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On Valentine's Day, everyone is invited to give a gift from the heart – literally. A blood drive will be conducted Friday at Crittenden County High School. To make an appointment, contact the school at (270) 965-2248.

Donor times are in 15-minute slots between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

House votes on minimum wage

The Kentucky House of Representatives voted 54-44 last Thursday to increase the state's



minimum wage incrementally over the next three years to \$10.10 per hour. The measure now rests with the Senate.

Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) voted against raising the minimum wage. Read why he voted that way in his weekly legislative column found on Page 2.

January coldest month recorded

Last month was the coldest on record in Crittenden County since data from the Kentucky Mesonet climate and weather station near Repton began compiling readings in June 2009. January 2014 also saw the two coldest days recorded in the station's history – minus 1.3 degrees on Jan. 6 and minus 1.5 degrees the following day.

Last month, there were nine days the mercury never rose above freezing; in fact, the high on Jan. 7 was only 7.9 degrees. Meantime, the average daily temperature was only 28.7 degrees. The average in January 2013 was 36.8 degrees.

January 2014 was a relatively dry month with only 2.15 inches of precipitation measured for the month. Nearly half of that amount, 1.04 inches, fell on Jan. 10. That is the lowest monthly total since August 2013 when 1.8 inches were recorded.

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's courthouse office.
- Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet at 9 a.m. Friday in the county clerk's office in the courthouse.
- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall.

What's your opinion? Web poll results

It appears spring cannot come early enough for most of our online poll voters. For this week's poll, we asked, "Which best describes your feelings related to Winter 2013-14?" More than two-thirds said they are tired of winter. The results were:

- Ready for spring: 68%
- Have seen worse: 16%
- Spring can wait: 1%
- Have loved it: 15%

Options vary for revised school calendar

STAFF REPORT

Summer will have to wait for students in Crittenden County. Exactly how long remains to be seen, however.

School district officials are looking at an ever-changing calendar to finish out the academic year as the snow days keep piling up. As of press time Tuesday, students had missed 12 days of classes due to hazardous road conditions caused by numerous winter weather events. In fact, all five days of instruction last week were lost to Old Man Winter.

However, the number of missed days is not likely to cost students their spring break or any Saturdays, at least not yet.

"Spring break will have to be an option if we continue to miss more days," Crittenden

May 29

May 29 would be the last day of school for Crittenden County students provided no more days are missed and the board of education dismisses classes on Memorial Day and does not use spring break or Saturdays as make-up days. The board will meet Feb. 25 to agree on an updated school calendar.

County Board of Education Chairman Chris Cook said Monday, students' first day back in class since Jan. 31. "At this point, though, I think we can avoid spring break. The same would be true of Saturdays."

The last day of classes on the original academic calen-

dar was May 14, but now the final bell will most likely be more than two weeks later. An exact date won't be determined until the board of education approves a new calendar at its Feb. 25 meeting, but it appears as if classes will be in session until the last week of May, unless additional days are missed.

Cook said the board of education will likely want to avoid extending the calendar into June even if more days are missed. That means using spring break and/or Saturdays as make-up days could be an option on the table if more winter weather strikes.

"At this point, we would probably just try to finish before the end of May," Cook

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An ice-covered sign at Crittenden County Elementary School offers its own explanation as to why students in the county missed classes all of last week.

Going public



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Greta Guggenheim (far right), a Marion native, joined fellow executives and guests of Ladder Capital Finance last Friday on the balcony overlooking the New York Stock Exchange trading floor. Executives with the commercial real estate finance company were invited to ring the opening bell of the stock market.

Marion native helps ring opening NYSE bell

STAFF WRITER

In the business world, it's the equivalent of lighting the Olympic flame.

For nearly 20 years, the opening and closing bells of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) have been daily opportunities for the world's most influential stock exchange to showcase itself as well as the business leaders, dignitaries and celebrities who initiate the ceremonial clanging. On Friday morning, it was a Marion native who stood on the balcony overlooking the floor of the stock exchange to



Guggenheim

help initiate the day's trading.

Greta Guggenheim, a co-founder and chief investment officer with New York-based Ladder Capital Finance, and fellow executives and guests of the commercial real estate finance company were given the honor of ringing the bell in celebration of the firm's initial public offering on the NYSE.

Though the NYSE adopted the bell in 1903, it wasn't until the mid-1990s that the tradition began of allowing guests to ring the bell.

Ladder Capital began trading on

the stock exchange Friday. It is now one of only a few companies to trade on both the NYSE and Nasdaq Stock Market.

Because of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission rules, Guggenheim was not yet able to discuss aspects of the company going public on the NYSE.

Guggenheim helped start Ladder Capital in 2008, but she already had an established and distinguished career in the business world.

Prior to forming the company, she served as a managing director and head of origination at Dillon Read

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Winter waste

Freezing temps wreak havoc on water systems, customers' bills

STAFF WRITER

The big freeze has cost several homeowners in Crittenden County big bucks this winter.

Some residents have been tagged with water bills in excess of \$2,000 on top of damaged floors and walls when water lines have frozen, burst then thawed.

Reports from the city and county water departments indicate that at least 1.5 million gallons of water have been wasted because of leaks created by either frozen and burst pipes or the action of freezing and thawing of the ground that can cause subterranean water lines to come loose or break.

"It's been a mess," said Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant.

Dozens of city water customers have been affected by the extremely cold weather. Just this week, a customer received a bill for \$2,200, Bryant said.

County residents have suffered the same consequences from the harshest winter in decades.

"We have people who just can't believe it. They say 'I haven't had pipes freeze since I've lived here,'" said Ronnie Slayden, superintendent of



Bryant

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Church celebrates payoff of note for Family Life Center

By **JASON TRAVIS**

STAFF WRITER

It was a time to offer thanksgiving while observing a very special occasion. On Feb. 2, Marion Baptist Church held a note burning ceremony to celebrate the final payment on the loan for its Family Life Center.

Construction was completed and the building occupied in December 2003. Ten years later, the final payment on the loan for the center was made on Dec. 31, 2013. The \$1.3 million facility is home to a variety of youth and community outreach programs including Upward basketball and cheerleading, the Big Buck Expo and a free community Thanks-

giving meal. It is also the location for food distribution for Community Christmas.

Marion Baptist Church pastor Dr. Mike Jones said the congregation is very thankful to be able to pay off the loan and called it a great way to end 2013. Describing it as a major blessing, Jones offered his thanks for the sacrifice and commitment congregation members have made.

"We built it to be a community outreach. The emphasis was that it was for the community," Jones said about the Family Life Center. "When it was built, there was nothing like it in this area. I know folks



Jones

have similar facilities, but there was nothing like it at that time. That was the vision. That was the goal, to be open to the community."

Congregation member Pam Collins said prior to building the Family Life Center, the church was growing in its opportunities to minister to youths and needed a larger facility to meet the needs of its various outreaches, including a larger kitchen for meal preparation. Collins said 20 to 40 meals were prepared during outreach nights in the small apartment-size kitchen of the church's

fellowship hall.

She said one main goal was to be able to reach out to more youths in the community. After completion of the building, one of the initial outreach ministries to youth was Mission Possible, a weekly after-school program that includes Bible study, music and recreation with meals prepared in the Family Life Center kitchen for children, parents and church members.

Collins, who chaired the building committee, also noted the versatility of the building, which includes a gymnasium, classrooms, a kitchen and an elevated walking track for

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Minimum wage hike would have negative impact

One of the most difficult votes that a legislator must cast – at least this legislator – is on an issue that tugs at your heart but also demands a clear head. Such was the issue and the vote I cast this past week on House Bill 1, a bill that would raise the minimum wage later this year.

The last time a minimum wage bill passed the General Assembly and was signed into law by the governor was 2007, at which time Kentucky’s minimum wage for non-tipped employees was \$5.15 per hour. As a result of the 2007 law, the minimum wage was changed to \$5.85 per hour effective June 26, 2007, \$6.55 per hour on July 1, 2008, and \$7.25 per hour (today’s current rate) on July 1, 2009. That same law also required that in the future, Kentucky’s minimum wage would be the same as the federally mandated minimum wage. In 2007 the economy was booming.

The federal minimum wage currently remains at \$7.25 per hour, but HB 1 would untie Kentucky’s minimum wage from that of the federal government. The bill would raise the minimum wage for most employees from the current \$7.25 per hour to \$8.20 per hour on July 1 of this year, \$9.15 per hour on July 1,

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2015, and \$10.10 per hour on July 1, 2016. This time the economy isn’t booming.

Another way of looking at this is that the minimum wage would have risen from \$5.15 per hour in 2007 to \$10.10 per hour in 2016, a 96 percent increase over nine years. This compares, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, to an inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index of 12.55 percent from 2007 to 2013.

I voted no on House Bill 1 because of the negative impact that, in my view, this piece of legislation would have on our economy.

Businesses are in business to make money, and if the cost of doing business goes up as HB 1 would require, several things can happen:

- Prices charged to the consumer stay the same, the workforce stays the same and profits dip.
- Prices charged to the consumer rise, the workforce stays the same and profits stay the same.

profits stay the same.

- Prices charged to the consumer stay the same, the workforce goes down, and profits stay the same.

Since businesses are in business to make money, it is my contention that you and I will pay more for goods and services, people will be laid off or there will be some combination of both. Businesses will do what is necessary to stay in business and make a profit. With higher prices and fewer jobs, we as individuals suffer and the state suffers. Kentucky needs profitable businesses to help turn around our economy.

Studies have shown that the effect of raising the minimum wage as this bill proposes would negatively impact local schools and governments. It would cost local schools more than \$40 million over the next 10 years (\$6.8 million over the first three years and an additional \$4.8 million each year after that). It would cost local governments \$43 million in the next decade (\$8 million over the first three years and an additional \$5 million each additional year). This is at a time when schools, county governments and city governments are seeing expenses rise and revenues shrink. I don’t believe the additional taxes you and I

would have to pay to cover this nearly \$84 million cost is justified.

Economists of the Legislative Research Commission, the non-partisan staff of the General Assembly, examined the bill and found that 14,000 Kentuckians will lose their jobs if the minimum wage is raised in the commonwealth. With Kentucky’s unemployment rate standing at 8 percent, 44th in the nation, I don’t see how the proposed law would benefit Kentucky. Notable is the fact that of the six states with jobless rates higher than ours, five also have a higher minimum wage than we do.

In addition to paying an employee’s hourly wage, an employer must also pay an unemployment tax, a disability tax, Social Security tax that matches what the employee pays and Medicare tax that matches what the employee pays.

Most employees earning minimum wage are working for small businesses, and this is where raising the minimum wage hurts the most. Considering only employee wages, Social Security and Medicare, the additional cost of the proposed minimum wage increase to a small business is substantial. Let’s take a look at a business with 20 employees, each working 40 hours per week at the cur-

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rent minimum wage. Taking into account only wages, Social Security and Medicare, this business would have to lay off more than two employees to keep its employee cost the same. As noted, neither unemployment insurance nor disability insurance is included in the calculation; and this doesn’t take into consideration the cost of Obamacare.

Furthermore, about 60,000 Kentuckians are paid the minimum wage, and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the total number of hourly

workers in Kentucky is 1.14 million. The Bureau of Labor Statistics also says that nationwide, 63 percent of minimum wage workers are part-time and/or college or high school students. If the minimum wage workforce of Kentucky is the same as the rest of the nation, 38,000 of the 60,000 being paid minimum wage are part-time and/or college, or high school students. Since only 22,000 full-time minimum wage workers would be helped – and as noted earlier 14,000 will most likely lose their jobs – it is my conclusion that HB 1 is a bad bill.

After thoroughly analyzing the bill, I was forced to vote with my head and not my heart.

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 Fourth District.

(Rep. Bechler is a first-term Republican representative from Marion. He represents House District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of Christian County.)

1st bill to governor’s desk would increase health care accessibility

This week saw two milestones of the 2014 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly: The first third of the session completed and the first bill to receive final passage of the entire Legislature.

Senate Bill 7, of which I was a co-sponsor, is an important measure aimed at increasing accessibility to health care in Kentucky. It will allow experienced nurse practitioners to independently prescribe routine medicines, but not controlled substances. I have been working on this issue for rural Kentucky health for five years.

Finally, an accomplishment that will increase the health of rural Kentuckians by providing more health care and better care. This comes after years of dedicated effort between lawmakers and medical professionals, and we are proud that the first bill to

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land on the governor’s desk this year is one that will ease the burden on patients and their practitioners.

Many other bills earned the Senate’s stamp of approval this week and were sent to the House of Representatives.

Among them, SB 87 would allow high school juniors and seniors to use Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) money to pay for up to six dual-credit hours at colleges and universities in the state. The bill would also allow these students to use the scholarship money in

high school to begin career or technical education toward professional licenses or certificates.

