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Vouchers offered for neuter discount

Crittenden County Animal Shelter will be selling spay/neuter vouchers from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 5 to residents of Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties. They can be used for cats or dogs at several area participating vets, but must be used within 90 days. There are no refunds.

Circuit clerk 5th in \$1 Trust collections

Crittenden County Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill's office was fifth in the commonwealth last month in organ donation funds collected, with 70.3 percent of people getting their license issued or renewed giving to Trust for Life. Of the 145 licenses issued, \$102 was collected.

"This is due to the generous \$1 donations given by the citizens of Crittenden County when they obtain their license at my office," Guill said.

Only Ballard, Calloway, Henry and Magoffin counties had a better percentage of donations in January.

Registration closed for alcohol election

Registration is now closed for all upcoming elections in Crittenden County, save new voters wishing to cast a ballot in the May 17 primary election.

The registration deadline for the March 22 alcohol referendum in Marion was Tuesday. Anyone living in the city now registered with County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office to vote in any election can participate in local option polling.

Dec. 31 marked the last day to register for the March 5 Republican Presidential Caucus. It was also the last day to change parties for the May 17 primary in Kentucky.

Prospective primary voters not currently registered in the county have until April 18 to complete the registration process in Byford's office.

Corn remains king for county farmers

Corn is king in Crittenden County. According to USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service numbers released this week, the county yielded 2.58 million bushels of corn in 2015, for a yield of 171.7 bushels per acre. Twenty-four square miles of land was planted in corn last year.

Meantime, 1.13 million bushels of soybeans were harvested from 39 square miles of crops – more than 10 times the land inside Marion – for a yield of 45.7 bushels per acre.



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KU seeking increase in monthly environmental surcharge

STAFF REPORT

The latest effort by a utility to comply with federal environmental regulations could eventually add \$26 more to monthly electric bills for its customers in Crittenden County.

Kentucky Utilities Co. (KU) has applied for an increase in its environmental surcharge on monthly bills

that would pay for \$678 million in environmental projects over the next few years to meet required Environmental Protection Agency regulations. One of those is the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) rule enacted last year.

KU is hoping to increase its environmental surcharge to its customers beginning

this summer, with a requested 2.06 percent bump in the current 6.13 percent surcharge. If approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), the new rate would take the monthly surcharge from \$6.44 to \$8.60 on the average residential utility bill of about \$105. That's an increase of \$2.16 based on 1,146 kWh

used per month.

The utility, which serves the City of Marion and portions of rural Crittenden County, would adjust the rate no sooner than Aug. 31, according to a letter to customers found inside this month's billing. Annual incremental increases to the environmental surcharge through 2024 would ulti-

mately take the rate on the average residential bill to \$32.34, reflecting a 30.79 percent surcharge.

All customers would be affected, but it will be several months before the PSC rules on the application.

"That case ... is still very much in the preliminary

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LRC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Farmers Bank & Trust Co. is once again expanding, this time into Madisonville. This will be the fourth branch for the 116-year-old Crittenden County bank, which has a branch in Marion and other full-service offices in Salem and Henderson. This aerial photo shows what will be the new Madisonville branch.

Farmers Bank moves to open Madisonville branch

STAFF REPORT

Farmers Bank and Trust Co., is expanding again, which will give Marion's homegrown financial institution a presence in four counties in western Kentucky.

The bank, which started in Marion 116 years ago, is moving into Hopkins County where it has purchased the assets of the Madisonville branch of Hopkinsville-based United Southern Bank.

Wade Berry, president and CEO of Farmers Bank, said a formal agreement has been entered into that will

soon bring under the Farmers Bank umbrella the real estate at 2215 N. Main St. in Madisonville. The deal will include the building, most of the fixtures at the Madisonville branch, about \$10 million in deposits and loans.

Berry said Farmers Bank's recent acquisitions are making the company stronger and better positioned for growth.

Last summer, Farmers Bank purchased real estate in Henderson and opened a branch there. Farmers

opened a branch bank in Salem in Livingston County in 2003.

Farmers Bank currently employees 45 people at all of its locations and expects to add the five employees at Madisonville to its payroll.

"We've always believed that success in banking is about having great people, and we have great people to help us expand into Hopkins County," Berry said.

The CEO points out that

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Berry

At 41, Long Island woman discovers half-brother in Marion she never knew

By ALLISON EVANS

STAFF WRITER

Identifying the patchwork of circumstances surrounding her birth and adoption has been like piecing together a quilt.

Lisa Meredith was born and raised on Long Island, New York, but genealogy research has brought her to Marion.

Methodically over a period of years, Meredith has slowly put her history together. Pieces date back to August 1974 and span from the Upper South to the Northeast.

With the help of DNA and online databases, Meredith was able to trace her roots to Crittenden County. She arrived here earlier this month to meet her half brother, a first cousin and friends of her biological mother.

Today she is an executive assistant who works for the executive chairman of Barnes & Noble Education in New York. Successful and well-traveled, Meredith has carried questions about her biological family for 41 years.

She grew up knowing she was



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lisa Meredith of New York shares a hug with her newly-discovered half-brother, Chris Walker of Marion. Meredith recently visited Walker for the first time after researching her adoption.

adopted, and for that she is grateful.

With only "Infant Female Fritts" printed on her adoption paper-

work, Meredith had little to go on as she began searching.

In 2011, she submitted DNA to companies that could match hers with similar genetic samples.

"The first test I took was 23andme.com, then FTDNA (Family Tree DNA) and finally AncestryDNA," Meredith said.

A connection on her paternal side through AncestryDNA pointed to Marion. With that lead, and additional maternal matches, she began researching the Fritts surname via Facebook, specifically in Crittenden County where she found Shellye Fritts Conger.

Conger was not aware that her late aunt, Kellye Fritts, then 19, gave a child up for adoption, but said family members recall hints that the young woman was pregnant in 1974.

"She told them she was taking a trip for a few days, and we don't know where she went, but she came back thin again," Conger recalls. "Nothing else was ever men-

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EDITORIAL

GOP caucus a test of voters' acumen

In just nine days, Kentucky voters will get their first crack at selecting a new President. But it will be only Republicans who get to cast a ballot Saturday, March 5. Democrats will have to wait almost 12 weeks more.

In recent issues, we have made a bit of a fuss over next week's GOP Caucus. Democrats may have felt shunned, but as an unfamiliar process to most Republican voters and the fact that the state's selection of the GOP presidential nominee has been just over the horizon, we feel it is our duty to inform potential pollers. That continues this week and next as the caucus nears.

