially scheduled for May 13.

One of the snow days will be made up April 11, which was originally slated as a teacher planning day. The remaining six days will likely be tacked onto the end of the academic calendar, with no classes on May 17, Primary Election day in Kentucky.

With graduation typically held on Friday, commencement can reasonably be expected on May 27; however, no final details have been made at this time.

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Coyote event next week

The annual coyote contest sponsored by Hodge's and Marion Tourism will be held during a 24-hour period starting at sundown Friday, Feb. 19 and ending at 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20. This includes opportunities to hunt coyotes during nighttime hours. This contest is for two-man teams and cost is \$20 per team. Teams must register by Feb. 19 by 5 p.m.

BASEBALL

Dugout Club will meet

Crittenden County Dugout Club is looking for volunteers to help organize and oversee summer baseball and softball programs. Needed are league commissioners, board members and coaches. The group will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday in the basement at Marion United Methodist Church. The club will be discussing the upcoming seasons, setting skills assessments date and determining proposals for local rules and regulations. The season will be mostly played during May and June.

FOOTBALL

Rockets on L&T team

Five Crittenden County football players were named to the Murray Ledger & Times newspaper's All West Kentucky Football Squad, released last month. The newspaper staff published a list of its picks for the best players in area, and among them were two Rockets on the First Team Defense. Travis Fitzgerald and Dylan Smith were picked as a First Team lineman and linebacker, respectively. Fitzgerald recorded 99 tackles last season for Crittenden County and he holds the school record for career fumble recoveries with nine. Smith had 130 tackles last season as a rookie linebacker. Lineman Travis McKinney and defensive back Seth Birdwell were named to the newspaper's Second Team Defense. Fitzgerald was also selected as a Second Team offensive lineman and Nick Castiller was chosen honorable mention at quarterback.



Fitzgerald



Smith



Belt scoring big as Rockets brace for season's last leg

STAFF REPORT

While immediate rewards have been slim this season, the future is looking brighter and brighter for Rocket basketball.

Crittenden won for just the third time on Friday, beating Dawson Springs 67-48 in a homecoming matchup, but the team's young players continue to show a promising future.

Sophomore Logan Belt is the latest underclassman to draw the spotlight. He scored a game-high 20 points in the win over Dawson and poured in a team-high 19 the night before in a home loss last Thursday to Hardin County, Ill. Both were career highs and he's scored double figures in four of the last five games.

Belt is getting many of his points from long range. He made five 3-pointers against Hardin and two against Dawson. But he's showing the ability to do

more and more with the ball and his defense is improving.

"He can be a game-changer," Rocket coach Denis Hodge said.

The skipper thinks Belt's potential is as strong as the 10th-grader can make it.

"When he decides to impose his will on the game... he will be a very special player," Hodge said.

Other young players are showing promise, too, which gives the coach a bit of resilience in an otherwise difficult season.

After Tuesday's game at Caldwell was cancelled for snow, the Rockets have just four regular-season games before playing in the Fifth District Tournament at Edyville against top-seeded Trigg County.

To close out the season, Crittenden (3-21) goes to St. Mary Friday, hosts Fort Campbell Saturday, hosts Hopkins Central Feb. 16

and plays at Fort Campbell Feb. 19. Crittenden played Hopkins Central very close on the road earlier this year and Fort Campbell has just one victory this season.

Crittenden 67, Dawson Springs 48
Dawson Springs 10 15 10 13
Crittenden County 18 12 20 17
DAWSON - Brooks 3, Riley 3, Price 1, Simpson 24, Adams 4, Cunningham, Dyer 6, Clark 1, Putman 6. FG 18. 3-pointers 3 (Simpson 2, Riley). FT 9-16. Fouls 20.

CRITTENDEN - Hicks 6, Hollis 19, Watson 6, Dickerson 10, Belt 20, Stephens, James 4, Coleman, Myers, Boone 2, Towery, Nesbitt. FG 21. 3-pointers 4 (Belt 2, Hollis, Hicks). FT 21-25. Fouls 16.

Hardin County 49, Crittenden 42
Hardin County, Ill. 11 17 18 13
Crittenden County 8 12 11 11
HARDIN - Winters 22, Shaw 13, Hudson 7, Hicks 7, Rose, Cullum, Austin, Fowler. FG 14. FT 15-25. Fouls 15.
CRITTENDEN - Hicks 3, Hollis 3, Watson 6, Dickerson 4, Belt 19, Stephens 1, James, Coleman 2, Boone 4. FG 7. 3-pointers 6 (Belt 5, Hollis). FT 12-19. Fouls 20.