One of our goals has always been to provide Kentucky students with the best educational opportunities possible and to prepare them for fulfilling careers. That is what this bill does. The earlier students become engaged in post-secondary education, the more likely they are to succeed. This would give students a jump start on college and is another option for students to best utilize their hard-earned KEES money.

While we spend much time and focus each year crafting proposals to benefit our children, sometimes they are the ones to come to us with effective and needed legislation. Such was the case with SB 20, passed on Feb. 4. A result of work by middle school students in Madison

County, this measure would recognize October as Anti-Bullying Month in the Commonwealth and establish the purple and gold ribbon as a symbol of bullying awareness. Bullying behavior, especially online, has sadly become a hard and sometimes tragic reality for many of our students. This will help raise awareness and, we hope, prevent this type of peer abuse in the future.

It was another group of constituents that suggested the provisions of SB 64, also passed on Feb. 4. Currently, ATV riders are not required to wear helmets when on private property or when engaging in business activities, such as farming. This bill would allow them to cross some two-lane highways (those with speed limits under 55 miles per hour) without a helmet when working or trail-riding on privately-owned land.

Last week, Gov. Beshear released his tax modernization plan, which he says would create jobs, expand existing industry and ensure a healthier workforce and economy.

His plan, which is based on the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Commission on Tax Reform, is designed to update the tax system and make our state more competitive. In the coming days, the General Assembly will vet the governor’s plan and will add ideas of our own. We may not be in complete agreement on the whole package, but the fact is, we have not had comprehensive tax reform in Kentucky since the 1950s. We need changes to our tax system to boost our economy and to create new jobs. I hope everyone comes to the table to seriously discuss this issue that has not gotten the full attention it needs in more than 60 years.

This is just a quick snapshot of the work last week. A third of the 2014 legislative session is now complete. The pace of the legislature’s work is beginning to accelerate. In the remaining two-thirds of the session, we will spend hours hearing testimony on various issues in committees, listening to concerns from constituents and passing bills on the Senate floor.

I encourage you to join in discussions on proposed legislation. Our representative form of government was designed to give the people of Kentucky a voice. You have a big say in the laws affecting you.

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

God keeps ‘pretty heart’ at perfect peace even in face of stressful situations

My cardiologist said I had a “pretty heart,” as he watched the monitor featuring my heart beating at 135 times per minute. I smiled from my awkward position on the table as chemicals were being injected into my IV to actuate a treadmill stress test.

What a nice thing to say, I thought, especially since I was halfway expecting bad news like a blockage or worse. Uncomfortable pressure on my chest had started the process of finding out what was wrong. My family doctor had referred me to a leading cardiologist.

“You never need to ignore pressure,” he said. “It could be a blockage, or it could be stress related.”

After an EKG and an echocardiogram, I was scheduled for the nuclear stress test. I suggested letting me try the treadmill, but it couldn’t be done. With rheumatoid arthritis in my knees and ankles, I

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would walk too slow to raise my heart rate sufficiently. This was the only way.

I looked on the Internet and found out it was a fairly common procedure done every day. People who wrote about their own experiences had mixed reviews. Some said no pain, no side affects, no problems; some said it was painful, scary, and they would never advise anyone to have the test. I debated cancelling it, however, I knew if I did, my doctor would not be able to give me an accurate diagnosis.

My husband said it was

my decision, but he had a feeling it was stress. He knew how much it hurt me to see my grown children suffer. My daughter had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and my son was going through a divorce.

“That’s probably it,” I told my husband, “but for my peace of mind, I have to know for sure.”

The night before the procedure, I tried to forget about it. I wasn’t a baby. I’d been through worse, like hip replacement a few years ago. But, I was feeling a little anxious, so I did what I normally do when I feel that way. I opened my Bible and started reading. In no time, I was sleepy and began getting ready for bed. Then, a verse (Isaiah 26:3) came to me: “Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusted in Thee.”

The next morning, I awoke earlier than usual,

easily repeating the verse in my mind. Suddenly, it occurred to me – I wasn’t as stiff and sore as usual. Normally, it took a cup of coffee to get me going, but I couldn’t have caffeine before the test. Still, I felt better than I had in weeks. All the way to the hospital, I said the verse several times, sometimes substituting “him” with “me.” I couldn’t believe how calm I felt.

When they got me prepped for the test, I was treated with kindness and respect. The registered nurse who inserted my IV complimented the stories she had read of mine in the local paper. The technician was my neighbor and friend, whom I trusted completely, and the lady taking the pictures was easy to talk to. Of course, my doctor was there watching and exchanging ideas about the procedure with them. All the professionals were doing what they were

trained to do, calling out my vitals and explaining each step while my mind stayed on Jesus. He was keeping me in perfect peace.

Afterwards, my friend walked my husband and I down to talk with the cardiologist. He said everything looked good. No blockages as I had feared. However, a “pretty” heart didn’t mean a perfect heart. He said the combination of the rheumatoid arthritis and my high blood pressure were making my heart thicken a bit. In other words, I had to get more exercise and walk, no matter how bad my knees hurt.

“If not, your heart could enlarge and then become weak. With exercise, you can stop the progression and prevent it from getting worse,” my doctor said.

I would do whatever it took.

“She’s had a lot of stress lately. Could that cause the

pressure?” my husband asked.

The doctor looked up from my chart, nodded his head, and smiled in an understanding manner.

“I have stress too,” he said. “You can go to the highest mountain, and it’s still there.”

How true! I thought. We lived out in the country, far from the noise and disruption of the cities, yet stress always found its way into my life. Thankfully, after that day, I had found a new way to deal with it. I would focus my mind on God and learn to trust Him more. I had nothing to fear. He would give me what I needed to deal with today’s problems and keep my “pretty heart” in perfect peace.

(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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Supreme court upholds denial of DVO dismissal

STAFF REPORT

The Supreme Court of Kentucky upheld a ruling by the Kentucky Court of Appeals in a domestic abuse case that originated in Crittenden County.

Last summer, the high court reviewed a case in which Phillip Sitar appealed denial of a motion to set aside emergency protective and domestic violence orders issued by Crittenden Family Court in 2011. Sitar sought review after a trial court's denial of his motion was affirmed by the appellate court.

Sitar's attorney, Kathleen Kallahaer Schmidt, an assistant public advocate, argued before Supreme Court justices that Crittenden Family Court had neither jurisdiction nor sufficient evidence to grant an EPO or DVO filed by Sitar's former live-in girlfriend, Loretta Glover. The orders were filed on behalf of Glover's daughter, who claimed Sitar had sexually abused her.

Serving as a special assistant attorney general, assistant Crittenden County Attorney Mary E. Rohrer argued on behalf of the Commonwealth that the appellate court's ruling be upheld.

The high court agreed, citing Sitar's untimely appeal of the family court's orders.

"After reviewing the record and hearing the parties at oral argument, we affirm (the Court of Appeals) but do so because Sitar failed to timely file an appeal," wrote Justice Michelle M. Keller on behalf of the court. "Because of this procedural deficit, we do not address the merits of the issues raised by Sitar on appeal."

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said, adding that any option is purely speculation until the board meets later this month. "Obviously, at this point, we don't have anything firm or concrete to work with."

Only one of the dozen days of instruction missed so far has been made up already. Two more will be made up before the original last day of school. Those days will be Monday and April 14, both initially set aside as teacher planning days.

The remaining nine days will most likely be tacked onto the end of the original school calendar. On May 20, primary election day, schools will not be in session since state law currently prohibits days of instruction on election days. That means students' last day will tentatively be May 28 or May 29, depending upon whether the board of educa-

tion decides to send students to school on Memorial Day, which is May 26.

That is not likely.

"Memorial Day would be just the absolute last option," Cook said of scheduling the holiday as a make-up day.

Since graduation cannot take place before the last day of instruction, according to the school district's director of pupil personnel, Al Starnes, commencement is tentatively scheduled for May 30. It was originally planned for May 16.

Reshaping a school calendar can be tricky.

The Kentucky Department of Education requires that districts provide no less than 170 six-hour instructional days during the 2013-14 school year. Adding extra minutes to school days to make up for lost time is not an option for school districts like Crittenden County, where the minimum 170 student days was scheduled for 2013-14.

Statewide, there is a provi-

sion for districts that miss 20 or more days to apply for "disaster days" with the state commissioner of education — but only after the district has scheduled to make up at least the first 20 days missed.

According to Starnes, as of Monday, school districts across the state had lost anywhere from four to 21 days. Crittenden County's 12 days missed are on par with other western Kentucky districts. As of Feb. 4, 1,560 days of instruction had been missed across the state. Updated figures were unavailable at press time.

In addition to disaster days, there is also a provision for five "emergency hours" that districts can use for delayed openings or early releases; those don't have to be made up.

Any changes to state regulations for the harsh winter of 2013-14 would have to come from the General Assembly, which could authorize the

state's education commissioner, Terry Holliday, to use waiver authority for unanticipated hardships.

Also in the hands of the Legislature is a bill to allow schools to remain open on election days if no school in the district is used as a polling place. That legislation is House Bill 219.

However, in Crittenden County, the elementary school is used as a polling station. Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford said the bill as currently proposed is vague, not clarifying whether the polling site could be moved elsewhere in order to accommodate a make-up day of instruction.

Byford said she will discuss on Friday with the county election board the possibility of moving the polling station from the elementary school should HB 219 become law.

(The Lexington Herald-Leader contributed to this story.)

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Capital Management. Before joining Dillon Read, Guggenheim served as a managing director in originations at UBS. Before her stint at UBS, she served as a managing director at Bear Stearns and previously worked in real estate investment banking and commercial real estate lending at Credit Suisse.

Guggenheim's roots in Crittenden County are deep.

Her father, Sam Guggenheim was born and raised

here. He owned an insurance agency and lending company in Marion and served as president and chairman of Farmers Bank & Trust Co. Her mother, Anita, was a court reporter for many years.

Both are buried in Marion.

Guggenheim was raised in Marion and went to school here until seventh grade, when she began attending Lausanne Academy, a boarding school in Memphis, Tenn.

"Summer and holiday breaks were spent in Marion, and during the summers, I worked at Farmers Bank and spent time with my friends,"

she said.

Guggenheim earned a bachelor's degree in economics and Spanish literature from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania and a master of business administration from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Though she has lived in New York City since her business school graduation, she maintains her connection to the place where she grew up.

"To this day, I often rent a house boat on Kentucky Lake for a week or so," she said, adding that it gives her an opportunity to visit friends here.

"My family owns a farm in Crittenden County, and I am currently managing the leasing of that as well."

Ice leaves many without power

STAFF REPORT

Last week's ice storm left about 70,000 Kentuckians without power for a period. That pales in comparison to the 700,000 left in the dark during the 2009 ice storm.

In Crittenden County, there were fewer than 200 customers whose power was knocked out by the Feb. 4 icing event. The outages were scattered across the county. Power was restored to all but a handful of those people before 6 p.m. the following day.

According to The Associated Press, the National Weather Service reported the winter storm that hit Feb. 4 left about a half-inch of ice in some areas of western Kentucky and a quarter-inch of ice over much of central Kentucky. Meantime, areas in northern Kentucky saw up to 8 inches of snow.

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adults to utilize for exercise.

"It's been a great thing to have, particularly for the senior adult community," Collins said of the walking track. "If the young folks are down on the floor playing basketball, they can walk on the track."

Among other youth activities are dodgeball and volleyball. Minister of Worship and Youth Jason Dunbar said having the facility is convenient since it can be used rain or shine.

"Having the space to actually do physical activity and not worry about the weather has been a plus for us," Dunbar said.

The Family Life Center is also home to Over Flow, a night of music and worship held several times during the year where testimony is shared in a relaxed, less formal service.

Collins, who participated in the note burning service, emphasized the importance of giving and cited Luke 6:38.

"As a church family we have just been blessed in so many ways. I just find that scripture truly came to pass," she said. "We gave tithes and offerings. Other people have



PHOTO PROVIDED
Marion Baptist Church pastor Dr. Mike Jones and Mona Barnes participate in a note burning ceremony on Feb. 2 celebrating the pay-off of the church's \$1.3 million Family Life Center.

given to this, too, in a monetary fashion. We have people give to Family Life Center ministries. We have people give who aren't members of our church, and they contribute. When we do like Jesus said, we give, and it's given back to us."

Jones said the church is now focusing on a contemporary Sunday morning service beginning at 8:15 a.m. in the worship center. Described as very informal and relaxed, it offers the opportunity to reach out to more members of the community.

WATER

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Crittenden-Livingston Water District. "Well, it hasn't been this cold in a long time, probably since the 1970s."