Some have derided the change by the Republican Party of Kentucky (RPK) to move to the caucus system, which was largely conceived to allow U.S. Sen. Rand Paul to seek re-election to Capitol Hill while also pursuing the White House. His latter bid pulled up lame several weeks ago.

The change to a caucus system has been confusing to many, and admittedly, there has been only a hushed effort across the state to educate Republican voters on the unfamiliar process. Working with the Crittenden County Republican Party, we have tried to keep our readers appraised. With the information that has been made available, we might argue that a serious voter will by now have figured out the process.

As a plus, the earlier balloting makes Kentucky – at least Republicans – valid in the presidential nomination process. Our caucus comes just four days after Super Tuesday and the nomination cannot be wrapped up by any candidate until well after the Bluegrass caucus on March 5. That means Kentucky Republican votes will matter, which will not likely be the case for Democrats who poll in mid-May. That party's nomination by that stage will probably be wrapped up by Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders.

Regardless of the benefits of the caucus, it is new, meaning there are kinks that will need to be worked out should the RPK choose to go with the same process in 2020. The road to progress does offer bumps from time to time.

For those Republicans ready to vote but still undecided on the now five presidential candidates from which to select, we urge careful study of the issues, the men and their plans for the nation. Use caution to not jump on a bandwagon or be swayed by rhetoric on cable news or unsubstantiated claims on, of all places, social media. Most of all, remember that an election is not a popularity contest or balloting for homecoming queen. And poking a finger in the eye of the so-called "establishment" simply to make a point could get us all more than *you* bargained for.

Our democratic process of electing new leaders is not perfect, but it works pretty well when voters wield their power thoughtfully and responsibly. Like a gun, a vote is a very powerful thing. If you don't value its might, just keep it holstered or someone – an entire nation – could get hurt.

The future is at stake. Whomever we pick in 2016 could very well be our President until 2025.

Veteran, education bills get vote

We are now past the halfway point of the 2016 regular session, and the pace is beginning to pick up. Subcommittees continue to meet, interested parties continue to testify, and General Assembly members continue to hear from the people we represent. We are most likely, though, still a week or two away from seeing a budget bill come out of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

The budget will be our financial blueprint over the next two years.

Just like you and me, the state must live within its means and doing so will require responsible spending. As any budget should, the plan must focus on being good stewards of our tax dollars, while at the same time protecting the most vulnerable among us.

Most of the Commonwealth's colleges and universities already provide academic credit for active duty soldiers and military veterans, but House Bill 127 would go farther in protecting these benefits. HB 127 would help our veterans receive a professional license based on their military training and ensure that our veterans and



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active duty military receive academic credit for military experience. HB 127 would require that a statewide policy be created and implemented to do just that. The bill passed, and I voted Yes.

In another veteran-related matter, HB 183 was brought to the House floor for discussion and vote. HB 183 is intended to help disabled veterans by establishing a disabled veteran-owned business certification program. Guidelines for certification and the application process would be established by the state Office of Equal Employment

Opportunity and Contract Compliance. The bill passed, and I voted Yes.

In one last veteran-related matter, HB 225 addresses military training that could reasonably be expected to provide the necessary experience and skills required for professional licenses or certificates. HB 225 would require administrative bodies to issue licenses to veterans who received such training in the military as long as the application is made within two years of the veteran's honorable discharge. Military training and experience could not, however, be used as a substitute for a degree or re-

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quired professional exam. The bill passed, and I voted Yes.

HB 107 would require that teachers be provided a minimum of 60 minutes per day for nonteaching activities and require that at least 120 minutes per week be used for self-directed activities. Supporters of HB 107 say it will give teachers time for planning and other nonteaching activities that many must now do after work. However, at a time when concerns are being raised about class size and schools being mandated to do more with less, I cannot see how requiring schools to provide seven hours of nonteaching time per week is a good thing. It seems to me

that class sizes would have to be larger and/or additional teachers would be needed to make up for the nonteaching time this legislation would require. The bill passed, but I voted No.

Legislation to allow state college and university building projects to proceed without state budget authorization was taken up in HB 265. The bill would allow, with certain restrictions, state postsecondary capital projects funded strictly by the institution to be exempt from the state budget process. The projects would have to be approved by the college or university's governing board, the Council on Postsecondary Education and the state legislative Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee. If any of the financing for the proposed capital project included the issuance of debt, the institution must have an institutional debt policy in place, and the proposed capital project must conform to that policy. All of the project costs would be the responsibility of the college or university, not the state. The bill passed, and I voted Yes.

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.

Education bill underestimates value of arts

The seventh week of the 2016 General Assembly marked the halfway point of the 60-day session and saw the passage of an education measure that would change the evaluation method of the Kentucky Academic Standards.

Critics have characterized the current standards as bureaucratic burdens that have kept teachers from teaching. Furthermore, the standards were misaligned with student assessments.

Senate Bill 1, which I opposed, would create a new structure to review academic standards by establishing an academic review panel consisting of gubernatorial appointees, legislators and the state education commissioner. This measure politicizes our public education. Who are we to tell teachers, superintendents and principals how to teach school?

Another provision would allow foreign-language classes and computer classes to count as high school arts and humanities course credits. This bill underestimates the value of arts and humanities of which many of our students have a great appreciation and is what keeps them engaged.

I believe Kentucky academic standards have helped the commonwealth graduate



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more of its low-income students than any state in the nation, increased reading and math skills among elementary and middle schools students, improved the ACT scores of students and boosted graduation rates to an all-time high.

Although I could not support this bill, I was in favor of an amendment that would direct the Kentucky Department of Education to name a task force to study changes made to public education since 2009's education initiative. Unfortunately, this amendment failed. I am hopeful that when SB 1 gets to the House, that chamber will share my concerns.

A number of other proposed laws passed the Senate last week and await action in the House of Representatives. Those bills include:

- SB 5 concerns the state's marriage licenses after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down state-level bans on same-sex marriage last year. SB 5 would remove the county clerk's name from the license, include the sex of the people getting married and exclude their Social Security number. It would also create two forms – one with a "bride and groom designation."
- Couples could request either form. Though I supported this measure, I voted for a

floor amendment that would have created only one form – listing bride, groom and spouse. This amendment, which did not get the votes to pass, would have made the process more efficient, saved the taxpayers money and would have treated everyone equal.

