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Last call to register for upcoming vote on alcohol Tuesday

The deadline to register for the upcoming alcohol referendum in Marion is next week. Qualifying voters must register in County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office by the close of business Tuesday.

All normal qualifications for voting in Kentucky must be met. In addition, prospective voters must live inside the city limits of Marion. The March 22 referendum asks to approve the sale of alcohol by the drink in city restaurants only.

Voters do not have to register with a political party. They may chose "Other" on the registration form.



GOP absentee apps can be overnighted

If you haven't applied for an absentee ballot to vote in the Republican Presidential Caucus in Kentucky, it's probably too late. Applications must be received in Frankfort by the Republican Party of Kentucky by Friday. However, applications could be overnighted.

Registered Republicans who cannot make it to the polls Saturday, March 5 and anyone 70 or older may apply for an absentee ballot. The simple, one-page application is available at Crittenden County Public Library or from RPK.org, the state GOP's website. Once received, the RPK will mail back a presidential ballot to qualifying Republican voters. Those voters will not be allowed to vote at the polls March 5.

In Crittenden County, polling will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the high school multi-purpose room only. Only six of the 11 candidates appearing on the ballot are still in the race – frontrunner Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, John Kasich, Jeb Bush and Ben Carson.

Fiscal court moves February meeting

Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the courthouse. The date for the monthly meeting has been changed from the usual third Thursday of the month, which is today. At the meeting, Crittenden Health Systems is expected to update magistrates on the hospital's improving financial situation.

Other public meetings set for next week include:

- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the district office on East Main Street in Salem.

- Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the hospital administrative annex.

- Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday in the library meeting room.



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City aims to enforce leash law

STAFF REPORT

Irresponsible pet owners in the City of Marion may soon start facing bigger troubles than a lost dog.

A leash law requiring dogs to be penned, chained or otherwise contained has existed in the city for decades, but enforcement has been rather lax in recent years.

That could soon change.

A discussion at Monday's city council meeting over problems with dogs running free around town led council members to give the go-ahead to enlist the county's animal control officer to begin issuing citations for violation of Marion's animal ordinances. Timmy Todd, the man responsible for collecting prob-

lem pets around the county, welcomes the move.

"I've been pushing for that since Day 1," said Todd, who has been Crittenden County's animal control officer for more than a year. "The majority of my calls are in the city."

There is no leash law outside Marion, but since Todd spends most of his time rounding up dogs in the 3.4

square miles that comprise the city, he feels having the ability to punish repeat offenders may eventually make his job easier.

"It think it will help," he said Tuesday afternoon. "Until they start sticking people with fines, it's going to continue."

Todd said there are problem neighborhoods where he

repeatedly visits to corral dogs on the loose to be taken to Crittenden County Animal Shelter. In many cases, the owners never reclaim their pet, but a couple of weeks later, according to Todd, he may be called back to the same area to take in another dog belonging to the same

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And they're off...



PHOTOS BY ALLISON EVANS, THE PRESS

A day at the races

Gaige Markham and Jerry Bates examine pinewood derby cars on display at Saturday's Cub Scouts event and vote for fan favorite. Scouts get to design and build their own racers for the annual event, learning craft skills, the rules of fair play and good sportsmanship. The pinewood derby is one of the most popular and successful family activities in Cub Scouting. At right, Cooper Crawford jumps in elation as his car whizzes across the finish line in first place. The event was held at Mexico Baptist Church. See a photo of all participants and list of the winners on Page 14A.



Old Man Winter pushes students to 10 snow days

STAFF REPORT

A wet snow that began to fall as many made their way to church Sunday kept most people homebound on Valentine's Day and led to a smattering of closings Monday that included Crittenden County Schools.

Snowfall totals varied across the county, with some reports reaching 4 inches. But Barkley Regional Airport reported only 2.5 inches, leaving a few furniture buyers a half-inch short of free decor from Paducah Warehouse Furniture. The store ran its annual promotion that if it snows 3 inches or more on Valentine's Day, purchases made over a two-week period ending Feb. 7 would be free.

For students, Old Man Winter has now led to 10 snow days. The three additional days missed since last week's newspaper will be tacked on to the end of the calendar, moving the last day of classes and graduation to Friday, May 27 if no more days are missed.

Additional snow days – particularly if more than one – could cut into spring break, push the school year into June or mean Saturday sessions. Superintendent Vince Clark said at Tuesday's school board meeting. It could also be a combination of the three, depending on the total number of days missed going forward.

"Right now, I'm hoping we won't miss anymore days," Clark added.



PHOTO BY MIKE CRABTREE

The season's latest significant snowfall caught many people in Crittenden County either en route to or already in church Sunday morning. In a picturesque winter scene, an Amish family in an enclosed buggy makes its way through the snow along Fords Ferry Road north of Marion.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the courthouse open on Saturday? Only the offices of circuit clerk and sheriff are open on Saturday. They are open until noon.

When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Saturday. It is closed Sunday.

Do I have to have a dog license? Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd at Crittenden County Animal Shelter on U.S. 60 East. Call (270) 969-1054 for information.

Actress Garner speaks to youth literacy

My legislation related to organ and tissue donors was received favorably last week by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and is now headed to the Senate floor for further consideration.

This legislation puts into policy the steps that need to be taken for organ and tissue procurement when an individual dies outside of a hospital. It strengthens our current law.

Senate Bill 139 is a furtherance of legislation started when I was part of passing the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life in 1992. This measure



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

If it receives approval on the Senate floor, SB 139 would then go to the House of Representatives.

Several bills were passed out of the Senate last week and are awaiting action by the House. Some of those bills include:

- Protection of children's identity was embodied in SB 23. Identity theft isn't just a problem for adults; children are victims too. In fact, one in 40 households with children under 18 had at least one child's information compromised by identity thieves. SB 23 would give parents the right to place a "security freeze" on their child's credit report if they felt the need. SB 23 also allows guardians of vulnerable citizens to place freezes on those citizens' credit reports.

- SB 53 would provide civil immunity for damaging a vehicle to a person who enters the vehicle with the reasonable, good-faith belief that a dog or cat is in immediate danger of death if not removed from the vehicle.

- Colon cancer prevention was tackled in SB 78. The bill would broaden the charter of the Kentucky Cancer Foundation and the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screen-

Stay informed

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

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(800) 372-7181

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ing Fund. The fund was established in 2010 to help provide colon cancer screenings for uninsured people. Since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the number of people uninsured has fallen but there are more "underinsured." SB 78 would make the underinsured eligible for the free screenings. There would be no additional costs to taxpayers.

- Share the road is more than a slogan. It is now a proposed legislative remedy to help protect bicyclists traveling highways with motorists. SB 80 calls for drivers to respect a three-foot passing distance when encountering a bicycle on the road. It would also allow motorists to cross the double yellow line to honor the three-foot rule. SB 80 is similar to laws already on the books in 23 other states and would promote "bicycle tourism" around Kentucky Trail Towns.

- Did you know it was illegal for garbage trucks to stop on the roadway to empty your trash? SB 84



Sen. Dorsey Ridley (left), D-Henderson, honored Madisonville Community College President Dr. Judith L. Rhoads last week on the floor of the Kentucky State Senate on the occasion of her pending retirement. Dr. Rhoads, who is the wife of former state Sen. Jerry P. Rhoads (right), has served as president and chief executive officer of MCC since July 1998.

would take care of that oversight. The current law doesn't recognize the necessity for solid waste collection vehicles to stop in order to do their business.

- In an attempt to ease the burden on managed care providers, SB 20 would create an independent review process for health care providers to appeal claims that have been denied by managed-care organizations (MCOs) contracted by Kentucky to administer Medicaid. Under the current structure, appeals have to be made directly to the MCOs. The legislation is modeled after existing laws in Virginia and Georgia.

A celebrity sighting in the state Capitol as an award-winning Hollywood actress shared her passion for early childhood education was a highlight of the sixth week of the 2016 General Assembly.

Actress Jennifer Garner paraded the Capitol campus – not for a movie shoot – but to advocate for childhood literacy programs by Save the Children. She was accompanied by a high-profile former Maryland legislator and member of the Kennedy family dynasty – Mark K. Shriver. He said Save the Children first began working with the state's youth during the Great Depression in Harlan County and currently helps thousands of children a year in income-distressed areas of Appalachia.

With nearly half the session under our belt, some noteworthy dates are approaching. The last day for legislators to request a bill is Friday. The last day for new Senate bills to be introduced is March 3. Leaders from the State House of Representatives – where spending bills must origi-

nate – have said they hope to get their budget bills to the Senate by the end of the second week of March. The Senate will then get a chance to amend those budget bills.

That doesn't mean the Senate isn't studying the governor's proposed budget. The Senate Standing Committee on Appropriations and Revenue recently held its first meeting on the governor's recommended plan. The challenge in crafting a new 24-month budget is the billions of unfunded pension liabilities and the costs of expanded Medicaid.

You can stay up-to-date on the budget negotiations, and other legislative actions, throughout the session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at LRC.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free bill status line at (866) 840-2835.

Bechler: House anti-bullying legislation too broad to support

A Hollywood star and the nephew of a former President visited the Capitol on Tuesday to ask that lawmakers continue to fund child literacy programs in our next budget cycle. Actress Jennifer Garner, an ambassador for Save the Children, and Save the Children's Action Network President Mark Kennedy Shriver, the nephew of President John F. Kennedy, came to Frankfort asking members of both chambers of the General Assembly to continue funding early childhood legislation.



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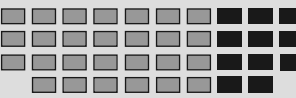
budget, legislation was also considered on the House floor. House Bill 309 would allow government and private entities to enter into Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) to fund major capital projects and services at the state, local government and transportation level. It would also prohibit any authority from authorizing tolls for any project involving the interstate highway system that connects the Commonwealth with the State of Ohio. The bill was passed by the House and stands a good chance of making it to the governor for his signature this year. I voted yes on HB-309.

Laws against bullying are already on the books but bullying remains a problem so a bill attempting to clarify what constitutes bullying under state law was brought to the floor of the House. HB 316 would define bullying as "any unwanted verbal, physical or social behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance and is repeated or has the potential to be repeated" if it "occurs on school premises, on school-sponsored transportation, or at a school-sponsored event" or if it "disrupts the education process."

In my mind the bill, albeit well intended, is overly

Party power

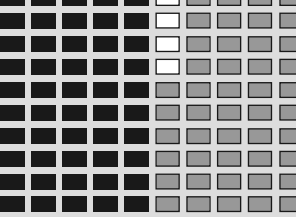
Of Kentucky's 138 state legislative seats, Republicans hold a 73-61 advantage over Democrats with four House seats currently open. Those seats will be filled March 8 with special elections.



Kentucky Senate

■ Republicans - 27

■ Democrats - 11



Kentucky House

■ Democrats - 50

■ Republican - 46

□ Open - 4

broad. It does not differentiate between the actions of a 5-year-old child in kindergarten or an 18-year-old high school senior – a young adult who has the right to vote. It talks about a "perceived power imbalance" and when I asked for an example of a perceived power imbalance, the bill's sponsor used the stereotype of a difference in size. Is a loud argument between a big girl and a small boy – both the same age – bullying? Who has the perceived power?

While attempting to define bullying, HB 316 then adds the sentence "This definition shall not be inter-



Rep. Lynn Bechler (center), R-Marion, discusses legislation last Thursday on the House floor in Frankfort with Rep. Russell Webbber (left), R-Shepherdsville, and Rep. Adam Koenig, R-Erlanger. Today (Thursday), the General Assembly has reached its halfway mark – 30 days – for the 2016 regular session.

preted to prohibit civil exchange of opinions or debate or cultural practices protected under the state or federal Constitution where the opinion expressed does not otherwise materially or substantially disrupt the education process," but in actual practice, what does this really mean? We live in an age where offense seems to be taken when there is any type of disagreement. We have all heard of the craziness of school authorities suspending a first grader for using a thumb and forefinger and saying bang, so what would lead

anyone to believe that an argument between two children over cultural differences like religion won't lead to a charge of bullying?

I don't believe that HB 316 brings anything meaningful to the issue of bullying so I voted no. Despite my reservations, HB 316 passed.

In an effort to expand economic development across the Commonwealth, HB 237 was brought before the House for a vote. This bill would give Amazon, Google and these types of cloud-based firms the same tax incentives that many

other existing industries already receive. These firms which often offer high-tech jobs, could potentially breathe life into some of Kentucky's low income rural areas. I voted yes and the bill passed.

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

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PICKING A PRESIDENT

The race is on for the White House and selection time in Kentucky, at least for Republicans, is just a few days away. The nomination process is a bit different for each party, and can get pretty confusing, but we'll take a moment to (hopefully) help clarify things.

Nomination process
For a party to nominate a presidential candidate, an official vote by delegates – pledged and unpledged, but we'll get to that in a second – is held at their respective convention this summer. If a candidate does not receive a majority of the party's delegate total – 50 percent, plus 1 – subsequent votes will take place in which delegates may be allowed to vote for any candidate at the convention.

PLEDGED DELEGATES are earned by popular vote in primaries and caucuses and are generally required to vote for their respective candidate in the first ballot at the convention.

UNPLEDGED DELEGATES, or superdelegates, are defined differently by party:

- "Unpledged" **Republican** delegates – generally 3 per state – are obligated to vote according to the result of primary elections and caucuses held in their states. There are 207 "unpledged" GOP delegates.

- Unpledged **Democratic** delegates are free to support any candidate for the nomination and are one of two types: 1) They are seated based on positions they hold as a party leader or elected official; or 2) they are selected by each state party (in a fixed predetermined number) who need not hold any party or elected position before their selection as delegates. There are 712 unpledged Democratic delegates.

For the sake of clarity, ultimately, just try to forget about unpledged delegates, as they have never decided a nominee.

Republican Party

National convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 18-21

Delegates up for grabs: 2,472
Needed for nomination: 1,237

Kentucky Caucus is Saturday, March 5
Voting hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and county-specific polling locations can be found at RPK.org. You must have been registered as a Republican by Dec. 31, 2015. Registration is now closed.

Kentucky delegates up for grabs: 46
43 pledged, 3 unpledged
All of Kentucky's delegates to the convention are bound to presidential candidates based on the results of March 5 caucusing. Delegates are awarded proportionally, but a candidate must obtain at least 5 percent of the statewide total.

Delegates collected through Feb. 16
...for the 11 candidates appearing on Kentucky's GOP caucus ballot

IN THE HUNT	WITHDRAWN
Donald Trump.....17	Mike Huckabee1
Ted Cruz11	Carly Fiorina1
Marco Rubio10	Rand Paul1
John Kasich.....5	Chris Christie.....0
Jeb Bush4	Rick Santorum.....0
Ben Carson3	

Primary and caucus schedule (number of delegates up for grabs): Feb. 20: South Carolina (50); Feb. 23: Nevada (30); Super Tuesday, March 1: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Wyoming (653); March 5: **Kentucky**, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine (146).