Logan Belt (14), top left, is making a spot for himself in the Rockets' regular rotation. In fact, he's been the leading scorer over the past two games. The sophomore is pictured guarding a Hardin County, Ill., player. In that game last Thursday, he scored 19 points. At top is freshman Gavin Dickerson, who continues to play well for Crittenden. Above is guard Dylan Hicks and teammate Belt fighting for possession of the ball against a Dawson Springs player during Crittenden's win Friday at home.

Lady Rockets shoot better with sights set on a winning record

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County (11-14) made easy work of Dawson Springs last Friday, earning a 45-29 homecoming victory.

Dawson Springs (10-12) fell behind early, yet stayed relatively close until the last half. The Lady Rockets' shooting continues to improve as the girls outscored the Lady Panthers 25-17 in the final two periods.

Crittenden has a chance to finish the season with better than a .500 mark, but will have to beat at least two teams in the closing week of regular season that they have lost to previously this year. The girls are at St. Mary Friday then face Union County, Hopkins Central and Fort Campbell to close the year. The Lady Rockets have lost to Union and Hopkins Central, but both teams could be vulnerable to Crittenden's improving offense. The girls have beaten St. Mary and Fort Campbell in earlier meetings.

Crittenden 45, Dawson Springs 29
Dawson Springs 7 5 8 9
Crittenden County 12 7 13 12
DAWSON - Allie Mills, Andie Mills 5, Robinson 4, Winters, Miller 6, Woolsey, Cotton 12, Orten 2, Simpson. FG 10. 3-pointers 2 (Andie Mills, Miller). 7-10.
CRITTENDEN - Moss 16, Champion 10, Lynch 8, Pierce 5, Nesbitt 2, Evans, Collins 2, Perryman 2, Summers, Woodward. FG 21. 3-pointers (Pierce). FT 2-6. Fouls 10.



Lady Rocket junior Kiana Nesbitt (43) posts up in the lane while teammate Madison Champion (1) looks for a passing opportunity.

Brantley buck scores youth contest title

Nathan Brantley's hunting heritage is strong and deep. The young hunter's family has lived in Crittenden County for decades, but he now resides in Arkansas where his father, Chris, is minister of a General Baptist church.

Last fall, he came back to Kentucky and the Happy Hunting Grounds to take a buck that won the junior di-

vision of the Big Buck Contest, sponsored by Marion Tourism and Hodge's Sports and Apparel.

Brantley, 11, was born in Marion and harvested his first deer at the age of six. Two years later, he took a whitetail with a bow.

His grandfather, Karl Brantley, is a longtime hunter with a number of Pope and Young bucks and

his namesake, great-grandfather Nathan Brantley Jr., took a 21-point buck in 1969.

During the 2015 deer season, Brantley was sitting in a tower stand with his grandpa when an eight-point buck came across a cut bean field. It stopped at 50 yards and the young gunner made a clean shot with his .308.



Young Nathan Brantley took an eight-point buck last fall that won the local Big Buck Contest.



Two individuals and the 1942 undefeated Marion High School football team were inducted into the Farmers Bank Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame during a ceremony Friday. Pictured are inductees, Morgan Dooks Morris, Class of 2004; Willard Easley, Class of 1943; and Tim Hill, Class of 2005.



Cavanah

Local racers claim hardware

STAFF REPORT

A couple of local motorcycle racers brought home some heavy hardware from last weekend's TMXA Racing awards ceremony at Dyersburg, Tenn.

Hayden Cavanah, 10, of Fredonia and Colton Gilland, 11, of Marion were among the top bikers in their division. Both go to school at Crittenden County Elementary.

Cavanah finished second in the 7-11 age division in the TMXA 2015 outdoor series 65cc class and fourth in 7-9 division of the 65cc Class.

Gilland finished third in his age division in 65cc Class where there were 25 riders from Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri.

Because of a non-race-related injury, Gilland has been sidelined for much of the

indoor racing season. However, he has competed in a couple of TMXA indoor events, earning fourth-place and second-place finishes. He will be racing this weekend at the John Arnold Center in Sturgis.

Gilland has a number of racing sponsors, including Scott Sports, Leatt Protectives, Alias Gear, Garnae, Sunstar Sprockets and Chains, BTO, Dunlop, Twin Air, Amsoil, Go Pro, Decal Works, Matrix Concepts, Factory Effex and Factory Seat.