- SB 126 concerns enclosed three-wheeled vehicles sometimes referred to as "autocycles" that have increased in popularity in recent years. It would specify that autocycles be classified as a type of motorcycle under Kentucky law when dealing with the titling, registering and selling of the vehicles. When autocycles wreck, however, they would be classified as a motor vehicle and not a motorcycle. The legislation also excludes autocycles from a law requiring anti-lock brakes.
- SB 130 concerns shielding child pornography from public view when prosecuting the pornographer. It would restrict who has access to child pornography used as evidence during criminal trials while keeping the proceedings open to the public.
- SB 136 would enhance penalties for trafficking synthetic drugs in addition to prohibiting three drugs currently not addressed by law – Kratom and the designer opioid drugs W-15 and W-18.
- SB 137 is a proposed state constitutional amendment relating to legislative redistricting. It would remove the state constitutional requirement that counties not be split and replace it with a requirement that the General Assembly only divide the number of counties neces-

sary to achieve substantial population equality. In addition, SB 137 would require the legislature to remain in session – without pay – if they fail to redistrict as required by law.

With more than half the session behind us, the pace will continue to pick up. The last day for introduction of new Senate bills is next Thursday. (Tuesday in the House.) Senate leaders said they hope to move all bills originating in the Senate in the next two weeks. Bills passed out of the House would be considered after that.

While the Senate waits for the House – where spending bills must originate – to pass out its budget bills, the Senate has moved ahead with hearing testimony on the budget proposed by the governor. The Senate Standing Committee on Appropriations and Revenue has taken testimony on the proposed budgets from cabinets that include justice and health and family services.

Last Thursday, many of the local officials from around the state were in Frankfort for Kentucky Association of Counties Official Day. It was good to be able to talk to our leaders from back home to hear their concerns and priorities for our district. Their input is important because they are making decisions in our communities every day. I appreciate all those from my district who came to Frankfort and took the time to visit with me. Their guidance, as is the input from all my constituents, is vital to all my work in Frankfort.

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Writer asks to keep Marion a dry town

To the editor

My husband and I moved here a little more than three years ago, and we truly feel blessed to call Marion our home. However, there is a deep concern over the upcoming alcohol vote.

I grew up in Harrisburg, Ill. I remember that Harrisburg was a dry town for the earlier part of my life. Many car trips were made to locations outside city limits by those determined to buy liquor. Those included my family, as my dad was an avid drinker.

I remember the day Harrisburg voted to go wet. There were many citizens and businesses rejoicing because finally, Harrisburg had the opportunity to grow economi-

cally – the sale of alcoholic drinks was to promote this growth. Business owners were ecstatic and bars were full.

Yes, the town grew and changed greatly. Alcohol sales allowed the growth, but believe me, there was a cost – more broken families, drunken drivers, accidents and thefts and more of virtually every crime imaginable.

Changes kept coming until today, Harrisburg is one of the most corrupt towns in southern Illinois. It is full of alcohol-selling businesses, drug trafficking and run-down streets. Do you want these changes for your community?

The same chain reaction will happen here if the citizens of Marion take the first step and allow alcohol sales in restaurants. It's my prayer that the people of this town have

more wisdom than to let the sale of alcohol have a place here.

As a child of an alcoholic, broken family, I ask that you keep your children in a morally-based community. As a child of God, I ask that many prayers to stop this be sent to our Father.

If Marion opens this door to alcohol sales, it will be the downfall of this Christian town. Alcohol is not the answer to anything but devastation. Please keep this town dry.

Christy Shackelford
Marion, Ky.

Family grateful for community support

To the editor

As many of you know, our home was destroyed by a fire on Jan. 6.

We want to begin with a special thanks to the first-responders who came to our home that afternoon. We cannot thank you enough for your efforts to ensure everyone was safe, as well as limiting the level of damage to our home.

With regard to the Marion community in general, a heartfelt thank you for all of your generous donations of prayer, time, money, supplies and meals. We especially wish to thank Union Baptist Church and those who work at Crittenden Health Systems.

The compassion and generosity that has been extended to us continues each day. We are overwhelmed and hope that each of you knows how much it is appreciated.

While we are saddened that the experience of a house fire will be etched as one of

our children's biggest childhood memories, we are consoled by the fact that these incredible acts of kindness will probably be a much more vivid memory.

We are truly humbled and wish to say thank you, thank you, thank you. May God bless each and every one of you for your kindness.

To God be the glory!

The Haney Family
Dustin, Tara and children
Marion, Ky.

Alcohol offers no future for children

To the editor

Please vote No on the upcoming alcohol vote in Marion. Our children need us to stand up for them. We pray for them each day and ask God to keep them safe and watch over

them.

We have a wonderful place to live and raise our families. Why would we want to jeopardize this by allowing alcohol to be sold in Marion?

We teach our children to obey the laws of our state. It is illegal to drive under the influence, so why is it right to sell alcohol in the restaurant and for customers to get into cars and drive home?

We must live by example for our children. We cannot tell them this is wrong and then go and do it. It may be your child or grandchild that gets run over by a drunk driver. Can you live with this?

It is time we stand up and show our children that we love them. They are our future. God will bless us for it.

Jane Rich
Marion, Ky.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Legislating school behavior an overreach

Rep. Lynn Bechler and I agree on the anti-bullying legislation he voted against last week at the Kentucky Capitol. Albeit, we're in small company. The bill passed 94-1.

In concurrence with the Marion lawmaker's minority vote, I find it difficult to believe that a tool to stop bullying can be conceived behind the gavel of state government. It's an overreach that clearly will create more chaos than calm.



Chris EVANS
Press publisher
About Town

Do we really live in a society that believes it can legislate bullying off the school playground? It's an emotional issue to which people react with unproven and perhaps unwarranted means.

This bullying bill is aimed at schools and how they will deal with those who torment others with brute or verbal abuse. My concerns are many – for the victims and to some degree for those who could be wrongfully caught in a snare left on a

well-traveled trail.

Here is some of the language from the bill that defines bullying: "any unwanted verbal, physical or social behavior among students that involves a real or perceived power imbalance and is repeated or has the potential to be repeated."

This would affect things that go on in the classrooms, hallways, on school buses and at school-sponsored events (e.g. football games or chess matches). It would include sporting events and practices. The law would hover inside locker rooms and over grandstands where fans gather for games or line up to buy tickets.

"Any behavior that disrupts the educational process" is how the proposal describes it.

In our society, as we have tailored it today, being labeled a bully can have very serious and far-reaching consequences.

In my day, we had a Bully Intervention Program. A host of smaller boys ganged up on the bully or a bigger boy was engaged to stand up against the bully's bull. We took care of it, and no one used an automatic weapon to get the job done. Where has that type of common sense gone?

When lawmakers draw a line in the sand, enforcers of those laws are required to

react in a prescribed manner when the line is breached. The question is whether that will always be fair and equitable based on the situation.

