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## Only federal offices closed for holiday

All city, county and state offices, including Crittenden County Public Library, Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center and the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension

Service will be open Monday, which is Presidents' Day. Only federal offices, such as post offices, will be closed for the holiday, which is officially designated as Washington's Birthday by Congress.

## Spring forest fire hazard season near

The spring forest fire hazard season begins next week across Kentucky.

The Division of Forestry reminds residents of the commonwealth that between Sunday and April 30, it is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of woodlands during daylight hours. Debris fires may be legally set after 6 p.m., when conditions are less likely to spread flames.

As a reminder, it is illegal to burn garbage or any other materials, except natural plant matter, such as brush and woody debris. Violation of burning laws can result in fines and/or jail time.

Arson is the leading cause of wildfires in Kentucky. Tips about suspicious fires can be phoned to a Kentucky State Police hotline at (800) 27-ARSON.

## Homecoming set for 5:30 p.m. Friday

Crittenden County High School basketball homecoming festivities will kick off at 5:30 p.m. Friday before the varsity doubleheader at Rocket Arena. The court will be recognized and king and queen crowned prior to opening tip-off of the first game. At halftime of the girls' game, which starts at 6 p.m., there will be an athletics hall of fame induction ceremony. See page 14 for details.

## Public hearing held for boat ramp app

A public hearing for the Riverview Park boat ramp grant application will be held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) in the judge-executive's chambers at Crittenden County Courthouse. The public is encouraged to attend to demonstrate support for this important project.

## Public meetings

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



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# Quick action by school officials, nurse saves ref's life

By **CHRIS EVANS**  
PRESS PUBLISHER

Rapid reaction by school officials and an off-duty nurse attending the basketball game on Feb. 3 in Crittenden County has very likely saved a man's life.

John B. Travis, a basketball official from Hopkinsville, was working the ballgame along with two other referees as Crittenden County hosted Webster County in a girls'

high school game. It was halftime in the locker room when Travis collapsed of what doctors now believe was heart arrhythmia brought on by extreme blockage in the coronary artery of his heart.

The two other officials working the game and a couple of additional basketball referees scheduled to call the boys' game next were in the locker room at the time. They were having a conversation

when Travis slowly collapsed to the floor atop his clothing bag.

A couple of his colleagues rushed to Travis' side, and another basketball referee went into the gym and hailed the first school official he saw, assistant basketball coach David Perryman.

An ambulance was summoned to Rocket Arena and Perryman notified others in the gym who might be able to

render immediate aide.

During the most critical part of this incident, Crittenden County basketball coach Denis Hodge quickly made his way into the officials' locker room. Recognizing the man was in some type of sudden cardiac arrest, Hodge asked student manager Trevor Faith to retrieve a nearby portable defibrillator. By then, a local nurse, Rashelle Perryman, who was

in the stands, rushed to the scene. Perryman is also a paraprofessional middle school coach. She and Hodge began trying to resuscitate Travis with chest compressions and artificial respiration. Meantime, other certified health care professionals who were in the stands made their way into the locker room to offer assistance.

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# Poverty

By **Chris Evans** | Press Publisher

Crittenden County is among the poorest areas in all of western Kentucky, according to available state and federal data and other local resources.

If you draw an imaginary line from Owensboro south through Russellville and then examined all of the counties from there westward to the Mississippi River, the data show that Crittenden County ranks as the fourth most poverty-stricken.

Fulton County in the far southwest corner of the state has the western quadrant's highest poverty rate at nearly 30 percent, according to 2013 data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service. Ironically, the coal-rich area of Muhlenberg County ranks No. 2 and what could arguably be considered the educational center of far western Kentucky, Calloway County, ranks No. 3.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the 2015 poverty guideline is a household of one earning \$11,770. For a family of four, it is \$24,250. For each additional person in the household, add \$4,160 to



FILE PHOTO

**Minnie Lou Brown, organizer of Crittenden County Food Bank, signs up new people for food distribution from the charity every month. She estimates the food bank now provides nutrition for upward of 600 Crittenden Countians each month. Hunger is one of the leading effects of poverty, particularly for those on fixed incomes or for large families.**

determine the poverty guideline.

Data and anecdotal information from the 23rd western-most counties in Kentucky indicate a diverse and inconsistent pattern for poverty. Nonetheless, Crittenden County shares some of the traits that social workers have long pointed out as sources of poverty. Among

those are the local economy, general health, educational deficiencies, divorce rate, a culture of poverty and over or under population.

### Understanding poverty

As author Dr. Ruby K. Payne points out in her book, "A Framework for Understanding Poverty," there is a common myth that

poverty belongs to minorities. She says it is proven that 67 percent of all individuals in poverty in the United States are white.

In addition to systematic and exploitation causes, poverty is driven by individual choices, addiction, illness, lack of employment,

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# Battling Hunger

Food banks, school programs helping to feed community

By **Daryl K. Tabor** | Press Editor

One of the leading and most distressing effects of poverty is hunger. And there appears to be no shortage of it in Crittenden County.

Each month, Crittenden County Food Bank hands out enough groceries to feed hundreds of qualifying participants across the county. There are also multiple church-based food banks which keep county residents from going hungry year-round. And more than half of Crittenden County students are on some sort of subsidized meal program at the schools.

Minnie Lou Brown, organizer of Crittenden County

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# Church deacons treat ladies to special Valentine's evening

By **DARYL K. TABOR**  
PRESS EDITOR

The leadership of one local church is not about to allow a group of special ladies in the congregation to move past Valentine's Day without being made to feel like the apple of someone's eye.

On Saturday, the deacons of Marion Baptist Church treated the widows of the house of worship to a special evening complete

with a meal, fellowship and entertainment. The Ladies Valentine's Banquet ended up drawing 42, according to deacon Bob Guess.

"It's a way to show them that they are still somebody's valentine," Guess said of the reason for the annual event. "The deacons just go out and take care of the ladies. It's wonderful."

He said the women seem to appreciate the gesture, going all-out for the affair by

dressing up (typically in red) and donning jewelry.

"They take it serious," Guess said.

He explains the church's 11 deacons planned, set up and prepared the meal for the ladies. They also enlisted the help of Chris Clarke of Happy Trails Ministry for the evening's entertainment.

While the deacons may be the church's recognized

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

**On Saturday, the deacons of Marion Baptist Church treated widowed women of the congregation to an evening of valentine appreciation, dining and entertainment.**

# Nurturing joy in daily life causes better physical, mental health

As the new year unfolds, and our resolutions start to wane, there's no need to get discouraged. We can make new ones at any point in our life.

On your next list, right after exercise more, eat healthier and save money, add four little words: Smile and be happy.

It sounds so simple, but it involves work like anything else worth accomplishing.



We all long to feel joy in our hearts. Most of us remember singing about it in

vacation Bible school: "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy...down in my heart to stay!"

Now that we're all grown up, could we still sing those words with the same zeal and enthusiasm?

The word "joy" is defined as "great happiness or pleasure" and is mentioned in the Bible 165 times. That's a pretty good indication that it should be an important part

of our spiritual makeup.

In reality, joy may not show itself so readily as it did when we were children, but chances are, it's still there. Just because it came naturally back then doesn't mean it will today. It will take effort on our part to make it become a habit.

When we look in the mirror, what do we see? Worry and fear are usually easy to detect. We look tired and

droopy, wrinkles are more pronounced, our brows are heavy, our head hangs low.

When someone tells me I look tired, I usually know the reason. Something has been weighing heavily on my mind.

Joy has the opposite effect. We hold our head up, our eyes sparkle, our face glows and our newfound

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# Minimum wage hike, abortion hot-button issues

After a three-week recess, the General Assembly re-convened last week. The Senate has been active, passing nine bills so far this session, but I am frustrated that the full House didn't even vote on a single bill. In the House, committee meetings were held and bills were passed, but none made it to the floor of the House for a vote. My expectation at press time is that bills will have been making it to the floor of the House for votes this week.

House Bill 2 was passed out of committee and will probably have a vote in the House this week. State law now ties Kentucky's minimum wage to the federal minimum wage, which is \$7.25 per hour. HB 2 would change state law and raise the minimum wage to \$8.20 per hour on July 1, \$9.15 per hour on July 1, 2016, and \$10.10 per hour on July 1, 2017. This is a 39.3-



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percent increase over the current minimum wage.

Supporters of the increase believe the change would benefit low income families while opponents believe the change would increase prices passed on to everyone. There is sure to be a robust debate when the full House considers the bill.

HB 152, a bill that addresses phone service across the commonwealth, also received the go-ahead in committee last week. The bill, commonly known as the AT&T bill, would end state regulation of service in

exchanges with 15,000 or more housing units and allow carriers to offer IP-enabled service or wireless service instead of land lines. In exchanges with fewer than 15,000 housing units, everyone with existing land line service would have the option to keep that service or move to IP-enabled or wireless service if the carrier offered it.

It is important to note that right now, the Kentucky Public Service Commission only regulates basic service, which is voice-only service. That means any land line having any other service, such as caller ID, call waiting, call forwarding, etc., is not regulated by the PSC.

Similar bills have passed out of House committees and the full Senate before, but have never passed the full House. Once again, I expect robust debate if the bill is allowed a vote in the full

House.

Kentucky's retirement systems continue to be a topic of conversation in the General Assembly. House Joint Resolution 7 directs that an outside independent audit of the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) be conducted on the systems. This resolution which would have the force of law if passed by both the full House and Senate, made it out of committee and was passed on to the full House. The findings of the audit would then be reported to the KRS Board of Directors and the Public Pension Oversight Board. It is my hope that the resolution makes it through both chambers of the General Assembly.

HB 154 also made it out of committee. This bill, should it become law, would make Kentucky the last state in the U.S. to outlaw the possession, training,

breeding and selling of four-legged animals for fighting. The intention of the bill is to curb dog fighting, which is already a felony in Kentucky, but is hard to prosecute because law enforcement must catch dog fights in progress.

Dog fighting, cock fighting, etc., certainly need to be addressed, but it is disheartening that while we address these issues, House leadership, as it has many times before, will undoubtedly try to keep us from addressing a much more important human issue – abortion.

Senate Bill 7, which would require an ultrasound prior to an abortion, has passed the Senate and was sent to the House for consideration. If history is any guide, though, House leadership will work to keep the bill bottled up in committee. I hope I am wrong.

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.

I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181; directly at (502) 564-8100, extension 665; by visiting the Kentucky Legislature website at [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov) and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link; or by mail to: Capitol Annex, Room 424C, Frankfort, KY 40601.

*(Rep. Lynn Bechler, a Marion Republican, has served in the Kentucky House of Representatives since 2013 representing House District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of Christian County.)*

# Prevailing wage for school construction moves to lower chamber

Lawmakers returned to Frankfort last week to reconvene the 2015 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly with an abundance of issues on the table. We heard competing ideas on urgent matters facing Kentucky, ranging from increasing economic growth, improving education and keeping our communities safe.

Some of those issues were even debated on the Senate floor. We came together in a bipartisan spirit to improve care for stroke victims in rural areas of Kentucky and promote preventive care for the deadly cardiovascular disease.

The goal of Senate Bill 10 is to continue the development of a stroke system of care in Kentucky that facilitates timely access to an appropriate level of care for stroke patients.

It builds on 2010 legislation that required the state to recognize certified primary stroke centers. The 2010 legislation was introduced after a study showed Kentucky had the 12th highest rate for strokes in the nation with 2,500 people dying every year.

The number of primary stroke centers has risen to 21 from 12 in 2010. There are two comprehensive centers, one at both the universities of Louisville and Kentucky.

According to the American Heart Association, there are life-saving drugs available for stroke victims, but many hospitals do not administer them. Primary stroke centers offer these



Sen. Dorsey  
**Ridley**  
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Senate District 4

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drugs which can really make a difference between a patient having full recovery or a future disability.

SB 10 has moved to the House for further consideration.

I could not support a measure (SB 9) passed last Thursday in the Senate that would exempt public schools from a statute requiring them to pay construction workers a specified minimum – often referred to as the prevailing wage law.

The prevailing wage laws across the United States date to the Great Depression, when Congress passed the Davis-Bacon Act that mandated contractors pay prevailing wages on federally-funded projects. Kentucky passed its first prevailing wage law in the early 1940s.

Currently, prevailing wage must be paid on all public construction projects of \$250,000 or more, including projects for the state, school districts and local governments. Prevailing wage laws require that construction workers on public construction projects be paid at least the prevailing wage for the area in which the project is being built.

I do not believe there would be any monetary savings in the absence of the prevailing wage law. The majority of studies of school construction conclude that there is no statistically significant difference in costs between states with prevailing wage laws and states without prevailing wage laws. Some have shown that public school construction is cheaper in prevailing wage states.

SB 9 would decrease wages for construction workers and could lead to lower quality work. Government should not be in the business of driving down wages. Prevailing wage laws were put into place because lawmakers were smart enough to realize that government has the ability to destabilize construction wages. These laws simply promote paying decent wages to workers on government contracts. Those of us who opposed SB 9 believe that government ought to help working families, not hurt them.

I also opposed SB 6, which would create a three-member independent panel of medical professionals to review claims of medical malpractice before a lawsuit can be brought in circuit court. I am concerned the added step of the review could hinder lawsuits for patients who have been abused, neglected or received inadequate care.

Screening panels assert that the real crisis in medical malpractice is the number of legitimate med-



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From left, Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson), Senate Democratic Whip Gerald Neal (D-Louisville) and Sen. Johnny Ray Turner (D-Prestonsburg) study legislation last week in the Kentucky Senate.

ical claims that are never brought due to the expense and difficulty of proving those claims. The screening panels would create yet another hurdle for legitimate claims, increase expenses and cause long delays.

Screening panel statutes are heavily litigated and many screening panel laws have been found to violate state constitutions.

SB 9 and SB 6 have now moved to the House for further consideration, where I believe both will die for lack of support.

Time is moving quickly for this legislative session. This week, we were set to focus on moving Senate bills for consideration because then, we will have House bills coming our way.