Indeed it hasn't. Since New Year's Day, Crittenden County has had a dozen days with low temperatures in the single digits. Three times, the mercury has dipped below zero and so far this month, the average daily temperature has been 24 degrees.

Three county water customers have drained three-quarters of a million gallons of water from the system following breaks and thaws. Each

received bills close to \$2,000. A seasonal home in the Piney area, an empty rental trailer near Mattoon and a house in Dycusburg are among the most severe, Slayden said.

Fortunately, water departments make adjustments when catastrophic situations like this occur. The county gives customers a break, selling them the wasted water at its wholesale rate of \$2.34 per 1,000 gallons. Likewise, the city drops its sewer charge from the water bill and will help customers by setting up installment plans.

"We have had several customers with water bills ranging from \$700 to \$1,000," Bryant said.

Preventing leaks is obviously the least expensive cure. Slayden said leaving faucets dripping in homes that are prone to frozen pipes is cheaper than repair costs and costly water bills. Otherwise, it's best to insulate exposed pipes and winterize seasonal or rental homes when not in use.

While most water main lines are 36 inches underground, some secondary lines from meters to homes are about 24 to 30 inches. Slayden said he's seen some cases where shallow lines have frozen in the ground.

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Livestock report

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Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded steadily. Supply included 50% feeder steers, 43% feeder heifers, and 30% of feeders were over 600 pounds. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly steady.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

3 200-300 283 210.00 210.00

11 300-400 339 193.00-208.00 200.34

12 400-500 443 187.00-197.00 190.40

18 500-600 544 170.00-182.00 176.65

23 600-700 636 161.00-169.00 166.64

1 700-800 760 148.00 148.00

8 900-1000 901 141.00 141.00

1 1000-1100 1080 104.00 104.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 200-300 280 175.00 175.00

1 300-400 390 150.00 150.00

1 400-500 430 180.00 180.00

2 500-600 568 160.00-167.00 163.33

1 800-900 865 120.00 120.00

1 900-1000 910 110.00 110.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 200-300 275 175.00 175.00

15 300-400 322 174.00-182.00 178.79

18 400-500 446 171.00-183.00 179.19

11 500-600 536 160.00-170.00 165.18

11 600-700 639 149.00-150.00 149.36

3 700-800 710 151.00 151.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 300-400 395 163.00 163.00

5 400-500 428 160.00-169.00 167.19

9 500-600 533 148.00-158.00 150.44

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

2 300-400 372 194.00-199.00 196.38

1 400-500 460 186.00 186.00

1 500-600 500 170.00 170.00

3 600-700 680 153.00 153.00

2 700-800 745 139.00 139.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 300-400 360 174.00 174.00

2 400-500 462 162.00 162.00

1 500-600 525 150.00 150.00

Slaughter Cows:

%Lean/Weight/Avg-Dress/High-Dress/Lo-Dress

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Beginning farmer loans available

Hope everyone is surviving all the colder-than-normal temperatures and all that goes with it. Last week, I said that spring will be just right around the corner, but Mother Nature doesn't seem to think so. You know what they say, if you don't like the weather, just wait a day and it will change.

Insurance deadline

Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes. Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) applications for coverage must be filed using Form CCC-471 along with the applicable service fees by the closing date. Application closing dates vary by crop. We would like to remind producers that the application closing date for alfalfa, clover, grass, millet and mixed forages is March 1 for the 2014 crop year. Crittenden and Livingston County producers can contact the Salem Farm Service Agency Center for specific crop application sales closing dates

Laura Kessler

Executive Director
Salem USDA FSA

Around the Farm

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Beginning farmer loans

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both in his office and at the jail.

The audit also suggested that all cash transfers be approved by the fiscal court. Newcom said that oversight has been corrected as well.

"We've made changes to be more compliant," he said. "We're trying to tighten up the ship."

Also with the fiscal court, the audit found debt principal was not properly disclosed on financial statements and that the county failed to monitor compliance requirements associated with federal funding for construction of the emergency operations center.

The audit stated improper disclosure of debt principal on quarterly financial statements caused outstanding debt to be understated during the fiscal year. Newcom said this debt was an unknown liability that resulted from a previous administration's action.

"This has since been put on the financial statement as of (Fiscal Year 2013)," he

said, responding to the audit.

The audit found insufficient documentation of monitoring of contractors and subcontractors working on construction of the EOC, which was largely funded with federal money. Edelen's office reported federal programs such as this require compliance be closely monitored.

"The engineering firm, Civic Consulting, indicated to the court that they were to monitor and document all verification requirements," Newcom said in response to the audit. "Apparently, they did not accomplish this. The court will ensure this is taken care of in future events."

As for the jail, most of the problems were related to insufficient documentation of accounting practices. Among

the findings, the audit report showed the former jailer should have:

- Submitted an accurate year-end canteen report.
 - Required accurate accounting records be maintained.
 - Required daily receipt batching, daily checkout sheets and daily deposits.
- The audit also found jail commissary expenditures were not properly supported by documentation and jail fund telephone commissions were deposited into the jail commissary fund instead of being remitted back to the county jail fund.

Newcom said all matters related to the jail have been addressed and are now being properly carried out by Jailer Phil Parker, who was appointed to fill former jailer Riley's unexpired term in August of last year.

An audit of fiscal court finances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, has also been completed, but no report from Edelen's office has been issued.



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Spring calving tips offered by Extension expert

With more than 63 percent of Crittenden County's agricultural market coming from livestock, I want to share some tips I received from Dr. Roy Burris, a beef Extension Service specialist for the University of Kentucky. Let's start with the spring-calving cow herd:

- If you haven't started on a high magnesium mineral supplement, it's time to do so. If hay is less than 10 percent crude protein, a protein supplement should be considered. If cows are on the thin side, begin energy (grain) supplementation now.
- Vaccinating the cows to help prevent calf scours should be considered.
- It's not too early to get ready for calving season. Inspect and see that all equipment and materials are ready, including obstetrical equipment, record forms or booklets, ear tags, scales for obtaining birth weights, etc. (Record books are available

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at the Crittenden County University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service office in Marion.) Prepare a calving area where assistance can be easily provided if needed, and make sure you have enough labor to assist during the calving period. You could choose to go ahead and number ear tags ahead of time.

- Moving early calving heifers and cows to pastures that are relatively small and easily accessible to facilities is a must in case calving assistance is needed. Keep them in good condition, but

don't over-feed them at this time. Increase their nutrient intake after they calve.

- It's important to keep replacement heifer calves gaining enough to reach their "target" breeding weight (65 percent mature weight) by spring.
- Study the performance of last year's calf crop and plan for improvement.

The follow are general tips for calving:

- Feed hay in areas where mud is less of a problem. Consider preparing a feeding area with gravel over geotextile fabric.
- Increase feed as the temperature drops, especially when the weather is extremely cold and damp. When temperatures drop to 15 degrees, cattle need access to windbreaks.
- Provide water at all times. Cattle need 5 to 11 gallons per head daily even in the coldest weather (and possibly even more if lactat-

ing). Be aware of frozen pond hazards. Keep ice broken so cattle won't walk out on the pond trying to get water.

- Consider renovating and improving pastures with legumes, especially if they have poor stands of grass or if they contain high levels of the fescue endophyte. Purchase seed and get equipment ready this month.

Now is the time to get soil samples for your pasture field. The Extension Service can provide you with a soil probe rental and up to 12 soil samples free of charge. By utilizing soil sample results, you can save time and money. You don't want to add fertilizer that you don't need.

(Merideth Hall is the agricultural and natural resources agent with Crittenden County University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. Her column appears in this newspaper periodically. She can be reached at (270) 965-5236.)

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Rotary dialing replaces Bell operators

A recent change with our phone usage caused me to think about when I was growing up, and we had the convenience of the new rotary dial phones. This sure brings back memories of those days. Who would have thought of the changes that would take place over the next several years leading us to the cell phones of today. Let's take an interesting journey back to the day of the new dial phone.

Jan. 17, 1958
Ground broken for new Southern Bell office
First ground for a new Southern Bell Telephone office was broken on the site at 121 N. College St. this week. The project, consisting of a one-story brick main structure and a two vehicle garage, is being built by Phillips Construction Co. of Marion for C.O. Grady, owner. When all work is completed, the Marion exchange, currently on manual operation, will convert to dial. Tentative target dates are for the building to be finished by late spring and the conversion to take place in mid-summer.

This building will measure 58 by 49 feet. It will house the automatic switchboard, test board and other equipment, as well as the business office. It is designed to blend in with the residential character of the neighborhood.

At present, Southern Bell services something over 1,400 customers, and some 200 more will be added when replacement of lines formerly owned by customers in some sections of Crittenden County are completed.

Bell is preparing to undertake two more projects of this nature, one to the north and the other southwest of Marion. Work for the Piney Fork and Shady Grove sections has already been announced. The conversion to dial is part of Bell Telephone's long-range project of replacing all manual exchanges in its system with automatic equipment.

Feb. 7, 1958
Marion's dial numbers to have famous 'Yorktown' (YO) as prefix
Telephone numbers in the Marion exchange will contain a prefix name from proud pages in American history when it converts to dial operation, W.L. McGowan, local Southern Bell manager, said this week.

The name will be Yorktown, abbreviated for dialing to YO. The conversion to dial is expected to take place in midsummer, when the building now under construction is finished and new equipment has been installed.

After dial conversion, all telephone numbers in the local exchange will begin with the name Yorktown and the number 5, fol-



lowed by four more numbers. This plan is in keeping with the nationwide system, which eventually will enable telephone users to dial their own long distance calls. Marion subscribers will not be able to dial other cities yet, but introducing the numbering system at dial conversion will eliminate having to change all the numbers again later on.

In dialing the YO prefix, the letter O, in the same dial opening as the number 6, and not the number 0, must be used. Otherwise calls will be either misdirected or incomplete.

September 7, 1958
Telephone company plans switch to dial operation
Southern Bell Telephone has set Sept. 7 as the date when the Marion exchange will cut over from manual to dial operation. The change will take place at 1:01 a.m. After that, telephone users will hear a humming dial tone instead of a female voice saying "Number please" when they pick up their receivers.

All users will have to dial a combination of seven figures and numbers to place a local call. Although not strictly necessary for an exchange this size, the system will make possible Marion's eventual inclusion in Bell's plans for nationwide long distance dialing.

The name of the Marion exchange will be "Yorktown." Dialers will select the letters "YO" and the five numbers of their party when placing a call.

Personnel from Eastern Electric have been installing the switches and relays that make up the complicated automatic exchange for several weeks. The work is being installed in the new building on North College.

When the change occurs there will be no operators working in Marion. All local calls will be automatic and long distance calls will be handled by operators in Paducah.

The remaining Bell personnel in Marion will be Mrs. Maietta Jones, who will remain as full-time business manager, and two repairmen. Displaced operators have been promised positions elsewhere in the Bell system if they want them.

Specially trained college-age girls have been visiting telephone subscribers the past two weeks putting new numbers on the discs in the middle of the sets dials

and training people in the use of the dial. The company has also set up a table on the street in downtown Marion so passersby can practice using the dial before the change takes effect.

There are three separate signals new users will become accustomed to – the steady hum of the dial tone, the buzz-buzz-buzz of the busy signal and a periodic burring sound that indicated the telephone being called is ringing.

An incoming call will cause the phone to ring at regular intervals until the call is completed or the calling party hangs up. An ear-splitting howl is used to attract attention of a subscriber who has carelessly left his receiver off the hook.

Sept. 11, 1958
Telephones go automatic
Southern Bell Telephone converted the Marion exchange from manual to dial operation without a hitch early Sunday morning. The change occurred on schedule at 1:01 a.m. A few hours earlier, County Judge Earl C. McChesney placed the first dial telephone call over a special circuit to his daughter, Mrs. Pauline Guess in Florida.

Earlier, the company had entertained some 45 local citizens at a dinner, followed by a tour of the old and new facilities. Sam H. Ridgeway, Louisville Bell's general commercial manager for Kentucky, spoke at the dinner and department heads from the district office in Paducah attended.