After Kentucky caucus, 1,750 delegates left to award.

Democratic Party

National convention will be held in Philadelphia, Pa., July 25–28

Delegates up for grabs: 4,763
Needed for nomination: 2,382

Kentucky Primary is Tuesday, May 17
Voting hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at respective precinct polling locations for anyone who was registered as a Democrat on Dec. 31, 2015. Registered voters cannot change their party registration for the primary. **New voters only** have until April 18 to register as a Democrat for the primary.

Kentucky delegates up for grabs: 60
55 pledged, 5 unpledged
Only the 55 pledged delegates to the convention are bound to presidential candidates based on the results of May 17 voting. Delegates are awarded proportionally, but a candidate must obtain at least 15 percent of the statewide total. Kentucky also has 5 unpledged delegates who are free to support any candidate.

Delegates collected through Feb. 16
...for the four candidates appearing on Kentucky's Democratic primary ballot

IN THE HUNT	WITHDRAWN
Bernie Sanders36	Martin J. O'Malley0
Hillary Clinton.....32	
Roque Rocky De La Fuente0	

Primary and caucus schedule (number of delegates up for grabs): Feb. 20: Nevada (35); Feb. 27: South Carolina (53); Super Tuesday, March 1: Alabama, American Samoa, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia (865); March 5: Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska (109); March 6: Maine (25); March 8: Democrats abroad, Michigan, Mississippi (179); March 12: Northern Marianas (6); March 15: Florida, Illinois, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio (691); March 22: Arizona, Idaho, Utah (131); March 26: Alaska, Hawaii, Washington (142); April 5: Wisconsin (86); April 9: Wyoming (14); April 19: New York (247); April 26: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island (384); May 3: Indiana (83); May 7: Guam (7); May 10: West Virginia (29); May 17: **Kentucky**, Oregon (116).

After Kentucky primary, 781 pledged delegates left to award, plus 712 unpledged.



GUEST OPINION

2016 elections most important in a lifetime

You have heard for years, "This may be the most important election of your lifetime." The unfortunate truth is, I believe this is the most important election of my lifetime.

Barack Obama, who promised to fundamentally transform America, has proceeded to do just that in seven years. His attack on coal continues to reverberate across

Kentucky. He assaults the Second Amendment, freedom of conscience and religion. Through social experiments, he has tinkered with our armed forces, including a recent announcement that he will make climate change an integral part of our military planning down to the tactical level in the field. He has fed resentment toward law enforcement by people of color. And he supports of sanctuary cities and illegal immigrants.

These are but a few of the outrages perpetrated on the American people by the current Democratic administration. What is even more frightening is the prospect of the self-described 20th century Progressive Hillary Clinton or the self-acknowledged socialist Bernie Sanders becoming President. These two Democrats are trying to outdo each other with promises of free college, free health care and whatever other freebies they can think of to buy a vote. The President steps before the microphones to tout his economic recovery, job growth and 4.9 percent unemployment rate as if everything is roses and champagne while back at the Democrat debates, both Hillary and Bernie complain about how rotten the economy is and double down on robbing the "evil rich" to pay for everything

they promise. Nearly as bad for true conservative-minded people, our "Republican leadership" in both chambers of Congress are abandoning those of us who put them in office by aiding the Obama Administration in pushing our national debt over \$19 trillion.

Even with all the current administration has dumped on Americans and corporations, there is still hope of reversing many, if not all, of the damage caused by Mr. Obama. That reversal will not happen unless we elect sound constitutional conservatives to both state and federal government posts, the most important being the presidency.

You may ask why I would go on a rant about the presidential race at this time, after all the election is not until November? The answer is, the Republican Party of Kentucky has chosen to hold a caucus this year to select our Republican presidential nominee and that happens March 5. Other state and federal candidates will be chosen during the May primary election, as usual.

The election last November of Matt Bevin as governor and Jeanne Hampton as lieutenant governor was, I believe, a watershed event for Kentucky and perhaps the rest of our nation. A historical change, of course, and one that no one believed would happen except those of us who supported Gov. Bevin and Lt. Gov. Hampton. This historic election is one on which I believe we may build.

In order to build on that change, we must realize the mistakes of our past and not be fooled by slick ads and commercials depicting candidates as true conser-

vatives when, in fact, they go to Washington D.C., and continue to support what Ted Cruz has rightfully labeled the Washington Cartel.

In order to bring about the real changes needed to right our ship of state, we must be bold in our opportunity to select our Republican Party's presidential nominee. I was not in favor of the caucus, but it is what we have, and we must use the power we have to once again infuse new blood into our party's nomination process. We Republicans have a very strong field to select from – save one. I believe they are a good conservative choice compared to the alternative.

If America refuses our Republican candidate in favor of a Democrat, we will surely continue down the road to tyranny. I believe what America must have in our next president is someone who will restore the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights to their rightful place as the basis of our government. Once we have that person, we must hold our elected servants to abide by those documents and hold true to their oath of office. Then and only then will all be as it should be.

Who should go forward as our nominee is up to you. Your vote is important, and every vote counts. This upcoming presidential election is, indeed, the most important vote of my lifetime.

We cannot sit on the sidelines. Let's not think our vote will not count. Use it or lose it on Saturday, March 5 the Crittenden County High School multipurpose room from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(Don Gatewood is an officer with the Crittenden County Republican Party. He is a retired U.S. Navy commander and former police officer. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

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Group: Farmers want kynect

STAFF REPORT

Gov. Matt Bevin's decision to dismantle the state's health insurance marketplace, Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange or kynect, has rankled many who advocate for easy access to coverage. On Tuesday, a coalition of individuals gathered in Frankfort to advocate President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act said many of the state's farmers have expressed concerns about dismantling kynect and changes to the Medicaid expansion program.

"There are valid questions being raised by Kentucky's citizens when it comes to disconnecting kynect and keeping Medicaid expansion," said Emily Beauregard, executive director of Kentucky Voices for Health, which organized the coalition with the overall goal of sustaining Kentucky's health gains. "Decisions about health care will affect hard working individuals across the Commonwealth. Those questions deserve answers."

The Republican governor plans to redirect Kentuckians shopping for health insurance to the federal website by late

this year – a change he says will avoid duplication. But, the federal site cannot be used to enroll Kentuckians in Medicaid, something kynect does now.

Federal authorities have notified Gov. Bevin they plan to closely monitor his efforts to dismantle kynect, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) has sent notification he must present a plan by mid-April to transition Kentuckians to the federal exchange and give back approximately \$57.5 million in grant money used to start the exchange under former Gov. Steve Beshear.

Beshear, a Democrat, last week launched a campaign – Save Kentucky Healthcare – to try to stop Bevin from dismantling the health care initiatives he enacted.

Bevin fired back a few hours later by blasting Beshear's health initiatives enacted through executive order.

"This decision, arbitrarily, unilaterally to expand Medicaid, bypassing the legislature, disregards completely how to pay for it and (leaves) that for the next governor to clean up,"

Bevin told The Courier-Journal. "I am that next governor, and I'm attempting to clean it up."

Farm families, in particular, are asking a number of questions about Bevin's plan, reports Martin Richards, the executive director of Community Farm Alliance.

"America and Kentucky asks a lot from our farmers. We expect them to provide us with food, fiber and much of our renewable energy needs," Richards said in a news release. "We ask them to do this under often hazardous conditions in an already risky business. The least we can do is to provide them with the opportunity for affordable health care."

"Today, Kentucky and the nation need more farmers, especially young farming families. Until the Affordable Care Act and kynect, a whole generation of Kentucky family farmers had struggled with getting affordable health care."

Community Farm Alliance's mission is to organize and encourage cooperation among rural and urban citizens to ensure a prosperous place for family-scale agriculture.

Two Alliance members, Ben Abell, who farms 30 acres in

Oldham County with his wife Bree Pearsall, says kynect is an important economic tool for their family business.

"It is kind of a critical component for small business owners and entrepreneurs," said Abell.

Pearsall says it's a roadblock many "mom and pop" businesses deal with. That's why she and her husband want Bevin to reconsider.

"Without having an insurance plan that we can have access to as entrepreneurs one of us, at least, would have to be working a job off the farm to be able to provide health insurance," Pearsall added. "And that would really stunt our ability to grow our business."

Abell's message to the governor and state lawmakers - kynect works well and is under state-control.

"...When we look at essentially a federal take over of our state exchange, will it be responsive to the unique needs of Kentucky's small business owners?" Abell questioned. "I think that's the great unknown at this point."

(Editor's note: The Courier-Journal and Kentucky News Service contributed to this story.)

Two ag-related classes scheduled for Tuesday

STAFF REPORT

Snow is still on the ground, but time is running out to prune fruit trees before spring budding. To help, on Tuesday, Crittenden County Extension Service will be hosting a demonstration on trimming your fruit trees. It will take place from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Ed-Tech Center on Industrial Drive in Marion.

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

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

Other agriculture-related events are scheduled for Crittenden County over the next month, including:

- The Extension Service

will be offering a series of pesticide private applicator license sessions for new or expired licenses. Classes are at 9 a.m. Tuesday and 6 p.m. next Thursday and March 3. All training will be held at the Extension office just outside of Marion on U.S. 60 East. Individuals who purchase restricted-use pesticides for personal use are required to have an applicator card.

- There will be a grain crops breakfast held at 7:30 a.m. March 1 at the Ed-Tech Center. Those planning to attend must RSVP to the Extension Service office at (270) 965-5236.

- Beekeepers will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 8 at the Ed-Tech Center.

- Crittenden County Cattlemen's Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 10 at Crittenden County Public Library.

Call the Extension Service for more information or email Deanna.Brasher@uky.edu.

Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter weigh-out sale

Feb. 16, 2016

Receipts: 182 **Last Week:** 287 **Year Ago:** NA
Compared to last week: Due to severe weather conditions cattle receipts were lite. Feeders traded steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly steady. Sale consisted of 3 stock cattle, 30 slaughter cattle, and 144 feeders. Feeders consisted of 21% feeder steers, 34% feeder heifers, and 24% feeder bulls.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	250-300	285	210.00	210.00
5	400-450	425	191.00	191.00
6	450-500	475	181.00-184.00	183.49
5	500-550	506	175.00-177.00	176.19
1	600-650	615	154.00	154.00
3	650-700	678	137.00-144.00	141.63
3	700-750	726	141.00	141.00
1	750-800	770	134.00	134.00
1	800-850	815	123.00	123.00

Feeder Steers Small and Medium 3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	450-500	495	151.00	151.00
1	500-550	535	162.00	162.00
1	550-600	580	135.00	135.00
1	600-650	625	137.00	137.00
1	750-800	765	115.00	115.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	250-300	265	189.00	189.00
5	300-350	339	177.00-180.00	178.18
4	350-400	370	179.00-180.00	179.74
3	400-450	412	173.00-185.00	177.59
6	450-500	462	151.00-159.00	153.66
3	500-550	510	157.00-158.00	157.67
4	550-600	558	149.00	149.00
5	600-650	619	135.00-143.00	141.44
1	650-700	680	128.00	128.00
2	700-750	712	127.00	127.00
1	800-850	845	120.00	120.00
4	900-950	911	95.00-100.00	98.73
3	950-1000	961	102.00	102.00

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	400-450	440	110.00	110.00
1	450-500	455	143.00	143.00

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	300-350	331	190.00	190.00
1	400-450	405	185.00	185.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300-350	315	192.00	192.00
3	350-400	375	187.00-203.00	194.03
2	400-450	405	188.00	188.00
7	450-500	473	178.00-183.00	180.72
4	500-550	517	172.00	172.00
3	550-600	580	150.00-153.00	151.98
3	600-650	601	144.00-148.00	146.67
3	650-700	680	128.00-137.00	132.32
4	700-750	727	124.00-127.00	126.27
1	800-850	830	112.00	112.00
1	850-900	875	110.00	110.00
2	950-1000	997	104.00	104.00



Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	350-400	360	180.00	180.00
1	400-450	400	185.00	185.00
1	500-550	520	156.00	156.00
1	550-600	560	147.00	147.00

Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	400-450	400	160.00	160.00

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	800-1200	1120	63.00	63.00
2	1200-1600	1388	64.00-65.00	64.46

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	1200-1600	1406	64.00-70.00	66.12
1	1200-1600	1390	60.00	60.00 LD

Slaughter Cows Lean 80-85%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	705	55.00	55.00
9	800-1200	1097	55.00-65.00	59.12
2	800-1200	1095	70.00	70.00 HD
2	800-1200	985	50.00	50.00 LD
2	1200-1600	1252	55.00-58.00	56.56
1	1200-1600	1250	50.00	50.00 LD

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1000-1500	1115	97.00	97.00
3	1500-3000	1915	84.00-87.00	85.09

Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Middle-Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1200-1600	1280	170.00	170.00

Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1190	105.00	105.00

Stock Cows and Calves: Aged cow with baby calf				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1190	105.00	105.00

Baby Calves: Beef Breeds 300.00 per head, Dairy Breeds no test.				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1190	105.00	105.00

Legend: VA=Value added, LD=Low dressing, HD=High dressing, BX=Brahman X.				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1190	105.00	105.00

Chip Stewart, market reporter: (502) 782-4139				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1190	105.00	105.00

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Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1190	105.00	105.00

Source: Kentucky Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture Market News, Frankfort, Ky				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1190	105.00	105.00

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Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1190	105.00	105.00

This report reflects price of majority of cattle with a USDA grade, weight and sex on sale date. This report does not represent all animals at sale.				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1190	105.00	105.00



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Fresh from the vine

Crittenden County High School agriculture education department has been selling fresh tomatoes and lettuce from its greenhouse over the winter to only staff in the school district, but produce will soon be open to the public, according to Jessica Cummins, ag education instructor at the school. "I didn't have enough to sell," Cummins said. "Next year, it is my goal to plant them earlier so we can sell (tomatoes) and the lettuce to the public." Pictured above tending picked tomatoes are students (from left) Drake Matthews, Emmalea Barnes, Matt Chandler and Bailey Barnes.

USDA's sign-up period for CRP ends next week

STAFF REPORT

The USDA is reminding farmers and ranchers that the competitive sign-up period for its most popular voluntary conservation program, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), ends next week. This will be one of the most competitive general sign-up periods in history, in part, due a statutory limit on the number of acres that can be enrolled in the program. The most competitive applications will be those that combine multiple conservation benefits, such as water quality and wildlife habitat.

The deadline for sign-up is Friday, Feb. 26. The Farm Service Agency office on U.S. 60 in Salem can help with sign-ups and answer questions.

For the past 30 years, CRP has provided financial incentives to farmers and ranchers to remove environmentally sensitive agricultural land from production to be planted with certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat. Since 1985, CRP has sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road; prevented 9 billion tons of soil from erosion, enough to fill 600 million dump trucks; and reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff by 95 and 85 percent, respectively. CRP also protects more than 170,000 stream miles with forests and grasses, enough to go around the world seven times. The program has allowed for the restoration of 2.7 million acres of wetland and protects more than 170,000 stream miles with forests and grasses, enough

to go around the world seven times.