Cavanah is sponsored by Hotshot Mx, DMXTF, Nihilo Concepts, Alias, One Industries, Matrix Concepts, Honey Stingers, Lucas Legion, Dunlop Tires, Worx Gloves, Mika Metals, Spy, Leatt, Twin Air, Acerbis, Pivot Works, Vertex, Hot Rods, Hot Cams and Cylinder Works.



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legal notice

To: The unknown spouse of Ronnie D. McKinney. You are hereby notified that a legal action has been filed against you in Crittenden District Court, File No. 16-CI-00007, demanding relief as shown on the Complaint filed in that action. Unless a written defense is made by you or an attorney in your behalf within 50 (fifty) days after January 27, 2016, judgement by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the said complaint. Anyone having information regarding said unknown spouse of Ronnie D. McKinney is requested to contact Karen E. Woodall, Attorney at Law, 328 N. Main St., P.O. Box 436, Marion, Ky., 42064, telephone no. (270) 965-3355. (2t-33-c)

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I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court, Marion, Ky., do certify that the following has filed notice of final settlement: LaJean Quisenberry of 3477 U.S. Hwy. 60 West in Marion, Ky., and Sandra Stevens of 1240 Chapel Hill Rd. in Marion, Ky., co-executors of James W. Patmore, deceased. The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on March 16, 2016. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once. (1t-32-c)

Notice is hereby given that on February 3, 2016 John Scott Gregory of 1848 U.S. 60 West, Marion, Ky., 42064 was appointed executor of Nina E. Gregory, deceased, whose address was 1848 U.S. 60 West, Marion, Ky., 42064. Hon. Robert Frazer, P.O. Box 361, Marion, Ky., 42064, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor before the 3rd day of August, 2016 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-32-c)

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2016 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") on January 29, 2016 in Case No. 2016-00026, an Application pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183 for approval of an amended compliance plan ("KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan") for the purpose of recovering the capital costs associated with new pollution control facilities through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning August 31, 2016 under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR, also known as the environmental cost recovery surcharge. The total capital cost of the projects in KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan is estimated to be \$678 million.

Federal, state, and local environmental regulations require KU to build and upgrade equipment and facilities that produce energy from coal to operate in an environmentally sound manner. Specifically, KU is seeking Commission approval of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the construction of Phase II of the landfill at the E.W. Brown Generation Station ("Brown"), and to close coal-combustion-residual ("CCR") ponds and construct new process-water facilities at Brown, the Ghent Generating Station ("Ghent"), and the Trimble County Generating Station. Each construction project is component of KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan.

KU is also seeking an order declaring that CCR pond closures at the Green River Generating Station, Pineville Generating Station, and Tyrone Generating Station are ordinary extensions of existing systems of the usual course of business.

Lastly, KU is seeking an order approving an amended compliance plan for purposes of recovering the costs of new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. These projects are required for KU to comply with the federal Clean Air Act as amended, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new rule on the Disposal of CCR from Electric Utilities, the Mercury Air Toxics Standards, and other environmental requirements that apply to KU facilities used in the production of energy from coal. In addition to the projects described above, additional projects in KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan include installing improvements to the Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization systems on Ghent Unit 2 and installing improvements to the mercury-related control equipment of Ghent Units 1-4, thereby allowing additive injections to mitigate mercury emissions. The total capital cost of the new pollution control facilities for which KU is seeking recovery at this time is estimated to be \$640 million. Additional operation and maintenance expenses will be incurred for certain projects in KU's 2016 Environmental Compliance Plan and are costs that KU is requesting to recover through the environmental surcharge in its application.

The impact on KU's customers is estimated to be a 2.06% increase in 2016 with a maximum increase of 3.35% in 2019. For a KU residential customer using 1,146 kilowatt hours per month, the initial monthly increase is expected to be \$2.16 during 2016, with the maximum monthly increase expected to be \$3.52 during 2019.

The Environmental Surcharge Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Public Service Commission may issue an order modifying or denying KU's Environmental Surcharge Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for consumers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2016 Environmental Surcharge Plan and Application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its Web site or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion within thirty (30) days after publication, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2016-00026. That motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Blvd., P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown, however, if the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication, the Commission may take final action on the application. Any person who has been granted intervention may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection on KU's website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>), on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.ky.gov>), and in paper medium Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507 or the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, after January 29, 2016.