As Rep. Bechler notes, it's a mighty broad proposal. In my experience, wide nets end up with wasted catch. There will certainly be unintended consequences if this becomes law.

Teachers were once the guardians of oppressive behavior. They had authority and autonomy to correct problems between students.

By taking the paddle out of their hands, limiting their ability to redress bad behavior and crippling their ability to nip problems in the bud – or butt – we have cuffed our

first responders to bullying and put the onus on those in Frankfort, who are literally and figuratively miles from the problem.

As a child, I was at various times on both ends of thuggery. I would imagine many of you were, too. It's a fact of life. A rite of passage. This isn't a humane world. There are dark forces that even the legislator cannot stop. Evil's reign on this earth can be traced to Cain, and it will not be eradicated by the stroke of a lawmaker's pen.

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Smoldering remains are all that is left of a residence on Claylick Creek Road after a devastating house fire Friday morning. Jimmy and Toni Wright made it out with minor injuries, but lost everything. A daughter and grandson also lost most of their possessions.

Friday fire on Claylick Creek Road wipes out family's home

A rural Crittenden County family is still in shock following a devastating fire last week that destroyed their home and two vehicles.

Jimmy and Toni Wright both suffered injuries in an early morning blaze Friday that started in the kitchen of their Claylick Creek Road home. The manufactured home was a total loss, as were two pickup trucks and a horse trailer.

"Anyone who shows horses probably knows my dad," said the couple's daughter, Heidi Funkhouser-Whorton.

She said Toni was awakened by the sound of dishes breaking in the fire around 1 a.m. The 52-year-old made her way to the kitchen to see flames spraying from the dishwasher and igniting the cabinets.

Funkhouser-Whorton said her mother was able to help her husband Jimmy, a disabled veteran, to safety just before the ceiling collapsed.

She said her mother suffered third-degree burns on her back and her father, 63, received minor burns on his head. Both were treated and released from the hospital.

The fire apparently started from an idle dishwasher that had not been used in days. Funkhouser-Whorton said firefighters told her it was not uncommon for the appliances to short out, causing house fires. The Wrights did not have insurance on their 1970 model manufactured home, but the vehicles were insured.

Providence family recovering from January blaze

A family in nearby Providence is recovering from a house fire. (See letter on Page 2 for more.)

Dustin and Tara Haney and their four children – ages 19, 17, 7 and 1 – lost their home last month to a blaze and are currently renting a home in Clay until they get back on their feet. They have connections to Crittenden County.

Anyone wishing to help the family can send donations to their rental home at 410 Jess White Road, Clay, KY 42404, or get in contact with Karen Graham in Marion.

"She has worked with several people in the community to gather things together and get them to us," Tara said.

"It's just enough to pay back the loans," she said of the trucks, one of which belonged to her step-brother. "But insurance on the house was more than they could afford."

Funkhouser-Whorton, who lives next door to her parents, said winds whipped the flames as volunteers from multiple fire departments battled the blaze. She and her son J.T., 4, also lost many of their possessions, including clothes and toys stored in the Wrights' home.

Because electricity and water from her parents' home is no longer accessible, all four have been displaced for the time being. They are currently staying with family in Marion.

The daughter said neighbors were first on the scene to lend a hand. Don and Linda Owen called 911, and Doug and Nadine Thomas rushed to help the Wrights.

"I can't say enough about our neighbors," Funkhouser-Whorton said.

She said the fire was made worse when oxygen tanks used by her father for breathing problems exploded, which is what brought part of the ceiling down on Toni's back.

"There was nothing left," the daughter said Tuesday morning. "It's still smoking."

She said the hardest part of the fire is losing irreplaceables like photos and a Purple Heart belonging to her great uncle who she said was killed at Pearl Harbor. Her parents, she added, are having a difficult time coping with the shock and emotional toll it has taken.

"They're taking it pretty hard," she said.

Funkhouser-Whorton said the family has clothes, but furniture and household items are their greatest need in order to get restarted.

An account at Farmers Bank & Trust Co. has been established to accept donations to help the family, she said. Those looking to help the four get back on their feet can also contribute online at GoFundMe.com/helpthewright.



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Extension Service offers YELP

A number of school officials and community leaders were invited to hear a presentation last week by the University of Kentucky Extension service on a program it is offering throughout the state for young people. Youth Engagement Leadership Program (YELP) is a community development project that aims to help students identify strengths and weakness in their communities then work to enhance and make them better. The objective is to give young people a sense of pride in their communities and to compel them to want to do more to help their communities grow.

Crittenden County Superintendent Vince Clark told program coordinator Marisa Aull (pictured above) that Crittenden County Schools is interested in participating in the program. Aull said Crittenden will be the first community in western Kentucky to join. Students will begin taking a survey in a few days to help develop a plan for implementing the program here.

Senior food bank could get new home

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program in Crittenden County could soon have a new home, possibly in time for March distribution.

The program, which dispenses USDA commodities to qualifying seniors over 60, has taken place at the former Bob Wheeler Museum on West Carlisle Street, but that building is being converted into additional housing for Crittenden County Detention Center. It is sometimes referred to as Senior Food Box or the Senior Food Program.

Magistrates on Tuesday discussed making a former used car lot office just east of Marion the new home for distribution. The county recently purchased the land. If the building is up to standards and meets USDA specifications, it will likely be the site of distribution in March.

Distribution typically takes place on the second Friday of each month.

The program is coordinated

through Pennyryle Allied Community Services and works in conjunction with Crittenden County Food Bank. To participate in the senior food distribution, county residents must make no more than 130 percent of the federal poverty level. Annual income limits per household size are as follows:

- \$15,171 for one.
- \$20,449 for two.
- \$25,727 for three.
- \$31,005 for four.
- \$36,283 for five.
- \$41,561 for six.
- \$46,839 for seven.
- \$52,117 for eight.

It is increased by \$5,278 for each additional household member.

Local PACS coordinator Kathey Belt said anyone wishing to sign up must do so through her office at 402 N. Walker St. in Marion. You must have proof of income, a photo identification or birth certificate and a Social Security card.

"There are slots available," said Belt.

For further information, contact Belt at (270) 965-4763.

Meantime, Crittenden County Food Bank distribution will be Friday at the PACS office from 8 a.m. until noon. There are no income guidelines or paperwork to fill out, but you must be a resident of Crittenden County.

HARDIN

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Farmers Bank that Hardin blossomed. By 1994, he was CEO of the bank and hit his stride as a community leader whose vision and guidance helped forge Marion forward through three decades.

"He was an unselfish contributor to his community," said Yarbrough. "It is a sad day. He will be greatly missed."