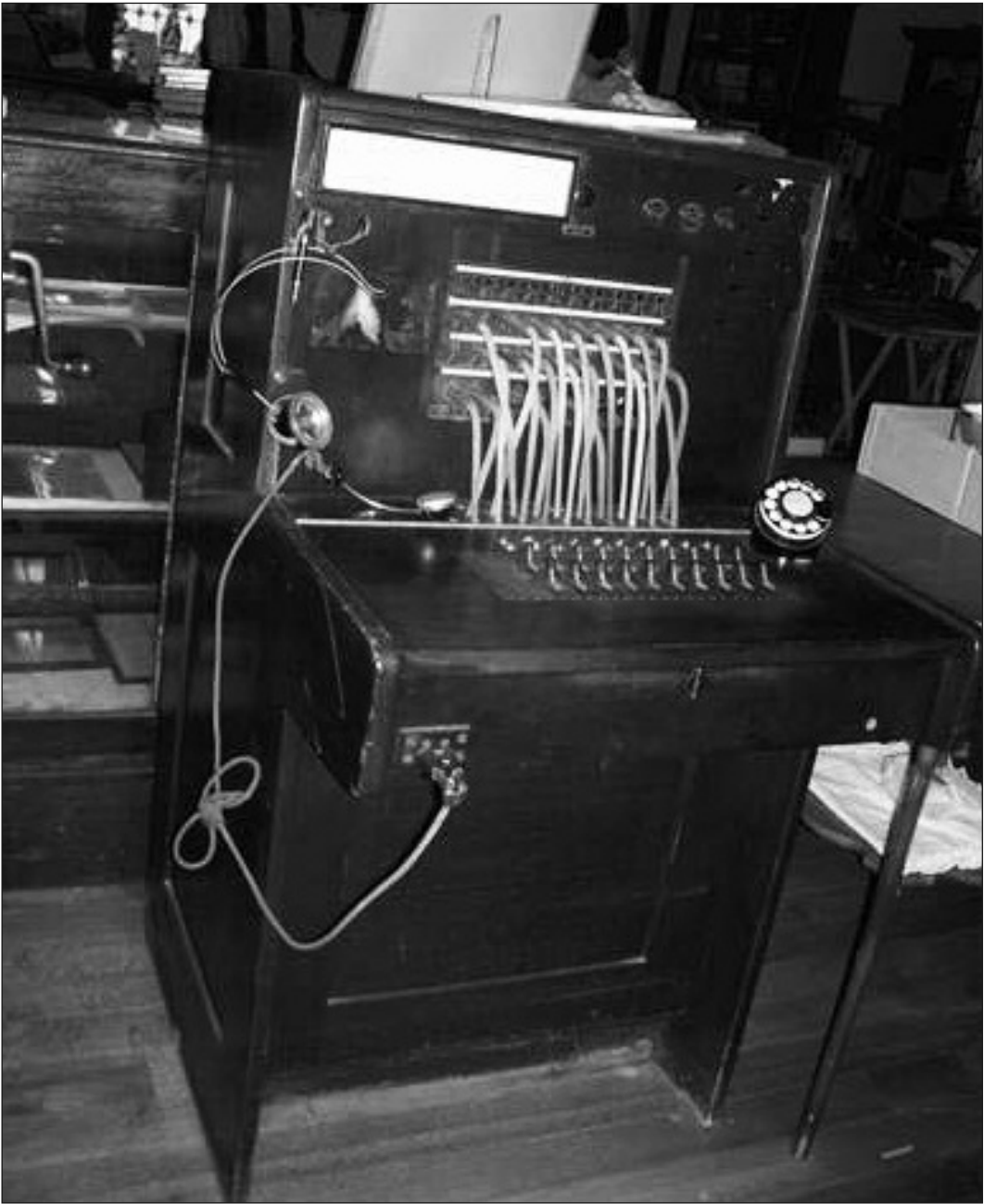
Judge McChesney and Marion Mayor Woodrow Alderdice also spoke briefly at the dinner. Attending were members of the city council and the fiscal court and representatives of the Marion Woman's Club, the Marion Kiwanis Club and the Marion Rotary Club.

After the dinner, the group visited the old telephone office on the second floor of a building on South Main Street, where the manual method of operation was explained. While the group was there Mrs. Ada Bealmear, an operator, was presented a 30-year service pin.

Then the group went to the new Bell building on North College Street, where Mayor Alderdice "unlocked" the plant with a gold key.

After Judge McChesney placed his call, Bell officials took the visitors around the plant in groups of five or six, explaining operation of the new equipment.

Visitors at the new Bell office saw a demonstration of telephones of the future – one a television model with which the caller could see his party and the other a push-button model in which numbers were punched as on an



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This is one of the last manually-operated switchboards used in the Marion telephone office. The switchboard is on display in the Crittenden County Historical Museum on East Bellville Street.

adding machine instead of dialed.

The visitors had gone home, but several company officials and workers were on hand when the entire exchange made the changeover. The change was made without trouble of any sort, a spokesman said.

Minor trouble has developed since, as will happen at any such changeover, but most has been traceable to inexperience of local subscribers with the dial system.

The company conducted an intensive educational campaign before the change, but some people are still having trouble getting the hang of the dial.

Southern Bell has owned the Marion exchange since 1924, when it bought this and 24 other small independent companies. The previous owner locally was the People Independent Telephone Co.

At that time and for 14

years after, Marion phones were the hand-cranked magneto-type. In 1938, the company converted to the "common battery" system, which was in use before the dial conversion.

I'm sure there are many stories out there about the early eight-party lines, where you had to sometimes wait a very long time until one of the other parties got through. Sometimes you could listen to

what they were saying, and sometimes a heated argument might arise for someone who was less than patient to get their turn.

(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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As has been stated by many, "Those who refuse to learn from the lessons of history are doomed to repeat it."

America has been well informed from its inception by brilliant and wise men in all our history that freedom is a gift from God. Satan has faithfully connived to rob us of it personally by leading us into the slavery of sin, and as a nation, to put us in shackles to ruthless and slick minions of his from the very pits of hell but dressed in sheep's clothing.

One of those who sounded the alarm was the president of Yale from 1795 to 1817, Timothy Dwight IV.

Some of the following historical facts are gleaned from American Minute website and my history research:

- Dwight came from a family of 13, could read at age 4, and entered Yale at 13. As the eldest of the 13, he worked the family farm to pay off debts.

- At age of 22, he created departments of chemistry, geology, law and medicine; founded Andover Theological Seminary; and pioneered women's education.

- He became president of Yale in 1793 and on July 4, 1798, in an ad-



dress in New Haven titled "The Duty of Americans at the Present Crisis," he explained how Voltaire's atheism inspired the French Revolution and its reign of terror in 1793-94 when 40,000 people were beheaded and 300,000 were butchered in just 10 months.

The "present crisis" was related to hostilities the same kind of which we are facing today in foreign affairs and national discontent. France wanted America to involve itself in the revolution, Britain was meddling in our national economy, a state was threatening rebellion and some minorities making troubling demands.

The sad thing today is, we do not have a George Washington as our president. Washington stood tall and settled it all for the benefit of most Americans.

Voltaire hated Christianity and was determined to stamp it out in all of

Europe, starting with the Roman Church by getting people and laws to turn against it as it was the largest Christian organization in France.

Does any of this sound familiar with Obamacare forcing people of faith to violate their biblical convictions – especially the Catholic Church – related to contraception?

Voltaire's message also carried weight with much of the population because of so many wicked practices by much of the clergy. People had lost confidence in what they saw as Christianity.

Look how many of our professed Christian ministers have fallen for the unbiblical same-sex marriage farce.

Voltaire was witty and brilliant and in his hate for Christianity, abandoned all principals and formed a systematical design to destroy Christianity. He introduced in its stead a mockery of religion and an argument to the highly educated men of prime learning and talents for atheism. Sound familiar?

In this way, they designed to hold out themselves and their friends as the only persons of great literary and intellectual distinction in that country. They wished to dictate

all literary opinions to the nation. Sound familiar?

Wake up America! The wolf is not only at our door, he infests the halls of our public lawmakers.

Voltaire was a master at class warfare and taught that possession of property was pronounced robbery. He pitted the poor against the wealthy.

Aren't Obama and his minions following Voltaire's philosophy?

Chastity and natural affection were declared prejudices, but Obama and many of our lawmakers declare it a hate crime.

Adultery, assassination, poisoning and other crimes of the like were taught by Voltaire as lawful, provided it was for a good cause.

It all turned into his followers' public declaration, which was the overthrow of religion and laws of human society, be it civil and domestic. Murder, butchery and war were declared by them to be completely justifiable.

Their means was the education of youth, every government official and every backslidden preacher. They had books and entertainment full of infidelity, irreligion and immoral obscenity.

Aren't our schools of learning and media and entertainment world in-

festesd with all of this here and now?

Dwight stated where religion prevails, these kinds of people cannot turn a nation into slaves, nor villains, nor atheists, nor beasts.

He said to destroy us, our enemies must first destroy our Sabbath and turn us away from the House of God.

Don't we see empty pews in churches where the whole truth is preached and never see the end of panned audiences in churches where watered down, feel good words replace "Thus says the Lord"?

Haven't the teachers' unions succeeded in taking all of God out of our schools and putting all kinds of support for all sorts of evil in its place?

Aren't our higher institutions of learning hiring 99 percent atheist professors to teach our young, making them feel stupid to believe in God?

Dwight closed by saying, "Without religion, we may possibly retain the freedom of savages, bears and wolves, but not the freedom of New England.

"If our religion were gone, our state of society would perish with it, and nothing would be left which would be worth defending."

That America survived because America was mainly a God-fearing and Christian nation. Not now!

Pity the American who says, "The reign of terror could never happen in America."

Read the papers. Listen to the news. It has already started. You do what Obama says or pay a fine or go to jail. Read the Obamacare law.

Read how many of the law enforcement officers under his command have already started their Gestapo tactics. It's in the news every day.

God said, "A nation that forsakes me, I'll destroy."

Read the Bible. He usually used thugs, barbarians and dictatorial brutes or slick leaders to get the job done.

America has shoved its finger in God's eye too long. As His Word promised, "He that sows to the wind shall reap the whirlwind.

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap."

Well, we've sown, and now we shall reap!

(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.)

Christians are called to love in this world, daily demonstrating God’s characteristics

By JOEY DURHAM
GUEST COLUMNIST

I want to bring this devotion to your heart, "Marks of a True Believer," and my text will be found in 1 John 3:1-2, where we read, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know

that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

To truly be a child of God profoundly affects the way we live day-by-day. Here, John reveals the importance of understanding that a real relationship with Jesus Christ means a different kind of life, and that life is not characterized by habitual sin and also sin that goes unconfessed to God.

Many people today call themselves Christians while showing no interest

in Church and the Lordship of Christ in their life. They think they can just live any way they want.

God forbid! We as Christians are not perfect and never will be in this life, but at the same time, we must abide in Christ and live our life marked by our commitment to our Savior.

Keep in mind, our text today has nothing to do with "dos and don'ts" for salvation. It simply brings out that the characteristics of the life of one who is truly

saved will be a life not intimate with this world. Our text says that because we're saved, this ungodly world "knoweth us not" because we know the Lord Jesus Christ.

We live in this world, and we are to love this world with the Gospel and a Godly example, but we are not to be "of this world."

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

Church notes

■ Emmanuel Baptist Church Youth will host a Valentine's Day banquet at 6 p.m., Friday in the fellowship hall. For more information contact the church at (270) 965-4623 or pastor Justin Reynolds at (270) 969-0846.

■ The Crossmen Quartet will perform at 11 a.m., Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church. Admission is free. Everyone is invited to attend. A free-will offering will be accepted.

■ Lola Pentecostal Church will present Anchored, a youth retreat and lock-in for ages 10-17. The event will start at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 and will end at 7 a.m. Feb. 22. This event is

focused on bringing together the youth in our communities. Church youth groups are encouraged and all churches are welcome to attend this time of worship, fun, fellowship and food. For more information please call (270) 704-6130.

■ All ladies are invited to attend the 15th annual Lola Pentecostal Church Ladies Retreat entitled Letting Go and Reaching Ahead at 7 p.m., March 7 and 10 a.m. March 8. Registration is \$15 and is due by Feb. 14. It covers a meal after both services. There will be special services, skits, workshops, door prizes and more. Come and enjoy this uplifting retreat and bring a friend. For more information, call (270) 988-2190.

■ Mexico Baptist Church's clothes closet will be open 9-11 a.m., each Monday.

Come worship with us...

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

—Matthew 18:20

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Sunday school - 10 am • Worship service - 11 am
Every fourth Sunday evening service - 5:30 pm

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• Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

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Marion, Kentucky
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Sunday school, 10 a.m. | Sunday worship, 11 a.m.

OBITUARIES

Campbell

Jerry D. Campbell Sr., 73, of Marion died Feb. 9, 2014, at his home.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Detra Driver Campbell of Marion; a daughter, Vicki Baker of Eddyville; three sons, Tony Campbell of Fredonia, Doug Campbell Jr. of Marion and Brad Driver of Marion; a sister, Georgia Felts of Johnson City, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Campbell was preceded in death by a son, Terry Campbell; two brothers, Marlin Campbell and Charles "Sonny" Campbell; three sisters, Anna Lee Porter, Norma Hill and Nelda Bragdon; and his parents, Ollie and Odith Simpkins Campbell.