"Since the start of this administration, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect land and water on over 400 million acres nationwide," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The Conservation Reserve Program has been and continues to be a key piece of USDA's conservation strategy, and with this competitive sign-up we are encouraging applications that offer the greatest environmental protection."

As of January 2016, 23.6 million acres were enrolled in CRP, with contracts for more than 1.6 million acres set to expire this fall. The statutory cap on acres that can be enrolled is 24 million acres. Submissions will be ranked according to environmental benefits in comparison to all other offers nationwide. USDA will announce accepted offers after the enrollment period ends and offers are reviewed.

In 2015, a record number of continuous CRP acres were enrolled, totaling over 830,000 acres. These high-value acres provide multiple benefits on the same land including water quality, wildlife, carbon sequestration and others. For example, the acres dedicated to pollinators have almost tripled to over 190,000 acres and support the National Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators.

For more information on Farm Service Agency (FSA) conservation programs, visit the Salem FSA office or call (270) 988-2180. You can

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Man who burglarized parked cars gets 5-year sentence

STAFF REPORT

The man responsible for almost three dozen burglaries in one weekend in October was formally sentenced to prison last week by Circuit Judge Rene Williams.

Ryan Evan Renner, 22, was given five years on three separate felony theft and drug charges and lesser sentences for a number of misdemeanors. In all, Renner was sentenced on 14 criminal offenses relating to a spate of burglaries of parked cars across town and his attempt to sell stolen items to a Marion businessman, who turned him in.

The terms will run concurrently for a total of five years behind bars.

Public Defender Ashley Hampton, who represented Renner, asked Judge Williams to consider probation if Renner entered a substance abuse treatment facility. The judge denied the request.

•Kirsten Myers, 18, of Marion pleaded guilty to a charge of receiving stolen

Circuit Court

property, a Class D felony. Two other charges of possession of a legend drug and possession of a controlled substance were dismissed. Myers was given pre-trial diversion for a period of five years. If she meets terms of the diversion program, the remaining charge will be dismissed.

Myers was a co-defendant in the case above involving Ryan Renner.

•Tyler Keith Guess, 27, of Marion pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of firearm by a convicted felon, a Class D felony. Two other charges of theft and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon were dismissed. He was sentenced to five years in prison, but Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell said he would not oppose shock probation for Guess if the defendant enters a substance abuse treatment facility and suc-

cessfully completes the program.

•Hoyt Reynolds, 30, of Marion pleaded guilty to an amended charge of first-degree trespassing, a Class A misdemeanor. He had been indicted on a felony burglary charge for entering a mobile home in Frances. Reynolds was sentenced to 12 months in jail with 30 days to serve. The balance will be probated for two years.

•Amy M. Peek, 25, of Marion was sentenced in two separate drug cases. She received one-year sentences on each of three counts of trafficking in a controlled substance. The terms are to run concurrent, but consecutive to a three-year sentence she was already serving following revocation of her probation.

•Jason Rushing, 34, of Marion was sentenced to one year in prison for flagrant non-support. The commonwealth's attorney opposed probation. Court records indicate that Rushing is in arrears by the amount of \$23,622.70 in child support payments.

•David Rushing, 30, of Marion pleaded guilty to two felony theft charges for taking merchandise from Shopko where he was employed. Rushing will be formally sentenced next month. The commonwealth prosecutor is recommending five years on each count, plus more than \$49,000 in court-ordered restitution. The state will not oppose shock

probation after 30 days are served.

•Carl R. Belt Jr., 42, and Beverlie S. McDaniel, 41, each pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine charges in a case stemming from the same investigation several months ago. Both will be formally sentenced on March 10.

•The court ordered convicted felon Donald Curtis, 48, of Sturgis to be held in the county jail until his case can be further reviewed. Curtis was in court last week for a probation revocation hearing. According to testimony by his probation officer, Curtis has violated terms of his probation over the past few weeks after being charged with fourth-degree assault and being served an Emergency Protective Order (EPO) by his estranged wife in another case. He also, according to testimony, has tested positive for opiates.

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell said Curtis is alleged to have gone to a home in rural Crittenden County where he previously had resided and assaulted the new occupant, who is legally blind and legally deaf. Greenwell recommended keeping Curtis behind bars as a public safety measure until that assault case can be adjudicated by the court and his EPO can be reviewed.

The case will be revisited next month, and Judge

Williams agreed that Curtis will remain in custody until that time.

•Deanalan Stormoen, 22, of Marion was found in contempt of court for violating terms of his pre-trial diversion. Stormoen was indicted in October 2014 for being among individuals who stole a concrete mixer, steel bridge beams and other material from a Crittenden County maintenance facility. The judge ordered Stormoen – who has failed to pay any restitution for his crime and has admitted to marijuana use while on probation – to remain in custody until he can be admitted to an in-house substance-abuse rehabilitation facility.

•Probation was revoked for William L. Renz, 32, of Cadiz who pleaded guilty in 2013 to a number of drug and weapons charges relating to an incident on Wilson Farm in the fall of that year. He was ordered to serve the balance of a five-year sentence in that case.

Separately, Renz was indicted last week by the grand jury for escape because he failed to report to jail in January 2014 to begin serving a sentence on the aforementioned conviction.

•Rosana M. Menser, 47, of

Marion had her probation revoked for violating its terms. She admitted to the violation. Menser had pleaded guilty in November 2013 to possession and cultivation of marijuana and possession of methamphetamine precursor. Judge Williams ordered Menser to prison to serve the balance of her five-year sentence.

In two cases settled on the Rocket Docket for quicker resolution, Joseph Wesley Jones pleaded guilty to drug charges and Charles W. Morgan pleaded guilty to flagrant non-support.

Jones, 41 of Marion was given a three-year sentence with a pre-trial diversion for two years on felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). He also received a 45-day sentence for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and 12 months for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The misdemeanors were to run concurrently and probated for a period of two years.

Morgan, 22, of Benton, received a five-year sentence for being in arrears by the amount of \$1,944.49 in child support payments. He will be eligible for shock probation after serving 90 days.

Court-ordered testing goes to detention center

Drug screenings cheaper, broader

STAFF REPORT

Drug screenings for court-ordered tests are now being done at Crittenden County Detention Center, making them more comprehensive and more financially beneficial for everyone involved, said 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers.

Test results will also be expedited and more secure, say those involved in the new process.

“By collaborating with the jail, we will save money and get a better test that can look for synthetic drugs,” said Starla Brewer, a social worker and chairperson of the Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community.

The quicker and broader test will allow for faster action in the court system. Time can be a critical factor in issues that affect families and children, local experts say.

“Historically, family court has had a difficult time dealing with substance abuse by parents in our dependency, neglect or abuse cases,” said Judge Rogers. “Those cases have some type of substance abuse in the majority of them. In order for the court to address the family’s needs and protect the child, the court has to see that the substance abuse is being dealt with. One of the many ways we can do that is random drug screens.”

Until now, court-ordered tests were administered at the hospital. The cost was



Judge Rogers

\$48.

Now, thanks to an agreement with the jail, tests will be done for \$35, and it is a much more comprehensive test.

Jailer Robbie Kirk said the urine tests will include a two-step process. The first step will check for traditional substances – marijuana, opiates and cocaine to name a few – and a second phase will test for synthetic drugs. That part had been missing in the past, which has given haven to abusers unwilling to accept help.

Unlike previous drug tests administered for the court at area health care facilities or by other agencies, Kirk said the jail process will more closely scrutinize how the sample is taken.

“We will have someone in the room when they provide the sample,” Kirk said.

He also noted that the jail’s test kits have a mechanism for determining if anyone tries to cheat them.

“The cost will continue to be paid by the party being tested or the Drug Coalition, and this will also generate income for the detention center,” the judge said.

Funding could become an issue for the Drug Coalition, says its treasurer, Caroline Kieffer.

She said the organization has been paying for 10 or more screenings a month. In November, it paid for 17.

If those numbers stay high, the Drug Coalition – which operates on limited funds from the City of Marion and private donors – may need to promote greater assistance from its current givers or seek funding from another source. Money is very tight, Kieffer said.

Drug screenings are now being done at the jail for both circuit and district courts.



Livingston Central High School's archery team captured third place in last weekend's Second Region Tournament. It was the squad's best finish ever. Cierra Henry finished as the No. 2 high school female in the region, missing first place by one arrow. She earns the right to compete in Frankfort at the Kentucky State Individual Tournament March 26. Pictured is the team and Henry in the center holding her trophy.

Nissan Altima stolen in Marion Friday night

STAFF REPORT

Authorities continue to search for a vehicle stolen from a Cherry Street residence on Friday night.

According to Marion Police Department, a silver Nissan Altima was taken from the driveway. It is believed to have left Marion on U.S. 641, but authorities are not certain of where it may have been headed.

The vehicle identification number has been entered into the national crime network known as NCIC.

The vehicle is registered to Rommel Ellington Jr. of Marion. His son, Jake, was using the vehicle at the time and was visiting someone on Cherry Street when it was taken while he was inside the residence.

It was determined to be missing at 11 p.m.

The four-door vehicle has



This is the Nissan Altima taken Friday.

a University of Kentucky rear license plate.

Anyone with information regarding this theft is asked to call police at (270) 965-3500.

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Grand Jury indicts five

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted five individuals on a number of charges last Thursday.

A grand jury does not determine innocence or guilt. It merely decides whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecution of a case in circuit court.

•Toni Dawn Tramel, 37, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of flagrant non-support for allegedly being in arrears in the amount of \$4,390 in child support.

•David L. Scarbrough, 56, was indicted on a single count of felony first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Court records indicate Scarbrough allegedly sold meth on June 29, 2015, for \$40 to a cooperating witness working with the Pennyryle Area Narcotics Task Force.

•William L. Renz, 31, of Cadiz was indicted on a

Grand Jury

charge of second-degree escape for failing to report to Crittenden County Detention Center on Jan. 6, 2014, to begin serving a court-ordered felony sentence.

•Thomas E. Maze, 29, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree fleeing or evading police, misdemeanor first-offense DUI and reckless driving, a motor vehicle violation. Court records say Marion Patrolman Bobby West responded to a complaint on the suspect at Five Star Food Mart on the night of Jan. 9. West's report says Maze drove away and the officer pursued him with emergency lights activated. The suspect allegedly turned off his vehicle lights and was able to elude the officer. A time later, West found the suspect's vehicle abandoned on West Bellville Street.

Maze was later located at his residence on West Bellville and arrested. Maze was also indicted for felony endangerment for almost causing a collision at the intersection of Gum and Main streets during his alleged flight from police.

•Charles David Gipson Jr., 50, of Marion was indicted on three felony counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (opiates) and two counts of misdemeanor trafficking in marijuana. Court records indicate that Pennyryle Narcotics Task Force was working with a cooperating witness who allegedly purchased five Hydrocodone pills from Gipson on Jan. 6 for the sum of \$40, four of the same pills on Jan. 7 for \$35 and five doses on Jan. 15 for \$40. On Jan. 15, the witness also allegedly sold and possessed marijuana, thus the two misdemeanor charges.

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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs

— 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Retired soldier leads CP church

STAFF REPORT

When Rev. Dennis Weaver stepped behind the pulpit at Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church earlier this winter, he brought nothing but a passion for preaching.

"I just went in there with my own personality," said the 53-year-old infantryman-turned-pastor, who speaks with a northern accent, but loves his new home in a small, southern community.

"I love it here. Christmas in this town was wonderful. I love the holidays, and to be honest, I am already looking forward to the next one," he added.

Weaver took over the rural CP church in late November after former pastor Terra Sisco left for another ministry about a year earlier.

Weaver is a retired U.S. Army sergeant, having served in the regular Army, National Guard and Reserves. He's

proud of his service, and his only son is currently in his ninth year of service with the U.S. Navy.

A Pennsylvanian by birth, Weaver was a high school dropout who eventually earned a GED and enlisted in the military. Through his service, Weaver has seen a good bit of Europe and the Middle East. He's completed tours in Germany, Kuwait, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Holland and Iraq.

"When I returned from Iraq and started back to church is when I began on the course I am now on," he said.

The call to ministry started tugging at his heart after the divorced father and his son began attending a Cumberland Presbyterian church in west Tennessee — coinciden-

tally pastored by Rev. David LaNeave, a former Crittenden Countian who has strong family ties to this area.

Through a leap of faith, the 40-something-year-old started college at Bethel University in McKenzie, Tenn., a college founded by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He earned a bachelor's degree there, then a master's of divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary in July of 2014.

Weaver spent more than three years pastoring a church in Hopkins County before coming to Marion, thanks partly to his connection to Rev. LaNeave.

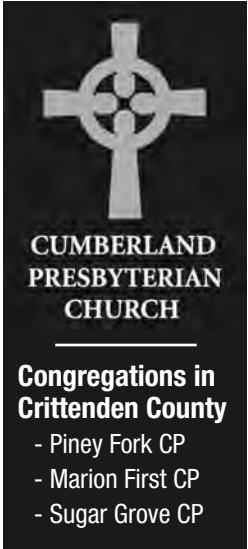
Weaver and his dog enjoy

the church's rural parsonage in eastern Crittenden County. He stays fresh on the Bible through regular study, and besides Jesus Christ, he points to Moses and St. Peter as two men from the Bible for whom he has great admiration.

His church has about 50 regular worshipers on any given Sunday, but he says the congregation is sincere about growing that number.

"I am bound and determined to do the will of God. And, I am very happy here," he said.

And if the name sounds familiar, it's because he shares it with the late Hollywood star of two classic television series — "Gunsmoke" and "McCloud."



Only Christ can comfort sinners

By JOEY DURHAM
GUEST COLUMNIST

This week, my devotion is, "Shall not come into condemnation," and my text is found in John 5:24, where we see, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

Never have more comforting words been spoken. The guilt that is associated with unforgiven sin is overwhelming to the sinner. But, the very Son of God bore the judgment due sin — our sin — and fully paid for every sin by the sacrifice of Himself on the cross of Calvary.

Contrary to the claims of a prominent — but spiritually dead religious individual — the life of Jesus Christ and the cross of Jesus Christ is not a failure. Jesus Christ has promised that whosoever trusts in Him as their Savior shall never be called into judgment for their sin that He alone has forgiven.

How can this be? It is because the Judge Himself is the One who became the sinner's substitute!

How does a guilty sinner enter into such a comforting and blessed agreement with Almighty God?

The answer is by hearing and believing the Gospel. At the very moment faith is exercised in the victorious work of Jesus Christ on the cross, the guilty sinner is saved and translated from eternal death, which is condemnation, unto eternal life, which is God's salvation.