As a banker, Hardin was widely known for fairness, and as a husband, father and grandfather he was a model for many. Hardin served for many years in a leadership role at Marion United Methodist Church, where he was a member. He had been instrumental in a number of major projects at the church.

The community was a beneficiary of his leadership in a variety of ways. He helped form the local economic development apparatus that fostered industrial and business

growth in a small town during an era when many were drying up.

"I don't know anyone that was any better thought of in this town," said John May, a former county judge-executive and contemporary of Hardin's for many years.

In the banking business, Hardin was steadfast behind keeping Farmers Bank locally owned and operated. He believed the bank's mission – indeed, its obligation – included community outreach far beyond its financial duty. He meant for Farmers Bank's footprint to be broad and meaningful, say those who knew him best.

"He was a low-stress guy in a high-stress world," said Berry, who became Farmers Bank's CEO when Hardin officially retired in January 2011. "He was a guy who you could talk to about anything, and he was never judgmental."

Although retired from the bank, Hardin was still serving at chairman of Farmers Ban-

corp. In fact, he had been at the bank and told employees he was feeling pretty well Friday, Feb. 12, the same day he ended up in the hospital due to complications from a surgery he had undergone in January at Louisville. Hardin had been diagnosed with colon cancer late last summer.

Retired Col. Barry Gilbert first came to know Hardin as his superior in the Kentucky Army National Guard in the 1970s. Working at the Marion armory, Hardin served as desk clerk under Gilbert, commander of the tank company.

"He was always a good soldier. Outstanding. He was always sharp looking and played by the rules. He got along with everybody," said Gilbert. "I thought the world of him."

Hardin served six years in the Guard, and besides his meticulous nature and attention to detail, Gilbert remembers the young soldier for a successful recruiting effort he put together. Hardin was charged with getting local

businesses to agree to discounts for members of the National Guard as an incentive to join the army.

"There must have been 25 businesses that he got signed on," Gilbert recalled. "I nominated him for an award for that. Somewhere around here, I've got a picture of me pinning that on him."

Hardin's time serving his country, in part, led to the career with which most identified the man. Gilbert said Carson Davidson, first sergeant at the local armory, helped Hardin get on at First Federal Savings and Loan. He worked for that bank 13 years before moving across town to Farmers Bank in August 1987.

Besides his church and the bank, Hardin also served as a director for the Chamber of Commerce, Pennyryle Area Development District, Madisonville Community College Foundation and a number of other community and civic groups.

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Dycusburg street name changes proposed

STAFF REPORT

A public hearing will be held next month to allow citizen input on a plan to change the name of three streets in Dycusburg.

The rural town at the southern tip of Crittenden County will need to make the changes because the U.S. Postal Service has closed the post office in Dycusburg thereby eliminating

the postal code and creating conflicts with duplicate names of streets in the 42064 area.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom has proposed new names with historic and geographic significance to replace those in conflict with other streets names in the county. Anyone with comment may attend a public

hearing to be scheduled at 8:30 a.m. March 15. Afterward, Crittenden Fiscal Court is expected to take action on the proposed name changes.

In Dycusburg, here are the current street names and the proposed changes:

- Church Street: Change to Bennett Street to memorialize Bennett Brothers Warehouse and Distillery that

was formerly located there and burned by the notorious Night Riders in 1908.

- First Street: Change to Mutt Griffin Lane to memorialize the late Dycusburg resident who was instrumental in community affairs for many years.
- Walnut Street: Change to Riverview Avenue because it skirts along the Cumberland River.

County road foreman: Secondary grader needs new engine

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County roads continue to receive patching and repairs following a difficult winter.

Audie Merryman, road supervisor, told county magistrates Tuesday during their regular monthly fiscal court meeting that his department

could use another dump truck and one of its road graders needs a new engine.

Merryman said patching of potholes is being done in earnest and he says there will be more patching once the road crew completes repairs to its hot mix equipment.

Magistrates approved

spending \$9,600 to install a remanufactured engine in the road grader. The engine will have a two-year or 2,000-hour warranty. Merryman said that will get what he calls the county's secondary grader back on the road. He said it is normally used for snow removal or backup when extra

work is needed and more work is necessary than the primary grader can complete.

Magistrates did not make any decision about whether to get a second tri-axle dump truck. Their lease agreement on the truck they have is about to run out and they did okay replacing it.

Board of ed lays out meeting schedule for coming months

Crittenden County Board of Education has approved its meeting schedule for the next 12 months. The dates, times and locations are as follows:

Meetings

All meetings are open to the public and are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

- March 24, Rocket Arena
- April 21, Rocket Arena
- May 24, Rocket Arena
- June 20, Rocket Arena
- July 19, Rocket Arena
- Aug. 30, Rocket Arena
- Sept. 27, CCES
- Oct. 25, CCMS
- Nov. 22, Rocket Arena

Working sessions

All board working sessions are open to the public and are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the Rocket Arena conference room.

- March 10
- April 12
- June 7
- July 28
- Aug. 16
- Sept. 13
- Oct. 6
- Nov. 17, annual council of councils meeting.
- Jan. 10

Jailer diversifying to cushion from any potential revenue dip

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Jailer Robbie Kirk says the jail is diversifying in case there is a decline in revenue from state inmates housed at Crittenden County Detention Center.

Kirk says he doesn't necessarily anticipate a funding reduction, but because of the state's austerity measures in Gov. Matt Bevin's budget proposal, many entities are guarding against possible cuts.

Kirk is working to develop more and stronger relationships with other counties in order for Crittenden to get their inmates. The jailer said Crittenden has over the last month

received inmates from Graves, Lyon, Caldwell and Union counties and the number of inmates being housed here from other counties is going up on average.

The detention center receives \$25 a day for housing inmates from other counties, but \$31.34 for state inmates. While the fee is lower, Kirk says diversifying a bit will put the jail on a firmer footing.

"It just makes us a little less reliant on state inmates," Kirk told the fiscal court.

He said the jail designed for 133 inmates was holding 148 on Tuesday. Earlier this month, it was holding 150.

ADOPTION

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tioned."

Fritts' best friend from high school, Grace Smith Holeman, recalls Fritts telling her she was pregnant and planning to give the baby up for adoption.

"We were closer than sisters," Holeman said. "We were together every day before I moved to Ledbetter, but we saw each other quite a bit then.

"I remember when she was pregnant, she had a two-year-old and knew she couldn't handle a second child," Holeman recalls.

Holeman acknowledges Fritts went away for about three weeks, and when she came home there were bouts of depression over her decision.