Now, it is more important than ever for you to weigh in on the issues that are before the Kentucky General Assembly. Your input helps guide my work in Frankfort. You can follow the progress of bills from the Kentucky Legislature's website, [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov).

You can offer feedback through our Legislative Message Line at (800) 372-7181. Citizens with hearing impairments can use the TTY Message Line at (800) 896-0305. You can also e-mail me directly at [dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov).

*(Sen. Dorsey Ridley, a Henderson Democrat, has served in the Kentucky Senate since 2004 representing District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Webster, Union and Henderson counties.)*

## JOY

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wrinkles only serve to complement our smile.

The old proverb that says "the eyes are the window of the soul" may be more true than we think. Like a plant that needs sunshine and water, we have to nurture the joy that is hidden in our heart.

Unless we are constantly cultivating a positive mindset, the joy we once felt may get swallowed up by trials and tribulations common to us all. Often, the worry over a sick loved one or trying to figure out how we're going to pay the bills takes the sparkle away.

Nothing helps counteract the lack of joy more than looking at the way Jesus lived His life here on Earth. Although He knew He would be going to the cross, His words were full of hope and promises. When He was preparing His disciples for

His death, His desire was that His joy might remain in them and that their joy might be full, John 15:11 tells us.

Before His resurrection, Jesus comforted His disciples by telling them that no one can take away their joy (John 16:22). That same promise was for us too.

So often, we picture Jesus with a solemn look. When we think of His short life and the way He was treated, it's hard to picture Him any other way. But He was human just like we are, except without sin (Hebrews 4:15). He had all the emotions we experience, including joy and sadness.

A lady I know has a picture someone painted depicting Jesus with a big smile. She hung it in her home by the front door. That way, every morning when she left for work, it was the last thing she saw, and when she returned, it was there to welcome her home.

Visualizing Jesus with a

smile helped her through the day.

There are many reasons why we should cultivate joy in our daily walk.

The Bible says a joyful heart works like medicine, but a broken spirit makes us sick (Proverbs 17:22). Nurturing joy will cause us to feel better physically as well as mentally.

King Solomon said in Proverbs 23:7, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Eventually, we will become what we think about, whether it's to live our lives in joy or despair.

The battle between the two extremes has a dreadful affect on our population. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports one out of 10 people in this country suffer from some form of depression. In the United States alone, suicide accounts for 36,000 deaths every year, the third leading cause of death among young people.

When we put God at the

top of our priority list, all things will work together for good (Romans 8:28).

We can spread joy to those around us most every day. How many times do we receive good news and hurry to share it with our friends? Whether it's a medical test that turned out OK or we've just learned a new grandbaby is on the way, we show joy.

God wants us not only to feel joy, but to show it in our daily life.

Whatever you do in 2015, don't let a joyful life pass you by.

"Joy does too much for us not to achieve it, especially when it is within the attainment of every person," says Leroy Brownlow in "Better Than Medicine."

The choice is up to you.

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

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# Par 4 to present womanless beauty pageant on Feb. 28

STAFF REPORT

Par 4 Plastics will be stirring the community with its Womanless Beauty Pageant the last weekend of this month.

The company's employees have organized the event as a fundraiser for Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's biggest community project of the year.

This event will feature men from the plant – from the front office to the assembly line – dressed in drag. It will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at Fohs Hall. Admission will be \$5.

Par 4's brass will be among those donned in heels and lipstick, which is sure to be a treat for co-workers, family and friends alike. Company President Tim Capps and Vice President Ryan McDaniel will be contestants using stage names Peaches and Sugar Johnson.

Joe McDaniel, founder of the company, will emcee the contest. His sharp wit and keen insight with regard to each contestant should help bolster the entertainment value.

All proceeds will benefit Relay for Life.

Here is a list of the contestants and their stage names:

- Cherry: Anthony Knight.
- BooBoo: Cody Walls.
- Che-Nay-Nay: Dane Rich.
- Fluffy Rose: Eddie Martin.
- Isabella: Izzy Vega.
- White Chocolate: Marc Hammers.
- Prestina McEntire: Preston Blake.
- Bubbles: Roger Venable.
- Peaches: Ryan McDaniel.

- Anita Brazilian: Shane Howard.
- Juicy: Shane McDowell.
- Ruby VanDyke: Tim Dawe.
- Barbie: Zack Bloodworth.
- Miss Peach: Brandon Stoner.
- Sasha: Chad Henager.
- Felicia: Jonathan Grim.
- Miss Delicious: Justin Michonski.
- Rosie Rose: Justin Rose.
- Lola: Lee Shewmaker.
- Candy: Randy Gibson.
- Marie Devoe: Tim Matthews.
- Pepper: Travis Macintosh.
- Hellga: Andrew McGregor.
- Selta Dawn: Jason Asher.
- Peal: Steve Newcom.
- Sugar Johnson: Tim Capps.

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tance.

The game was delayed for several minutes and a gym half full of fans turned its attention to the tragedy inside the locker room. Information spread quickly through the stands about what was happening. Although fans couldn't see what was going on, they surely realized it was likely a life-or-death situation based on reactions of school officials and others outside the locker room.

At first, Travis did not have a pulse. However, after resuscitation maneuvers by Hodge and the nurse, his condition improved slightly. Yet, he remained unconscious.

"The coach and the nurses definitely save my father's life," said Ryan Roberts, Travis' daughter and one of his two children.

When Crittenden EMS personnel arrived, they continued to stabilize the victim and quickly got Travis on a gurney and into the ambulance. He was taken to Crittenden Health Systems, stabilized further, then flown to Baptist Health Paducah by an Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter.

The family, including Travis' wife Kathy, met him at the hospital a short time later. His daughter said Travis made steady improvements over the first two days he was in the hospital, and he is expected to make a full recovery.

She said it was a blessing to have had well-trained people nearby when it happened, plus access to an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and an air ambulance base at the hospital right across the street from the school.

"We are very thankful for the staff and everyone else who helped save my father's life," Roberts added.

"From what I have heard from the other officials who were there, (Coach Hodge) came in and took control of the situation, and he and the nurse did some miraculous things that saved (Travis') life," said Chris Bentzel, who is principal at Christian County Middle School and good friend of the victim.

Travis' daughter is a teacher at the school where Bentzel is principal and Bentzel has officiated along

## School district prepared with AEDs for every athletic team

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County School District has had Automated External Defibrillators (AED) on campuses since 2007.

Three devices were first donated to the district from a corporation in Calvert City. The school added to its inventory in 2011, buying enough AEDs so that every athletic team has one available at practice, during home games and when they are on the road.

"The KHSAA requires all coaches to be CPR and AED certified," said Athletic Director Angela Starnes.

An AED was used for the first time last week when a basketball referee collapsed in the locker room during halftime of a girls' basketball game at Rocket Arena. Quick reaction by the trained staff is credited for saving the life of basketball official John B. Travis, 54, of

Hopkinsville.

Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said it was Starnes who pushed for AEDs for every athletic team. There was already one in each school, but Starnes saw a need for the devices to be with student-athletic programs wherever they were.

Starnes said each unit cost about \$1,500.

"We don't always have money available, but we did at the time we bought those and it's a blessing we had one available last week," she said.

Within the school district, a variety of personnel, in addition to coaches, are trained on AEDs, including bus drivers, school nurses and some teachers and administrators. All bus drivers and adult bus monitors are also CPR trained, said Crittenden County High School Principal Curtis Brown.

side Travis for many years. Travis is also an umpire on a football officiating crew.

His daughter said Travis, 54, is "healthy as a horse" and had no indication there was an underlying condition that could have prompted the episode.

Lafe Riggs, one of the basketball officials at the game, also praised the quick efforts of school officials. He said everyone involved in the initial response to save Travis' life operated in a concerned, yet controlled and professional manner.

"There wasn't too much panic. They just did what it took to save this guy's life," Riggs said.

Crittenden County Schools Superintendent Vince Clark said he wasn't surprised that the staff and volunteers reacted as they did when faced with such a crisis. He said training and devices were in place and the response was extraordinary.

"We are proud of Denis' quick reaction, but I'm not surprised because his first reaction is to be helpful in all he does," Clark said. "Denis is the type of person you want on your team and his effort, along with Rashelle Perryman, a girls' volunteer coach, helped save Mr. Travis' life."

Clark said Athletic Director Angela Starnes has made

a point of having AEDs available for teams at sporting events.

"She makes sure that our coaches are trained in CPR, so this training paid off thanks to her leadership," Clark said. "To think someone's husband and father is still alive because of their quick action and forward planning makes me very proud."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Local blood drive set for next week

A blood drive is set for Marion next week, and the American Red Cross is encouraging eligible donors to help ensure a sufficient and diverse blood supply by giving blood this February.

Since the beginning of the year, widespread flu and inclement winter weather in some parts of the country have prevented many regular donors from making or keeping their blood donation appointments. Healthy and diverse blood donors are needed to help maintain a sufficient blood supply.

The local blood drive will be from 1 to 6 p.m. next Wednesday at Crittenden County Middle School.

All blood types are needed, especially types O negative, A negative and B negative.

Variety of education materials available

Crittenden County Conservation District has supplied education booklets, bookmarks and program blanks on a variety of topics for use during Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools or other settings for many years. The topic for this year will be "Pollinators, Our Hardworking Heroes."

These materials can be viewed online at [www.NACDstore.org/local-heroes--your-hardworking-pollinators.html](http://www.NACDstore.org/local-heroes--your-hardworking-pollinators.html).

If you would like to receive program blanks, bookmarks, or levels 1-4 booklets, contact or visit the conservation dis-

trict office Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. The office is located at 118 E. Bellville St. in Marion. The phone number is (270) 965-3921, extention 3.

Requests must be received by Feb. 24.

Red Cross seeking local volunteers

The regional chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking a volunteer from Crittenden County to help fill the void left by the resignation of the long-time disaster relief coordinator for the county.

After more than 10 years in the post, Geraldine Shouse recently stepped down as head of the local Red Cross effort due to health reasons of her own, as well as those of her husband.

"I had to get out, but I'll still help if needed," she said. "I just won't be able to continue in that capacity."

Adrienne Weyers, a disaster program manager for the Paducah Area Chapter of the Red Cross, said a volunteer recruitment effort will be held in the area in the near future to help fill Shouse's shoes.

"She is a very, very good person, and I hate to see her go," said Weyer.

Weyer said she is trying to get a new volunteer from the county for quicker responses from Red Cross disaster relief in the event of fires and other incidents. Otherwise, a volunteer from a nearby county would be called on to respond.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call the Paducah Red Cross chapter at (270) 442-3575.

kynect enrollment deadline Sunday

The deadline to enroll in health care coverage for

2015 through kynect is midnight Sunday, according to a state news release

Kentuckians who still need health insurance are encouraged to log on to [kynect.ky.gov](http://kynect.ky.gov) or contact an insurance agent or kynector to see their options for quality, affordable health coverage before the deadline passes. Medicaid enrollment is open at any time.

Individuals with income above 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level who fail to enroll in healthcare coverage before Sunday will be subject to an IRS penalty. Individuals whose income falls below 100 percent poverty level are not subject to the penalty.

The 2015 IRS penalty is \$325 per person or 2 percent of household income, whichever is greater. If an individual is uninsured for more than nine months in 2015, the penalty will be deducted from their refund when they file the 2014 tax returns.

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Marion Police activity report

The following is a monthly activity report for Marion Police Department, reflecting information from November and January 2015. The information is provided by Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

CATEGORY	JANUARY 2015
Miles driven/patrolled	2,308
Criminal investigations	17
Domestics	6
Felony Arrests	1
Misdemeanor arrests	4
Non-criminal arrests	7
DUI arrests	0
Criminal summons served	2
Traffic citations	18
Traffic warnings	15
Parking tickets	2
Other citations	15
Traffic accidents	6
Security checks/alerts	70
Calls for service	266



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Each year, the deacons of Marion Baptist Church sponsor a Ladies Valentine's Banquet for the widows of the congregation as a way to show thanks for the work they do in the church. Pictured above, deacon Bob Guess (left) stands beside Sandra Sills, this year's Queen of the Valentine Dinner, and entertainer Chris Clarke of Happy Trails Ministries.

VALENTINE

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lay leadership, Guess calls the women they honor each year around Valentine's Day the backbone of the church.

"It if weren't for the ladies in our lives, a lot of things wouldn't get done," Guess said. "This is a reward for them. They are the prayer

warriors of the church. If you need something done, go to them."

The event doesn't require an invitation and all the women in attendance get a gift of some sort. And one special lady is crowned Queen of the Valentine Dinner. This year, it was Sandra Sills.

"You should see the smiles on their faces," Guess said.

HUNGER

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Food Bank, said the organization averages helping between 200 and 260 families each month. In January, it was on the low end of the estimate, but the food bank provided sustenance for about 550 people.

She believes the food bank is a vital part of addressing poverty in the community.

"What would they do without it," she said of the men and women served by the food bank.

She said the demand for assistance has grown considerably since the charity was first organized about 10 years ago, handing out bags of groceries behind the senior citizens center in Marion.

"When we started out, we made up 100 bags," Brown recalls. "Now, 100 bags wouldn't even get us started."

In fact, statewide, the demand for emergency food assistance has increased 84 percent since 2006.

With the same trend locally, the food bank eventually had to move to more spacious digs at 402 N. Walker St. It is supported by Marion City Council, Crittenden Fiscal Court, churches, businesses, organizations and individuals in the community.

The fourth Friday of each month, the food bank distributes food from 8 a.m. until supplies are exhausted.

"We've fed a lot of families over the years," Brown said.

According to the Hunger in Kentucky 2014 study, 53,400 Kentuckians receive assistance through Kentucky's food bank system each week.

That number is likely to continue growing, particularly since the cost of groceries is going up. Kentucky Farm Bureau estimates that it now takes the average American seven weeks of work to cover his or her annual food costs.

The issue of hunger in the commonwealth proved large enough last Wednesday to bring together political oppo-

nents James Comer, the state's Republican agriculture commissioner, and Jack Conway, Kentucky's Democratic attorney general, at a rally to end hunger in Frankfort.