At that very moment of saving faith in Jesus alone, the sinner saved by grace is "in Christ" where there is now no condemnation. Romans 8:1 declares, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

My question to you is, Do you enjoy the comfort of no condemnation because of Jesus being your Savior, or are you still overwhelmed with the guilt of your sin?

Only Jesus Christ can comfort a sinner by setting them free from the condemnation that sin brings.

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

Kentucky Baptists give \$2M in January

KENTUCKY TODAY

Southern Baptists in Kentucky contributed more than \$2 million last month alone through the denomination's Cooperative Program to support missionaries and ministries at home and abroad.

That brings total giving over the past five months to more than \$9.2 million.

"I am always thrilled to see the willingness of our congregations to give, often sacrific-

ially, to ensure the gospel is reaching the nations," said Kentucky Baptist Convention (KBC) Executive Director Paul Chitwood.

Some 2,400 Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) churches across the state, including 14 in Crittenden County, contribute through the Cooperative Program, the primary means for 750,000 Kentucky Baptists to pay for spreading the gospel around

the world. According to the Ohio River Baptist Association, a coalition of SBC churches in Crittenden and Livingston counties, there are 2,820 Baptists in Crittenden County.

KBC-member churches in the county contributed a combined \$214,000 to the Cooperative Program in 2015. Just under 58 percent of that total came from Mexico Baptist Church alone

KBC's latest financial report shows the state's churches gave \$2.02 million in January. That was up from \$2.01 million in December.

They also have given more than \$1 million over the past five months for state missions through the Eliza Broadus offering and more than \$3.1 million for international missions through the Lottie Moon offering.

Christians are of God’s workmanship to do good deeds on this Earth

By FELTY YODER
GUEST COLUMNIST

Most believers agree that our salvation is a gift of God, that we are saved by grace and we rejoice because it is so. Nevertheless, God does not only want to give us this gift. He also wants to prepare us for a work. He wants to make us capable of fulfilling the task He has ordained for us in His kingdom.

"For by grace are we aged through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them," Eph-

esians 2:8-10 tells us.

God has to form us to do good works: "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." (1 Peter 5:6.)

God's hand is on everything we meet in life. We come into suffering when God's hand is to form us. The apostle speaks of true sons being disciplined and chastised for them to be partakers of His holiness.

We know that in everything, God works for good with those who love Him. Those good things are what form us to be Jesus' brethren. He chose us in him that we should be holy and blameless before him to the

praise of his glorious grace.

For that to be so, He has to do a work with us first, so that we are holy and blameless before His face. He cannot give that to us as a gift. We have to humble ourselves under His hand, then He can form us to be a vessel of honor. That is His work with those who are humble.

We need to be partakers of His holiness and walk in the spirit. Otherwise, the adversary will attempt to bring forth a counterfeit work from desire of the flesh that has entered the heart. Then one can work for God and do many good works and still be proud, vain, seek honor, be impatient, bitter, etc.

Such a ministry contin-

ues to be a natural and not a spiritual ministry. When one cannot bear to be exhorted or reproved or gets offended, such a person is not a praise to the glory of Christ.

Jesus does His work of sanctification in such a way that the works are manifest in unselfishness, thankfulness and joy. The fruits of the Spirit and sanctification belong together. The more we are being sanctified, the more glorious everything will be, both in what we say and do.

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The fruit is what is so precious, and it is to mature to color and taste.

The fruits of the Spirit we read about in Galatians Chapter 5 are not mentioned as being any kind of special works. They are the very fullness of life of a sanctified and glorified life that radiates in love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance. When our works have their well-spring in these glorious virtues, there will always be growth and development in sanctification to an increasingly deeper and richer life in God.

Christ is working to present a church to Himself without spot or wrinkle or any

such thing, and that should be holy without blemish.

There are very many who believe in the gift, but very few who believe in Christ's work with us so that He can show Himself to be glorious and marvelous in us so that we can be to the praise of His glory. So, in the last book of the Bible (Revelation 22-12), we read, "And, behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

(Editor's note: Felty Yoder, of the Salem area, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

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Area Deaths

Heilman

Albert D. Heilman Sr., 73, of Salem died Friday, Feb. 12, 2016 at Baptist Health in Paducah.

Surviving are his daughter, Sonya Fernandez of Justice, Ill.; sons, Albert D. Heilman Jr. of Indiana and Ronald Heilman of Chicago; sisters, Marie Whitworth of Salem and Jeanette Jones of Salem; brothers, Donald Robinson of Holland, Mich., and Eugene Heilman of Owensboro; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be no services. Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of arrangements.

Sorriso

Mary Catherine Mathieu Sorrisso, 62, of Benton, Ky., died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016 at Gateway Hospital in Clarksville, Tenn.

She attended St. Pius X Catholic Church in Benton.

Surviving are her daughters, Lynnette Galvan of Benton and Angela Medina of Chicago; father, James Joseph Mathieu of Morganfield; sisters, Jeanette Phillips of Marion and Patricia Claussen of Hobart, Ind.; brother, Jim Mathieu of Kevil; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Florence Elizabeth Mathieu.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 13, 2015 at St. William Catholic Church in Marion. Burial was at St. William Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association, Kaden Tower, 6100 Dutchmans Lane Suite 401, Louisville, KY 40205 or Brain Injury Association of America, 1608 Spring Hill Road Suite 11, Vienna, VA 22182.

MSU legend, Purcell, dead at 86

STAFF REPORT

Legendary Murray State athlete and coach Bennie Purcell, who was often called Mr. MSU, died Friday at his home. He was 86.

Purcell was an early superstar for the Racer basketball team, where he became the first player in school history to reach 1,000 points. In 1952, he was named the most valuable player in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Basketball Tournament.

Purcell was a Converse All

Cleveland O. Rogers, 83, of Burna died Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

Rogers was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during the Korean War. He enjoyed fishing and being with his family.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Ruth Mae (Waters) Rogers of Burna; daughters, Connie Rogers Cedotal of Lafayette, La., Joan Ann Rogers Derouen of Humble, Texas, and Sharon Ruth Rogers Owen of Clay; a son Cleveland Wayne Rogers of Westwego, La.; a sister, Pearl Forest of Race-land, La.; brothers, George Rogers of Robert, La., and Ivy Rogers of Westwego, La.; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Able Rogers and Agnes Ronquille.

Services are at noon Friday, Feb. 19 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Todd Hawkins officiating. Military rites will follow with burial at Dyer Hill Cemetery.

Friends may visit from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18 at the funeral home in Salem.

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Crouch

Doris L. Crouch, 81, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, formerly of Marion, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 in Bellefontaine.

Surviving are her son, Eugene G. (Beth) Crouch II of West Liberty, Ohio; daughter, Marilyn (Jerome) Beckham of Valparaiso, Ind.; sister, Patricia Star Perkins of Hanson; brother, James Ollie Daugherty Jr. of Greenville, Ky., and two step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Glen Crouch; parents, Ollie James and Mamie Elizabeth Daugherty; four brothers; and two sisters.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be in Tyners Chapel Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

Miniard

Hurst "Tony" Miniard, 50, of Marion died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016 at Livingston Hospital.

Surviving are two daughters, Kayla Rachelle Hunt of Marion and Kelcie Elizabeth Faughn of Evansville, Ind.; and a brother, Rusty Miniard of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hurst and Barbra Miniard.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Caldwell Springs Cemetery.

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Natural causes believed reason for man dying at Crittenden Jail

STAFF REPORT

An inmate from another state being held at Crittenden County Detention Center died last week in a cell. No foul play is suspected.

Kentucky State Police reports that Katkeo Sayavongsa, 59, of Milwaukee, Wisc., died of apparent natural causes, according to preliminary results of an autopsy last Thursday following his death the day prior.

At around 10:40 a.m. last Wednesday, state police were contacted by the detention

center in reference to a male inmate who had been discovered unresponsive in his cell. Jail and Crittenden EMS personnel reportedly attempted to revive him, but their efforts were unsuccessful.

Sayavongsa was pronounced dead at the scene by Crittenden County Deputy Coroner Keith Gilbert.

An autopsy was performed at the State Medical Examiner's Office in

Louisville. Complete results of that autopsy have not been released.

Sayavongsa was arrested in November after state police discovered 36 pounds of marijuana packed inside suitcases after a traffic stop in Lyon County on Interstate 24. The street value of the marijuana was about \$80,000.

Sayavongsa was being held for Lyon County, pending court action in his case.

4-H hosting 'Get Green On' 5K in March

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County 4-H is sponsoring a 5K run and walk with a "mini mid-race obstacle course" included in the event.

Race day is Saturday, March 26. Same-day registration begins at 8 a.m., with the event starting at 9 a.m. There will be pre-race registration opportunities with forms available at a number of Marion businesses, including The Crittenden Press.

Cost is \$25 for the race and that includes a dry-fit T-shirt. The Fun K entry is \$15 for ages 10-under. They will get a cotton T-shirt.

Entries must be received by March 7 to guarantee a participation T-shirt.

There will be judging for team spirit and costumes. The theme is Get Your Green On. The race is being billed

as a Run Through the Clover, because the national 4-H symbol is a clover leaf.

All proceeds will benefit the local 4-H Council, which supports programs and camp scholarships.

For more information, contact the Crittenden County Extension office at (270) 965-5236.

THANK YOU

The family of Darrell Jent wishes to express their deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our loss.

Thank you,
Shirley, Serena (Eddie), Derrick,
Brittany, Noah and Gavin

KSP Trooper Island Truck Giveaway

To support its Trooper Island Camp for underprivileged children, the Kentucky State Police is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a new 2016 Dodge RAM 1500 Big Horn® Crew Cab 4x4 pickup truck. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at The Crittenden Press.



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Students named to WKCTC dean's list

Several local students have been recognized for their academic work by being named to the fall 2015 dean's list at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must be a full-time WKCTC student earning at least a 3.5 GPA and successfully completing 12 hours or more of course work numbered 100 or above for the academic term. Local recipients are:

- Ashley McConnell, Brayden McKinney, Alex Yates, Sylvana Hunt, Jerusha Jacobs and Amelia Gilley, all of Marion.
- Adam Padon, Trevor Faith and Alivia Curnel, all of Salem.
- Ariel Phelps of Fredonia.
- Christen Manhart of Hampton.
- Adam Kinnes of Burna.
- Valerie Ginn, Hailee Lampley, Lucas Joiner, Mishel Crowe, Victoria Cummins, Kaitlin Kirkham and Nicholas Zaim, all of Smithland

Community events set for coming days

- Evening Belles Extension Homemakers will meet at 12:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.
- Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Friday at the at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.
- 4-H Communications Day Informational meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.
- 4-H Homeschool Club will meet at 2:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.
- Quilt Club will meet at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 29 at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

Senior center set for coming days

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

- Today: Craft Day begins at 10 a.m. Menu is chili dog with onions on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, applesauce and dreamsicle gelatin.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. A tax preparer will be on hand Fridays to answer questions related to filing 2015 taxes. Call to make an appointment. Menu is Southwest pork roast, baked sweet potato, peas, cornbread and fruit crisp.
- Monday: Ladies' exercises will be led at 9:45 a.m. by Full Body Fitness Studio. Menu is ham and bean soup, hot beets, seasoned greens, cornbread and pear crisp.
- Tuesday: Menu is baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, whole wheat garlic breadstick and Mandarin oranges.
- Wednesday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is pollock, pinto beans, cole slaw, cornbread and vanilla pudding.
- Next Thursday: Blood pressure clinic by Lifeline Home Health will take place from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Menu is oven-fried chicken, baked sweet potato, buttered broccoli, whole wheat roll and pears.

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

No. 1 killer of women can be avoided

Heart disease is the No. 1 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, and it is 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



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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.

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.

For more information on ways you can get healthy and protect your heart, contact Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service.

(Editor's note: Thayes Flores is the agent for Family and Consumer Sciences with the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service. She can be reached at (270) 965-5236.)



CRITTENDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PHOTO

CCHS December Students of the Month

Crittenden County High School Students of the Month for December are (front, from left) Margaret Sitar, Sydney Coomes, Emily Tinsley, Justis Duncan, CeZanne Lamprecht, (second row) Alexa Kidd, Kaylee Graham, Nadia Hutchings, Aaron Alstadt, David Mannes, (back) Chris Ladd, Destiny Suggs, Braden Locke, Marcus Tinsley, Layken Belt and Rachel Butler. Not pictured is Josh Tabor.

Experience with goats a pleasant surprise

My first experience raising goats had been one I couldn't forget, even though I tried. From the first day, what was meant to be "a lot of fun for the kids," was a nightmare. Our male goat butted and kicked everything in sight. The smell was hideous. I learned that a goat might be many things, but his headstrong determination to get his way tried my patience. The last time it broke loose and destroyed my neighbor's flowerbed, Mr. Billy mysteriously disappeared. I never wanted to see another goat as long as I lived – and neither did my kids.

Some 30 years later, a friend suggested putting goats in our fenced garden spot for the winter. The past two gardens had been so disappointing, we had to do something. An ever present array of grasses had taken over faster than Eddie could hoe. Coupled with an abundance of spring rains, our hopes of having anything to can or freeze diminished. Aldi's was looking like a better bet.

While Eddie considered the idea, I reminded him, "We already have 20 chickens, 10 dogs, and two cats to feed." I had been urging him to do just the opposite. "Downsize, lower your work load." He wasn't buying it.

As hard as I tried to resist, it was beginning to make sense to me. The



Linda DEFEW
Guest columnist
Defew's Views

goats would eat all the lingering vegetation and most of the stubborn weeds. By spring, we could move the goats to another area on the farm that needed a good cleaning. What did we have to lose?

Knowing I believed in preparing for hard times, he piqued my interest. "Think about it, Linda. Nubian goats will provide all the milk and meat we'll ever need." The truth – he loved animals and we would starve to death before he would harvest a buck. I knew him too well.

After much consideration, we made the decision to buy goats. Then, on the way to pick them up, I envisioned problems like I'd had when my children were little. Nothing could have surprised me more. We picked out two nannies, one expecting in a couple of months, the other with a banded three-month-old male still nursing. We brought them home to their own fenced in area where Eddie had built and attached a nice dry shed lined with hay. We took pictures like loving parents do. Before long, the news got out that we had new additions to our family. The ones who had goats in the past or present had only good things to say about them.

From the first day, the friendly long-eared nubians – Lula Cinnamon, and Billy the Kid – stole my heart. The incredibly socia-

ble animals seemed to love us and their new home, nuzzling us and gladly eating from our hands. The baby wanted to play and be held, more like a dog. Plus, they didn't stink. What was I thinking?

Thanks to the forethought of a good friend, I had an excellent reference book on raising goats, "Goats" by Sue Weaver and published by Hobby Farms Press. The day he gave it to me, I read all about the new animals that would make their home on our farm.