Private graveside services were Tuesday at Hebron Cemetery in Lyon County with Rev. Jerrell White officiating.

Dunn's Funeral Home in Eddyville was in charge of arrangements.

Gernigin

John Douglas Gernigin, 49, died Jan. 26, 2014, at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was born Feb. 27, 1964, in Alton, Ill., to John and Beverly Middleton Gernigin.

Gernigin had worked as a laborer for Liberty Tire.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy Hurley Gernigin; four sons, John D. and wife Dana Davis Gernigin, Christopher and wife Julie Brankov Gernigin, Jeffrey and wife Cassie Vinson Gernigin and Shelby Gernigin; five grandchildren, Christopher A. Gernigin II, Parker J. Gernigin, Briston D. Gernigin, Mieke K. Gernigin and Skyllynn A. Gernigin; and two sisters, Catherine Jackson and Angela Schehl.

Services were conducted Jan. 31 at Marks Mortuary in Wood River, Ill., with Pastor Coy Siddall officiating. Burial was in Upper Alton Cemetery in Alton.

Hardesty

Willard Pasco "Pat" Hardesty Jr., 68, of Marion died Feb. 5, 2014, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard Pasco and June Morrison Hardesty; and his grandparents, Pearl and Joe Hardesty of Crittenden County.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Dunn Springs Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time today.

Coleman

Michael Coleman, 47, of Eddyville died Feb. 8, 2014, in Marion following a short illness.

He was a welder and a member of Kuttawa First Baptist Church.

Coleman is survived by his wife, Brooke Coleman of Eddyville; a son, Isaac Maroney of Eddyville; a daughter, Jaden Coleman of Eddyville; his parents, Robert "Red" and Brenda Fox Benton of Marion; a sister, Chantel Benton of Marion; two nephews; and a niece.

A celebration of life service was held Wednesday at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Rev. Gary Murray officiating. Burial followed in Macedonia Cemetery in Lyon County.

Phone scam targets users of Windows

STAFF REPORT

An apparent phone scam is targeting users of Microsoft Windows.

Multiple calls have been received in Marion from alleged tech experts claiming the user's computer has been hacked. The technician offers to fix any problems with Windows, asking for the user's IP address and other private information.

The callers have had thick foreign accents and identify themselves with either Microsoft or Windows. The phone connection is also poor.

At least one of the calls showed to be from an area code in Virginia.

If anyone receives such a call, they are advised to hang up and not share any personal information or IP addresses.

Hawkins

Opal Pearl Hawkins, 83, of Marion died Feb. 7, 2014, at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

She was a homemaker and member of the Church of God.

Hawkins is survived by a daughter, Grace Ritchie of Marion; a son, Billy Hawkins of Paducah; two brothers, Pete Ferrell of Paducah and Lyle Ferrell of Anna, Ill.; a sister, Grace Speter of Coldwater, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Perry Hawkins; her parents, Logan and Mary Myers Ferrell; a daughter, Eva; a son, Abel; a sister, Francis; and a brother, Fred.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with Sister Lucy Tedrick officiating. Burial followed in Crooked Creek Cemetery.



Hawkins

McDowell

Jason Ray McDowell, 40, of Henderson died Feb. 8, 2014, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

He worked at Pittsburg Glass Works in Evansville and was a member of Mexico Baptist Church.

McDowell is survived by his fiancée, Kathy McElwain of Henderson; his father, James "Butch" and wife Linda McDowell of Salem; his stepfather, Jack Elder of Salem; a sister, Gina and husband David Phelps of Fredonia; two stepsisters, Amy Byford of Marion and Kelly Grady of Louisville; two stepbrothers, James Elder of Paducah and Robert Elder of Graves County; a grandmother, Marilyn Tramel of Evansville; two nephews, Jacob and Evan; and one niece, Marley.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Debbie Elder.

There will be no services. Memorial contributions may be made to: Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, 3760 Guion Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222.

Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem was in charge of arrangements.

Boyd

Alfred Neal Boyd, 79, of Evansville, Ind., formerly of Marion, died Feb. 7, 2014, at his home.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and member of Church of the Cross in Evansville.

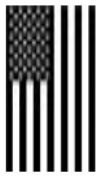
Boyd is survived by a son, Brian and wife Karissa Boyd of Booneville, Ind.; three daughters, Kim and husband Tracy Jent of Foley, Ala., Lisa Boyd of Houston and Kari and husband Tom McBride of Newburgh, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley "Tudy" Boyd; his parents, Ernest and Iva Boyd; two brothers; and a sister.

Services were Wednesday at St. William Catholic Church in Marion with interment in St. William Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made to: American Parkinson Disease Association, 135 Parkinson Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305; or St. William Catholic Church, 860 S. Main St., Marion, KY 42064.



Program gives ticketed motorists alternative

STAFF REPORT

While traffic school is not designed to be fun, it's an hour well spent for any driver looking for a bit of a break after a traffic citation. It's also good for people on the other side of the law, like Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson and Deputy Sheriff Greg Rushing.

Johnson worked to bring the County Attorney Traffic Safety (CATS) Program to Crittenden County in order to promote safe driving and give drivers an alternative to fines, court costs, a blemished driving record and higher insurance rates. It also cuts down on the courtroom workload for the county attorney.

"The primary goal is to teach people to be safer drivers and educate them on laws," Johnson said following last month's session of traffic school. "It also helps us somewhat with the court docket."

Violators who qualify for the CATS program as an alternative to going to court can save hundreds of dollars when fines, court costs and increased insurance premiums are considered. Once completed, the program keeps the violation from showing up on a driving record. Not only does that save on insurance rates, it keeps points from being added to the driver's license.

The cost of the CATS Program is only \$86.

Johnson implemented the program last year. The first class was in July 2012, and the traffic school, which is taught by Rushing, meets monthly at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.

Educating a classroom full of participants can also save work for Rushing, who patrols the roads of Crittenden County. Putting safer drivers on the road and educating them on laws not only offers a

lighter workload for Rushing, lessons taken from the class can save lives.

A good portion of each class is dedicated to teaching drivers the dangers of speeding and distracted driving. Some rather sobering videos and statistics can give even the most casual participant something to think about when they get behind the wheel.

"It's better to be late than not be there at all," Rushing told students at the January class, warning them of the serious dangers of speeding.

To qualify for the program, the traffic offense must have been minor in nature – speeding under 26 mph over the limit, improper passing, improper stop, etc. – and have taken place in Crittenden County. Serious offenses like DUI, failure to stop for a bus or reckless driving, among several others, are not eligible offenses for the CATS program.

At the end of each class, participants are also given the opportunity to learn firsthand the effects of drugs or alcohol on driving. A set of goggles simulates various degrees of impairment. Rushing then asks those wearing the goggles to perform certain field sobriety tests.

Johnson hopes that is a wake-up call to anyone who might consider driving while under the influence.

Not yet a year into the local program, Johnson said violators have been receptive to the opportunity to participate.

"I think for the most part, people who qualify take the course," Johnson said.

Violators may sign up for the CATS program by contacting Johnson's office at (270) 965-2222 or appearing in court on the original court date and speaking with Johnson about enrollment.

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The family of James George would like to thank each one for their love and support in his unexpected death. Thank you for the flowers, Bibles, food, cards or for whatever you did. Thanks to the members of Maranatha Church for the wonderful meal and to Rev. David Davis and Leroy Driver for their words of comfort. Thank you to the pallbearers and the staff of Rivers Bend Retirement Community for the care they gave James and to the staff of Boyd Funeral Directors for a job well done. God bless each one.

Davis, Kathy, Betty, Everett and Families
Sisters & Brothers and Families

The family of Steven E. Hackney would like to thank everyone for the kindness after the death of Steve. A special thanks to the staff of Myers Funeral Home, all the health care providers, Rev. Curtis Franklin, Bro. Roger Steward and Sis. Gladys Tyler for their beautiful comforting words. Also thanks to everyone who called, sent flowers, money or food. Everything was and is greatly appreciated. May God bless you all.

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Thank You

The family of Harold Glore would like to express our appreciation for all the kindness shown to us during our loss. Thank you to all who visited the funeral home and came to the funeral.

Thank you for all the words of kindness, comfort, prayers, flowers, food brought to our homes, cards, gifts and Gideon Bibles bought in Harold's memory.

Thank you to our family and friends, nurses at Crittenden Health Systems who were like family, hospice, the honor guard from Ft. Campbell for the military service, VFW for the 21 gun salute and pallbearers.

A special thank you to our church families at Barnett Chapel and Tolu Methodist for preparing food for our family and friends to go after the funeral. A special thank you to Bro. Steve Tinsley for the message and comforting words. Thank you to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for the care shown to our family.

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Lab most popular breed for 23rd year in a row

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's puppy love for the record books: The Labrador retriever was the nation's most popular dog breed last year for a 23rd year in a row, the American Kennel Club announced last month.

That's the longest any breed has been top dog since the organization's 1884 founding.

German shepherds, golden retrievers, beagles and bulldogs are holding steady in the top-five pack, with Yorkshire terriers, boxers, poodles, Rottweilers and dachshunds continuing to round out the leading 10, which mirrors last year. But the comical French bulldog is newly on their heels after a decade-long popularity spurt.

Surpassing the poodle's 22-year reign some decades ago, the Lab has proliferated as a congenial, highly trainable dog that was developed to fetch game but has readily taken on other roles: search-and-rescue aid, therapy dog, competitor in canine sports and all-around family pet.

"They're a very versatile

dog. They'll adapt to just about anything," says Michael Wiest of Warren, N.J., who has bred them for 45 years.

The rankings reflect newly registered dogs, mostly puppies. The AKC doesn't release exact numbers but estimates its registry has included more than 40 million purebred dogs over its history.

The top 10 remains a testament to the variety of purebreds, from the pert, portable Yorkie to the muscular, purposeful Rottweiler. But overall, the AKC has logged some leaning toward larger dogs in the past decade.

Shih tzus and Chihuahuas have dropped out of the top 10, while Rottweilers and bulldogs have marched in. Such big breeds as the Doberman pinscher, the Bernese mountain dog and even the great Dane have made double-digit gains on the popularity ladder.

But no breed has rocketed up the rankings quite like the French bulldog, now the nation's 11th most popular purebred after its numbers more than quadrupled in the

last 10 years. The Frenchie was 14th last year – and 58th in 2002.

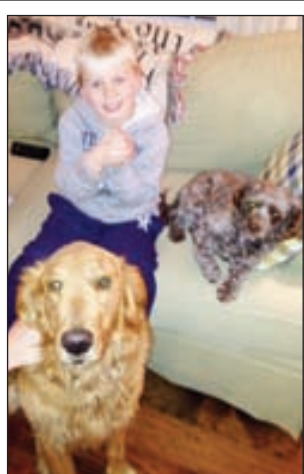
With foreshortened faces, large pointed ears and an attitude that's been described

as "a clown in the cloak of a philosopher," French bulldogs were in vogue in the U.S. around the turn of the 20th century. Then their popularity waned until recent years,

when they've gotten exposure in such venues as Martha Stewart's chic-domesticity empire, TV's "Modern Family" and a 2012 Skechers Super Bowl commercial.



Mattie
Kristi Beavers



Ethan Thomas with Sam
(hamster), Jack Sparrow
(front) and Cooper



Ziggy

Catios give cats outdoor safety

By MICHELLE SPITZER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Carrie Fagerstrom was looking for a new home in Portland, Ore., her must-have list didn't include a spacious yard, plenty of closets or even a large kitchen.

Her highest priority: the comfort of her cats.

"I really wanted a house that would allow me to build a place for them," said Fagerstrom, who had visions of a catio out back.

A catio is essentially a cat's playground. It's an enclosed, covered area, much like a patio, that allows feline friends to be exposed to the outdoors, getting fresh air and scenery, while keeping them safe from predators.

"I thought it would be as simple as running wire on three sides and putting tarp overhead, but it wasn't that easy," Fagerstrom said. "It ended up being a much bigger project, but I love it."

Roughly \$5,000 later, her eight cats have room to roam in a catio filled with scratching posts, climbing apparatuses and even a drinking fountain. The space also contains human seating so that Fagerstrom and her friends can enjoy it as well.

"It's a very calm and serene place," she said.

Catios got their start with cat breeders and at animal sanctuaries, but more and more cat owners have begun building them at home, according to Kate Benjamin, founder of Hauspanther.com, an online magazine for design-conscious cat people.

"I've been seeing a lot more people catifying their homes," Benjamin said. "If your cats are truly beloved members of your family, you won't let them live outside. There are just too many threats."