Both are running for governor this year.

At the schools in Crittenden County, the hunger story is even more telling. According to Food Services Director Emily Lowery, just under 750 of the school district's 1,400 students – from 3-year-old pre-schoolers to high school seniors – are on free lunches based on family income guidelines. Another 50-plus are on reduced-price lunches.

Holly White, public infor-

mation officer for the school district, said the numbers are unfortunate. In fact, she said the school system even offers assistance beyond the time students are at the school.

The school district's Family Resource and Youth Services Center offers a backpack program for elementary school students that sends children home for the weekend with things they can fix on their own, like breakfast bars, vienna sausages and ready-made meals.

"We're packing more backpacks than we ever have," White said. "We try to ensure those kids do not go hungry over the weekend."

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# Board of ed mulls SEEK funding

**By JASON TRAVIS**  
STAFF WRITER

Enrollment and SEEK comparisons were studied at the Feb. 3 working session of the Crittenden County Board of Education. The school board compared enrollment data over a five-year period and the allocated SEEK funding received based on those numbers.

Under the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky Program, or SEEK, funding is given to public school districts based on average daily attendance.

In the 2010-11 school year, the district had 1,238 students. The high school had 377 students, the middle school had 299 students and the elementary school had 582 students. The SEEK allocation for that year was \$4,792,596.

In the 2012-13 school year, the district had 1,236 students. Enrollment numbers at the elementary, middle and high schools were 615, 275 and 346, respectively. The SEEK allocation was \$4,946,843.

For the 2014-15 school

year, the district has 1,293 students enrolled as of January. Those numbers include 642 at the elementary school, 302 at the middle school and 349 at the high school. The SEEK allocation is \$5,428,323.

Late last year State Education Commissioner Terry Holliday announced SEEK funding to school districts would be adjusted in the New Year. Superintendent Vince Clark said numbers for Crittenden County indicated the school district would be asked to operate on \$18,000 less than it thought it would be getting from that funding source.

SEEK funds are the primary funding source for school districts from Frankfort. Money is used to pay for salaries, raises and a percentage into the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System.

Also at the working session, school district treasurer Diane Winters went over an expenditure and revenue comparison for General Fund 1 with school board members. Winters said those figures are updated regularly, and for

transparency purposes, can be accessed on the school district's website. under the resources tab and clicking "Financial Reports."

Clark also discussed the introduction of Rocket Boosters, a mentoring program offered at all schools in the district. Rocket Boosters pairs teachers and administrators at each school with students who educators feel would benefit from time spent discussing a variety of topics, including grades, homework and career options beyond high school. Clubs and other extracurricular programs will also be discussed with students. Students will share information with their mentor, and by doing so, the mentor will become a partner in that student's educational process. The goal is to make the student's success a top priority.

"We're doing more frequent mentoring. We started that in January. It may be the most important thing we do this year," Clark said to school board members. "It's another level to support encouragement to these kids. I'm excited about this program."

Clark also announced to board members the school

district recently received a \$10,000 Planning and Implementation Grant. Last fall the school district adopted a policy to increase the school attendance age to 18 beginning in the 2015-16 school year. As a result, the school district qualified for the grant. Clark said officials are starting conversations on what can be done to support students and suggested a portion of the \$10,000 Planning and Implementation Grant may be used to help support student engagement.

In other district news, Darrell Pfingston has accepted the position of Assistant Director of Finance of Henderson County Schools. Pfingston most recently served as Energy Manager for Crittenden, Henderson and Union County public schools. Clark said Maintenance Supervisor Greg Binkley will assume the energy efficiency management responsibilities for the school district. A recent state report indicated that Crittenden County ranked in the top of 33 percent of school district's in energy efficiency and has implemented several energy conservation strategies to help save energy and money.

# Livingston Hospital Foundation names director

**STAFF REPORT**

The newly-founded Livingston Hospital Foundation Inc. has named Crissy Carter as executive director.

Carter has been employed with Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services (LHHS) since 2003, most recently serving as the director of community, wellness and nutrition services.

Carter holds a master's degree from Murray State University in human services and is pursuing a second master's

in health care administration. Carter also served as chairperson for Livingston County's Relay for Life for three years, raising approximately \$30,000 annually for the American Cancer Society.

"We are excited to have Crissy at the helm of the new Livingston Hospital Foundation Inc.," says Mark A. Edwards, LHHS CEO. "With Crissy's leadership, and the power of philanthropy, we look forward to better serving our communities for many

years to come."

As director of the foundation, Carter will be responsible for developing, implementing, and coordinating a complete philanthropy program including annual giving opportunities, major gifts solicitation and a planned giving program



Carter

that will continually benefit the hospital's services and patients. Funds raised will be used to enhance facilities, purchase new technology and equipment and provide assistance to patients in need.

Carter is a native of Livingston County, residing in Grand Rivers with her husband and two children.

For more information about Livingston Hospital Foundation Inc. or to make a donation, call (270) 988-7254.

# Local authors to gather at Tolu

**STAFF REPORT**

The Tolu Community Center is hosting an afternoon with local authors Mildred Edwards, Tom White and David Drennan on Feb. 21. The

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# Livestock report

## USDA Ledbetter auction results

**Feb. 10, 2015**

**Receipts:** 556 head.

**Compared to last week:** Feeder steers traded unevenly steady. Feeder heifers 5.00-8.00 higher. No trend on slaughter cows. Slaughter bulls 10.00 higher. Supply included 37% feeder steers, 39% feeder heifers, and 22% feeder bulls.

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-250	215	320.00-325.00	322.44
1	250-300	280	310.00	310.00
4	300-350	306	316.00-335.00	320.74
6	350-400	376	290.00-314.00	298.60
12	400-450	424	280.00-305.00	288.19
8	450-500	468	250.00-265.00	259.95
17	500-550	524	240.00-258.00	252.99
5	550-600	569	223.00-232.00	228.76
3	600-650	620	223.00-227.00	225.66
9	650-700	687	203.00-206.00	205.34
8	700-750	706	200.00-202.50	202.19
2	750-800	752	190.00	190.00
1	850-900	865	165.00	165.00
1	950-1000	955	165.00	165.00
5	1100-1150	1105	145.00	145.00
5	1200-1250	1205	140.00	140.00

**Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	350-400	372	240.00-275.00	264.37
6	400-450	401	257.50	257.50
15	450-500	478	235.00-247.50	237.18
5	500-550	520	200.00-225.00	212.74
4	650-700	693	186.00	186.00
2	750-800	785	185.00	185.00

**Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	500-550	515	152.00-159.00	155.40

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-250	245	275.00	275.00
1	250-300	270	275.00	275.00
2	300-350	328	267.00-272.50	269.69
8	350-400	355	260.00-277.50	270.14
14	400-450	431	245.00-255.00	248.75
25	450-500	470	231.00-247.00	240.59
1	450-500	480	261.00	261.00
9	500-550	523	220.00-233.00	227.52
5	550-600	572	219.00-224.00	220.00
16	600-650	617	200.00-211.00	206.85
8	650-700	657	184.00-200.00	196.42
9	700-750	712	170.00-184.00	180.65
2	750-800	785	151.00	151.00

**Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	250-300	280	230.00	230.00
3	300-350	325	235.00-280.00	254.15
6	350-400	376	251.00-255.00	253.09
2	400-450	422	229.00-240.00	234.21
2	450-500	490	221.00-226.00	223.50
1	500-550	530	210.00	210.00
2	550-600	555	209.00	209.00
4	600-650	630	180.00-194.00	186.97
1	650-700	690	170.00	170.00

**Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	400-450	425	200.00	200.00
1	700-750	730	150.00	150.00

**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-350	320	300.00	300.00
6	350-400	376	275.00-310.00	292.65
7	400-450	421	270.00-290.00	278.67
7	450-500	464	250.00-267.00	259.23
6	500-550	517	236.00-247.00	241.25
11	550-600	579	220.00-225.00	224.01
1	550-600	560	240.00	240.00
6	600-650	624	202.00-220.00	209.39
2	650-700	672	198.00	198.00
7	750-800	780	174.00	174.00
4	900-950	921	140.00	140.00

**Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3**

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-350	340	275.00	275.00
6	400-450	423	250.00-267.50	253.07
2	500-550	505	220.00-225.00	222.50
1	550-600	560	219.00	219.00
1	600-650	635	172.00	172.00
1	650-700	660	190.00	190.00

**Slaughter Cows:**

Breaker	%Lean	Weight	Avg-Dress
Breaker	75-80	1300-1860	97.00-106.00
Boner	80-85	1100-1500	102.00-110.00
Lean	85-90	1000-1300	90.00-102.00

**Slaughter Bulls:**

YG:	Weight	Avg-Dress	Lo-Dress
#1-2	1275-2400	123.00-133.00	110.00-120.00

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# Ignorant or evil deny cause of USA greatness

The ignorant or evil deny the cause of U.S. greatness. Ignorance in this case is not because they are uninformed or uneducated by today's faulty standards, but because they do not know the Bible and history, or they are willingly dishonest.

To know the Bible, they would know why we have been great and blessed: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord," reads Psalms 33:12.

To know history they would know why all the other countries are in the mess they are in, since none of them claim God as their Lord.

In my four years of high school in West Frankfort, Ill, we were taught in our history books that China was 4,000 years old, the oldest country in the world, and it could not feed its people. To prevent starvation each winter, children by the hundreds were marched to the edge of the mountains and left to freeze to death, as that was more humane.

China's ruling class went from pagan to communist control in 1947 with Mao Zedong taking over. Did the change from paganism to communism make it better for the peasants who were starving?

The biggest change was that adults were slaughtered – instead of only the children – to the tune of at least 70 million at the hands of this ruthless leader.

One of Obama's closest former advisors, Anita Dunn, as I watched her on video, said one of her favorite political philosophers who she turned



to the most was the butcher Mao Zedong.

Do we need this explained to us?

China is just an example of all the Third World countries who, through the last 2,000 years, have chosen the path of paganism, atheism and false religions, and all of them, one way or another, have wanted to destroy America.

These followers of Satan have had help for these past 2,000 years to stamp out the very One who was sent to lift them all out of their death struggles, and many times by ones who professed faith in Jesus.

Jesus was born in Asia, and was crucified there. But His followers carried His message to all of Asia, Europe, Africa, South America and, eventually, to all the world even as pagan rulers killed 20 million of them the first 300 years.

Europe accepted the Christian message as their belief system. But slowly, paganism infiltrated the church during Constantine's emperors and the visible church went into apostasy, known as the Roman Church.

The Church of Rome held sway over all the West and the world went into the Dark Ages, where pagan kings and backslidden church leaders

ruled with an iron hand, outdoing the slaughter of Christians by pagan Rome amounting to 60 million.

The real Church of God, named after Him of which Jesus and Paul affirmed, was hounded, persecuted, tortured and killed for the next 1,260 years, hiding in mountains, catacombs and forests until the great Protestant Reformation of 1530.

During the first 150 years of the Protestant Reformation, sin began to enter into its ranks. The world languished in its sinful power, remembering King Henry VIII, when killing the "heretics" again became a norm.

We all bewail the recent burning alive of the Jordanian pilot, which is inhumane and barbaric.

Keep in mind, pagan Rome, the Roman Church and some during the backslidden Protestant Reformation also burned people alive.

At that time, the whole world was in spiritual darkness, including North and South America.

During that time, a small group of people began to band together to find a land for religious freedom, to worship God in spirit and in truth.

These people finally reached the eastern shores of America, called the Pilgrims, who began to base their laws on the Bible.

From that tiny landing of Pilgrims has grown the most powerful, affluent, free nation in all the world's history.

It eventually took on the name of a Christian nation.

As each of the 50 states wrote their constitutions, all of

them, without exception, mentioned God and their gratitude to Him in various ways.

From America's inception, Satan's minions have sharpened their poisonous fangs to destroy her in every plan hell could come up with.

Many of those minions are in other parts of the world, but the most dangerous and evil are homegrown.

They have rewritten our American history. They don't even teach world and Bible history, so our young minds are left for these evil, so-called educators to fill them with lies and hate for America and God, all while turning them against Christianity and uplifting Islam.

Those evil minions among us who are dedicated to taking from hard working Americans to give and lift up the needy Third World nations are at the same time doing everything they can to take the God, who made us great, out of our lives.

None of them are smart enough, or are too evil, to see the reason why the youngest nation on earth is greater in every way than the rest of the world because it was founded on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who the sin in human hearts killed 2,000 ago and continues to kill with their sins and debauchery.

Seeing such savage butchery as the burning of human beings alive again, after all these years, the world is again going into spiritual darkness, and it is not just a repeat of Hitler's ovens.

Forsaking God is worldwide again and the whole world will pay. There is no

other land to run to, only eternity.

God's remedy for a great and successful nation is "righteousness exalts a nation" (Proverbs 14:34) and His remedy for their downfall, poverty, disgrace and destruction is "the wicked shall be turned in Hell and all the nations that forget God" (Psalms 9:17).

Who told us he was going to fundamentally transform America?

Who has worked hard to turn America away from the Christian religion, taking away religious freedoms and foresting sinful, pagan, immoral laws on us?

Everything that is being done has taken us into the communist realm of politics, catered to the Muslims and refused to give America a winning plan to defeat their world takeover, all while dragging America into the Sodom and Gomorrah cesspool.

The politicians are not the ones to be blamed for all this evil and grief, only the people who voted them in. How true the scripture, "Sin is a reproach to any people."

Until, or unless, the majority of American voters repent and turn to God, He will through them continue to elect the destroyers of our once great, free and God blessed nation. We're playing the part of fools.

Then hell itself won't be such a shocker to those who end up there, because we all will be acquainted with the hell on earth these kinds of politicians will usher in. They won't find a place to hide either, and won't even know what they have brought on until it is too late.

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

## Community church notes

■ Victory Way will be at Maranatha General Baptist Church on Cedar Grove Road in Salem at 6 p.m., Saturday.

■ A community Valentine social will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday at Salem Baptist Church's Christian Life Center. Everyone is invited.