As is often the case, I began to see goats in a whole different light. They were domesticated around 8000 B.C. in western Iran. The small, friendly animals needed minimal care and had survived on browse from trees, brush, and scrub. They provided a portable means for milk and meat for the Nomadic people as well as fibers for tent covers and clothing, leather for robes and rugs. They were excellent pack animals in arid, mountainous county or remote desolate areas. They came to America in the 1500s with Spanish conquistadors, settlers, and sailors. Historians believed they came over on the Mayflower because they were mentioned by a resident of a Plymouth colony who praised their many qualities, even the restorative value of goat milk, calling it a medicine. The first Nubian goats were shipped from Britain to North America in the early 1900s. Now, over a century later, we welcomed them to our farm in Kentucky.

And, yes. Bucks put off a "bucky" odor during rut

Orientation for inbound freshmen next week

STAFF REPORT

To help incoming students with pre-scheduling, Crittenden County High School is offering Freshman O, an informational event for today's eighth-graders.

The program will be in the high school multi-purpose room and is set for 5 to 7 p.m. next Thursday. It will kick off with a chili supper, followed by information about Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways and tours of the freshman annex.

Principal Curtis Brown said the purpose of the event is to complete initial scheduling and provide students and parents the opportunity to learn more about CTE classes and meet the teachers and freshman class sponsors.



Brown

"We believe that educating our students and families on choices they have prior to enrolling in high school gives them the knowledge they need to make informed decisions, which ultimately leads to a more successful and enjoyable high school experience," said Brown.

All freshmen will choose one of four CTE pathways: Family and consumer science, business, agriculture and aerospace. Students will be given more information about these pathways prior to Freshman O, and administration and staff will be available that evening to answer any questions students or parents may have.

Additionally, all students completing registration forms next Thursday night will be eligible for door prizes, including an iPad mini. Students who cannot attend Freshman O are asked to turn in their scheduling form to the CCHS office no later than Friday, Feb. 26.

For more information, call the school at (270) 965-2248 or email Tiffany.Blazina@crittenden.kyschools.us.



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The art of the matter

Freshman Sydney Taylor works on a self-portrait incorporating visual representations of emotions in Steven Baker's art class. Baker was named January Teacher of the Month at the high school.

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Public Notice

Legal advertisements for The Crittenden Press

Foreclosed property to be sold at courthouse

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 15-CI-00008**

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Plaintiff
Vs.
Bobby Rushing, Kim Rushing Aka Kim Arnett, Alan Hugh Arnett
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the February 11, 2016, I will on Friday, March 4, 2016 beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

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This the __ day of February, 2016.

Robert B. Frazer
Master Commissioner
Crittenden Circuit Court

2 days added back to '16-'17 fall break

The school calendar for 2016-17 was amended Tuesday to include a full week for fall break in October.
When next year's academic calendar for Crittenden County schools was initially approved last year, fall break was abbreviated from a week to three days – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Following back-to-back years with more than a dozen days of classes missed due to snow, the board of education made the move in order to shave two days off the end of the school calendar. The calendar was pushed to the last week of May in both 2014 and 2015.
But with the board intent on seeking approval from the Kentucky Department of Education to utilize snow day alternative instruction during the 2016-17 school year, the district might be able to avoid as many as 10 snow days through non-traditional instruction. That would allow children when stuck at home with snow on the ground to continue learning through online instruction or pre-arranged lesson packets sent home with students.
Board members approved adding Monday and Tuesday back to the 2016-17 fall break at the board meeting Tuesday evening. Fall break will be the second full week of October.

Eclipse prep group set to meet today

A meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. today (Thursday) in The Peoples Bank conference room for those in the community interested in putting on events centered around the August 2017 total solar eclipse in the continental U.S.
Several individuals in Crittenden County have been meeting over the last few months in an effort to create a draw for the tens of thousands of people expected to flock to the area to witness the rare astronomical event. Western Kentucky will be home to the longest viewing time of the eclipse – 2 minutes and 40 seconds in Hopkinsville and just 8 seconds shorter in Marion.
Today's meeting is to see who is on board and ready to move plans forward. Final decisions need to be made on the date for an event.

Esteemed alumni sought for honor

There is just one more day to nominate someone for the 2016 class of Crittenden County Schools Distinguished Alumni Awards. Both living and posthumous awards can



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Rocket Way Award

Laura Poindexter, a guidance counselor at Crittenden County Elementary School, was presented the Rocket Way Employee of the Month Optimism Award at Tuesday evening's board of education meeting. "Laura has been such a great addition to our team at CCES," the school's principal, Melissa Tabor, said of the former middle school math teacher. "The students just love her so much," Superintendent Vincne Clark said of Poindexter in naming her for the award. The Rocket Way award was created to honor school district employees for different characteristics each month.

be given.
Nominations may be made through Friday, and selections will be determined by educational, professional and community service accomplishments. The selection panel will announce the honorees in the coming weeks.
Anyone may nominate an individual. Recipients of the award must have graduated high school from a Crittenden County school. Applications are available on the school district's website at Crittenden.kyschools.us.

Henderson GOP hosting meet, greet

Henderson County Republican Party will be hosting its fifth annual Lincoln Dinner next week. It will serve as one of the first opportunities in western Kentucky prior to the May primary election to hear candidates for Congress and the U.S. Senate.
The event at the Henderson Fine Arts Center will bring together U.S. Sen. Rand Paul and 1st District congressional

candidates James Comer, Mike Pape and Jason Batts. Additional candidates from the two races have been invited, but as of press time, none had committed.
The dinner will cost \$40 and begins at 6:15 p.m. next Thursday. Doors open at 5 p.m., giving visitors a chance to meet candidates. Tickets to the auditorium only are \$5, and will give visitors a chance to meet candidates.
All tickets will be sold in advance. They can be purchased by calling Richard Shoulders, chairman of the

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Declamatory contests part of school history

A much anticipated event of the schools of long ago were the declamatory contests.

The dictionary states that “declamatory” is a formal speech made in public and spoken with great emotion and force. The matches must have been full of tension and emotion to see who the best and most forceful speakers were.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let’s go back and visit some of these exciting events.

Memorizing daily assignments was very much a part of school then. It called for much focus and concentration on what you were trying to learn.

Feb. 23, 1923
Oratorical and Declamatory Contest

The preliminary oratorical and declamatory contest was held at the graded school auditorium. Mr. Richard Hicklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hicklin, was the winner of the gold medal in the oratorical contest, and Miss Thelma Travis was the winner of the medal in the declamatory contest. The subject of Mr. Hicklin’s oration was “The Masked American.” It was a great composition and was effectively delivered.

Feb. 22, 1924
Declamatory and Oratorical Contestants Draw Crowd

Weeks of preparation had put the contestants of all the grade schools on edge and eager for the opportunity to display their talents to a large audience, which was just as eager to hear them. So many young ladies had wanted to enter the contest that an elimination contest had been held in private, the five winners of which appeared last Friday.

The two winners were Miss Elizabeth Haynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Haynes of Marion, and Mr. Ryvers Sarlls of near Bells Mines. Miss Lois Hicklin read "The old Nest" as the opening number following an invocation. Miss Hicklin's portrayal of this literary gem

was a very charming one. Mr. Avery Reed then appeared with "The Self Supporting Student" as his subject. "Peg O' My Heart," one of the sweetest stories in all English literature, was then read by Miss Virginia Terry.

"The Master Passion" was the subject Mr. Thomas Nelson had chosen. Misses Margaret and Blanche Guess sang a beautiful number at the close of this and were heartily encouraged. Miss Dorothy Haynes

then appeared with "Flaming Ramparts" a reading requiring much dramatic ability to effectively render and Miss Haynes did wonderfully well. Mr. Ernest Hughes then spoke on "A Nation's Honor" Mr. Hughes has the possibilities of making an unusually good public speaker.

Miss Ada Nelle Frazer had chosen "Why the Chimes Ring," a reading which requires much natural ability and intensive training to render at all effectively. Mr. Ryvers Sarlls then appeared with the winning oration, "Character." It was well delivered and with further training Mr. Sarlls should make one of the county's best young speakers.

Miss Elizabeth Lee Haynes then appeared with a dramatic reading entitled the "The Valiant." It was beautifully read and presented.

Oct. 26, 1926
Contest at Mt. Zion a Great Success

The declamatory contest for Division 4 of the county schools was held at Mt. Zion last Friday evening. The contestants were Gretna Woody of Seminary School, Vivian Sullivan of Prospect, Eugene Beard of Baker, Bertha Kirk of Heath, Gwendolyn Gahagan of Weston, John Fowler of Oak Hall and Hughie Wilborn of Post Oak.

The gold medal was won by Hughie Wilborn and the

silver medal by John Fowler. The Cave Spring quartette, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Drennan, Ray Brantley and Dallas Little added much to the program. They will sing at the final contest on Nov. 20.

Nov. 19, 1926
Contest at Frances

The declamatory contest in Educational Division 2 was held last Friday at Frances. All of the contestants from the different schools had splendid readings and had been well trained.

The gold medal was won by Miss Ruth Hard, a pupil of Mrs. Bessie Oliver at Caldwell Spring. The second prize, a silver medal, was awarded to Miss Anna Belle Hunter of the Mexico School. Miss Hunter is a pupil of Wilton Yandell.

Nov. 19, 1926
County Declamatory Contest at Fohs Hall

Crittenden County schools will hold a declamatory contest Saturday evening, Nov. 20, at Fohs Hall in Marion. The evening's program will begin at 7:30. Fred McDowell, superintendent of county schools, will be chairman and will introduce the contestants.

Eight of the pupils from the rural schools of the county will take part in the contest. Each of these contestants was one of the winners in the contest held in his or her division.

Both first- and second-place winners are to take part in the final contest here Saturday. Besides the readings given by those who are contesting for first honors in declamation there will be several musical numbers.

First among the readings by the contestants will be "The Old Man," to be given by Dorothy Walker, a pupil of the Olive Branch school. The following numbers will be:

- "The Ladder by Which We Climb" by Anna Belle Hunter of Mexico.
- "The Soul of the Violin" by Harry Hardin of Tolu.
- "The Soldiers Reprieve" by Hughie Wilborn of Post



Marion High School winners of a class contest in 1923 were Richard Hicklin, who earned a gold medal in the oratorical contest, and Miss Thelma Travis, who received a medal in the declamatory contest. Inset, Maxine Bebout Croft of Tolu shared this picture of the prized gold declamatory pin that her mother, Ollie Thomas, won in the declamatory contest held at Hebron School in 1915.

Oak.

- "Cherokee Roses" by Ruth Hard of Caldwell Spring.
- "Bobby Shaftoe" by Isabelle Terry of Forest Grove.
- "How We Killed the Mouse" by John Fowler of Oak Grove.

While judges are making their decision, Miss Oda Boyd will play a violin solo, and a violin and cornet duet will be given by Miss Boyd and Louis Yandell.

Nov. 26, 1926
Forest Grove Is First in Contest

Six contestants from the rural school of Crittenden County took part in the county declamatory contest that took place in the auditorium of Fohs Hall last Saturday evening. Each of the pupils who appeared on the program won the right to represent their school in a district contest held in each educational division of the county. In each of the contests both a first- and second-prize winner was chosen, both of them being privileged to enter the final contest that was to take place at Marion.

Six of the eight chosen were in Marion to participate in the finals. Division 1 was represented by Harry Hardin, a pupil of Ms. Reva Dean Hurst of the Tolu school and Isabelle Terry, a pupil of Mrs. Fred Gilbert of Forest Grove. Miss Annabelle Hunter of Mexico, a pupil of Wilton

awarded to Isabelle Terry, who won first place, and John Fowler, winner of the second prize.


Prizes were awarded by David Postlethweighte of Carrsville. Mr. Postlethweighte is a former Crittenden County teacher and his continued interest in the rural schools of Crittenden prompted him to offer the handsome gold medal to the pupil who won first honors. The second prize, a fountain pen, was given by The Crittenden Press.

Musical numbers were given by Miss Oda Boyd and Louis Yandell, high school teachers at Frances. Miss Katherine Terry presided during the contest, taking charge immediately after the introductory talk by superintendent McDowell and the invocation by Rev. J.C. Lilly, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marion.

The very successful declamatory contest is just another of the many interesting activities that was popular many years ago among the city and county schools.

(Editor's note: Brenda Underdown is a Crittenden County historian, genealogist, chair of the Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found on her blog at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com.)

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Genealogical Society

Crittenden County Genealogical Society meets at 10 a.m. the second Saturday of each month in the meeting room at Crittenden County Public Library. The board includes Chair Crider, Secretary/Treasurer Underdown and Historian Doyle Polk.

Historical Society

Crittenden County Historical Society meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the museum. The board includes Chair Brenda Underdown, Vice Chair Brennan Cruce, Secretary Steve Eskew, Treasurer Rita Travis, Fay Carol Crider, Sarah Ford, Pat Carter, Barry Gilbert and Percy Cook.

Historical Museum

Crittenden County Historical Museum is closed for the season, but will reopen the first Wednesday of April. Meantime, the museum can be found online at CrittendenHistoryMuseum.org or Facebook.com/CrittendenCountyHistoricalMuseum.

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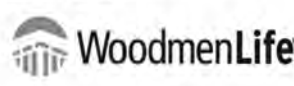
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Tournament Pairings
BOYS AT EDDYVILLE
MONDAY
Trigg Co. vs. Crittenden, 6pm
Lyon Co. vs. Livingston, 8pm
GIRLS AT EDDYVILLE
TUESDAY
Lyon Co. vs. Trigg Co., 6pm
Crittenden vs. Livingston, 8pm

THURSDAY, Feb. 25
Boys championship, 7pm

FRIDAY, Feb. 26
Girls championship, 7pm

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Squirrel	Nov. 16 - Feb. 29
Snow Conservation	Feb. 8 - March 31
Coyote Nighttime	Feb. 1 - May 31
Coyote Daytime	Year Round

LBL opening areas
Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area begins its 2016 season Tuesday, March 1, when Energy Lake, Hillman Ferry and Piney campgrounds open. Woodlands Nature Station and Homeplace 1850s Working Farm open Wednesday, March 2.

LBL quota turkey apps
Deadline for Turkey Quota Hunt applications at Land Between the Lakes is Feb. 29. Hunters may apply online or by phone. If applying by phone, call (270) 924-2065 during daytime on weekdays. Application fees are \$5 online and \$7 by phone. Quota hunts are April 9-10 for youth and April 12-13 and April 16-17 for all others.

Mercury warning on bass
A Tennessee environmental agency has issued a fisheries warning on Kentucky Lake in the Big Sandy River area, warning children and pregnant women to avoid eating bass caught there because of elevated mercury levels found in that species of fish. The warning does not at this time include the Tennessee River area of Kentucky Lake nor does it include other species. The Big Sandy River flows into the Tennessee in Kentucky Lake about six miles south of the Kentucky state line.