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Several Crittenden County High School students participated in the local American Private Enterprise System Program held last week. The local program is coordinated by the University of Kentucky Extension Service in cooperation with the school

system. Pictured are (seated, from left) Cassidy Moss, Bristen Holean, Emily Hall, Cali Parish, Alyssa Curtis, (middle row) Mackenzie Evans, Alice Blaisdell, Bobby Glenn Stephens, Jonas Duncan, Kianna Nesbitt, Jessi Brewer, Alexis Tabor,

Francesca Pierce, Hannah Hardin, Tania Thompson, Amanda Lynch, Emily Tinsley, Benny Tucker, (back) Dylan Hollis, Jayden Willis, Gage Moore, Will Tolley, Jared Lundy, Paxton Riley, Ethan Hunt and Travis Fitzgerald.

Students learn basics of how America does business

STAFF REPORT

Twenty-two Crittenden County High School students learned the inner workings of American business by participating in the American Private Enterprise System (APES) program Feb. 2-3 at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.

The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service conducted the program in cooperation with the high school. Participants for the program are selected from the top students in the junior class.

The program had four seniors return as junior leaders to take on a leadership

role and assist with the program. The junior leaders were Dylan Hollis, Travis Fitzgerald, Benny Tucker and Jayden Willis.

Students were quizzed on the material they learned, and winners received cash awards based on test scores. Top three students were Gage Moore who won \$50, Jonas Duncan who won \$35 and Jessi Brewer who won \$25.

Winning the team building tower exercise was Kianna Nesbitt and Amanda Lynch.

Students who were selected for participation studied the principles of various

types of business organizations and the economy through presentations and discussions with local business leaders.

All students were eligible to compete for the opportunity to attend the Kentucky Youth Seminar June 22-24 at the University of Kentucky. Moore, Duncan, Brewer and Bristen Holean are all eligible to attend the seminar based on their test scores. Leslea Barnes, County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development, will accompany the students to Lexington.

While at the state seminar, students compete for

scholarships and cash prizes based on their knowledge of the business system. They also hear from national business leaders and participate in making real-world business decisions.

Locally, last week students discussed the following topics with their presenters:

- "How America Is Organized to Do Business," presented by Charlie Hunt of Marion Feed Mill.
- "The Role of Government in Our Economy," presented by Wes Hunt, assistant Crittenden County Attorney.
- "Our Economy, How It Works, What It Provides,"

presented by Todd Perryman of Farmers Bank & Trust Co.

- "Investor-owned Corporations and Limited Liability Companies," presented by Ryan McDaniel of Par4 Plastics.
- "E-commerce," presented by Pam Collins, a member of the Crittenden County Board of Education.
- "Cooperatives," presented by Junior Leader Benny Tucker.

Students learned about the responsibly of serving on a cooperative or corporation board of directors. They studied board cases to determine what action a board should take on particular sit-

uations and presented those conclusions to the group. They also participated in an entrepreneurship exercise by developing a business and creating a business plan. Groups then made a marketing presentation and presented their businesses to the entire group.

Local business tours included Farmers Bank, Crittenden Health Systems and Par4.

The local program is coordinated by Crittenden County Extension Agent Barnes. Food for the program was donated by Farmers Bank, Par 4 and Crittenden County Homemakers.



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CCES recognizes Chinese New Year

Preschool students in Angel McDonald and Denise Guess' classrooms donned handmade masks and celebrated the Chinese New Year Monday with a parade through the halls of Crittenden County Elementary School. McDonald's husband Jerry, known as the Balloon Dude at the school, created the balloon dragon for the kids to carry on their parade route. Here, students in Amy Caraway's second grade step outside to watch the parade pass by their classroom. This is the Year of the Monkey on the Chinese calendar.

Workman named to Cruz's Ky. campaign

STAFF REPORT

The Cruz for President campaign has tapped Marty Kares-Workman of Marion for its Kentucky State Leadership Team consisting of conservative leaders from across the Bluegrass State. She joins three others as co-chairs.

"Ted Cruz, as President, will bring us back together again, and he will instill the principles and laws this country was founded on based on the Constitution," Workman, a former chair of the Crittenden County Republican Party, said.

She said the Texas senator running for the Republican nomination has been accused of not getting along with others in the Senate and House, Workman, for one, doesn't want him to get along with them.

"They've been getting along for seven years, and it has torn this country apart," she said.

Cruz applauded the Kentucky campaign co-chairs.

"(Kentucky) has brought

together longtime conservative activists and members of the liberty community to organize for our campaign and get people out to caucus for our campaign on March 5th," Cruz said. "I deeply appreciate their support, along with the time and effort of so many to make us competitive in Kentucky."

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