Meredith said her adoption was handled by an attorney in New York in August 1974.

"I think it is important for people to know (they are adopted), but I was always really curious. It was a private adoption in New York, so the records were sealed," Meredith said. "I was told it was a young girl from either Kentucky or Tennessee and I wasn't her first child."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lisa Meredith, who discovered her half-brother Chris Walker of Marion recently, works for Barnes & Noble Education in New York.

Surreal is the word Conger uses to describe the moment she was contacted by Meredith. Conger's late father, Roger Fritts, was Kellye Fritts' brother.

Conger has shared information about the Fritts family with her newly-found cousin.

It was Conger who told Meredith about Kellye Fritts'

murder on Nov. 4, 1981 in Marion and about Meredith's half brother, Chris Walker, who also lives here.

Chris Walker, adopted by the late Dennis and Glenda Walker of Marion after his mother's death, was surprised to learn he has a half sister.

"I was excited, I love it," Walker said. "I had no idea about any of it, it's great.

"Shellye came over here and told me and I said, 'What?'"

Meredith and Walker share a striking resemblance, at ages 41 and 43, respectively.

The siblings' first photo together, taken during her visit to Marion Feb. 13, is one of two young adults with matching grey hair.

The family exchanged photos and each was amazed by the resemblance of Meredith and her maternal grandmother, the late Mary Lois Orr Fritts.

"I learned a lot this weekend and met some amazing people, so I'm really happy about that," said Meredith. "But because a lot of people have passed away so young there are more ques-



Orr Fritts

tions. In an ideal world there would be answers."

Meredith does not know her biological father. The DNA has shown she could be related to a family in Marion, but attempts to reach out to them have failed at this point. Based on common DNA, Meredith is aware of her potential paternal lineage.

Though questions remain about the father's side of her family tree, Meredith is content with what she has learned through DNA and a visit to Crittenden County.

"I'm good, I got a lot of information, saw a lot of pictures and joined the genealogy society. So now I have some local help, local connections to help me learn more," she said. "I do want to know all of my roots and I will continue to pursue this with respect for other people's privacy. I just want to know what I can know, and I have Chris now, so that is icing on the cake."

Anyone with information they would like to share with Meredith can reach her by emailing LisaMeredith14@yahoo.com.

Kentucky Utilities Co. seeking surcharge increase

Kentucky Utilities Co. has applied for an incremental increase in its monthly environmental surcharge to pay for compliance with new EPA rules. If approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission later this year, the following increases in rates and costs per month would take place beginning no sooner than Aug. 31, 2016.

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Incremental billing factor | 2.06% | 2.68% | 3.17% | 3.35% | 2.76% | 2.74% | 2.73% | 2.65% | 2.52% |
| Residential customer impact based on 1,146 kWh per month | \$2.16 | \$2.82 | \$3.32 | \$3.52 | \$2.90 | \$2.88 | \$2.87 | \$2.78 | \$2.65 |

RATES

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stages," PSC Director of Communications Andrew Melnykovich told The Crittenden Press in an email. "A procedural schedule, including a date for a hearing, has not yet been established, so the matter is still ... some months away from any PSC decision."

The requested increase, part of KU's 2016 Environmen-

tal Compliance Plan, would allow the utility to recover capital costs associated with new pollution control facilities in the state. According to KU's February 2016 newsletter Power Source, "The CCR rule established new requirements for the disposal of the byproducts left over after coal is safely burned to make electricity."

The \$678 million plan passes on environmental compliance costs to customers primarily to cap and close its

remaining ash ponds at the E.W. Brown and Ghent generating stations in Mercer and Carroll counties, respectively, as well as the now-retired Green River, Pineville and Tyrone coal-fired power plants. Other projects include construction of process-water facilities, a second phase of the Brown landfill and additional mercury control systems.

KU's base electric rate for residential customers remains lower than Kenergy Corp.'s, the

other electric utility that serves Crittenden County. KU's rate is 8.87 cents per kWh while Kenergy's is 10.1304 cents per kWh.

Both rates are lower than the state and national averages. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the average residential rate in Kentucky was 10.69 cents per kWh in November 2015. The national average for the same month was 12.73 cents per kWh.

BRANCH

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Scott Audas, who currently serves as Farmers Bank's chief credit officer and vice president of Business Development, is a Hopkins County native who previously worked in the Madisonville market.

"We have an amazing staff and the best customers in the world," Berry said in a news release issued by the bank on Monday. "Thanks to them, we've been able to achieve our

goal of remaining healthy, strong and independent during times when many banks in our country have struggled."

Berry said Farmers has been exploring expansion plans into the Madisonville area for months.

There are also plans for significant renovations to the main office in Marion.

Farmers Bank, a privately owned company, has shown steady growth over the last 15 years with strong returns for shareholders. It currently has about \$145 million in assets.

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Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter weigh-out sale

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Receipts: 806 Last Week: 182 Year Ago: NA

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle traded 4.00-8.00 higher with strong demand for 500-700 pound feeders. Slaughter cows and bulls traded steady to 3.00 higher with a very attractive offering. Sale consisted of 15 stock cattle, 111 slaughter cattle, and 680 feeders. Feeders consisted of 19% feeder steers, 36% feeder heifers, and 32% feeder bulls.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 150-200 190 215.00 215.00