■ Miracle Word Church in Salem welcomes Bro. Ed and Deanna Nichols at 7 p.m., Saturday and 11:15 a.m., Sunday.

■ Stan Bramblett will be the guest speaker at 11 a.m., Sunday at Deer Creek Baptist Church. Chris Sivells will speak at 6 p.m. On Feb. 18, the DVD Bible study, "Overcoming Temptation: How to deal with desires that de-

stroy," by Dr. Chip Ingram will be presented. Call (270) 965-2220 for more information.

■ Under His Armor, a youth retreat and lock-in for ages 10-16 will be held at 7 p.m., Feb. 20 to 7 a.m., Feb. 21 at Lola Pentecostal Church. Church youth groups are encouraged to attend and all denominations are welcome. Call (270) 704-6130 for more information.

■ A youth led sing out for the Savior program will be held at 4 p.m., Feb. 22 at Ed-dyville First Baptist Church. To sing or for more information contact Tim Perdue at (270) 388-7693 or Jerrell White at (270) 545-7729.

# God promises grace to win battles

By **FELTY YODER**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I think that many of us have marveled at how God brought deliverance to the Israelites when they were under Egyptian bondage.

God promised the Israelites deliverance if they obeyed the command that He set forth through Moses and Aaron. By following up on what they were told to do, they could cross the Red Sea as on dry land. Where immediately after their crossing, the Egyptians drowned in the same passage way.

As the Israelites traveled on, God covered them with a cloud during the day and a pillar of fire by night, and He had His angel go before them to lead the way. God blessed them abundantly for 40 years. Their clothing and shoes didn't wear out, they drank water out of a rock and

ate food from heaven every day.

"And the Lord spoke unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend," reads Exodus 33:11.

The Lord promised to bring them into a good land that flowed with milk and honey, but they had a part to do, too. They were to destroy the seven abominable nations that inhabited the land. The Lord promised to help them in their conflicts, but since their enemies were stronger and mightier than they were, they didn't believe that they could overcome them. So, that old generation of unbelievers had to die in the wilderness, and the younger generation went in and inherited the land.

All this is written for our admonition, so that we don't make the same mistakes they did.

In the new covenant, we can receive power in Jesus to overcome the seven abominable spirits within. Jesus is always ready to help. We read of "certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities. Mary (called Magdalena) out of whom went seven devils," reads Luke 8:2.

The Lord promised help (grace) to all who believe and are willing to take up the battle. Of our own selves, we can do nothing. Likewise, the Israelites couldn't of themselves eradicate the adversary.

Realizing our weakness, compared to the forces of darkness, man tends to draw back and commence seeking the easiest way through. Knowing "God has blessed us with all spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ," according to Ephesians 1:3, there is a tendency to frame the idea that Jesus has done

everything and we need to do nothing. And sure enough, we have a scripture in Isaiah 4:6 that reads, "all our righteousness are as filthy rags."


The truth is, we cannot read that Jesus or any of the apostles ever used that phrase. It's an Old Testament wording concerning the disobedient.

Men will attempt to pit the writing of Paul and James, where they speak about law, grace, faith, works, etc. I believe we must give some of the theologians much of the credit for this embarrassing confusion concerning law and grace that we find among God's people today.

The early church had no problem understanding that Paul and James had one and the same mind, but were writing to different groups of people in different surroundings.

# Come worship with us...

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OBITUARIES

— PAID OBITUARY —  
Driskill

Dorce M. Driskill, 74, of Smithland died Feb. 9, 2015, at Baptist Health Paducah.

He retired in 2000 after 34 years as a machinist for Illinois Central Gulf Railroad and P&L Railroad. He was of the Baptist faith.

Driskill enjoyed working with his son, taking care of cattle and piddling around the farm. He also enjoyed his dogs, Brownie, Jill and Punkin.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Nellie Mae Driskill; two sons, Gerald Driskill of Smithland and Harold Driskill of Ledbetter; two grandchildren, Chris Driskill and Jennifer Driskill; a brother, Casper Driskill of Calvert City; and several nieces, nephews and great nieces.

Driskill was preceded in death by his parents, Herschel and Roberta Driskill; and a brother, Charles Driskill.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Bro. Herbert Alexander and Bro. Tony Alexander officiating. Burial will follow in Paradise Cemetery.

Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Lourdes Hospice, 1530 Lone Oak Road, Paducah, KY 42003; or Paradise Cemetery Fund, 1501 Iuka Road, Grand Rivers, KY 42045.

Condolences may be left online at [BoydFuneralDirectors.com](#).



Driskill

Aldridge

Charles Ray Aldridge, 87, of Marion died Feb. 7, 2015, at Hillside Villa Nursing Home in Madisonville.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines Corps, a member of Marion Baptist Church and longtime employee of The Peoples Bank in Marion.

Aldridge is survived by his wife, Ella Mae Aldridge of Madisonville; a son, Rick Aldridge of Bowling Green; a daughter, Lana Newcom of Wood River, Ill.; a sister, Jewell Hunt of Marion; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

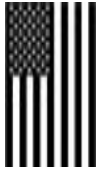
He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rosalie Aldridge; his parents, Jasper Guy and Willie Mildred Aldridge; a brother; and a sister.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Mapleview Cemetery.

Donations may be made to: Marion Baptist Church, 131 E. Depot St., Marion, KY 42064.



Aldridge



— PAID OBITUARY —  
Jacobs

Roy Douglas Jacobs, 66, of Fredonia died Feb. 9, 2015, at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was a tractor mechanic and of the Baptist faith.

Jacobs is survived by his wife, Sandra Kay Jacobs of Fredonia; two sons, Michael Douglas Jacobs of Marion and Roy Jeffrey Jacobs of Marion; three daughters, Cathy (Ricky) Poindexter of Carrsville, Teresa (Scott) Price of Mexico and Jackie (Buddy) Chandler of Mattoon; 12 grandchildren, Amber Hewitt, James Poindexter, Daniel Price, Kevin Chandler, Elizabeth Price, Matthew Chandler, Jacob Poindexter, Shane Jacobs, Jerusha Jacobs, Thomas "T.J." Jacobs, Jeremiah Jacobs and Jonathan Jacobs; three great-grandchildren, Kaylee Hewitt, Alex Hewitt and Kolton Price; two brothers, Cecil Jacobs of Evansville, Ind., and Darrell Jacobs of Frances; and two sisters, Mary Sherrell of Crayne and Linda Campbell of Frances.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew Jackson and Lillian Carner Jacobs; a sister, Mamie Lois Jacobs; and a brother, Jimmie Jacobs.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Frances Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



Jacobs

Murray

Shawna Rochelle Murray, 25, of Marion died Feb. 3, 2015, in Livingston County as the result of an automobile accident.

She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Marion.

Murray is survived by two daughters, Adrienne James of Marion and Amelia Johnson of Marion; a son, Tavion Hosick of Marion; her mother, Vicki Berry of Marion; her father, John "Tony" Murray of Henderson; a brother, Jordan Murray of Marion; and her maternal grandmother, Greta Osburn, and maternal step-grandfather, Eddie Osburn of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, John and Sharon Murray.

A celebration of life service was held Saturday at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Marion. Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

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Miniard

Barbara Miniard 74, of Marion died Feb. 9, 2015, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

She is survived by two sons, Rusty Miniard of Marion and Tony Miniard of Marion; a brother, Merle Whitman of Marion; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Miniard was preceded in death by her husband, Hurst Miniard; her parents, James and Alta Whitman; and two brothers, James Whitman and Ronald Whitman.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be in Caldwell Springs Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Lemon

Maurice W. Lemon, 76, of the Joy community near Smithland died Feb. 8, 2015, at his home.

Arrangements are incomplete at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem.

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Glenn

James Burnett Glenn, 80, of Mt. Olive, Ill., formerly of Marion, died Feb. 8, 2015, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill., of natural causes.

He was born Aug. 24, 1934 in Trigg County. He was a manager of Glenn's Pharmacy in Marion. He was a member of Rock Ridge Baptist Church in Cadiz.

Glenn is survived by his wife of 46 years, Anna Schmidt Glenn of Mt. Olive; two sons, Wolfgang Dern of Kentucky and Uew Dern of Mt. Olive; a sister, Margaret Guess of Cadiz; and four grand children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jamie and Justine Humphries Glenn.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home in Hopkinsville with Rev. Chris Clark officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Joyce would like to thank the firefighters for all of their hard work and effort. It is truly a blessing the support and kindness that we have seen during this time. It just goes to show there is still truly good in the world.

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Features:: Colonial, 2 story, 4 BR, 3 full BA & 2 half BA. Foyer w/open staircase, parlor & large formal DR w/gas log fireplace. The island kitchen w/all major appliances, many built-in cabinets & pantries; & breakfast room. The family/great room w/library nook, built-in storage cabinets & a w/burning fireplace. The property has many amenities. 4, 5 DEPOT ST...Investment Property...2 BR, 1 BA home w/vinyl siding, wood flooring, electric heat, city utilities. wf

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LOVELY BRICK HOME...w/large double lot in center of Marion. 3 BR, 2 BA has large rooms throughout, hardwood floors, modern kitchen w/all appliances, formal dining room, large basement w/storage & shower, 2 car detached garage, partially fenced. GREAT STARTER HOME...for newly weds, retirement home, hunting lodge for the upcoming deer season. 2 BR 2 BA, large den, living room, dining room. Property has plenty of room for a garden. This home is located in the southern portion of Crittenden county, close to Fredonia, Eddyville and I 24. Quiet Country living. mg WEST CENTRAL...3 BR, 2 BA brick home in town. Gas central heat and air, eat-in kitchen, master bath w/2 sinks. tj GREENWOOD HGTS AREA...4 bedroom, 2 bath brick home, eat in kitchen, walkout basement, 5 car detached garage. PRICE REDUCED EAST BELLVILLE...4 BR, 3 BA home on corner lot. Just 1 block from the Court House & Main St. Business. Lots of character. cb CARRSVILLE HORSE FARM...Approx. 59 acre w/3 BR, 2 BA Cedar sided home, den, dining room, kitchen w/appliances. Large deck overlooking stocked lake. Approx. 35 acres open pasture/hay fields w/balance in woods. 42 x 100 shop/stable bldg. w/concrete floor, water & electricity. Lots of privacy trees, shrubs, flowers, good pasture, fencing & abundant wildlife. Pm . . . 3 BR Brick Ranch, move in ready, this home needs a family & furniture, home has central heat/air, large living room, new carpet, large 2 car garage w/black top drive. Kitchen complete w/Stove top, oven, Fridge & dishwasher. Immediate possession is available at closing. LAKE GEORGE ESTATE...3.4 BR, 2 BA home w/fireplace, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan in the kitchen, dining & den w/great views of the lake. Detached garage w/large addition & has central HVAC, fireplace, wired for sound, bathroom w/shower, closet space, on over 4 acres. PRICED REDUCED \$309,000

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# For Love of Pets

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## Some breeds more popular than others at shelters

METRO SERVICES

Thousands of dogs end up in shelters every year. Some get reunited with family members, but the vast majority are strays or surrendered by their owners.

The Humane Society of the United States estimates that animal shelters care for between 6 and 8 million dogs and cats every year, and approximately half of those animals are ultimately euthanized. Substantial progress has been made to reduce the number of shelter animals that are euthanized, but more work is necessary to save animals from this unfortunate fate. To help reduce the number of homeless animals, many different shelters work to place animals in homes and educate men, women and children about pet overpopulation. Certain breeds tend to be more popular than others in shelters.

It is possible to find purebred dogs in shelters, and some shelters even specialize at placing particular breeds. However, many shelter dogs are mixed-breeds, often referred to as mutts.

According to polling from various shelters across the country, pit bulls, labradors, German shepherds, beagles,



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**Selony is a 3-year-old terrier mix. She came to Crittenden County Animal Shelter when her former family could no longer keep her. She is very friendly and available for adoption at the shelter.**

and their mixes tend to be the most common types of dogs found in shelters. Dogs perceived to be too hyper or aggressive frequently arrive at shelters when people find they cannot manage the animals. But with some training and discipline, many dogs can become beloved companions.

The following is a look at the general temperament of common shelter dogs and the

type of care and handling such dogs may require.

### Pit bull terrier

A well-bred pit bull can be a dependable, loyal and good-natured companion. These dogs are athletic and must have moderate daily exercise to stay healthy and prevent boredom.

Pit bulls can be stubborn and dominant, meaning they will need confident owners

who can establish and enforce expected behaviors. While they can be friendly with people, pit bulls may be assertive around other dogs, particularly when they feel their dominance is being challenged. In addition, these dogs have a high prey instinct and may chase cats or other small animals.

Pit bulls can usually live comfortably if they have adequate mental stimulation and are socialized at an early age.

### Beagles

Beagles are the perfect size for many families, and they also make friendly and peaceful dogs. Then why do they end up in shelters so readily? Beagles were developed as hunting dogs and may have these traits programmed into their heads to chase and seek out prey. What's more, beagles need a lot of exercise, and some people simply do not have the time or inclination to exercise their dogs.

Beagles can bay or howl

when they become bored, and they may dig holes or try to escape close quarters. For these reasons, beagles may end up turned over to shelters. But firm training and positive outlets for energy can help make beagles welcome companions.

### German shepherd

Well-bred German shepherds are often self-confident and aloof but not hostile. But many German shepherds, thanks in part to overbreeding, exhibit unpredictable behavior.

German shepherds are a working breed and were developed to be smart and forward-thinking. Shepherds need mental stimulation to remain happy and could become destructive if not given a good intellectual outlet, such as agility classes or herding opportunities.

German shepherds shed a lot of hair, making them undesirable to some people. When not properly socialized, shepherds may be aggressive toward other dogs, which can

be problematic. However, a shepherd that has been bred well, trained and socialized can make a loyal and friendly pet.

### Local adoptions

Two local shelters offer dozens of adoption opportunities at any given time.

Crittenden County Animal Shelter, located behind the county road department and convenience center on U.S. 60 east of Marion, is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The shelter can be reached at (270) 969-1054 or found online at crittendenshelter.blogspot.com.

Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter is a no-kill facility located at the junction of Ky. 120 and Just-A-Mere Road outside of Marion. The shelter is open every day from 1 to 5 p.m. and can be reached at (270) 965-2006 or found online at maryhallshelter.blogspot.com.

Both shelters offer photos and descriptions of available animals on their websites.

## Human foods can be lethal to pets

METRO SERVICES

Many pet parents do their best to ensure optimal health for their companion animals. Veterinary visits, exercise and diet play an integral role in pet health. Pet owners tend to be very selective when choosing commercial pet foods, but sometimes they're less discerning when they offer scraps of their own food to pets.

It can be hard to resist the pleading eyes of a pet looking for a handout from the dinner table. While it is generally fine to offer a tidbit here and there, even small amounts of certain foods can cause illness or even death, and pet owners are encouraged to familiarize themselves with foods that may be hazardous to pets.

Some foods people eat can be toxic or even lethal to pets. Avocado, for example, contains persin, which can cause vomiting and diarrhea in dogs, according to the Gateway Animal Hospital. Birds and rodents are also sensitive to avocado poisoning.

Grapes and raisins are other seemingly healthy foods that can be harmful to pets. The toxin inside of these fruits is unknown, but grapes and raisins can cause kidney failure. Cyanide is present in the seeds/pits of plums, pears and peaches, making these fruits potentially hazardous as well.

The ASPCA lists coffee, caffeinated products and chocolate as dangerous for pets as well. These items contain substances called methylxanthines that, when ingested by companion animals, can cause vomiting, panting, hyperactivity, tremors, and seizures. Dark chocolate is more dangerous than milk chocolate. Baking chocolate is the most toxic kind of chocolate to dogs.

Foods and products artificially sweetened by xylitol will cause insulin release in many species, and this can lead to liver failure. Keep pets away from chewing gum, candy and toothpaste.

Common herbs like onions, chives and garlic can

cause gastrointestinal irritation and may lead to red blood cell damage. Cats are more susceptible than dogs to these foods, but each species can be affected negatively.

Dog owners have frequently offered animal bones as a treat. However, these bones may harbor bacteria that can cause gastrointestinal illnesses. Furthermore, bones can splinter while they are being chewed, potentially lodging in the esophagus or intestines of the pet.

The following are some additional human foods and beverages that should not be given to pets:

- Alcoholic beverages.
- Apple seeds.
- Hops.
- Macadamia nuts.
- Moldy foods.
- Mushrooms.
- Potato leaves and stems.
- Salt.
- Tea.
- Tomato leaves and stems.
- Yeast dough.
- Walnuts.

## Pet's dish can make feeding time enjoyable

METRO SERVICES

Choosing the best food for a dog or cat's needs is an important consideration that can play a big part in their long-term health. However, it's not the end of the story when it comes to their proper feeding.

Michele Dixon, health and nutrition specialist with Petcurean, says how you feed your pet is an important complement to the food itself. She serves up these tips for your pet to savor every moment during mealtime. You can get more helpful information at [www.petcurean.com](http://www.petcurean.com).

Follow the feeding and transition guidelines on the pet food label and increase or decrease the amount you feed based on your pet's activity level and weight.

- The type of feeding bowl or dish matters. Choose a durable, nonporous material that's easy to clean, won't hold bacteria and can't be chewed by your pet.

- Use the right size dish for your pet to feed comfortably. For example, if your

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# Grieving over lost pet varies

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The strong bonds many people share with their pets can make the death of those pets, be it sudden or expected, difficult to handle. It's not uncommon to be traumatized when a pet dies, and such grief may be influenced by the pet's age at the time of its death, the circumstances surrounding that death and the nature of the relationship between the owner and pet.

Different pet owners deal with the death of a pet in different ways, but the following are some ways to cope with the loss of a companion animal.

- Recognize that everyone feels differently. Grief is ex-

pressed in many different ways. What one person experiences may not be the norm for another. You may go through a variety of emotions, from anger at the circumstances and being left without your pet, to guilt if you believe there may have been something more you could have done to prolong the animal's life. Mourn in your own way, and afford others the same opportunity.

- Reach out to others. Grief often can turn a person inward, and your feelings may be bottled up. Talking about your emotions, whether it's with a trusted friend or even a therapist, may help. Online message

boards that cover grief and pet loss may provide the support you need. Leaning on others who have been in your shoes may help you recover more quickly.

- Create mementos or a legacy for the pet. Creating mementos may help children who are having their own difficulty dealing with pet loss. Work with your child to create a photo album or plant a tree to honor your pet.

Dealing with a pet that must be euthanized can be especially difficult. Pet owners can choose to be in the room during the procedure, and that decision should not be made lightly. If you think you can handle it and you

want to be there to comfort your pet, then you might be more comfortable being in the room. But being present when a pet is euthanized can be emotional, so give this decision serious consideration.

Once a pet has died, many owners debate whether or not to bring a new pet into their homes. Another animal around the house can fill the void created when your previous pet passed away, and some people adopt or buy a new pet before an old or sick pet passes away to make the transition as smooth as possible. A new pet should only be brought into the home when you're ready to build a new relationship.



# Let pets get acclimated to long road trips

METRO SERVICES

Short jaunts in the car can be a special treat for pets who spend the majority of their time at home. Although car trips sometimes mean appointments at the vet, frequently such trips involve visits to family members or opportunities to romp and socialize in the park.

Pets that may be perfectly fine on short trips may not be as amenable to longer excursions. Pet owners should have a thorough understanding of their pet's traveling proclivities and prepare accordingly when the animal will be riding along on a vacation.

Animals can experience motion sickness or stress from being in a moving vehicle, and this can result in vomiting or accidents in the car. Furthermore, anguished animals may attempt to jump

into the front seat with the driver, which can cause distraction and/or lead to an accident. So it's best for owners to acclimate their pets to traveling in a car before going on any especially long trips.

The ASPCA recommends acclimating pets to the car in a series of steps. The first may be sitting inside a parked vehicle with your pet. Owners can then gradually progress to short trips around the neighborhood, all the while paying attention to pets to see how they are responding to time in the car.

Keep the temperature in the car cool and open the window to allow fresh air to flow in. Do not let your pet hang his or her head out of the window, as debris can blow in the pet's eyes or ears and pets may be tempted to jump out while the car is in motion.

Owners can reward pets who survive long trips by choosing a final destination that pets will find fun. If you are always putting the cat or dog in the car to go to the vet or groomer, your pet may associate the car with bad experiences and never truly adapt to trips in the car.

When traveling, pets must be properly secured in a vehicle to prevent injury to drivers, their passengers and even the pet itself. If a dog or cat finds comfort in a crate, use that to secure the animal during the ride. Otherwise, dog seatbelts and other restraint systems are helpful. Pets should ride in the back seat where they will be most safe and less likely to distract drivers. Drivers should resist the urge to have small pets sit on their lap while driving. Should an accident happen, a deployed airbag can injure or

kill a pet that's sitting on a driver's lap.

As a pet gradually acclimates to longer trips, vary the route and subject pets to different sights, sounds and smells. Animals that are particularly skittish or simply do not do well in the car should not be forced to make road trips. Veterinarians can prescribe tranquilizers or motion sickness medication to make car rides tolerable.

Pet owners often enjoy taking pets on car rides or vacations. But not all companion animals are fans of riding in cars, and they may need some practice before they get used to life on the road.

# Remorseful thief brings back stolen cat unharmed

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A man stole a 3-month-old kitten from a Minneapolis pet store, only to return it the next day with an apology note.

Ruff Start Rescue partners with PetSmart on pet adoptions. Its cat intake coordinator, Abbey Lynn, tells KSTP-TV a man went inside a Minneapolis PetSmart on Friday asking to look at the cats. When the man was done, a manager locked up the cages and left him alone.

Another employee walked by shortly after and noticed the lock on the kitten's cage had been cut with a bolt cutter.

Ruff Start Rescue says the kitten was returned unharmed Saturday in a box at a Roseville PetSmart with an apology note. The writer said he didn't have money, and wanted to give the kitten as a Valentine's Day gift.

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# Woman’s Club hosting insightful community event

**STAFF REPORT**  
Woman’s Club of Marion will host a program dealing with issues affecting both families and the community. The program will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 21 at the Woman’s Club building located at 126

E. Carlisle St. in Marion. The event is free and open to the public. It will offer a candid panel discussion on a variety of issues that affect communities and will address recognizing signs, symptoms and offer ways for prevention to soci-

etal problems. Woman’s Club of Marion President Rebecca Zahrte said this is the third annual community-issues event the organization has sponsored. Each year, organizers said they have tried to keep in mind what is currently

affecting the community and provided a dialogue on what can be done to help by addressing the issues. “We are looking at some very serious problems our community is facing. They are quiet problems that you may not even know are

going on. We are going to try to show the community how to recognize signs and what you can do about it,” Zahrte said. “We have had a fabulous response to our previous events and I hope that we have excellent attendance for this one as well.”

For more information contact Zahrte at (270) 978-3328 or by email at rebecca.zahrte@gmail.com. In the event of inclement weather, a snow date for the event has been scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 28.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Seven Crittenden County High School band members were selected to participate in the 2015 Murray State University Quad-State Honors Band Feb. 19-21. The students include (front row, from left) Kylee Beard-Clarinet; Jamie Needs-Clarinet and Monica Hodge-Clarinet; (back row) Sean Watson-Trumpet; Chris Swilley-Tuba; Jacob Kelley-Trombone and Sam Winders-Clarinet.

## Seven CCHS band members to participate at Murray State event

**STAFF REPORT**  
Members of the Crittenden County High School band were selected to participate in the 2015 Murray State University Quad-State Honors Band to be held Feb. 19-21. The university will bring in guest conductors, or other college directors, accomplished high school directors or professional

conductors to work with each band and prepare a concert for the final day. CCHS Band director Jacob Carroll said it is a great opportunity for the students, conductors and the directors, who typically sit in on the rehearsals and learn from the guest conductors as well as the students themselves. Each year directors from

Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois and Indiana submit their top students for this honors band based on their ability and work ethic. The students will travel to MSU and audition for one of four honors bands, in which they will be placed. Once seated, they will rehearse with that group for two days before giving a final concert Saturday morning.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Thursday, Feb. 12**  
■ An organizational meeting regarding 4-H programming for home school students will be held at 2:30 p.m., at the Extension Service.  
**Saturday, Feb. 14**  
■ Crittenden County Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m., in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Public Library. The program will feature ways to document heirlooms with members of the group sharing their ideas.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 17**  
■ Crittenden County High School SBDM Council will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the high school’s conference room.

**Saturday, Feb. 21**  
■ Woman’s Club of Marion will present a free program relating to issues affecting families and the community beginning at 1 p.m., at its club headquarters on East Carlisle Street.  
**Wednesday, March 4**  
■ Crittenden County Extension Homemakers will host a reception for Nancy Hunt, who retired from the Crittenden County Extension Service after 35 years. The reception will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Woman’s Club building on East Carlisle Street. The reception will be open to the public.  
**Saturday, March 7**  
■ Electrical, HVAC and plumbing

classes will be held at the Marion-Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center. Call Madisonville Community College at (270) 824-8660 to register.  
**On-going events**  
■ Relay for Life of Crittenden County will hold meetings at 5:30 p.m., the third Monday of each month at the Crittenden County Courthouse. This year’s theme is “Every Hero has a Story.”  
■ The Livingston County Middle School Efficiency Committee meets the fourth Monday of each month from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., in the LCMS Cardinal Room.

## SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. All menu items are subject to change based on availability.  
Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information.  
Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Menu is baked spaghetti, buttered carrots, seasoned peas, wheat garlic bread and ambrosia.  
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Call the center for an appointment with a tax preparer. Menu is baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, buttered broccoli, cornbread and caramel apples.  
- Monday: Ladies exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is breaded chicken patty, mashed potatoes, white gravy, turnip greens, cornbread and pineapple slices.  
- Tuesday: A legal aide will

**Fellowship Dinner**  
Today (Thursday) at 5 p.m.  
Fried chicken donated by Food Giant for \$5. Guests are asked to bring a side dish.  
Music by Richard Maxfield.

be available for counsel at 10 a.m. Menu is beef lasagna, peas and carrots, pears and wheat garlic bread.  
- Wednesday: Menu is chili, pimento cheese sandwich on wheat bread, saltine crackers and tropical fruit.  
- Next Thursday: Menu is pork roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, whole kernel corn, cornbread and apple crisp.

## CCHS Class of 1975 schedules reunion

**STAFF REPORT**  
It’s an event that’s been 40 years in the making. On Aug. 1, Crittenden County’s High School Class of 1975 will celebrate its 40th class reunion. Alumni are encouraged to arrive at 6 p.m., at Crittenden County High School for a reunion photograph under

the rocket. Photographs may be purchased the night of the reunion and will cost \$15 for an 8 x 10 photograph, which includes shipping.  
Dinner will be held in the high school’s multi-purpose room. The entree will be catered. Individuals can bring their own dishes or

desserts to share. The cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Money can be deposited into an account at Farmers Bank or checks can be mailed by June 27 to Janet Hughes, P.O. Box 341, Salem, Ky. 42078. Make checks payable to “CCHS Class of 1975 Reunion.”



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## Davis visits with Homemakers

John Davis, marketing representative for Air Evac, gave a presentation last month to the Crittenden County Extension Homemaker Council on the services and levels of memberships Air Evac provides. Membership brochures are available at the County Extension Service. The council consists of the presidents from the five clubs and county officers and chairmen. County officers include Sarah Ford, president; Micki Crider, vice president and Barbara Myers, secretary/treasurer. Club presidents are Darl Henley, After Hours Club; Nancy Lanham, Challengers Club; Dot Boone, Crooked Creek Club; Pat Carter, Evening Belles Club and Sharon Giltz, Morning Glories Club. For further information on Extension Homemakers call the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.