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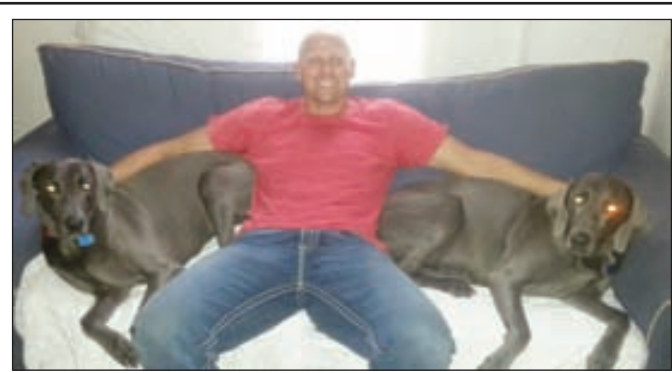
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Neil Guess with Tillman (left) and Mollie



Blakelee Nicole Gardner and Mallie



Landyn Schiller with Cookie and Madalyn Schiller with Tasha

CATIO

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both ways: being indoors-only and being allowed access to the outdoors, says Sarah Ellis of the University of Lincoln, in England, who co-chaired a group of experts that issued cat-care guidelines last year for the American Association of Feline Practitioners and the International Society of Feline Medicine.

“An indoor cat is more likely to be protected from injury, such as that from road traffic accidents and neighborhood cats, as well as less likely to contract infectious diseases that are passed from cat to cat,” Ellis said. “However, an indoor-only cat may be more likely to experience boredom and frustration from the inability to exhibit hunting behaviors, running and exploring.” That’s why catios are great, said Fresno, Calif. resident Harvie Schreiber. The two catios she and her husband built onto their home give their four cats the best of both worlds, she said.

“We have indoor cats only and we believe they live longer, healthier, safer lives, but we wanted to give them a chance to enjoy the outdoors in a safe way,” she said.

The Schreibers started by turning the small patio off their bedroom into a catio. Heavy-duty wiring was used to enclose the space, which already had a roof. They added some cat favorites like trees and cardboard boxes, and the area became a favorite spot for their feline family members.

That’s when the

Schreibers knew they wanted to build a larger catio, off the main living area in their home and overlooking the backyard pool.

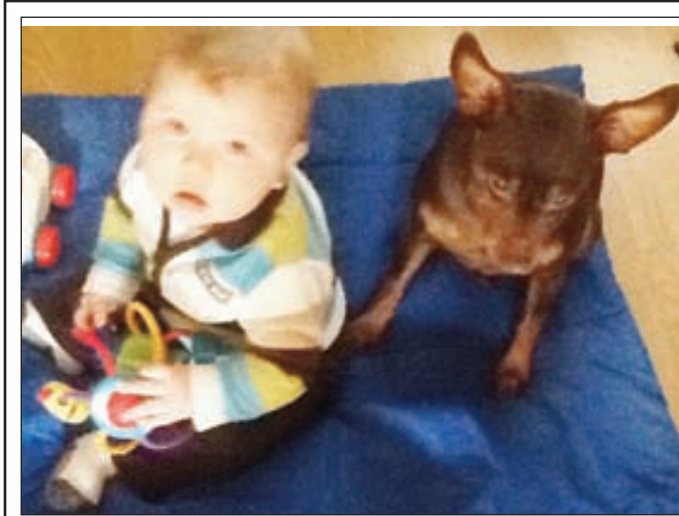
Since it was so visible and centrally located, they wanted the catio to be attractive as well as functional.

Harvie Schreiber had the entire thing, including the ceiling, painted Tree Frog Green. She hung decorative artwork and included a couch for humans. The catio also includes 7-foot-tall cat condos and tons of toys.

The cats “love being out there and getting the fresh air,” Schreiber said. “Even when it’s horribly hot in the summer and freezing cold in the winter, they still want to be out there.”

Some tips from Benjamin on building a catio:

- A catio can be built in any home, no matter the size. While some people build large, elaborate ones, a small window enclosure also will work if you’re short on space.
- Make sure the catio is fully enclosed, so cats cannot get out and predators cannot get in.
- Provide cats a view of the outdoors, and make sure there’s ventilation so that fresh air comes in. Be aware of the weather: You might need a fan in the summer or a heater in the winter.
- Include plenty of toys and features your cats enjoy, such as climbing shelves, scratching posts, cat condos, trees or a water fountain.
- Keep their litter box in the catio.
- Make the space pleasant for humans too. Include comfortable seating so you and your cats can enjoy the catio together.



Collin Barnes and Jr

Animal adoption event set for this weekend

STAFF REPORT

The Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine and Crittenden County Animal shelters will participate in the Love Your Pet event Saturday at Tractor Supply in Princeton.

Both shelters will offer animals for adoption. A third agency, Unchained Love of Eddyville, will have rescue animals available as well.

The Love Your Pet event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., inside Tractor Supply, located on U.S. 62 in the

old Walmart building.

Also participating will be Lost But Loved, an agency from Murray which will provide the following services: microchipping, \$15; heart worm tests, \$10; and nail trimming, \$5.

Everyone who adopts a pet on Saturday will receive an adoption pack from Tractor Supply, which will include helpful information and discounts for numerous pet products.

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STAFF REPORT

There are multiple ways to help Crittenden County Animal Shelter take care of animals awaiting a new home.

Anyone wishing to support the shelter can purchase a t-shirt at the Marion Tourism Center. Shirts are \$15 each and 100 percent of the proceeds goes directly to help the animals. The money is used to purchase vaccinations, food and treats.

Another way to help is by placing Food Giant stamps on the shelter’s card in the entrance at the Marion store. Each filled card equals \$10 for the shelter that is used to buy canned cat and dog food, treats and vaccinations.

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February is women’s heart health month

Heart disease is the number one cause of illness and death for North American women and kills more women than all forms of cancer combined. February is Women’s Heart Health Month. It’s a great time for women to start taking better care of their hearts all year round.

It’s important to know your personal risk for heart disease and family history. Common risk factors for heart disease include elevated blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, smoking, diabetes, a sedentary lifestyle and overweight or obesity.

Obesity increases women’s risk for at least five leading causes of death including heart disease, stroke, arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) and some types of cancer. Two of the best ways to



improve your heart health is to change your diet and to exercise.

You have many different options to change your diet for the better. Most of them include incorporating more vegetables and fruits and fiber sources into your diet. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s MyPlate encourages people to fill half of their plates with fruits and vegetables. Fiber not only helps prevent heart disease but also can help prevent diabetes, manage weight and improve digestion. Good sources of fiber are

beans, barley and oats.

You can also start incorporating more Mediterranean meals into your diet. People in Mediterranean countries tend to have lower rates of heart disease because they eat a diet rich in monounsaturated fat and linolenic acid. They consume more olive oil, fish, fruits and vegetables.

High blood pressure can be a major contributing factor to heart disease and arteriosclerosis. If you have high blood pressure, learning to control it can greatly reduce your risk of developing heart disease. The Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet has been proven to significantly lower blood pressure. This diet involves limiting your salt intake and consuming plenty of fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy products, fiber and lean meats. More information about the DASH diet is available on the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute’s website, <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/health-topics/topics/dash/followdash.html>.

More than two-thirds of

Kentuckians are not active, and 71 percent of women in the state report being sedentary. You can become more heart healthy by incorporating more movement into your day. That doesn’t necessarily mean you have to spend hours at the gym. If you lead a sedentary lifestyle, you can start small by doing things like taking the stairs instead of the elevator, parking further away from a store entrance, playing tag with your kids or walking around your neighborhood. Every bit of movement helps.

Healthy eating seminar rescheduled Feb. 22

STAFF REPORT

Due to winter weather conditions, the Healthy Eating Seminar has been rescheduled for 10:30 a.m., Feb. 22 at the Woman’s Club of Marion located on East Carlisle Street.

Crissy Carter, a registered dietician, will discuss healthy eating and how to read labels to make better choices. Sue Parrent from the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Office will discuss the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program. Robbie Kirk will speak on the Victory

Gardens and preview the upcoming growing season.

The seminar is open to the public and is an approved Community Christmas educational class.

Individuals are asked to bring a canned food item to donate to the local food pantry and to be registered to win door prizes. Individuals must be present to win.

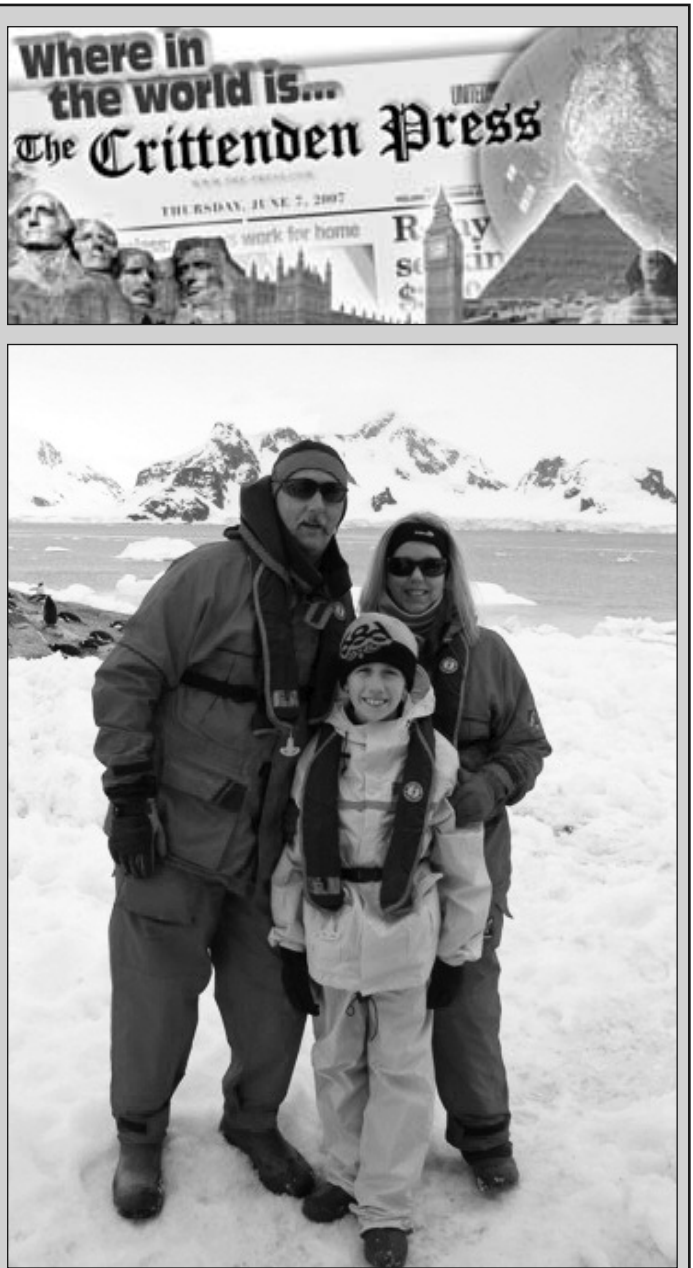
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CCMS Speech Team competes at MSU

Crittenden County Middle School Speech Team members competed at Murray State University in the regional competition on Feb. 1. The team placed third, and sixth grader, Kyron Hicks, was named regional champion in Solo Acting. Individual team members and the events in which they will compete at state are as follows: (kneeling, from left) Kirsten DeBoe, Prose Interpretation and Duo Acting; Ellie McGowan, Public Speaking, Storytelling and Improvisational Duo; Ashleigh Dunkerson, Storytelling and Improvisational Duo; (standing, from left) Baylee Priest, Poetry Interpretation; Hannah Bell, Broadcast Announcing and Solo Acting; Jaycie Driver, Duo Acting; Kyron Hicks, Broadcast Announcing and Solo Acting; Kalysta Jones, Poetry Interpretation; Carsen Easley, Solo Acting. The state competition will be held March 28-29 at University of Kentucky.



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South Pole Christmas

While their luggage didn’t make it to the continent, a copy of The Crittenden Press kept in a carry-on bag went along with Ken, Rebecca and James Crider during their Christmas visit to Antarctica. This was the seventh continent the family has visited together. Above, the family stands at the Chilean military base. During their visit, they also took photos of one of the continent’s most popular attractions, the penguins.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rooting for the Cats

Debbie Lukco of Morganfield, formerly of Marion, examines the placement of a University of Kentucky stencil during a painting class in Marion on Feb. 9. Organized by Full Body Fitness Studio and taught by Whims and Wishes of Henderson, the class included 45 people who chose from several spring or UK door hangings.

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.

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

This week’s activities and menu include:

- Today: A Valentine’s Day dinner will be provided at 5 p.m. with a dance to follow at 6 p.m. Lunch menu is almost lasagna with veggies, broccoli, wheat garlic bread and Jell-O cake.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is baked chicken, chicken gravy, lima

beans, macaroni and cheese, whole wheat roll and Mandarin oranges.