BASEBALL

Youth registration starts for baseball, softball

Crittenden County Dugout Club is currently registering players for youth baseball, softball and kickball leagues. The recreational sports leagues will begin practicing in April and games start in May. Registration deadline is Saturday, March 5. There will also be a skills assessment on March 5 from 10 a.m., until noon at the Crittenden County Middle School gym. After March 5, there is a \$25 penalty added to registration fee. There will be no registrations accepted after March 21. Cost to register is \$25 for kickball and \$35 for baseball and softball. Kickball is for players age 4-5, but 5-year-olds may choose to play co-ed baseball instead. Baseball and softball leagues are established for players ages 8-under, 10-under and 12-under. If there is enough interest, a 15-under league may be formed. Registration forms will be sent home with CCES students this month. The form is also available at The Crittenden Press or YTG Insurance in Marion. It is online at www.the-press.com/2016DugoutRegistration.pdf.

RACING

Gilland takes first place
Colton Gilland of Marion won the 65cc 10-11 age division Saturday at the Mid America Arenacross race in Sturgis. This was the final race of the indoor season. He will begin competing in various outdoor series races next month.

Rockets warm up for 5th

STAFF REPORT
Senior Ryan James hasn't started a single game this season, but he did Saturday for Senior Night and at the end, he was still in there to seal perhaps the most exciting victory of the season for his Rockets.

That 65-63 victory over Fort Campbell helps get the Rockets primed for post-season play which kicks off Monday at Eddyville. Crittenden will need every ounce of momentum it can muster as the boys face Fifth District favorite Trigg County (16-7) in the opening round.

Crittenden was scheduled to host Hopkins Central Tuesday, but that matchup was snowed out and not likely to be made up. A game previously snowed out against Caldwell County has been added to the schedule for Thursday night at Princeton.

The boys will finish their regular season on Friday with a rematch at Fort Campbell.

Against Fort Campbell last weekend, James collected a rebound off a missed foul shot by teammate Logan Belt. Grabbing the ball, he was fouled by a Fort Campbell player and



went to the line himself in the double bouns with just 11 seconds and the game tied.

James coolly knocked down both foul shots – something his team struggled with most of the game – lifting Crittenden to a 65-63 home win over Fort Campbell.

“He’s always in the right spots,” said Rocket coach Denis Hodge about James. “He does the right things, has a great attitude and any time you look down the bench he’s always staring at you, wanting to go in.”

James has averaged just a half of a point a game this season, but on the night when the 12th-graders were

honored for their final foray, he made the best of it, scoring eight points. And there were none bigger than those at the end of the game.

“He is one of the guys you want to coach, but more than that he’s one of those guys you’d want to hire because he’s going to be successful.”

The Rockets led big early, but Fort Campbell put seven threes in the basket in the second period to rush back in. Crittenden went back ahead with an 11-0 run in the third period to lead 57-46. Then, came the threes once again.

The Falcons’ Matthew Kotchpeth hit two treys in the fourth quarter as Ft.



Crittenden's Ryan James (22), at left, had some key plays down the stretch Saturday to help defeat Fort Campbell. Another senior, Tyler Coleman (12), above, also played well, scoring 12 points.

Campbell jumped ahead by two. However, the Rockets scratched their way back ahead in the closing minute to set up James’ heroics at the end.

Crittenden made less than half their foul shots for the game, and it nearly cost them down the stretch.

St. Mary hits 9 threes

At St. Mary on Friday night, Crittenden fell behind early and could never find their feet.

St. Mary shot well from inside and out and Crittenden lost by more than 20.

Crittenden 65, Ft. Campbell 63
Fort Campbell 8 25 13 17
Crittenden County 21 15 15 14
FT. CAMPBELL - Rivera, Moon 7,
Roberts 2, Buchanon 8, Duff 9, Kotchpeth 20, Vereen 12, Pierre 2, Johnson

3, Ju.Rivera, Kennedy. FG 23. 3-pointers 11 (Kotchpeth 6, Duff 3, Moon, Johnson). FT 6-10. Fouls 25.
CRITTENDEN – Hicks 10, Hollis 13, Watson 10, Dickerson 6, Belt 11, James 8, Coleman 7. FG 22. 3-pointers 5 (Hollis 2, Hicks, Belt, Coleman). FT 14-30. Fouls 13.

St. Mary 58, Crittenden 36
Crittenden County 8 7 9 12
St. Mary 19 11 17 11
CRITTENDEN – Hicks 4, Hollis 10, Watson 10, Dickerson 4, Belt 3, Stephens, James, Coleman, Myers, Boone 9, Towery, Steele, Nesbitt. FG 13. 3-pointers 4 (Boone 2, Belt, Hollis). FT 6-9. Fouls 10.
ST. MARY – Dickens 7, Norris 19, Emmons, Hubert 6, Urhan 7, Higgins 5, McAnley 3, Sims 4, Tillet 3, Deneave 3, Crump, Weatherington 1, McCort, Courtney, Duncan. FG 21. 3-pointers 9 (Norris 5, Urhan, Higgins, McAnley, Tillet). FT 7-12. Fouls 10.



Lady Rocket freshman Shelby Summers (20) blocks out on a rebound at St. Mary Friday night while junior Francesca Pierce (13), at right, tries to block a shot in the same game.



Lady Rockets are hitting stride at right time

Crittenden 34, Union 30
Union County 10 7 7 6
Crittenden County 14 6 8 6
UNION - Conway 8, Campbell 4, Gibbs, French 9, Duckworth 2, Spaulding, Beaven 2, Williams 5. FG 10. 3-pointers 3 (Conway 2, French). FT 7-18. Fouls 16.
CRITTENDEN - Moss 11, Lynch 8, Champion 8, Pierce 1, Nesbitt 6, Evans. FG 11. 3-pointers 1 (Moss). FT 10-18. Fouls 13.

Crittenden 53, St. Mary 32
Crittenden County 10 10 17 16
St. Mary 7 6 6 13
CRITTENDEN - Moss 16, Lynch 9, Champion 12, Pierce 4, Nesbitt 4, Evans, Collins, Perryman 4, Summers, Woodward 4. FG 25. 3-pointers none. FT 3-7. Fouls 18.
ST. MARY - Doren 6, Waltman 2, Koenig 14, Meredith 5, Courtney 3, Butts 2, C.Doran, Brown, J.Meredith, Nelson. FG 10. 3-pointers none. FT 12-24. Fouls 13.

STAFF REPORT
Coach Shannon Hodge may have her Lady Rockets tuned up at just the right time to compete for a district championship.

The longtime Lady Rocket skipper said her team’s play last weekend signaled that perhaps it is dialed in for the playoffs, which begin Tuesday at Lyon County.

Crittenden County (13-14) will open the Fifth District Tournament against Livingston Central (12-13), a team it has beaten twice already this year. Hodge says Livingston is a formidable opponent, but Crittenden has shown confidence against the Lady Cardinals in their two previous meetings.

Livingston, however, has proven its ability to win big tournaments games. The Cardinal girls beat Lyon in the Second Region All A Classic championship bout last

month. So far, however, Lyon has dominated Fifth District play other than in that All A title game.

Hodge was pleased with most of what she saw over the weekend as Crittenden beat Union County and St. Mary. The girls were scheduled to play Hopkins Central Tuesday night, but that contest was snowed out and not likely to be made up because of the limited time left before post-season play.

On Saturday, The Lady Rockets made half of their foul shots in the final period and relied heavily on defense to steal a 34-30 win from Union County at Rocket Arena. Crittenden had lost by 11 at Union County (11-16) in January.

It was the Lady Rockets’ third straight win. They had not won three in a row since opening the season at 3-0.

“I thought everybody brought

their piece of the pie to the floor tonight,” Lady Rocket skipper Shannon Hodge said.

From offensive efforts by Cassidy Moss, Amanda Lynch, Madison Champion and Kiana Nesbitt to a defense gem by Francesca Pierce and good defensive minutes by Meredith Evans – coach Hodge was well pleased.

“We have talked a lot about being locked in, and I think we were tonight,” she said.

The Lady Rockets beat St. Mary handily as Moss scored 14 of her game-high 16 points in the second half Friday night. A 12-2 run in the second half helped the Lady Rockets pull away.

Crittenden has been getting better scoring from Lynch and Nesbitt lately. Lynch’s outside shooting has helped defeat some zone defenses recently.



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**Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 14-CI-00111**

Vance Todd, Tammy Todd
Plaintiffs
vs.
Maurice Bell, Nicole Bell
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the January 13, 2016, I will on Friday, March 4, 2016 beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 222 Church Street, Marion, KY 42064

Parcel No.: 070-40-01-009.00

DESCRIPTION
A certain lot in Marion, Crittenden County Kentucky, located on Walnut Street as shown upon a plat attached hereto and more particularly described as follows:
LOT #4: BEGINNING at a stake on the East side of Walnut Street being the Southwest corner of this lot and the northwest corner of Lot #3; thence with line of same East 250 feet to a stake, corner to same; thence North 30 feet to a stake, corner to Boyd; thence with his line West 250 feet to a stake on Walnut Street; thence South 30 feet to the beginning.

SOURCE OF TITLE: This being the same property conveyed to Vance Todd and his wife, Tammy Todd, by Eva M. Hulett, a single person by deed dated August 7, 2012 and recorded in Deed Book 221 at Page 13, Crittenden County court Clerk's Office.

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

The description of the property conveyed herein was provided to the draftsman by the plaintiff and the draftsman does not certify the accuracy of the same nor any existing easements.

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Only delinquent property taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.
This the __ day of February, 2016.
Robert B. Frazer
Master Commissioner
Crittenden Circuit Court

U.S. 641 property to be sold March 4

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 15-CI-00084**

Fifth Third Mortgage Co.
Plaintiff
vs.
Chasity Sosh Bradham
F/K/A Chasity Sosh,
Bryan Bradham; LVNV
Funding, LLC
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the December 10, 2015, I will on Friday, March 4, 2016 beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 1909 U.S. Hwy. 641, Marion, KY 42064

Parcel No.: 071-10-01-009.00

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 15-CI-00025**

Tax Ease A/K/A Tax Ease Lien Investments 1, LLC
Plaintiff
vs.
John Hunter, Marilyn Hunter, County of Crittenden, City of Marion, Farmers Bank & Trust Co., Ford Motor Credit Co., Green Tree Servicing, LLC FKA Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation and Baptist Healthcare System Inc. D/B/A Western Baptist Hospital N/K/A Baptist Health Paducah Successor by Merger to Baptist Healthcare System, Inc.
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit

DESCRIPTION
The following described tracts of land located in Crittenden County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT I
BEGINNING at a stake on the West side of Ky. 91 and US 641, being 30 feet from center of same and about 1-3/4 miles South of Marion's city center and being 230-1/2 feet south of a 20 foot roadway reserved by Mrs. Potter and corner to lot conveyed to Jimmy Binkley by Willard Mott in June, 1971; thence with said lot S 59 ¾ W 310 feet to a stake, corner in same and in Easley's line (formerly Potter); thence with his line S 26 E 50-1/2 feet to a stake, corner to same; thence with another of his lines N 59 ¾ E 310 feet to a stake on the West side of Ky. 91; thence with said Highway N 26 W 50-1/2 feet to the beginning containing 0.35 acres by survey, as surveyed by Billy J. May, LS 878 on October 20, 1973.

TRACT II
BEGINNING at an iron

Court on the November 24, 2015, I will on Friday, March 4, 2016 beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 530 West Bellville Street, Marion, KY 42064

DESCRIPTION
A certain tract or parcel of land near the town of Marion, in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and being a part of Lot #5 in the division of the lands of W. W. Elder by the commissioner in said division, bounded as follows:
Beginning at a stake in the Marion and Salem

pin on the West side of U.S. 641 and Ky. 91 about 1-3/4 miles South of Marion City center and corner to Robert Winders; thence with said highway S 26 E 90 feet to a stake, a new corner; thence with a new division line S 59 ¾ W 310 feet to a stake, another new corner and in Easley's line; thence with his line N 26 W 90 feet to an iron pin, corner to said Winders; thence with his line N 59 ¾ E 310 feet to the beginning, containing 0.61 acres, according to a survey by Billy J. May, Registered Surveyor, dated June 19, 1971.

This property is sold subject to the following terms and conditions which were contained in Deed to former grantors; it is agreed by and between the parties hereto that if the grantees, their heirs, devisees, or assigns desire to enclose the above property with any type of fence, it shall be at their expense. It is further agreed by and between the parties hereto that the grantees will not ditch or divert the water on the above described property or the property of the grantor

in such a way as to create a nuisance, and will not drain any sewage on the lands of the grantor.

SOURCE OF TITLE: This being the same property conveyed to Chasity Sosh, a single person, by Paul A. Rideout, a single person, et al, by Deed dated November 8, 2011 and recorded in Deed Book 219, at Page 152, Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

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

The description of the property conveyed herein was provided to the draftsman by the plaintiff and the draftsman does not certify the accuracy of the same nor any existing easements.

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Only delinquent property taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
Purchaser may pay cash

or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.
This the __ day of February, 2016.
Robert B. Frazer
Master Commissioner
Crittenden Circuit Court

Commissoner's sale to be at courthouse in 3 weeks

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 15-CI-00025**

Tax Ease A/K/A Tax Ease Lien Investments 1, LLC
Plaintiff
vs.
John Hunter, Marilyn Hunter, County of Crittenden, City of Marion, Farmers Bank & Trust Co., Ford Motor Credit Co., Green Tree Servicing, LLC FKA Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation and Baptist Healthcare System Inc. D/B/A Western Baptist Hospital N/K/A Baptist Health Paducah Successor by Merger to Baptist Healthcare System, Inc.
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit

Court on the November 24, 2015, I will on Friday, March 4, 2016 beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

DESCRIPTION
A certain tract or parcel of land near the town of Marion, in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and being a part of Lot #5 in the division of the lands of W. W. Elder by the commissioner in said division, bounded as follows:
Beginning at a stake in the Marion and Salem

Road, Sue Chittenden's corner; thence with her line N. 36 W. 18 poles to a stake in the county road; thence with said road N 70 W 10 poles, N 57 W 24 poles to the center of Crooked Creek; thence up the creek with its meanders S 32 W 15 ½ poles to where the water gap is; thence leaving the creek S 51 E 41 poles to the center of said Marion and Salem Road; thence with same N 61 ½ E 17 ¾ poles to the beginning, containing 4 ½ acres.

But there is excepted from the above boundary the land conveyed to W. C. Byarley on the 26th day of August 1938, by deed of record in Deed Book 69, page 125, Clerk's Office, Crittenden County Court.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants and to all legal

highways and easements.

The description of the property conveyed herein was provided to the draftsman by the plaintiff and the draftsman does not certify the accuracy of the same nor any existing easements.