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## Shopko donates to schools

Demonstrating its commitment to community, Shopko recently donated \$750 to the Crittenden County School District. The program is called “Giving back to our schools,” and local store manager Sharon Reynolds Wells said Shopko is committed to giving back to the community through a variety of projects. She urges individuals to visit Shopko.com to learn more about applying for various community grants. Last week’s \$750 check donation to Crittenden County Schools was based on the 750 signatures collected from Shopko’s customers throughout the year. At the end of January, Shopko employees counted the amount of signatures collected and that number equaled the amount of the donation. Each store is allowed to donate up to \$2,000 through the initiative. Shown above, Wells presents Crittenden County Schools Superintendent Vince Clark with the donation.

## Using proper prose



SUBMITTED PHOTO

At left, Crittenden County Middle School Language Arts teacher Jeanette Campbell conferences with sixth-grade student Hannah Faughn following a recent On Demand writing scrimmage. Students in fifth, sixth, eighth, tenth and eleventh grades took part in the district-wide practice session to assess writing skills and identify areas for improvement. On Demand writing is tested at these grade levels and covers informational, narrative and opinion/argumentative writing prompts. Following each grade-level scrimmage, teachers collaborated to score student work and then provided individual feedback to students on how to improve their papers.



# CCHS schedules Freshman O Feb. 19

**STAFF REPORT**  
High school brings a variety of new opportunities for all incoming freshmen. To help both ease the transition to high school and inform students about the different educational pathways, officials at Crittenden County High School are offering an orientation this month for next school year's incoming freshman class.

CCHS will present Freshman O, an informational

event for incoming ninth graders. The two-hour event will begin promptly at 5 p.m., Feb. 19 at CCHS, with a meal of chili and grilled cheese sandwiches. It will also provide information to aid students with pre-scheduling and include material about CTE or Career and Technical Education pathways and tours of the freshman annex.

According to CCHS Principal Curtis Brown, the

purpose of the event is to complete the initial class selection and provide students and their parents with the opportunity to learn more about the CTE classes as well as meet with teachers and freshman sponsors.

"We believe that educating our students and their families on choices they have prior to enrolling



in high school gives them the knowledge they need to make informed decisions, which ultimately leads to a more successful and enjoyable high school experience," Brown said.

All freshmen will choose a CTE pathway from the following options: family and consumer science, business, agricul-

ture, aerospace, band and art. Students will be given more information about these pathways prior to the Freshman O event. CCHS administration and staff will be available that evening to answer any questions students or parents may have.

Additionally, door prizes will be given away, including an iPad mini, for all students turning in their signed registration forms

the night of the event. Students who cannot attend Freshman O are asked to turn in their scheduling form to the CCMS or CCHS office no later than Friday, Feb. 20.

For more information about Freshman O, contact the CCHS office at (270) 965-2248 or email guidance counselor Stefanie Shoulters at stefanie.shoulters@crittenden.kyschools.us.



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## CCES names its Rocket Role Models

Crittenden County Elementary School named its Rocket Role Models for the month of January. They include (front row) Brayden Poindexter, Sara Medina, Allison Day, Brody Samuel, Junior Vasseur, Sophia Taft, Presley Potter, Hadley Myers, Mia Grandinetti and Logan Martin; (second row) Avery Johnson, Alex Conner, Avery Belt, Casey Cates, Ckyl Corriveau, Jeremiah Foster, Carly Porter, Ellary McKinney, Layla Winn, Jazmyne Tramel and Cambree McKinley-Rushing; (back row) Emma Sosh, Mallory Lynn, Keifer Marshall, Coby West, Caden Riley, Natalie Boone, Hailey McCann and Lexi Wesmolan.

# MCC accepting scholarship applications

**STAFF REPORT**  
Applications are currently being accepted for over 22 scholarship opportunities available through Madisonville Community College (MCC). The complete listing of available scholarships, the MCC scholarship application form, and other submission guidelines can be found on MCC's website at madisonville.kctcs.edu – select Cost & Aid then click on Scholarship Opportunities.

Scholarship application forms are also available from the MCC Financial Aid Office and from local high school guidance offices.

March 15 is the priority deadline; however, scholarship application packets are accepted throughout the year and retained on file for one academic year. Scholarships are awarded at various times during the year. Students are encouraged to submit a completed scholarship application even if they have missed the March 15 priority deadline.

Completion of the Free Ap-

plication for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required each year to be eligible for an MCC scholarship. The FAFSA can be completed at fafsa.gov and only takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. It will also show if qualifications have been met for other types of financial aid.

Students selected for scholarships will receive notice from MCC's financial aid office of the award and the amount. Award amounts vary annually. Scholarships are awarded for one academic year and are renewable for a second year if the student maintains eligibility and completes a new scholarship application.

To assist with the FAFSA and scholarship application completion process, MCC will be offering a FAFSA/Scholarship workshop on March 10 beginning at 6 p.m. in rooms 214 and 248 located on the second floor of the John H. Gray building on the MCC North Campus.

For new and returning MCC students, the workshop will cover:

- Completing the 2015-16 FAFSA.
- Completing the MCC Scholarship Application.
- Learning about available scholarships.
- Writing the scholarship essay.

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# Crittenden caught in middle of Civil War

## County saw raiders, few war battles

In 1998, a project in the county was being researched that would be titled the "Illinois-Kentucky Ohio River Civil War Heritage Trail." Involved in this project were the Illinois Association of Museums, the Illinois Department of Commerce and the Kentucky Department of Travel. The National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program was the side partner with Kentucky. Also involved in the research were local interested parties in each state and county.

Mr. James E. Jacobsen, a historic preservation consultant, prepared the final summary from several years of research. In his report are several interesting paragraphs on Crittenden County.

Crittenden County played no commanding role in the Civil War but suffered to be overrun by both sides, particularly by raiding parties from Illinois. There is no evidence that any federal garrison ever occupied any point in the county. Smuggling across the Ohio River was commonplace across the breadth of the county. All known military actions were confined to the northeastern corner of the county and represented a spilling over of the military activities in Union County.

Guerrilla activity was sustained within the county and the largest military action in Crittenden County involved a guerrilla attack on a federal troop transport at Weston in early September 1863. Irregular warfare claimed the county courthouse in late January 1865, and there were a few politically motivated murders in the county during the war.

The county industries, as of 1860, were varied, reflecting the mineral wealth of the area. Marion had two flour mills owned by Otho Nunn and James W. Bruff. There were several grist and sawmills located along Crooked Creek, northwest of Marion.

There were two major coal mining companies in the county. The Wheatcroft & Cook Coal Mines, with 55 employees, had a \$44,000 capital investment, and annually produced 400,000 bushels of coal. The Bell Mine Coal Co., with a re-



ported 130 employees (the 1860 Census listed just 64 miners), represented a \$150,000 capitalization and produced 605,000 bushels of coal each year.

The mines were owned by John Bell of Tennessee, who also owned a rolling mill on the Cumberland River. This was the very same John Bell who ran on the Union ticket in the 1860 election. He went south after the start of the war.

The county order books provide some glimpses of the local perspective on the impending crisis and the wartime experience. The county slave patrols were first mentioned as being established Dec 10, 1860. J.N. Sutcliff and J.C. Elder were patrol captains. Capt. William K. McCollum was named head of the Coal Mine District patrol on Oct. 15, 1861. Capt. D.D. Woods was named to the Marion District patrol on June 9, 1862. (Order Book 2, page 449 and Book 3, pages 26, 54.)

### Local politics and the Civil War years 1865-68

As with most counties, the day-to-day work of running the county simply proceeded. Public office turnover sometimes hints at some instability.

The county found time to build a new jail on the southwest corner of the public square and two lots on the square, outside of the fence, were sold apparently to generate funds for the jail. A curious omission from the record is any reference to the reported burning of the county courthouse on Jan. 25, 1865. There should be references to finding alternate court chambers and, of course, replacing the lost building. (There is nothing written in the County Court Order Books telling of this event.)

More happened in Crittenden County during the war than can now be recalled or documented. Much had been simply forgotten.

A Crittenden Press article in 1893 noted, "There were not any battles fought on the soil of Crittenden County, but the county was overrun by the troops of both armies, who often

plundered the citizens of anything necessary for their comfort. Horses were carried off and the citizens often required to pay over certain named sums of money for the houses so taken. Peaceable citizens were carried off, but, fortunately, all returned alive."

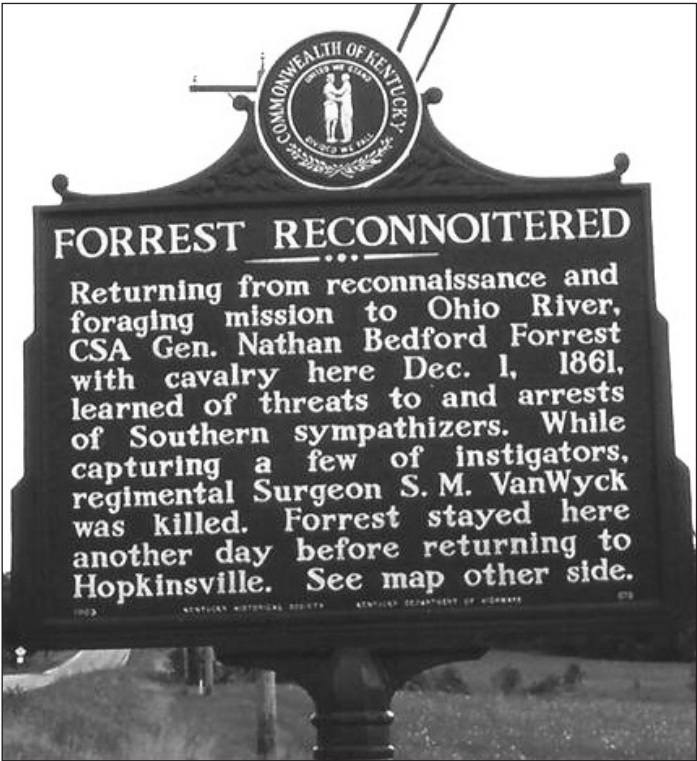
The county appears to have been fairly regularly visited by federal troops, although it by itself rarely served as a direct military target. More commonly, it was an East-West through route for federal troops or it suffered spillover effects from the Union County operations.

The Nunn log house, near Baker Church, was two stories high and had a rear "ell" wing. There was a secret room of sorts off the kitchen and its two entrances were hidden by large pieces of furniture. Although raided frequently, the family was able to store and save much of its food and valuables by using that hideout. The family also had slaves.

The sufferings of the family of Robertus Love "Bart" Moore are well detailed, although not dated. Moore inherited his father's large land holdings in the Mattoon area and the two-story homestead was located on the northern ridge of Mattoon flats at the junction of the Marion-Morganfield and Flynn's Ferry roads. The Moore holdings were extensive, he owned slaves and his operation was called a plantation. He also operated a dry goods store. He became a target for federal raiders and his store was cleaned out, as was his smokehouse, all of his metal or improved farm implements and other items. Moore filed damage claims after the war but they were disallowed. (Bob Wheeler, The Crittenden Press, July 9, 1970.)

One Union refugee from the county was Jonathan Belt. Confederate Col. Nathan Bedford Forrest raided through the river counties in November and December 1861 and carried with him a "hit list" of Union guerrilla commanders who were to be arrested or otherwise eliminated. Some of these were men who had attacked Forrest's men while they were encamped in the Hopkinsville area.

Belt's name was on that list, and he was visited in the night by armed men. Belt shot one of the men and fled out the back way, reached Ford's Ferry the next morning and relocated to his father's home in Hardin County, Ill.



Jonathan Belt is said to have subsequently made a specialty out of raiding Crittenden and Union county residents under the guise of hunting Confederates and guerrillas. He served in the 15th Kentucky Cavalry at one point.

When Forrest's cavalry reached Marion, Forrest learned a federal scout from Illinois, a few days earlier, had taken several prominent pro-Southern residents back with them. Dr. Van Wick, Forrest's surgeon, was sent in pursuit and gobbled up 10 luckless Baptist clergymen who were returning from an Illinois religious convention.

Forrest took them as hostages for the release of the federal's captives and sent two of them after the scouting party, keeping eight under guard. The story goes that Forrest promised to hang all of them "on one pole" and that a Confederate soldier consoled the preachers by as-

suring them that the county had no poles, just trees. The account simply states that the mission was accomplished, and Forrest continued on West. (Military History of Kentucky, page 172).

The year 1864 brought heightened military activity and some major skirmishes to the counties along the Ohio River. The largest military action in the county took place at Weston on June 21, 1864. The steamboat Mercury, carrying the entire 7th Ohio Infantry, was fired on by Confederates as it passed the north end of town, with the attackers firing from behind a bluff and buildings on or near it. The attackers apparently didn't realize the strength of the unit on the boat and were readily driven off by the firing of whole volleys from the boat. There were casualties on both sides. The boat's captain refused to land and allow the infantry to burn

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Weston Bluff skirmish marker (shown above) tells the story of the largest military action that took place in Crittenden County. Below, a Kentucky Historical Marker located at the edge of Marion on U.S. 60 East preserves the history of Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's visit to Crittenden County during the winter of 1861.

the town, citing orders to not land on the Kentucky shore.

The second documented military action in the county occurred at Bell's Mines in the extreme northeastern corner of the county just weeks after the Weston incident. Lt. Thomas W. Metcalfe with 436 men of Company C, 56th Kentucky Mounted Infantry from Cloverport, Ky., were attacked at Bell's Mines on July 13 by a reported 300 "guerrillas" and the force was reported captured by the Evansville Daily Journal of July 19, 1864. The newspaper account stated that six of the men had escaped and reached Shawneetown, where they reported the action. (ORAS, II, Vol. 22, page 777.)

Thanks to the documentation from this project, the Weston Bluff Skirmish site was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998 and two Civil War history markers were placed in this area, one at the foot of the Weston Bluff and one at the Bell's Mines Cemetery location.

(Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and genealogical societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)

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PREP CALENDAR

**Upcoming Games**  
**Crittenden County Basketball**  
**FRIDAY**  
St. Mary varsity DH at Rocket Arena  
**SATURDAY**  
Lady Rockets host Union County  
**MONDAY**  
Rockets at Hopkins Central  
**TUESDAY**  
Hopkins Central DH at Rocket Arena  
**FRIDAY, FEB. 20**  
CCHS varsity DH at Fort Campbell

BASKETBALL

**Manley will play at MSU**  
A basketball player with ties to Crittenden County will play college basketball at Murray State. Marshall County senior Michaela Manley will join the Lady Racers next season. She averages 7 points and 3 rebounds a game and was last year's First Region Tournament MVP and helped lead her team to the Sweet 16. Manley's parents, Chris and Dana, are natives of Marion and graduated from Crittenden County High School in the 1980s.

**Webster leads PAC**  
**Pennyrile Athletic Conference**  
**Basketball Standings**

Girls Basketball			
Team	W	L	GB
Webster County	6	0	--
Union County	2	3	3.5
Hopkins Central	2	3	3.5
Crittenden County	0	4	5

Boys Basketball			
Webster County	6	0	--
Hopkins Central	1	2	3.5
Crittenden County	1	3	4
Union County	1	4	4.5

**Crittenden hosts region**  
Crittenden County will host the Second Region Girls' Basketball Tournament this year for the first time during the modern-era format. Opening round games will be played March 2-3 with the semifinals on March 6 and championship game on March 7. The Boys' Second Region Basketball Tournament will be at Union County. Opening round games will be played March 4-5 with the semifinals on March 9 and championship game on March 10.

**District tourney at LCHS**  
This year's Fifth District Tournament will be held the last week of February at Smithland at the Livingston Central gym. The Lady Rockets will have either a first or second-place seed and the Rockets will be a No. 2 seed. The girls tied for a share of the regular-season district championship with Lyon. A coin toss will determine which team earns the top seed for the playoffs.

SOCCKER

**Soccer boosters meet**  
There will be a Crittenden County High School Goalie Club meeting at 6 p.m., Monday at the school library.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons	
Raccoon, Opossum	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 10 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 22 - Feb. 28
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 9 - March 31
Youth Turkey	Apr. 4-5
Spring Turkey	Apr. 18 - May 10
LBL Turkey	Apr. 20 - May 3
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round
Coyote Lights Night	Feb 1 - May 31

**LBL turkey app deadline**  
Deadline for Turkey Quota Hunt Permit applications at Land Between the Lakes is Feb. 28. Hunters may apply online at lbyquotahunt.hometracker.com or by phone until 4 p.m., on Feb. 27. If applying by phone, call 270-924-2065. Application fees are \$5 online and \$7 by phone. Three quota hunts will take place at LBL. They are April 11-12 for youth hunters 15-under and April 14-15 and April 18-19 for adults. Hunting is not permitted between these dates.

**Hunting winding down**  
The final stretch of fall and winter hunting is winding down over the coming days. Small game hunting for rabbit and quail ended Tuesday and by month's end virtually all hunting will cease until the wild turkey season opens in the spring. Some goose and predator hunting opportunities will continue, however.

McDowell takes soccer skills to Wesleyan

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County's best soccer team in years has produced its second player for the collegiate ranks. RaKara McDowell, 17, signed a letter of intent Monday to play at Kentucky Wesleyan at Owensboro. A member of the Crittenden County High School soccer team, McDowell found herself in a leadership role even before she earned a spot on the varsity team. She's a gritty player whose determination has tempered her skills and helped her become one of the Lady Rockets' top players over the past several seasons. As a senior, she was an integral part of Crittenden's best soccer team in ages. The squad finished runner-up in the district and earned its first ever regional post-season berth. CCHS soccer coach Ken Geary said McDowell's play was key to last season's success. "She has played everywhere for us, but last season we asked her to move back on defense and play in the middle of the field," Geary said. It's not a position where glory or headlines find you, Geary explained, but McDowell accepted the role and excelled. "She was exactly what we needed in the middle of our defense," the coach said. McDowell's persona and team spirit is summed up even greater by

her plans to attend National Guard basic training this summer. She's one of very few local females to ever join the Guard and she is considering the military as a career. It's that or physical therapy or sports training, she said. As a senior, McDowell earned the Lady Rocket soccer team's Most Improved Award. That's a bit misleading, the coach said, because she's always been a top-notch player. The reason she received that particular accolade is because she learned a whole new position and was the centerpiece to the team's defensive success. Both seniors on last year's soccer team will be playing collegiately next fall. Marie Riley signed two weeks ago with Campbellsville. McDowell had always been a scorer. She played most her career as a midfielder or somewhere on the offensive side of the ball. As a junior, she was a top scorer on the team and had a number of assists. An all-district performer as a junior and senior, McDowell was the team captain her 12th-grade season and has always earned academic laurels. She is currently a 3.9 student on the 4.0 scale. McDowell has been playing soccer since she was four. She was on one of the first girls' traveling teams from Crittenden County and earned a spot on the junior varsity squad as a sixth grader. The only reason



Pictured on signing day Monday at Rocket Arena were (front from left) grandfather Bob McDowell, RaKara McDowell, grandmother Ann McDowell, CCHS Principal Curtis Brown and soccer coach Ken Geary.

she didn't play varsity is because rules prohibit middle schoolers from playing anything beyond JV. "She did a great job for us," the Lady Rocket coach said. "She's a great player and a great leader." McDowell will have to earn her way onto the Wesleyan roster, but

she's unfazed by such challenges. "This is where I have wanted to go to college," she said. Now, she can have a chance to wear the Lady Panthers' purple and play in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Rockets declare ‘business as usual’ despite this highly unusual season

STAFF REPORT  
With four games left over the last eight days of regular season, Rocket coach Denis Hodge says his team is right where it started – at least in its approach to each game. Sure, Crittenden (15-8) can win more games this season than it has in any basketball campaign over the past 15 years, but the coach isn't reading too much into the numbers. "We are no different than where we started the season," Hodge said. "We're just trying to prepare for the next game. I know that sounds *cliche-ish*, but that's where we're at." Crittenden hosts St. Mary in its annual homecoming game Friday then turns its attention to two straight Pennyrile Athletic Conference games against Hopkins Central in away-home matchups on consecutive nights early next week, before closing out the regular season at Fort Campbell Friday, Feb. 20. "We're taking them one game at a time and not looking too far ahead," Hodge said. "I told our team that basketball math does not add up. It doesn't matter who beat who by how much. Basketball is so much about individual matchups." Over the coming week Hodge hopes to fine tune his club that has already etched out a place in Rocket history by starting the season 9-1 (matching the best ever) and winning enough games to rank among the best 10 seasons since Crittenden and Marion consolidated in 1957. The matchups are trending in Crittenden's favor, too. Colby Watson has been on a tear



The Watson Boys – Dakota Watson (24) and Colby Watson (23) – although unrelated have been like sibling stalwarts lately, patrolling the paint and keeping opposing offenses in check. Here, they put a stop to Community Christian's Ethan Miller's hopes of a clear shot.

lately, scoring more and playing good defense. Dakota Watson remains the blue-collar guy around the basket and point guard Dylan Hicks has picked up his offense the last couple of weeks, as has forward Noah Dickerson. Although opposing defenses have centered their attention on sharpshooter Landon Young, he continues to lead the club in

scoring. And off the bench, Crittenden is getting solid play from Noah Hadfield (who led the team with 8 rebounds Monday), Dylan Hollis and Adam Driver. The Rockets have won 4 of their last 6, including wins during the past week over Dawson Springs, Hardin County, Ill., and Community Christian. Crittenden fell to Caldwell County by 24 Tuesday at home.

Most Wins in a Season

Since 1957 when Crittenden and Marion consolidated.			
1957-58.....	16	1997-98.....	19
1960-61.....	18	1999-00.....	20
1961-62.....	17	2002-03.....	17
1972-73.....	15	2003-04.....	16
1973-74.....	19	2012-13.....	15

Caldwell 60, Crittenden 36			
Caldwell County	14	14	12
Crittenden County	7	9	7
CALDWELL – Clift, Gaither 3, Tucker 1, Young 7, Boyd 10, Hawkins, Riley, Martin 5, Davis 2, Pepper 28, Darnell, Brandon. FG 25-51. 3-pointers 3-11 (Gaither, Young, Martin). FT 7-22. Rebounds 39 (Pepper 17). Fouls 21.			
CRITTENDEN – Young 16, Hollis, Dickerson 2, D.Watson 2, Driver 3, Hadfield, Coleman, Hicks, C.Watson 13, Lundy, Stephens. FG 11-40. 3-pointers 6-15 (Young 4, C.Watson 2). FT 8-16. Rebounds 25 (C.Watson 7). Fouls 15.			

Crittenden 57, CCA 27			
Community Christian	6	6	3
Crittenden County	14	21	13
CCA – Smith 2, Wingfield, Bell 2, Breedlove 10, Browning 3, Miller 8, Rogers, Tracey. FG 9-42. 3-pointers 1-10 (Browning). FT 8-18. Rebounds 29 (Browning 8, Miller 8). Fouls 15.			
CRITTENDEN – Young 18, Hollis 3, Dickerson 10, D.Watson, Driver, Tolley, Hadfield 3, Greenwell 4, Coleman 2, James 4, Hicks 2, C.Watson 7, Lundy 2, Stephens 2, G.Dickerson. FG 22-53. 3-pointers 5-20 (Young 2, Dickerson 2, C.Watson). FT 8-20. Rebounds 38 (Hadfield 5). Fouls 19.			

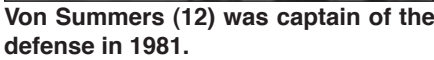
Crittenden 41, Hardin Co., Ill. 39			
Crittenden County	14	13	14
Hardin County	8	15	16
CRITTENDEN – Young 11, Hollis, Dickerson, D.Watson 8, Hadfield 4, Hicks 5, C.Watson 13. FG 16-43. 3-pointers 4-16 (C.Watson 2, Hicks, Young). FT 5-9 Rebounds 31 (Dickerson 6, Hadfield 6). Fouls 17.			
HARDIN – Robinson, Winters 19, Austin 9, Marter, Seavers 1, Corin 7, Dutton, Shaw 3. FG 11-41. 3-pointers 4-21 (Winters 2, Shaw, Corin). FT 13-22. Rebounds 31 (Corin 7). Fouls 12.			

Crittenden 60, Dawson 25			
Crittenden County	10	19	15
Dawson Springs	7	14	19
CRITTENDEN – Young 10, Dickerson 11, Hicks 7, C.Watson 14, D.Watson 7, Adams, Hadfield, Collis 2, James, Tolley 1, Coleman 1, Stephens 5, Greenwell 2, Lundy. FG 21. 3-pointers 3 (Young, Hicks, C.Watson). FT 15-30. Fouls 19.			
DAWSON – Brooks 3, Simpson 3, Riley 1, Clark 2, Edwards, Adams 2, Cunningham, Cotton 1, Storms, Dyer 2, Price, Jones 2, Abbott, Hickerson, Putman. FG 7. 3-pointers 2 (Brooks, Simpson). FT 5-7. Fouls 19.			



Senior Marie Riley fights for possession of the ball against Dawson Spring's Andie Mills during the Lady Rockets' win Friday on the road. There was a huge, and sometimes emotional sendoff Monday, for all the graduating 12th graders on Senior Night.





Member - Class Inducted - Primary Sport  
 Andrews, Josh - 2005 - Football  
 Belt, Bruce - 2001 - Basketball  
 Beverly, David - 2007 - Football  
 Brasher, Don "Sucky" - 2002 - Basketball  
 Bridwell, Lynn "Lefty" - 2009 - Baseball  
 Brown, Nicky - 2009 - Basketball  
 Champion, Jamie - 2006 - Football  
 Conyer, Roy - 2001 - Football  
 Cozart, Spencer - 2004 - Basketball  
 Croft, Jimmy - 2013 - Basketball  
 Daniels, Markeata Brown - 2009 - Basketball  
 Davidson, Glen "Ace" - 2003 - Basketball  
 Easley, Clinton - 2005 - Football  
 Elder, Houston "Hound" - 2001 - Football  
 Faith, Leonard - 2008 - Basketball  
 Franklin, W.A. - 2006 - Basketball  
 Gates, Pat - 2002 - Football  
 Grady, Orville "Soupy" - 1998 - Football  
 Gray, Vanessa - 2011 - Basketball  
 Green, Don - 2001 - Basketball  
 Hart, George - 1998 - Basketball  
 Head, Frank - 1998 - Football  
 Hicklin, Robert "Hickie" - 2002 - Football  
 Highfil, Hugh - 2002 - Basketball  
 Hinchee, Jeanee - 2007 - Basketball  
 Hodge, Denis - 2006 - Football  
 Hodge, Shannon Collins - 2008 - Basketball  
 Hopper, Jimmy - 2005 - Football  
 Hughes, Charles "Turkey" - 1999 - Football  
 Johnson, Tom - 2001 - Football  
 Knott, Curtis "Gig" - 1998 - Football  
 Litchfield, Louis - 2007 - Basketball  
 Little, Dwight - 1998 - Football  
 Little, Ercel - 2003 - Basketball  
 Martin, Turner - 2012 - Basketball  
 McChesney, James "Burlap" - 2003 - Football  
 Mills, Jim Fred - 1999 - Football  
 Moss, Ronnie - 2003 - Football  
 Moss, Ronnie - 2005 - Basketball  
 Mott, Chad - 2006 - Football  
 Mott, Dennis - 2010 - Football  
 Ordway, Bruce - 2008 - Basketball  
 Perryman, Chad - 2011 - Baseball  
 Phillips, James - 2000 - Basketball  
 Rich, Joey - 2014 - Football  
 Rushing, Woodson "Chuck" - 1999 - Football  
 Shadowene, Lige - 2003 - Basketball  
 Shewcraft, Jeff - 2004 - Basketball  
 Simmons, Ellis - 2005 - Basketball  
 Smith, Bennett - 1999 - Basketball  
 Starnes, Al - 2004 - Football  
 Stewart, Wompie - 2007 - Football  
 Summers, Von - 2014 - Football  
 Swisher, Bob - 2000 - Football  
 Tabor, Charles "Bill" - 2003 - Football  
 Tabor, Gerald "Hoopy" - 2000 - Basketball  
 Tabor, Melissa Jones - 2009 - Golf  
 Terry, William "Gander" - 1999 - Football  
 Thurman, Greg - 2002 - Basketball  
 Towery, Carlisle - 1998 - Basketball  
 Turley, Curtis - 1999 - Basketball  
 Van Hooser, Carroll - 1998 - Football  
 Wheeler, Floyd "Rip" - 2010 - Baseball  
 Willoughby, James - 2012 - Track  
 Woodall, Deller E. - 1998 - Football  
 Woodall, Jerry - 2004 - Football  
 Wring, Tommy - 2002 - Basketball  
 1945 Marion High Football Team - 2008  
 1963 CC High Football Team - 2008  
 1985 CC High Football Team - 2000



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The easiest way to locate a coyote is to listen for his song at dusk.