- Monday: Menu is baked spaghetti, buttered carrots, creamed peas, wheat garlic bread and Mandarin oranges.
- Tuesday: A Kentucky legal aide will be present to answer questions at 10:30 a.m. Menu is baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, coleslaw, apples and caramel sauce and cornbread.
- Wednesday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is hamburger on wheat bun, pork and beans, French fries and snickerdoodle.
- Next Thursday: Bible study with Pastor Terra Sisco’s begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is hot turkey sandwich on wheat bread, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans and apple cinnamon cream cake.

Riley named new pastor at Caldwell Springs Church

STAFF REPORT

Billy Riley has been named the new pastor at Caldwell Springs Baptist Church.

Riley’s first day before the congregation was Jan. 26. Before coming to Caldwell Springs, he was pastor at New Hope Baptist Church in Ballard County.

Riley grew up in Livingston County and graduated from Livingston Central High School in 1973. He went on to graduate from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., and then attended Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law where he graduated in 1980.

Riley said he felt called into the ministry several years ago. Even after obtaining his law degree, he pastored full-time. Riley is also the county attorney for Liv-

ington County, an office he has held since January 1990.

His seminary education includes Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. He also attended Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

Riley said he thoroughly enjoys pastoring at Caldwell Springs. He is encouraged by their youth group activities and wants to help expand them. He also feels led to build on programs for adult seniors attending the church.

Riley and his wife, Kathie, have two children and three grandchildren.

Community CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 13

- A Valentine’s dinner and dance will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. A \$5 donation will be accepted at the door. Proceeds benefit the home delivered meal program and the Senior Citizens Council. Call (270) 965-5229 for more information.

Friday, Feb. 14

- Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m., at the Extension Office. Individuals are encouraged to bring a favorite recipe.
- The public is invited to donate blood at the high school.

Contact the school for more information at (270) 965-2248 or contact Carol West at carol.west@crittenden.kyschools.us or Amy Adams at amy.adams@crittenden.kyschools.us.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

- The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1373, will meet at 11:15 a.m., at The Crittenden County Public Library. The discussion will be the April NARFE Convention in Louisville. All current and retired federal employees are invited to attend the monthly

meeting.

Saturday, Feb. 22

- Due to winter weather conditions, the Healthy Eating Seminar has been rescheduled for 10:30 a.m., at the Woman’s Club of Marion located on East Carlisle Street.
- Electrical, HVAC and plumbing classes will be held at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. Call (270) 965-9294 for more details.

Monday, Feb. 24

- The Extension Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m., at the Extension Office. Rose El-drige will demonstrate half and quarter square triangles

and show how this technique has been used in several quilts. Meetings are open to the public. Call (270) 965-5236 for more information.

Friday, Feb. 28

- RSVP, or Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, will provide tax preparation at the Crittenden County Senior Center. Additional dates include March 28 and April 11. Appointments will be taken from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

- A MAPP meeting will be held at 1 p.m., at the Crittenden County Health Department.

National FFA Week celebrated Feb. 15-22

STAFF REPORT
Embracing more than 80 years of traditions while keeping an eye toward the future, more than half a million FFA members will participate in a week-long event with activities at local, state and national levels. The Crittenden County Future Farmers of America (FFA) will celebrate National FFA Week Feb. 15-22. This year's theme is Ignite.

Larry Duvall, agriculture educator at Crittenden County High School, said nationally FFA offers over \$2 million annually in scholarships.

"FFA builds leadership skills that are good for a lifetime," Duvall said, adding students benefit from joining the organization because it allows them to network with other students and professionals from across the country.

FFA Week gives members the opportunity to educate the public about the importance of agriculture. Chapters conduct a range of activities to help others in their schools and communities learn about the organization and agricultural education. Crittenden County High School will celebrate Na-

tional FFA Week by participating in Muddy Truck Day, Camo Day, Blue and Gold Day, Oldest FFA Jacket Day and Teacher Appreciation Day. They will also have an FFA Emblem hunt for prizes during the week.

FFA members are seen as the innovators and leaders of the future. By hands-on learning and studying agriculture, students prepare for more than 300 career opportunities in food, fiber and natural resources industry.

Occurring the week of George Washington's birthday, National FFA Week was designated in 1947. It is sponsored by Tractor Supply Company as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

The celebration of National FFA week coincides with Career and Technical Education Month. Crittenden County High School focuses on Agriculture, Business, Family and Consumer Science and Engineering.

The high school has a partnership with the Area Technology Center in Caldwell County. Students may enroll in courses offered at the ATC and are provided transportation.



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FFA members are engaged in a variety of community service projects. Sophomore Elysia Thaxton and junior Trey DeBoe place Chrysanthemums grown in the FFA greenhouse at the front entrance of the Crittenden County Board of Education office.

Area students make UK dean's list

STAFF REPORT
The University of Kentucky has released its dean's list for the fall 2013 semester. A total of 5,780 students, a record number for one semester, were recognized for their outstanding academic performance. To make a dean's list in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK

colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the dean's list. Crittenden Countians making the dean's list include:
- Dominique Nicole LaPlante, a junior with a major in psychology.
- Matthew Alan Pendrick, a sophomore with a major in architecture.
Livingston Countians making the dean's list include:
- Taran Leigh Corbin, a freshman with a major in chemical engineering.

- Cody Dale Doom, a sophomore with a major in undergraduate studies.
- Mary Tess Nickell, a senior with a major in history.
(Editor's note: Some colleges and universities, such as Murray State University, do not release dean's and president's lists to newspapers. This may also include graduation announcements and honors. If a student wants their information posted in a local paper, the student must request this information through their respective school.)

EKU announces dean's list

STAFF REPORT
Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond has announced its president's and dean's list for the fall 2013 semester. The president's list was established by the university to recognize outstanding academic achievement. It is bestowed upon full-time undergraduate students who attain a perfect 4.0 grade point average for a semester. The following local students were among the 1,248 honored:
- Robert Dylan Clark of Marion, a senior physical education major.

- Chase Landon Ramage of Burna, a senior music major.
"We are always pleased to recognize all our outstanding students," ECU President Michael Benson said, "especially those who excel in the classroom to the point of perfection."
Meantime, to achieve dean's list honors at Eastern, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 GPA out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

Clark and Ramage also achieved dean's list honors. In addition, Stephanie Heath Hodge of Marion, a sophomore occupational safety major, was also among the 2,976 honored.
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High school students visit UT-Martin campus as part of TRIO Talent Search

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County High School TRIO Talent Search participants at Madisonville Community College (MCC) hit the road on Dec. 4 for a campus visit to the University of Tennessee at Martin (UT-Martin), just two hours from Marion and 20 minutes from the Kentucky border. TRIO Talent Search is a federally funded program for qualified eligible middle and high school students. An important mission of the federally funded TRIO Talent Search program is to provide opportunities for middle and high school participants to visit college

campuses to experience first-hand what the colleges offer. One item of interest at UT-Martin is the school's large agriculture program with many opportunities for hands-on experiences. Each campus visit is a learning experience for the

TRIO Talent Search participants. Topics discussed at UT-Martin included specific admission requirements, major areas of study, out-of-state scholarships and financial aid offerings along with highlights of their newest programs and facilities.

Maynard makes MSU dean's list

STAFF REPORT
Kaitlin Maynard, a junior pursuing a nursing degree at Murray State University, was named to the Dean's List at Murray State University after earning a 4.0 GPA for the fall 2013 semester. Maynard is the daughter of Tommy and Kathy Maynard of Marion.

Hughes named to dean's list

STAFF REPORT
Catherine H. Hughes of Marion has been named to fall 2013 dean's list at Berea College in Berea, Ky. A student is named to the dean's list who achieves a grade point average of 3.4 or higher for a minimum course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

Information supplied to The Crittenden Press last month for the Crittenden County Middle School honor roll did not include a student's name: Sydney Taylor, 7th Grade A's and B's Honor Roll.

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He is a member of the American Dental Association, West Central Dental Society, and Kentucky Dental Association.

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Upcoming prep games

Crittenden County Schedule

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Friday
Varsity doubleheader at St. Mary
Saturday
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Tuesday HOMECOMING
Rockets host Union County
Lady Rockets host Hopkins Central
Friday, Feb. 21 SENIOR NIGHT
Home varsity DH vs. Ft. Campbell

Crucial district games

Lyon County plays a Fifth District doubleheader Tuesday at Livingston Central to determine final seeding for the post-season tournament. Both the girls' and boys' games at Smithland will have an impact on the league's final regular-season standings, which determines playoff seedings. The boys' matchup will determine which team finishes third and fourth in the league and the girls' game will decide the championship. In both cases, a tie would be broken by flipping a coin to determine post-season seeding. This game has been snowed out twice before.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

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| Raccoon | Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 |
| Squirrel | Nov. 11 - Feb. 28 |
| Trapping | Nov. 11 - Feb. 28 |
| Bobcat | Nov. 23 - Feb. 28 |
| Crow | Jan. 4 - Feb. 28 |
| Groundhog | Year Round |
| Coyote Daytime | Year Round |
| Coyote Nighttime | Feb. 1 - May 31 |
| Turkey Youth | April 5-6 |
| Spring Turkey | April 12 - May 4 |

NWTF banquet March 8

The Shelley Nickell Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will host its annual banquet and fundraising auction on March 8 at Livingston Central High School in Smithland. Doors open at 5 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6. Cost varies from \$50 for single ticket, \$60 for couples and more for sponsor packages. For more info call, Jim Williams at (270) 388-9406.

Mexico wild game supper

Mexico Baptist Church's annual wild game supper will be at 5 p.m., Feb. 22. Featured speaker will be Joe Bufford, pro staffer for Xtreme Christian Outdoors TV.

SOCCER

Registration begins

Registration for Crittenden County's youth spring soccer leagues will be from 9 a.m., until noon on Feb. 22 at Dairy Queen in Marion. There will be a second registration period from 6-8 p.m., March 11 at Dairy Queen. March 14 is the final day to register. Season begins March 24. Contact Shana Geary by email for more information, shanawg@yahoo.com.

BASEBALL

Register by March 15

Registration for recreational softball and baseball for boys and girls ages 4-12 is now underway. Crittenden County Dugout Club is accepting registrations via mail or during a skills assessment from 9-11 a.m., March 15 at Crittenden County Middle School gym. Only players age 7-up will attend skills assessment. Registration forms are available online at The-Press.com (follow the Sports link), on the Dugout Club's Facebook page, at Crittenden Middle School office or The Crittenden Press. Forms will also be in CCES student backpacks. For information, contact Chris Evans at (270) 965-3191. Deadline to register without penalty is March 15. No registrations accepted after March 21.

FOOTBALL

Full-contact alumni

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20 at Paglias in Princeton to discuss plans for an upcoming tackle football game between Crittenden and Caldwell alumni. Alumni Football USA is hosting the full-contact alumni game April 26 at Crittenden County. For more information, call Tracy Armstrong at 704-1366 or AFUSA at (614) 604-9669. Cost is \$100 per player and is due at registration. Gate fee at the game will be \$10 per person. The Rocket football team will receive a portion of funds raised during this event.



Rocket Taylor Champion (above) applies some tenacious defense while teammate Dakota Watson (24), at right, blocks off the baseline at Community Christian Monday.



CCA comeback gets Lady Rockets

STAFF REPORT

Chelsea Oliver gave it her best, scoring a season-high 26 points, but foul trouble for her sidekicks cost the Lady Rockets a chance at victory Monday at Paducah's Community Christian Academy (11-9). The Warriors won by five after scoring 23 at the free throw line.

Point guard Mallory McDowell and second-leading scorer Cassidy Moss fouled out in the fourth period when Crittenden (6-14) was last ahead 41-38. From there, CCA took control.

CCA 53, Crittenden 48

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| Crittenden County | 17 | 9 | 12 | 10 |
| Comm. Christian | 13 | 6 | 19 | 15 |

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 1, C.Moss 9, Oliver 26, Collins, Nesbitt 4, Lynch 6, Evans, K.Moss 2, Pierce. FG 19. 3-pointers none. FT 10-23.
COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN – Carter, L.Rudy 17, Hunt 2, Clinard, Ward, DeJarnatt 4, Carter 25, Peyton 5. FG 14. 3-pointers 2 (Rudy). FT 23-32.

MARCH 22 ALUMNI GAME MAKEUP

Former Lady Rockets participating in the alumni basketball game should arrive at the gym at 3 p.m., Saturday, March 22 for warmups. The game and a reception will follow. Call (270) 704-0593 for info.



Amanda Lynch (41), above, came off the bench to score six points at CCA. At right, Maggie Collins (10) provides post defense.