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Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to

bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.
This the __ day of February, 2016.
Robert B. Frazer
Master Commissioner
Crittenden Circuit Court

Foreclosed property on Blackburn scheduled for sale

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 15-CI-00017**

Tom Winters
D/B/A I Do It Services
Plaintiff
vs.
Heir of John W. McGregor Sr.; Bank of Lyon County (Now Branch Banking & Trust Co.); City of Marion, Ky; Johnathan Hackney; Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Crittenden by and on Relation of Lori Hudson Flanery, Secretary, Revenue Cabinet
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the January 14, 2016, I will on Friday, March 4, 2016 beginning at

the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 608 South Blackburn Street, Marion, KY 42064

Parcel No.: 058-20-17-015.00

DESCRIPTION
A certain lot or parcel of land lying and being near the corporate limits of the town of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a stake corner to L.D. Chipps and the proposed street right-of-

way; thence S 78 deg. 30" E 250 feet to a stake corner with Nichols; thence S 5 deg. W. 100 feet to a stake corner with Nichols; thence N 78 deg. 30" W 250 feet to a stake corner to Nichols and proposed street right-of-way; thence N 5 deg. E. 100 feet along boundary of proposed street to the point of beginning, containing 0.57 acres.

Being the same property conveyed to John W. McGregor, Sr. from Tonya Moodie, by deed dated December 17, 2009, recorded in Deed Book 215, Page 89, Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

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

The description of the

property conveyed herein was provided to the draftsman by the plaintiff and the draftsman does not certify the accuracy of the same nor any existing easements.

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Only delinquent property taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve

percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.
This the __ day of February, 2016.
Robert B. Frazer
Master Commissioner
Crittenden Circuit Court

College Street property to be sold in master commissioner's sale

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 15-CI-00075**

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Plaintiff
vs.
Doug Fox AKA Raymond Douglas Fox AKA Raymond Fox, Midland Funding LLC Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the February 11, 2016, I will on Friday, March 4, 2016 beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed

to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 410 South College Street, Marion, KY 42064

Parcel No.: 058-20-41-014.00

DESCRIPTION
A certain lot or parcel of ground situated and being in the town of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky and fronting on College Street 100 feet (that part of College Street opened by R. E. Bigham) and running back East 200 feet bounded thus:
Beginning on Mrs. Anna

Dorr's S. W. corner on said Street, thence South with line of said street 100 feet to a stake, thence an East course 200 feet to a stake thence a North course 100 to said Dorr's S. E. Corner, thence a West course with her line 200 feet to the beginning; and

Being the same acquired by Raymond Fox, husband and wife, by Deed dated December 30, 2003, of record in Deed Book 198, Page 157, in the Office of the Clerk of Crittenden County, Kentucky.

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

The description of the property conveyed herein was provided to the drafts-

man by the plaintiff and the draftsman does not certify the accuracy of the same nor any existing easements.

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Only delinquent property taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum

from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.
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Robert B. Frazer
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employment

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Interim fish and wildlife technician position at Big Rivers WMA. Education requirement is at least a high school graduate. This position's term will not exceed 3 months, most likely from May 15 to Aug. 15, but subject to change. Duties will include but not limited to: ground maintenance, equipment maintenance, assisting with wildlife surveys and other WMA tasks. Preferred candidate would have experience with tractors and farm machinery, a willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions and a good work ethic. Interested applicants should email letter of application to john.zimmer@ky.gov or call (270) 374-3025. (1tc-33)

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bid notice

INVITATION TO BID: RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS: The Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) will accept bids for the North Industrial Park Timber project until 2 p.m. local time on Friday, February 26, 2016 at Marion City Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064, at which time all bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. PROJECT: The CCEDC is seeking bids to perform the following work: Cut timber at the North Industrial Park, located on Pippi Hardin Boulevard, just off U.S. 60 East in Marion and split the proceeds of the sale of that timber with the CCEDC. To view the boundaries of the North Industrial Park and the area for possible timbering, come to City Hall anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The CCEDC, as owner, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or

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legal notice

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

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Notice is hereby given that on February 10, 2016, David Wayne Stallion, 1201 Walnut Hill Road, Lexington, KY 40515 and Debbie Dean Young, 4015 Port Royal Drive, Richmond, KY 40475 were appointed Co-Executors, of Daniel H. Stallion Jr., deceased, whose address was 819 Terrace Drive Apt. 13, Marion, Ky., 42064. Wesley Hunt attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Co-Executors before the 10th day of August 2016 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1tc-33)

Notice is hereby given that on February 10, 2016, Claude B. Williams III of 7519 E. Tara Lane, Rogersville, MO, 65742 was appointed Executor, of Stella Louis Aders Williams, deceased, whose address was 203 Clark Street, Marion, KY 42064. Carolyn Louise Graham, 100 Creekside Apt 1032D, Marion, KY 42064, Agent

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Bank, UK team to recognize Crabtree

When Peoples Bank employee Madison Qualls was looking for something nice to do for local barber Mike Crabtree, recently diagnosed with leukemia, her thoughts turned to the University of Kentucky. “I wrote UK’s athletic director and told him we are a small town with a big heart, and that we would like to do something nice for our local barber,” Qualls said before surprising Crabtree at the bank last Friday. “The very next morning I received a response from him.” What followed in the mail were a team photo, an autographed photo of Coach John Calipari and a short letter from Coach Cal. Crabtree hopes to return to the barber shop on a limited schedule within a couple of weeks, and says he’ll find a prominent spot to display his new UK artifacts. Pictured with Crabtree and his wife Cindy (fourth from left) are bank employees Caitlyn Epley, Janey Hill, Jo Ann McClure, Becky McKinzie, Qualls, bank President Terry Bunnell, Melissa Agent and Misty Tinsley.

LEASH

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owner. “I know who it belongs to, but I haven’t been able to fine them,” he said. “I think this will cut down on the number of strays we bring in.” Todd said he spends a lot of time as animal control officer in the Creek Street and Hickory Hills neighborhoods. Nearly four dozen dogs from Crittenden County were taken in at the county shelter in January alone. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the city and county have been discussing an animal control partnership for several months. Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant is happy to effectively deputize Todd as a city codes enforcement officer, allowing him to write the animal control citations. “I’m all for writing the tickets,” Bryant said. The city administrator said the police department is too busy and not equipped to address all the leash law violations, though they do respond

to dangerous animal calls and are authorized to shoot vicious dogs. He added that city Codes Enforcement Officer Teri Hart is also not equipped or trained to handle most violations related to animals. Todd would not receive compensation from the city for writing citations. Bryant said Marion already pays the county \$1,500 for animal control services. Todd is not eager to write tickets, but as an animal lover and someone tasked with answering all the calls, he is anxious to start addressing the problem. “I’m not saying I’m going to get out there and write tickets all day long, but something has to be done,” he said. “You start hitting some of these people in the pocket book and maybe they’ll do something.” The city fine for non-vicious animals running at large is up to \$20, for barking dogs it is \$10 to \$25 and for an animal that presents a danger to people, up to \$250. Such dogs may also be shot. Council members at Monday’s meeting shared complaints from residents and their own run-ins with animal problems. Councilman Darrin

Tabor, who owns rental property, said he had tenants at a home who let a dog starve to death and had their other dogs removed from the property. That happened around 11 a.m., he explained, and by 3 p.m. the same day, they had acquired three more dogs. Pit bulls appear to be a particular problem around the city, and Bryant said most of the dog-related issues seem to come from transient residents of the city, most often short-term renters. Stray cats, too, are a big problem around town, admits Bryant, but addressing that problem is like, well, herding cats. “With cats, it’s just too hard to establish ownership, and there are so many ferrel cats running around that don’t belong to anyone,” Bryant explained. There is no specific stray cat-related ordinance in Marion, but the city administrator said there are avenues to address some more serious concerns with felines. “If you had unsafe conditions because of hoarding, the health department could probably do something from an environmental health standpoint,” he said.

Council weighs request to allow mobile homes

Marion City Council appears ready to OK a zoning change that would improve a blighted area of the city. The council on Monday introduced an ordinance to rezone residential property on Jackson Street to allow for mobile homes. New property owner David Williams requested the change in order to place five manufactured homes on four contiguous lots where dilapidated homes will be torn down. The mobile homes will have to meet all zoning standards. “This is not the same thing as a trailer court,” said City Administrator Mark Bryant, adding that it should improve the neighborhood. The council is expected to vote next month to approve the plan.

Legislation would keep Illinois work camp open

STAFF REPORT

The Illinois legislature is considering a measure to reopen the Hardin County Work Camp near Cave In Rock. It was closed Jan. 1 as part of a \$400 million cost-cutting effort. The camp has become a political football between Democratic lawmakers and Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who have been battling over the state budget for the last nine months. Rep. Brandon Phelps, D-Harrisburg, introduced a bill in November to keep the work camp open. Last week, it passed on a 15-3 vote in the House Appropriations

Public Safety Committee. It would amend the state’s corrections code by providing that the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) “shall” operate the work camp. Phelps hopes for the measure to reach the floor this week. IDOC, according to The Southern Illinoisian, claims closing the camp will save about \$1 million annually in operating expenses and also eliminate costly repairs needed at the facility. Roughly 160 inmates housed at the camp were transferred and 60 guards were offered positions at other facilities



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Scouts run in pinewood derby

Scouts attending Saturday’s Cub Scouts pinewood derby at Mexico Baptist Church were (front, from left) Cooper Crawford, first place; Rowen Perkins, second place; Caleb Combs; Jerry Bates; Gaige Markham; (back) Bear Den Leader Chris Dameron; Paul Combs; Michael Tanner Crawford, third place; Cub Scout Master Adam Perkins; Noah Perkins and Will Perkins.

WEATHER

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disabled to qualify, preference is given to those individuals. People considered legally disabled by the Commonwealth of Kentucky automatically qualify for the program. Belt said the program makes repairs to an average of five to 10 homes each year. “They are looking for homes that haven’t been done since 1994,” she added. The weatherization services do not apply to shoring up roofs. In fact, a leaky roof makes a home ineligible for repairs through the program. However, Belt said there are other means available to address roofs. Weatherization applicants

will need Social Security numbers and monthly income verification for all occupants, energy bills or printouts from the utility company, proof of ownership of the property to be weatherized or a landlord agreement. Belt will be able to help ap-

plicants through the process. Applications can be obtained at the PACS office during business hours – weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office is closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. each day. Belt can be reached at (270) 965-4763.

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Planning is everything

Myers mapping out DIY wedding

By ALLISON EVANS
STAFF WRITER

Someone once said that getting organized requires beginning with a plan to make a plan for whatever you plan to do.

You might say Emily Myers lives by that philosophy, especially as she plans a wedding while attending graduate school and working part-time.

"With a Type A personality, I create lists on lists to ensure that I do not forget any deadlines or important details."

The plans will all come together when Myers and her college sweetheart Justin Rickman tie the knot May 28 near Kenlake State Park.

The couple's story begins at Murray State University, where the two were introduced by Myers' roommate, who is also Rickman's cousin. After nearly two years of dating, Rickman proposed at the base of a waterfall.

Keeping in tune with their love of hiking in the Land Between the Lakes area, the couple chose Historic Cherokee as the site for their nuptials and have enjoyed planning and collecting heirlooms and outdoorsy decor to fit their wedding theme.

"We knew we wanted an outdoor location for our wedding, and came across Historic Cherokee," Myers explains. Historic Cherokee, formerly known as Cherokee State Park, was Kentucky's

only blacks-only state park opened by the TVA in 1951 and closed during desegregation in the 1960s.

"Some of my married friends told me we should forego the big wedding and have a private destination wedding. At times, I wish I would have since it is a lot of work – and money – to plan for 200 guests and five bridesmaids and groomsmen, but I know the stress will be worth it in the end," she said.

Planning decorations and sentimental elements for the wedding has been Myers' favorite part. She and her mother Missy love DIY projects, so turning their talents loose on the wedding theme seemed natural.

"For the last year, we have scoured auctions, flea markets and antique stores to find the perfect wedding decorations," she said. "My favorite part is using the decorations I've collected from my grandparents who will watch from Heaven. We have doilies and glassware from my grandma Jo and Poppy (Myers), my Papaw Charlie's (Conger) college textbooks, and my Grammie Ruth's old Reader's Digests."

She's even gotten her fiancé, an avid hunter, in on the wedding planning.

"I didn't have any problems getting him to agree on using deer sheds that he and his dad collected through the years in the wedding decor."

"I even got Justin got in



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Emily Myers, a graduate of Crittenden County High School, and her college sweetheart Justin Rickman will tie the knot May 28 near Kenlake State Park in western Kentucky. For Myers, planning the wedding has been a do-it-yourself project.

touch with his crafty side as we made our own fabric banners with the help of tutorials on Pinterest," Myers said.

The family has also made ribbon wands that guests will wave as they walk down the aisle for the first time as husband and wife.

The couple saved a bundle making their own braided cord that they will use instead of a unity candle.

"We are doing a unity braid ceremony. The braiding of the three chords will represent the unity of God, husband and wife," Myers said.

"We created our own for about \$40 compared to some we had seen online for \$200."

It's an appropriate gesture to go along with Ecclesiastes 4:10, which reads, "For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up."

One of her favorite, most sentimental elements for her big day is a cloth heart she incorporated into her wedding dress. "I used pieces of blue clothing from my two grandpas in Heaven and a section of the pink dress Grandma Jo

wore to my parents' wedding and had it sewn into a heart and then sewn to the inside of my wedding dress over my heart," she says. "It represents my something blue and a really special way to honor the people who I miss the most!"

Planning for the big day between seeing clients and studying for her Master's classes in Speech Language Pathology has been a challenge, Myers admits. She lives in Murray and Rickman in Marion due to a daily commute to Mount Vernon, Ind.,

for work.

"I have tried to get a lot of planning complete over fall break and Christmas break. I'm sure spring break will be spent doing wedding projects, as well," Myers said. "Amidst treating my clients and studying, I have found time to plan details and meet with vendors such as the caterer and DJ."

One of the best pieces of advice she's received throughout this hectic time in her life is to slow down and enjoy the season.

"It's been fun, but I'll be glad when we have all of our friends and family together in one place to celebrate our forever," she said.

It should all be worth a lifetime of memories together, as longevity of marriage runs in the family for the future Mr. and Mrs. Rickman.

Rickman's parents have been married 30 years, and Myers' parents 26. Together, Myers' grandparents were married a combined 96 years, including 40 years for her grandparents Charlie and Faye Conger of Marion.

"My grandmother and Papaw Conger always put Christ in the center of their marriage, and I pray that our marriage will be as true and loving as theirs," she said. "We definitely have great examples of successful marriages to follow."

Fast forward to their first anniversary, and the future Mrs. Rickman, will be finished with her master's degree and hopes to become employed as a speech language pathologist in western Kentucky.

Until then, let the planning continue.



American wedding costs average of \$31,000-plus

STAFF REPORT

The average price tag of a wedding in the United States is more than financing a typical family sedan.

According to a study from TheKnot.com, a multi-platform wedding resource, American couples are spending more than \$30,000 on marriage ceremonies.

"While wedding budgets continue to rise, with the national average at \$31,213, guest lists are shrinking. The average wedding now has 136 guests, down from 149 in 2009," said Rebecca Dolgin, editor in chief of The Knot.

That figure is up more than \$1,400 over 2013 and does not include the honeymoon.