"You can figure out where

Reece hunted alone Friday because his partner had to work. The next morning, they started early. By 7 a.m., Saturday they had four pred-

"It's a good thing we got them when we did because the wind picked up Saturday morning and we didn't do any good after that," Reece added.

**BY CHRIS EVANS**  
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A four-year letterman and All-West Kentucky Conference selection as a senior, Summers



"What I remember most was how much fun we had and that everyone was friends and we just had a good time," Summers said.



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Rich's high school career. Rich was among a dozen senior classmates who still hold the best class record of all time. Throughout their four-year run, the team won 37 games with a 77.1 win-



"There aren't a lot of flashy stats for Joey, but what there is out there are the impressions he left upon his fellow teammates," said Andy Hunt, a member of the hall of fame selection committee. "Joey was the clear emotional leader on the field and the player that everyone strived to give an effort equal to."

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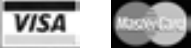
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POVERTY

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disability, mindsets and lack of education, she found.

Coincidentally, Crittenden County's poverty rate is almost identical to the percentage of its population without a high school diploma – both are at roughly 22 percent. According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates for 2009-13, the statewide poverty rate is 18.8 percent and only 17 percent of people 25 and older have not finished high school.

All three western Kentucky counties that have poverty rates higher than Crittenden County actually have fewer people who didn't finish high school. Therefore, it's perhaps wrong to assume that education alone is the factor driving poverty in this region.

Western Kentucky overlooked

Dr. Robert Long, a visiting distinguished professor at Murray State University in Calloway County, has spent his entire career studying poverty and building leadership in non-profit organizations. While he admits it is a bit controversial, Dr. Long thinks one of western Kentucky's biggest problems in stemming the tide of poverty is denial.



Long

"The indicators I looked at tend to point out (poverty) is worse in western Kentucky than it is in the east," Long said. "Whether it's denial or whatever, we've failed in the west to respond to it."

Kentucky has long been a state with a high frequency of poverty. In the 1960s, President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty" centered on Appalachia, indeed making it a rallying center for America's fight for the needy. At the time, Kentucky's poverty rate was 26 percent, not too much higher than Crittenden County's 22.2 percent of today.

Currently, the statewide poverty rate is 18 percent; however, the number of children living in poverty in the commonwealth is 25.5 percent.

Poverty 'a vicious cycle'

In Crittenden County, one in every three children (34.1 percent) live in poverty and that, says Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers, is unacceptable.

"Children in poverty are obviously my greatest concern," said the newly-elected circuit court judge. "Children who grow up in poverty tend to repeat the cycle, and they are also the most likely to be abused or neglected."

Rogers says the family dynamic and substance abuse are major factors in poverty's grip on Crittenden County. She spends a great deal of time looking for resources that may help break the cycle. Because Crittenden County is geographically removed from bigger cities that offer free, public assistance for counseling on such matters, Rogers says she is sometimes reluctant to court-order treatment. Whether poverty is the cause or effect of behavioral conditions within a family, Rogers says treatment is necessary to affect change.



Rogers

"It's a vicious cycle," Rogers said, explaining that people fall into poverty because of varied socio-economic conditions. Poverty then breeds behavioral patterns that lead to court appearances.

"How can I order someone who is destitute to pay for expensive treatment programs?" Rogers asks rhetorically.

Public assistance is paramount in treating those in a circle of poverty and so are churches, the judge and MSU professor said.

"The faith-based community can fill the gap" between public and private assistance, Rogers said. "I applaud the churches who have food banks, Christmas angels and Celebrate Recovery programs. Those are a big help to the community."

Dr. Long says churches are in a great position to help in rural communities. He suggests that data tend to indicate that places where "church engagement" is high, poverty rates are lower. That is because church participation often leads to a healthier lifestyle. He said the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky has found through its studies information that leads to such conclusions.

"It is very hard to escape the culture you grow up in. I don't want to let anyone off the hook that easily, but it is very difficult to break the cycle when that's all you know."

– Dr. Rogers Weiss  
Murray State University professor on poverty

Disability a factor

Disability, according to specialists on poverty, can be a driving factor. According to the Social Security Administration, Crittenden County's frequency of Social Security Insurance (SSI) payments per capita is much lower than any of its neighbors, other than Lyon County. In 2013, Crittenden County had 287 people receiving SSI payments. That was down markedly from 10 years prior when 317 were receiving benefits in this county. There were 345 in 1998.

Lyon County had 1.8 percent of its people on SSI assistance in 2013, the last year for which data is available. Livingston County's rate was 3.1 percent. Other nearby rates were as follows in descending order: Caldwell County, 5.7 percent; Webster County, 4.9 percent; Union County, 4.8 percent; Trigg County, 4.3 percent; and McLean County – which most resembles Crittenden County demographically – was at 3.5 percent.

Location, location, location

Crittenden County's population of roughly 9,200 people is largely white, primarily blue-collar workers who commute out of county for work. Based on this comparative data, we can virtually eliminate race and disability as primary factors in Crittenden County being among the poorest counties in western Kentucky.

Is it job availability that's creating the issue here?

U.S. Census Bureau figures from 2012 show Crittenden County with 164 non-farm businesses. Carlisle County showed 76; Fulton County, 129; Ballard County, 130; and Livingston County, 153.

Ohio County, for instance, has 352 non-farm businesses and ranks among the middle one-third of all western Kentucky counties when it comes to poverty. One would think that with so many potential employers, Ohio County might be among the wealthiest counties, but it is not.

Livingston County, on the other hand, has the third fewest people living in poverty, yet very few hometown businesses. There are, however, a great number of manufacturing and industrial jobs nearby. Many Livingston County residents commute to work in heavily-industrialized Marshall County next door.

That leads one to assume that the proximity to large employers might have a bearing on wealth. Indeed it does.

The counties neighboring metropolitan areas where jobs are more prevalent are, on average, better off financially. That connects back to the assumption that Crittenden County's transportation issues could be part of its inability to effectively combat poverty.

Crittenden County is one of a fraction of Kentucky counties that does not have a road wide enough for standard 102-inch commercial traffic, said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

"I think we are the only one west of I-65 without a 102-inch highway," the judge said.

Many tractor-trailers and other wide vehicles traveling through this county are doing so in violation of state laws. Fortunately, those regulations are not actively enforced.

In the U.S., rural folks live in poverty more often than those in cities, according to the International Fund for Agricultural Development's Rural Poverty Portal.

According to the Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers, Crittenden County is not at the bottom when it comes to the number of manufacturing facilities, but it's not near the top either. Par 4 Plastics, Tyler Manufacturing Co., Siemens and Maple Leaf Plastics are among the most notable local manufacturing facilities. Beyond those, there are scant manufacturing jobs to be found locally.

Carlisle County, in far western Kentucky, for instance, shows no plant-type manufacturing facilities, and Hickman County has just two. Ironically, Muhlenberg County, one of the most poverty-stricken counties in the state, has 17 manufacturers listed in the state directory. Likewise, Calloway County shows 16 manufacturing facilities in Murray, yet that community ranks No. 3, just ahead of Crittenden County in the percentage of people living in poverty.

The simple presence of manufacturing jobs does not appear to be a common denominator for areas where poverty is less pervasive. In Crittenden County, however, it might be a factor.

Tools of society make a difference

Pam Collins is a member of the Crittenden County Board of Education. She also serves on the local counseling center's board of directors and participates in a variety of outreach programs at her church. Collins says schools aim to identify student needs earlier and earlier in their academic careers, helping students create goals and dreams and perhaps breaking the cycle of poverty.

"I have served on several school councils, and the question we asked ourselves in each case has been, 'How do we make education a priority in our community; and how can we increase parental involvement?'"

Collins says barriers to stopping poverty exist in a variety of forms, such as language, socio-economic classes and cultures. She thinks schools and churches can do a better job of creating relationships with those in poverty, which will help break down those barriers and shed light on new ways to intervene.

"I know we can do more to help. As for my family, the greatest resource we can offer is our time," Collins said.

Learning about a child's life and showing them love and respect can help them understand that a path exists to breaking the cycle of poverty, Collins explained.

Sociologists have found a correlation between poverty and life expectancy. In Kentucky, Crittenden County ranks almost dead center – 63rd – among the state's 120 counties when it comes to that statistic. Crittenden Countians can expect to live 72.5 years on average. Hopkins County has the lowest life expectancy of all far western Kentucky counties at 72.2 years, according to World Life Expectancy data. Daviess County is the best at 74.8. Oddly, Calloway County is 17th highest in Kentucky at 74.6 years of life expectancy, yet 49th highest with regard to poverty.

Of course, life expectancy is closely tied to behavioral issues. Dr. Long, the Murray State professor, says one can look at health data from a particular area and often find a correlation with poverty.

"I believe the easiest and most powerful thing we can do is pray," Collins added. "We can pray for the families that are living in poverty. We can pray for educators and officials who work to help

these people each day. We can pray for jobs in our community."

Dr. Long agrees that faith-based associations can help, and have helped in the war on poverty. He thinks they can do more, and he thinks schools can, too.

"My sense is that we have some of the structures in place (to fight poverty)," he said.

But getting past denial that poverty is a systemic problem is the first step, he suggests.

Culture of change

Collins thinks a greater emphasis by schools on trades and non-professional job skills will make a difference. Dr. Long concurs. He thinks Kentucky's community college system could be a much greater force in helping slow poverty by making secondary learning more available.

Dr. Rogers Weiss, another professor at Murray State University who specializes in non-profit leadership, said the objective in most cases should be to provide those in poverty with a helping hand rather than a handout. He agrees that schools are in a position of strength when it comes to being able to help.

An emphasis must be placed on higher learning and positive thinking, Collins and Weiss say.

"It is very hard to escape the culture you grow up in," Weiss said. "I don't want to let anyone off the hook that easily, but it is very difficult to break the cycle when that's all you know."

Collins reiterates that relationships are so important, because breaking the culture requires insight and personal involvement. Individual contact is tantamount to understanding poverty as it exists in a particular home and only then, through a personal relationship, can the available resources be put into action to provide sustainable and meaningful help.

"It's the 'Starfish' method," Collins said, pointing to the popular story of how a single person can make a systemic difference by helping one person at a time.

2015 Poverty Guidelines

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3 .....	\$20,090
4 .....	\$24,250
5 .....	\$28,410
6 .....	\$32,570
7 .....	\$36,730
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Calloway .....	\$37,977
Crittenden .....	\$37,372
Todd .....	\$38,533
McCracken .....	\$42,069
Hickman .....	\$38,733
Logan .....	\$39,513
Graves .....	\$39,960
Ohio .....	\$40,622
Caldwell .....	\$37,317
Union .....	\$44,595
Trigg .....	\$43,416
Christian .....	\$41,333
McLean .....	\$38,128
Carlisle .....	\$38,283
Hopkins .....	\$40,782
Lyon .....	\$43,311
Ballard .....	\$42,712
Webster .....	\$40,881
Livingston .....	\$41,177
Daviess .....	\$46,908
Marshall .....	\$44,157

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The following figures represent neighboring or nearby western Kentucky counties, their respective number of people on disability payments of any kind or SSI, the county population and the percent of that population receiving disability payments.

COUNTY	NUMBER ON DISABILITY, SSI	POP.	PCT. OF POP.
Crittenden .....	287	9,274	2.9
Livingston .....	311	9,449	3.1
Webster .....	490	13,523	4.9
Trigg .....	428	14,376	4.3
Union .....	448	15,806	4.9
Lyon .....	178	8,449	1.8
Caldwell .....	572	12,937	5.7
McLean .....	351	9,516	3.5

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2013 Poverty Rates

The following figures are from the 23 western-most counties in Kentucky.

COUNTY	PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY	PERCENT OF POPULATION
Fulton .....	1,730	29.2
Muhlenberg .....	7,387	25.1
Calloway .....	7,882	22.8
Crittenden .....	2,006	22.2
Todd .....	2,519	20.5
McCracken .....	12,659	19.8
Hickman .....	894	19.8
Logan .....	5,223	19.7
Graves .....	7,117	19.3
Ohio .....	4,497	19.1
Caldwell .....	2,401	19.0
Union .....	2,771	18.7
Trigg .....	2,604	18.3
Christian .....	12,412	18.1
McLean .....	1,699	18.1
Carlisle .....	863	17.5
Hopkins .....	7,925	17.5
Lyon .....	1,254	17.4
Ballard .....	1,395	17.1
Webster .....	2,219	17.0
Livingston .....	1,474	15.9
Daviess .....	14,598	15.3
Marshall .....	3,894	12.7

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2013 Childhood Poverty

The following figures represent the 10 western Kentucky counties with the highest rates of children living in poverty.

COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN	PERCENT OF POPULATION
Fulton .....	592	45.6
Muhlenberg .....	2,236	35.0
Crittenden .....	700	34.1
Hickman .....	283	30.5
Todd .....	1,004	30.3
Caldwell .....	799	28.7
Trigg .....	891	28.7
Graves .....	2,557	28.7
McCracken .....	4,018	28.7
Carlisle .....	313	28.3

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