Chambliss' 10-pointer captures youth division

STAFF REPORT

It's an amazing storyline for the Chambliss family of Fredonia. Father Kevin Chambliss won the grand prize in the Hodge Outdoor Sports Crittenden County Big Buck Contest and his son, Jacob harvested the biggest buck and captured top prize in the contest's youth division.

"This has been a great deer hunting year for my younguns," said Kevin Chambliss. "We were getting pictures over a mineral lick all summer long of a good looking 10-pointer that was running with a nice eight-pointer."

His boys – Jacob, 12, and Logan, 9 – had gone hunting often with their father during archery season with no luck at bagging either buck.

"As the big bucks always do, they turned nocturnal shortly after bow season started," dad said. "We continued to get pics of the 10-pointer, but almost never during daylight hours."

Fast forward nearly two months to an evening hunt during rifle season. Jennifer, the mom, and youngest son, Logan, sat together in a ground blind at one end of a large, unharvested soybean field not too far from Shady Grove. Jacob and dad sat together in a ground blind at the opposite end of the same field approximately 400 yards away from the other two. They knew the field was being frequented by several does and small bucks.

"At 3:45 p.m., my wife and Logan noticed a big buck making his way out of a section of woods directly behind the blind Jacob and I were in. It was the 10 pointer. He made his way past their blind and into the woods behind them offering them a perfect broadside shot at less than 50 yards," said the father.

"My wife decided not to shoot the buck hoping it would somehow make its way back out into the field and present Jacob a shot. Logan couldn't shoot the buck because he was lucky enough to have taken a nice eight-pointer during the youth rifle season."

As if he had read the script, the buck reappeared to the right of the blind and walked out into the bean field.

"Jacob and I were unaware of the encounter my wife and Logan had just experienced and we were totally unaware the buck was heading our way," Kevin recalled.

Staying in touch with modern communications devices has made hunting as a family even more meaningful as each blind's observances can be shared with the other. Finally, the phone rang.

"Jacob and I were watching a small buck chase a couple of does around our end of the field when I felt my phone buzz. It was a text from my wife saying: Big buck coming your way!"

Jacob began glassing the field to find the buck, which was following a drainage ditch up the middle of the field directly toward him. At 200 yards, the buck started making his way toward the other deer that had earlier arrived in the soybean field.

"When he got to them, he laid his ears back and began posturing to the smaller buck, running him off," Kevin explained. "The 10-pointer then walked over to the does and stopped for a second."

Jacob steadied his .25-06 on his shooting sticks and whispered, "I'm on him, dad."

"I said, 'Whenever you're ready, buddy,'" said the father.

The next few seconds seemed like an eternity as Jacob carefully squeezed off one round from his deer rifle. The shot was perfectly placed in the deer's front shoulder and soon Jacob was admiring the 10-pointer he'd been watching on trail cameras since summer.

"We hugged, high-fived and had an awesome father and son moment that every dad needs to experience at least once in his life," said the proud dad. "The look on his face when he walked up to the biggest buck he has ever taken a shot at will forever be etched in my mind."



Jacob Chambliss with the buck he harvested to capture top prize in the Youth Big Buck Contest.

Mom and younger brother had watched the entire hunt unfold and were able to share in the excitement of Jacob harvesting the nearly 130 Boone and Crockett buck.

"I'm so blessed to have a family that enjoys spending time in the outdoors with me," Kevin said.

Moonlight dooms coyotes

STAFF REPORT

Weather was perfect for the Hodge Outdoor Sports coyote contest last weekend. And with the newly legal nighttime hunting of coyotes, this annual contest drew a record turnout and record harvest.

Sixty individuals, competing as two-man teams hunted for 24 hours starting Friday and ending at dusk Saturday. Fredonia duo James Reece and Beau Beckner won the event with eight coyotes. They took home the \$450 grand prize.

Beckner said conditions were ripe for taking a big

CCHS plows ahead

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County (6-16) dusted off the cabin fever Monday with what at times resembled a circus brawl at Paducah's Community Christian Academy, beating the Warriors 61-49 and snapping a seven-game losing streak.

The hosts were in the double bonus less than 10 seconds into the game's second period as the Rockets came out aggressive on defense. Coach Denis Hodge deployed all his assets in the game, platooning groups of five players at a time to wear down the thinner Warriors.

The following night, Crittenden lost 60-38 at Caldwell.

After 12 straight days off because of weather, the Rockets are busier than a snow plow operator this week, playing every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Homecoming has been moved to Tuesday night after it got postponed last weekend. Several games were cancelled over the past week or so, but only the Hardin County (Ill.) game is being made up as of now. It will be played starting at 6 p.m., Saturday at Rocket Arena. JV starts at 4.

Caldwell 60, Crittenden 38

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| Crittenden County | 11 | 10 | 8 | 9 |
| Caldwell County | 16 | 21 | 19 | 5 |

CRITTENDEN – Young 5, Owen 5, Dickerson 9, D.Watson 4, Belt 8, Gilbert, Champion, C.Watson 7, Hicks, Tinsley, Driver. FG 17. 3-pointers 2 (Owen, Dickerson). FT 2-14.
CALDWELL – Oliver, Seymore 5, Sindelar 10, Young 2, Boyd 2, McCarty 13, Davis, Pepper 12, Hopson 10, Cain 4, Dyer 2. FG 21. 3-pointers 6 (McCarty 2, Sindelar 2, Hopson 2). FT 4-7.

Crittenden 61, CCA 49

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| Crittenden County | 20 | 11 | 14 | 16 |
| Comm. Christian | 14 | 10 | 17 | 8 |

CRITTENDEN – Owen 11, Gilbert 8, Young 5, D.Watson 4, Belt 12, Dickerson 6, C.Watson 10, Hicks 6, Champion, Tinsley, Driver, Hadfield, Myers. FG 20. 3-pointers 5 (Hicks 2, Gilbert 2, Young). FT 13-19.
COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN – Rommelman 6, Schroeder 7, Robinson 12, Smith 2, Cole Smith 22. FG 15. 3-pointers 1 (C.Smith). FT 15-18.

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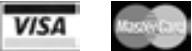
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4 men arrested in sting at park 3 years ago still jailed

STAFF REPORT

Three years ago this week on a snowy afternoon, a group of young men from Eddyville concocted a plan to rob a drug user at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Little did they know the guy wanting to buy pot was cooperating with police.

Four young Lyon County men – ranging in age from 17 to 33 – had gone through an acquaintance with Marion ties to set up the fake sale of a large amount of marijuana. They had originally planned to meet and do the ill-conspired deal in Conrad's Food Store parking lot, but the location changed at the last minute. It was determined that the park would be best suited for the transaction.

The cooperating witness, whose name has remained secret to protect his identity, showed up in a car with the Marion connection, who was 19-year-old Anthony Williams. They were both in the witnesses' car with a large sum of money to make what was supposed to be a drug buy. Nearby, watching the whole thing were Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal, Sheriff's Deputy Greg Rushing and then-Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force Detective Robbie Kirk. Other cops were also stationed in the area for the undercover operation.

Four males pulled onto Lower Park Drive in a borrowed vehicle. They were there to consummate the deal. Little did anyone know except them, however, that there was going to be no deal, just a robbery. A couple of the guys from Eddyville got out and started beating up the cooperating witness with plans of taking the money he'd brought to the meeting under the pretense of buying marijuana. One of them pulled out a muzzleloading rifle and started hitting the informant with the stock of the gun. Police, who were initially planning to arrest the men for pushing drugs, quickly broke up the robbery. After pleading guilty, five young men ended up going to jail. At least three of them were later released but quickly broke the terms of their probations and were put back behind bars.

Dillon R. Phelps, who was a juvenile at the time of the robbery, was given a pretrial diversion after pleading guilty. He violated terms of that diversion after becoming an adult and was sentenced in November to serve out his five-year sentence.

Only Williams has been released on parole and stayed out of trouble. His probation will end later this year. The others remain at various jails

or prisons in Kentucky.

Following is the status of each of the men still incarcerated and where he is now serving his sentence:

- David Catallo, 36, Green River Correctional Complex. He was sentenced to five years for complicity to second-degree robbery and two years and 11 months for complicity to second-degree assault. He was denied parole Dec. 23 of last year and is parole eligible on May 1, 2015.
- Aaron Cannon, 21, Fulton County Jail. He was sentenced to five years for criminal facilitation to first-degree robbery. He was paroled but violated terms of probation in 2013 and was re-incarcerated. He is expected to serve out Dec. 1 of this year.
- Chase A. Bull, 21, Graves County Jail. He was sentenced to seven years for complicity to second-degree robbery. He was paroled but violated terms of probation in 2013 and was re-incarcerated. He is expected to serve out Sept. 9, 2015.
- Phelps, 20, Fulton County Jail. He was sentenced to five years for criminal facilitation to first-degree robbery after violating the terms of his pretrial diversion. He is parole eligible on June 23 of this year but is expected to serve out June 1, 2017.

NEWS BRIEFS

Man arrested on drug, traffic charges

A Fredonia man was arrested by state police Sunday on drug and traffic charges.

According to a Kentucky State Police report, Mark D. Baize, 48, was arrested around 4 p.m. after Trooper First Class Chris King stopped to assist Baize on Interstate 69. Baize had lost a tire to the trailer he was pulling behind his pickup truck.

During the motorist assist, Baize granted consent for King to search his vehicle. The trooper located suspected methamphetamine inside the pickup truck, and Baize was arrested without incident. He was charged with first degree possession of a controlled substance, meth; failure to notify the Department of Transportation of address change; and having no registration plate.

Baize was lodged in Caldwell County Jail.

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

Parish named U.S. Miss Kentucky Teen

Crittenden County High School freshman Cali Parish was selected America's U.S. Miss Kentucky Teen 2014 on Saturday in Louisville. Parish, the daughter of Natalie and Philip Parish, will advance to the national level in July at Clearwater Beach, Fla.

At the pageant in Louisville, Parish also won Miss Hospitality, Most Photogenic, Best Spokesmodel, Best Actress, Best Interview and Best Thank You Note.

New building to help food program

Officials at Life in Christ Church in Marion hope to have a new building for the church's food program complete by spring. According to Robbie Kirk, ground preparation is already complete and crews are just a few weeks away from laying concrete and installing plumbing. Actual steel work is expected to begin toward the end of February.

Each month, the senior food program feeds about 200 people. In addition to food distribution, the church will also use the building for a clothing ministry, which will carry infant- to adult-size clothing.

Kirk said the building will be a great help for the church's outreach programs and to the individuals it benefits.

"It's shocking in a small

Marion Police activity report

The following is a monthly activity report for Marion Police Department, reflecting information from January 2014. The information is provided by Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

| CATEGORY | JANUARY 2014 |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Miles driven/patrolled..... | 2,638 |
| Criminal investigations..... | 11 |
| Domestics..... | 5 |
| Felony Arrests..... | 4 |
| Misdemeanor arrests..... | 3 |
| Non-criminal arrests..... | 11 |
| DUI arrests..... | 1 |
| Criminal summons served..... | 12 |
| Traffic citations..... | 26 |
| Traffic warnings..... | 16 |
| Parking tickets..... | 0 |
| Other citations..... | 27 |
| Traffic accidents..... | 2 |
| Security checks/alerts..... | 69 |
| Calls for service..... | 234 |

town like Marion that we have 200 seniors who have to make a decision every day on whether they are going to eat or take their medicine," he said. "They struggle, and you wouldn't think there would be that many people. And we're by no means reaching all of them. I'm sure there's more out there. We're hoping when we have this building the numbers will expand."

CVS stores kicking their tobacco habit

CVS is kicking the habit of selling tobacco products at its more than 7,600 drugstores nationwide.

The nation's second-largest drugstore chain says it will phase out cigarettes, cigars and chewing tobacco by Oct. 1 as it continues to focus more on health care. In Marion, the local CVS store will continue to sell tobacco products through that same date.

CVS Caremark Corp. and other major drugstore chains have been adding clinics to their stores for several years. Their pharmacists deliver flu shots and other immunizations, and their clinics also have been expanding the care they deliver.

CVS CEO Larry Merlo says the company decided it can no longer sell cigarettes at places where it also provides health care.

The move will cost the Rhode Island-based company about \$2 billion in annual revenue. But CVS executives expect it to also help the health care business grow.

— The Associated Press

Board of ed selects slate of officers

Crittenden County Board of Education officers for 2014 were elected last month.

Board member Chris Cook was again chosen as chairperson, while fellow board member Pam Collins was appointed vice chairperson. Meantime, school district employee Diane Winters was selected as treasurer and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rachel Yarbrough was chosen as secretary.

The 2014 contract of board of education attorney Brandi Rogers was also approved at the meeting.

Spring forest fire hazard season near

The spring forest fire hazard season begins Saturday across Kentucky.

The Division of Forestry reminds residents of the commonwealth that between Feb. 15 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.

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