The Knot 2014 Real Weddings Study, the largest of its kind, surveyed nearly 16,000 U.S. brides and grooms married in 2014 to uncover the financial spending habits and trends of weddings in America. This eighth annual study includes national and regional statistics on the average cost of a wedding, how it is budgeted, the average number of wedding guests, spend per guest, wedding style trends and other key statistics related to weddings in America.

Wedding Report offers alternative wedding costs

STAFF REPORT

The Wedding Report Inc. differs slightly in its results measuring the average cost of a wedding. According to the research company that tracks and forecasts the number of weddings, spending and consumer trends for the wedding industry, the average U.S. wedding costs \$26,444. Local averages include:

- Kentucky ranks 48th out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia with a price tag of \$20,621.
- With an average wedding cost of \$15,854, Crittenden County is ranked 2,567th out of 2,868 counties measured. Livingston County ranked 1,965th at \$18,354.
- An average wedding cost of \$13,951 in Marion (42064) is ranked 13,983th out of 18,245 ZIP codes.

"Couples are focusing on creating an amazing guest experience and reception details, including finding unique venues to reflect their personality," Dolgin continued. "Perhaps the

biggest change we've seen is in the amount of brides using their mobile phone to plan their wedding. It has doubled in just three years."

The most expensive weddings take place in Manhattan at \$76,328. In Arkansas, the typical wedding weighs in at \$15,257, the lowest in the nation.

With wedding costs skyrocketing, in 2014, 45 percent of couples went over budget, while 23 percent didn't even have a wedding budget.

And who pays for those weddings? On average, the bride's parents contribute 43 percent, the bride and groom contribute an equal amount and the groom's parents contribute 12 percent of the total wedding budget. Only 12 percent of couples pay for the wedding entirely themselves.

2014 wedding statistics

- Average spent on a wedding dress: \$1,357.
- Average marrying age: bride, 29; groom, 31. Kentucky had the youngest average marrying age at 26.8 and 26.9, respectively. Nevada and New York City have the

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- Some brides believe sugar

- Grooms may want to give

- Many grooms do not see their brides in their wedding gowns before their wedding ceremonies, feeling it is bad luck if they do. Many brides also do not wear their complete wedding outfits prior to their big day.



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Wedding expenses mount quickly without awareness

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Couples planning their weddings realize pretty quickly just how expensive weddings can be. Depending on where couples tie the knot, the costs can stretch into the tens of thousands of dollars, leaving many young men and women to scramble to find ways to trim costs without trimming quality.

Many couples look for ways to cut wedding costs, and couples facing that very dilemma should know that there are several ways to save money but still host the wedding of their dreams.

Guest list

Guest lists can consume a significant portion of couples' wedding budgets. When compiling the guest list, couples should keep in mind that guests will need save-the-date cards, invitations, catered meals (including cocktail hour, dinner and dessert), drinks, and gifts (including hotel gift bags and wedding favors). So the cost

per guest will be more than just the per person cost of the meal couples negotiate with their caterer. Couples who can pare their guests lists down to just family and close friends can save a substantial amount of money without affecting their ceremonies.

Reception

A couple's wedding reception also will chew up a lot of their wedding budgets. But there are ways to reduce the costs of receptions, too. Couples planning on having a morning wedding can shift their receptions from the evening to the afternoon, when the cost per meal will be considerably less. Afternoon receptions also can be alcohol-free, saving couples even more money. If a nighttime reception is a must-have, choose a limited cash bar instead of an open bar. Limited cash bars often provide guests with free beer and house wine while guests who prefer liquor or mixed

drinks must pay for their own libations. If you are planning an outdoor wedding reception, you may even be able to provide your own alcohol, which can save considerable amounts of money.

Couples also can trim reception costs by choosing the least expensive meal package. Packages often differ greatly in price but are not always so different with regard to their menus. If you find the packages offered by your venue are similar, choose the least expensive option.

Arrangements

Floral arrangements are a big and potentially expensive part of many couples' weddings. The bride needs her bouquet, as do her bridesmaids. In addition, many couples decorate their ceremony space with flowers, and of course reception table centerpieces typically include flowers as well. When working with your florist, re-

quest in-season flowers, which will cost considerably less than exotic flowers that are out of season. In addition, let your florist know your budget and ask that he or she recommend flowers that won't break the bank.

Gifts

While it's become customary to prepare gift bags for guests staying in hotels, couples should not go overboard with such gifts. Gift bags need not include more than a snack, a bottle of water and a homemade thank-you card. Couples also should not break the bank with regard to reception gifts, which have also become a standard offering. Keep such gifts simple and inexpensive, even opting for homemade gifts if you and your future spouse are skilled with crafts.

Wedding costs can be eye-opening for couples preparing to walk down the aisle. Fortunately, there are many ways to cut costs without cutting quality.

Second weddings can be special, too

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Couples planning to get married do so with the intention of spending the rest of their lives together. Few couples exchange rings thinking divorce or the loss of a spouse is in their future, but some marriages do end. Happily, that reality does not prevent many people from seeking happily ever after once again.

A recent study from the Pew Research Center found that many people who were married before are deciding to take the plunge a second time. Four in 10 new marriages in the United States now include one partner who was married before. Roughly 42 million American adults have gotten married a second time — up from 22 million in 1980.

The Pew study also discovered that more men than women are likely to get remarried. Around 65 percent of previously married men have a desire to remarry, compared to 43 percent of previously married women.

Men and women about to get married for a second time can consider the following tips to help make the day one to remember forever.

- Recognize that a second wedding is in no way less important than the first. Couples should remember that this is still the first wedding for the two of them as a couple and it should be seen as just as special as any other wedding celebration. It's easy for men and women marrying for a second time to be hard on themselves, especially when thinking ahead to the gifts that were given and the money spent by guests for their first marriage. But a new relationship and love is worthy of a good party. Friends and family who are supportive of you shouldn't have reservations

about helping you celebrate.

- Don't feel boxed in by old-school etiquette. Rules have relaxed with regard to weddings. Many couples put their personal imprints on their weddings and do not feel the need to conform to outdated expectations. You don't have to skip all of the frills of a first wedding the second time around or head to the local courthouse and pass on another big wedding. Do what feels comfortable to you, whether that means throwing a big party or hosting a smaller affair.
- Let past experience serve as your guide. You've been married before and can use that to your advantage. It's likely you know what worked for the wedding the first time around and which things you probably could have changed or done without. Maybe you were stressed about having everything go perfectly or feeling like you had to put on a show for guests. As a more mature person this time around, you no doubt realize that sharing this special time with the ones you love is the most important wedding component of all.
- Be open-minded with your wardrobe. Let the formality of the event and the time of day when you're getting married influence what you will be wearing instead of perceived etiquette or family notions. It's acceptable to wear white again if you so desire. Plus, more mature couples have a sense of what makes them look good, rather than opting for trendy outfits.
- Above all, have fun. Couples know what to expect the second time around, so stress usually doesn't stem from the unknown. You may feel more relaxed at a second wedding, so let that ensure you have a great night.

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Wedding day jitters common

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When couples tie the knot, many changes are in store, many compromises will be made and many lasting memories will be created. But in the weeks and months before their big days, couples can easily get caught up in the whirlwind of wedding planning, never taking inventory of their feelings until their wedding days have arrived.

Come their wedding days, couples should not be surprised if some nerves set in. A survey from the anxiety self-help resource The Fear Source indicated 71 percent of brides-to-be suffered from some type of nerves during the lead-up to their weddings. Ninety-two percent of brides experienced nerves on the day of the wedding or the evening before, while 66 percent reported that it affected their daily lives prior to their weddings or hampered their performance and enjoyment during the day itself.

According to Psych Central, a modern online voice for mental health information, emotional support and advocacy, pre-wedding jitters are common and can be the subconscious telling a person that something needs to be remedied. Wedding nerves do not mean a wedding is doomed; it just means certain issues may need to be worked through. The following are some ways to tame wedding day nerves.

- Keep an open dialogue. Speak with your future spouse about the things that

may be causing your anxiety. Maybe you have doubts on financial choices or where you will be living after the wedding. Communicating openly and honestly is one of the foundations of a strong relationship.

- Slow down and breathe. Wedding planning involves making many decisions, and sometimes couples move at breakneck speeds. Make slowing down a priority. Try to enjoy a quiet dinner with just the two of you. When enjoying peaceful moments, take deep breaths, which can be calming and revitalizing. If need be, consider signing up for a yoga or tai chi class to force you to slow down.
- Address performance anxiety. It's easy to build up the big day in your mind and hope that everything goes according to plan. But it's impossible to plan for each and every outcome on your wedding day. Focus on everything that can go right, rather than worrying about what might go wrong. Also, realize that your guests are your friends and family members who will be forgiving of any hiccups along the way. You're bound to recover gracefully from any mishaps.
- Work on confidence. Wedding fears may stem from inadequate self-confidence. Give yourself a pep talk and surround yourself with positive people. Keep the worry-warts at arms' length for the time being.
- Recruit more help. Weddings are huge undertakings, so it's no surprise that cou-



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ples sometimes feel overwhelmed. Ask reliable relatives or friends to double-check all of the last-minute details. This way you don't feel it is all on your shoulders.

Wedding days nerves are to be expected and often have little to do with the decision to get married. Planning such a big event can be nerve-racking, but there are ways to combat any anxiety that builds up as the big day draws near.

Knowing Ky. laws, application process for license can ease stress

STAFF REPORT

There's a lot to think about when planning for your wedding, but obtaining a marriage license and addressing all the legalities can be made stress-free with a little preparation. Knowing the following information can streamline the process:

- A marriage license should be obtained in Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford's courthouse office or from any Kentucky county clerk. Byford's office can be reached at (270) 965-3403 for further information.
- The fee for a Kentucky marriage license is \$35.50 and is required at the time of application. Be prepared to pay with cash or check. The fee is non-refundable.
- The marriage license is valid for 30 days, including the date issued.
- The marriage license is valid anywhere in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- You do not have to be a resident of Kentucky.
- There is no waiting period, blood test or physical requirements.
- Applicants must apply for the license together.
- Both applicants must present an acceptable form of ID, including a driver's license, government issued picture ID, passport, original birth certificate or Social Security card.
- Information needed from both parties to complete the application includes name and address, date of birth, place of birth (Kentucky county or other state), father's full name, mother's first and maiden name, current status of bride and groom (single, widowed, divorced or annulled), number of previous marriages of both applicants, occupations of both applicants, race of both applicants, address and telephone after marriage and date of marriage.
- If previously married, applicant must provide documentation to prove a previous marriage has been dissolved either through death or divorce.
- You must be 18 years old to be married in Kentucky without parental consent. Applicants 16 and 17 years old must have parental con-

sent and the license issued in the county of residence of the underage applicant. If both applicants are under age, the application needs to be made in the bride's county of residence. No one under the age of 16 may be issued a license unless they are pregnant and have a district court judge issue a court order directing the clerk to do so.

- Getting a marriage license with your new name on it does not mean your name has automatically changed. If you need to change your last name, you can use an online marriage name change kit.
- In Kentucky, there are no proxy or common law marriages. First and second cousins are not permitted to marry in the state and Kentucky won't recognize these marriages even if legal in another state.
- Two persons other than those being married and the

person solemnizing the marriage must be present as witnesses.

- Marriages shall be solemnized only by clergy, justices and judges of the court of justice; retired justices and judges of the court of justice, except those removed for cause or convicted of a felony; county judge-executives; such justices of the peace and fiscal court commissioners as the governor or the county judge-executive authorizes and certain religious societies. In Crittenden County, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom no longer performs marriage ceremonies. There are no residency requirements or licensing requirements applicable to ministers or priests who wish to perform marriages in Kentucky. A minister or priest, all justices and judges of the Court of Justice, justices of the peace and fiscal court commissioners may perform marriages anywhere in Kentucky.



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Rehearsal dinners offer couples freedom, respite from planning

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Many couples find their wedding rehearsal dinners to be relaxing respites from the whirlwind of wedding planning. Such dinners enable the happy couple to slow down and enjoy themselves in a relatively casual gathering with their closest friends and family members.

Rehearsal dinners typically take place in the night or two before the wedding. The couple, members of their wedding party, the parents of the bride and groom and others involved in the wedding typically attend this dinner. The couple generally takes the time at the dinner to thank everyone for their contributions to the wedding and to offer some small gifts of appreciation. No rules govern rehearsal dinners, so couples have the freedom to plan the dinners as they see fit.

Rehearsal dinners often come immediately after the ceremony rehearsal, when the wedding party and the officiant go over the timing and details of the wedding. Make arrangements with the ceremony site and officiant prior to making dinner reservations.

Parents of the groom traditionally host the rehearsal dinner, so they will be integral in planning the event. That means couples should keep an open and gracious mind. Remember, the rehearsal dinner doesn't have to be a lavish affair, and it can be customized to any budget or preference.

Some couples feel that hosting rehearsal dinners in casual settings can make the dinner more comfortable for members of the wedding, who can use the dinner as an opportunity to mingle



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and get to know one another before the wedding. This will help to tame nerves and enable the wedding party to loosen up and enjoy themselves even more. Some people may be more inclined to socialize and have fun when they're not worried about putting on airs.

Restaurants that have special meaning to the couple often make for great places to hold rehearsal dinners. The bride and groom can suggest their ideas, but ultimately it is the person handling the bill who has the final say. Couples who want greater control over the rehearsal

dinner festivities can suggest hosting it themselves.

Despite its name, the rehearsal dinner doesn't actually have to be a dinner, as couples can opt for meals at a different time of the day, like brunch or lunch. An earlier occasion gives guests plenty of time to get home and rest up for the festivities of the wedding to come.

Toasts are expected at the rehearsal dinner, but they tend to be spontaneous, off-the-cuff remarks. A couple with a good sense of humor might not mind being roasted at their rehearsal dinners. The bride and groom should expect to say a few words of thanks to all in attendance, but remarks need not be too formal.

Rehearsal dinners may even feature a little entertainment. Tech-savvy parents may put together a presentation with videos or photographs that chronicles the couple's lives separately and their life together.

Rehearsal dinners provide an opportunity for couples and their families to spend time together before the larger festivities of the wedding pull them in multiple directions. Plus, they set a fun tone for the wedding weekend to come.

Bridal showers date back to 1890s

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The bridal shower may trace its origins the 1890s. "The Old Farmer's Almanac" says the first bridal shower hostess filled a paper parasol with small presents, "showering" future brides with gifts.

Bridal showers are designed to equip couples with many of the necessities to start their new life together. This custom is believed to have evolved from an old dowry system, in which a bride was expected to bring valuables to the marriage.

Some parents of the bride were not rich enough to afford an ample dowry, so friends and family members would offer small gifts to help offset this financial responsibility.

Today, both the bride and groom are equal partners in the marriage, bringing together their collective wealth. However, showers are still held regardless of the financial need of the bride as a way to offer good wishes before she embarks on her new journey.

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