2 200-250 235 222.50-225.00 223.75

3 250-300 275 220.00-225.00 222.26

12 300-350 331 207.50-220.00 213.79

8 350-400 367 204.00-213.00 208.12

10 400-450 434 193.00-203.00 198.42

11 450-500 474 187.00-196.00 188.98

8 500-550 513 176.00-191.00 182.24

3 550-600 575 172.00-175.00 173.03

8 600-650 610 160.00-173.00 166.49

9 650-700 672 147.00-156.00 152.03

14 700-750 728 142.00-153.00 147.25

2 750-800 778 138.00 138.00

1 850-900 865 128.00 128.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

2 150-200 190 215.00 215.00

1 200-250 240 200.00 200.00

1 250-300 255 205.00 205.00

2 300-350 310 187.50 187.50

1 450-500 485 183.00 183.00

6 500-550 522 167.00-175.00 173.33

4 550-600 576 158.00-163.00 161.26

15 600-650 636 152.00-160.00 157.40

2 700-750 710 131.00-137.00 134.04

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

6 200-250 236 190.00-210.00 198.13

1 250-300 250 180.00 180.00

7 300-350 335 180.00-190.00 187.27

29 350-400 372 180.00-190.00 185.32

24 400-450 420 173.00-182.00 176.22

26 450-500 461 160.00-171.00 164.22

24 500-550 515 154.00-164.00 158.67

29 550-600 570 144.00-155.00 149.32

17 600-650 610 136.00-147.00 144.22

3 650-700 675 136.00 136.00

7 700-750 720 120.00-130.00 128.60

3 750-800 758 129.00 129.00

3 800-850 811 120.00 120.00

1 850-900 850 135.00 135.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

4 200-250 217 165.00-175.00 167.65

1 250-300 275 170.00 170.00

1 300-350 325 175.00 175.00

6 350-400 373 168.00-179.00 173.72

7 400-450 430 160.00-168.00 162.99

8 450-500 479 150.00-159.00 157.34

20 500-550 535 140.00-153.00 150.15

4 550-600 582 138.00-143.00 139.76

2 600-650 625 132.00-133.00 132.52

2 650-700 672 128.00-134.00 130.94

1 700-750 740 110.00 110.00

2 750-800 765 114.00-115.00 114.50

2 800-850 817 114.00 114.00

1 850-900 885 115.00 115.00

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 350-400 365 170.00 170.00

1 500-550 500 135.00 135.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

9 300-350 334 200.00-211.00 206.32

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

2 300-350 310 180.00-187.50 183.63

5 350-400 392 194.00-195.00 194.19

6 400-450 420 160.00-181.00 164.66

2 450-500 472 168.00-169.00 168.52

7 500-550 525 155.00-164.00 157.93

5 550-600 578 147.00-155.00 151.65

6 600-650 638 138.00-144.00 140.65

2 650-700 665 129.00 129.00

1 700-750 710 126.00 126.00

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

13 1200-1600 1453 64.00-74.00 68.05

1 1600-2000 1805 68.00 68.00

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

9 800-1200 1098 70.00-75.00 72.54

14 1200-1600 1325 69.00-76.00 72.45

1 1200-1600 1275 78.00 78.00 HD

3 1200-1600 1345 63.00-66.00 64.89 LD

2 1600-2000 1730 65.00-72.00 68.50

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

19 800-1200 1035 60.00-72.00 65.64

1 800-1200 1075 71.00 71.00 HD

15 800-1200 385 50.00-56.00 53.77 LD

3 1200-1600 1260 64.00-70.00 66.34

4 1200-1600 1325 73.00-76.00 74.78 HD

1 1600-2000 1635 64.00 64.00

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 1000-1500 1155 82.00 82.00

1 1000-1500 1375 75.00 75.00 LD

2 1500-3000 1995 87.00-91.00 88.88

Bred Cows Medium and Large 2-3 Middle-Aged

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 800-1200 905 110.00 110.00

7-9 Months bred

Bred Cows Small and Medium 1-2 Middle-Aged

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 800-1200 885 90.00 90.00

7-9 Months bred

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1902 Local men of the hour in early 20th century in politics, business, education

A great part of the history of our county comes from the young men who took an active part of its growth and progress many years ago.

A special section of The Crittenden Press was printed in July 1902 telling about Western Kentucky Minerals and the many fluorspar mines that were located in Crittenden County. Also in this special edition, it told that Crittenden County had other products besides its minerals that extended its acquaintance and were making favorable impressions abroad.

Among the factors listed that gave the county prominence were the names and fame of some of our distinguished citizens. Included from the 1902 issue of the paper were:

Ollie M. James
He was born on what is now known as the "Old James Farm," seven miles northwest of Marion on July 27, 1871. He was educated in the public schools of Marion, beginning his public career at the age of 14 as a page in the legislature. He read law under the tutelage of his father, L.H. James, beginning the practice as soon as he reached the age prescribed by law.

Law and politics have absorbed his time and attention, and in both, he has achieved a degree of success rarely enjoyed by men of his age.

His law business extends over a number of counties, and his practice is lucrative. (He is running) for Congress and will be elected in November. He is the best known young man in the state, and the enthusiastic reception accorded him and his utterances at the recent Nebraska Democratic state convention presaged for him a national

reputation long before he reached the age of 40.

With his rich, natural endowments as a public speaker, he combines the rare virtue of sincerity. He is a Democrat, purely and simply because he believes in the tenets of his party, and when he advocates a message, whether in private or on the stump, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

He is a man tenacious of purpose. With him it is, "Freedom's battle once begun, is handed down from sire to son."

Marion F. Pogue
He is a native of Crittenden County. He is one of our most successful and poplar teachers.

Marion Forrest Pogue, son of William Washington and Catherine Oliver Pogue, was born near Frances in Crittenden County, on Oct. 18, 1867. He was educated in the common schools of Crittenden County and in the Marion Academy, then headed by Dr. James F. Price.

He is also engaged in merchandising and has a prosperous business at Frances. He has also taken an active interest in politics.

Last year, he was elected to the legislature, serving the two counties of Crittenden and Livingston with distinction and honor. In politics, he is an ardent Democrat, and his party and country will have more work for him.

(Pogue, who was the grandfather of Forrest Carlisle Pogue, died in 1952 and is buried in Frances Cemetery.)

Alfred Clay "A.C." Moore
The son of Judge J.A. Moore, he inherits his father's love of the profession to which he has devoted his life and talents.

A native of Crittenden

County, 38 years of age of prepossessing and distinguished appearance, he makes sad havoc with the preconceived ideas of the 12 good men and true in the jury box, provided their thought



Moore

of the verdict to be rendered are contrary to his side of the case.

Educated largely in our own high school, supplemented by the Madisonville normal, he placed himself under the direct touch of Judge L.H. James, the eminent lawyer, and was admitted to the bar in 1888.

In all of our prominent cases, Mr. Moore is usually observed on one side or the other. He has been honored politically several times – county attorney, Supervisor of the United States Census, with the direct control of over a hundred bright men whose loyalty and good work indicated his directing genius. He now devotes his entire time to his large and lucrative professional practice.

He, in common with most of our enterprising men, is interested in mining, being a shareholder and the vice president of the Crittenden County Zinc, Lead & Spar Co.

(Moore died Dec. 11, 1946, and is buried in Mapleview Cemetery.)

Lawrence Cruce

During the past two years, he has been uniformly successful in his mining ventures. His field of operations has largely been in southern Illinois, although he has several interests in this country. Probably the net results in a money way from the sales of mining property and leases will net him for the past few months nearly \$30,000.

Mr. Cruce graduated from the Vanderbilt University at Nashville in 1882. His five years of successful business life as a druggist in Fort



Cruce

Worth, Texas, fitted him for the broader sphere, which he is now filling.

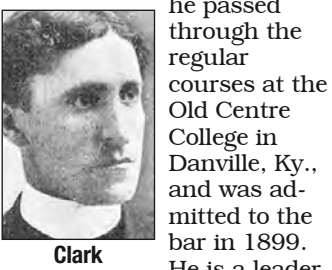
In the prime of life, 42 years of age, kind and generous to a fault, he is one of our typical Kentuckians and one who has a bright future in store.

(Cruce was born July 8, 1863, at Crayneville. His parents were James W. and Jane Hill Cruce. He later moved to Ardsmore, Okla., to join other members of his family who had moved there.)

William H. Clark

He is one of our younger attorneys. He is 26 years of age and a son of Dr. John Riley Clark and Nancy Johnson Clark of Marion.

From his graduating class at the Marion High School,



Clark

he passed through the regular courses at the Old Centre College in Danville, Ky., and was admitted to the bar in 1899. He is a leader in our social circles, very quick at repartee, a good lawyer and a gentleman. (William H. Clark moved to Hoxie, Kans., and was a noted layer. He died there February 1965.)

John A. Moore

The son of James A. and Martha Moore, he is devoted to his professional practice of the law, being city attorney for the past five years. Mr. Moore's experience has been for so young a man – 30 years – varied and extensive.

Graduating from the Marion High School in 1890, he was admitted to the bar in 1894, and has since that time been a close student of both men and the law.

He is a Crittenden County production in every respect – born, educated and married – and has all the strong loyalty to his town, county and state that we find in most Kentuckians.

Mr. Moore's connection with mining dates back only 12 months, but in that brief period, he has left his mark upon the rocks of his native county.

Charles Evans

Much of the great educational work that has made the common and high schools of Marion the mecca for the brightest boys and girls of western Kentucky owes its origin and carrying forward largely to that gentlemanly scholar, Professor Charles Evans. Mr. Evans was born in Salem in 1870, the son of a blacksmith and a devoted mother.

A feature of the school-work, or rather a supplement to it, is the oratorical contests held annually in which young men and young women take part. These contests bring out all that is best and brightest in the students. They are attended by throngs of people, only limited in number to the capacity of the opera house where these very interesting events take place.

Professor Evans is loyally supported in his educational views by a school board composed of broad, high-minded citizens.

(Evans later moved to Ardmore, Okla., on request of Wm. E. Cruce. He died there in May 1964.)

Hugh Cobb Glenn

Glenn, of Crayneville (now Crayne), agent for the Illinois Central Railroad, states

that nearly 30,000,000 pounds of fluorspar have been delivered to and shipped from the Crayneville station in the last three years.

Mr. Glenn is also the proprietor of the mercantile firm of Glenn & Dorroh, and carries a \$6,000 stock of goods. He is also postmaster and agent for the Kentucky Fluorspar Co.


He is most ably assisted by Mr. J.F. Dorroh, who for the past 10 years has been connected with the business in the capacity of chief clerk and assistant postmaster.

(Glenn and his family later moved to Temple, Texas. He died July 28, 1959, and is buried there.)

It is interesting to note that several of the young men who got their start in Crittenden County moved out west and continued their profession to help in the progress of those new territories.

(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](#).)

Explore your history



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](#).

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**

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as trustee on behalf of Lake Country Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-HE1
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:

Property Address: 1208 Morganfield Road, Marion, KY 42064

DESCRIPTION
BEGINNING at an iron pin

on the west side of the Old Marion-Morganfield Road, being 30 ft. from the center of the right-of-way, a new corner, also being N. 27 deg. 20 min. E. 326.52 from the west end of a 30 inch C.M. pipe crossing said road and being at approximate Kentucky Coordinates (south zone) N. 337, 350 ft. East 1,329,075 ft.; thence with new division lines this day made N. 17 deg. 44 min. W. 26.83 ft. to a dbl. 8 inch white oak on east side of the old road bed; thence N. 25 deg. 32 min. W. 95.43 ft. to an iron pin on the west die of the old road; thence N. 46 deg. 41 min. E. 184.60 ft. to an iron pin; thence S. 27 deg. 27 min. E. 45.77 ft. to an iron pin; thence N. 60 deg. 59 min. E. 41.53 ft. to an iron pin, being about 1 ft. southwest of the southwest corner of a concrete block garage in the old road bed; thence S. 28 deg. 52 min. E. 40.98 ft. to an iron pin on the west side of the Old Marion-Morganfield Road; thence with the meanders of the road S. 45 deg. 03 min. 188.06 ft. to an iron pin; thence S. 30 deg. 40 min. W. 57.08 ft. to the beginning containing 0.47 acre by survey of Billy J. Mary LS 878 on

February 15, 1988. See plat attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, conditions and legal highways of record and/or in existence.

Being the same property conveyed from Lois Dameron, a single person to Kim Rushing and her husband, Bobby Joe Rushing, with right of survivorship by virtue of a deed dated 2/19/1988 and recorded on 02/19/1988 at Deed Book 152, Page 252 of the Crittenden County, Kentucky real estate records.

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

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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.

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Religion The Crittenden Press

Marion restaurants asked, please say no to alcohol

Marion restaurants, please vote no on March 22. The Holy Writ in 1 Timothy 5:22 tells us to not "be partaker of other men's sins: Keep yourself pure."

My stand on the issue of alcohol sales in Marion, and my writing about it is in obedience to Ephesians 5:11, which reads, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

So as Christians, we are forbidden to take part in these works of darkness and are to stand up and reprove those who do. We are told in 1 Thessalonians 5:22 to "abstain from all appearance of evil."

Not only will alcohol sales stop Marion from growing, it will also stop any restaurant that sells it from growing, as there are many people from the city and county who do not drink. And many of those will not patronize the restaurant that sells this evil.

No restaurant in Marion is going to get rich off wine bibbers who can only buy it with a meal. And there are limitations on that unless they break the law or do as years ago and bootleg it out the back door.

Many people who drink will not drink in public in a community where they are well known. They don't want it to be known they imbibe the "mockery," "serpent" and

"adder," which would show that they are unwise and waste their riches, according to what the Bible tells us.

Satan's minions, sometimes unwittingly, want every inch of God's earth to be inundated with every vice hell gushes out. They can't be satisfied with letting any town be safer, quite, peaceful and friendly. They are pushing every button for another ill-gotten gain in a town with many serving God, a town where business and, especially,

restaurant owners are credits as wonderful and caring role models for us all.

Alcohol has cost the lives, limbs, minds and health of thousands of our finest would-be role models. Oh, that all young people in this nation dedicate their lives, health, limbs and minds to the God, who has blessed them in every way, making God's world a better, safer, happier and healthier place to those who desperately need those kinds of role models in this sad, Sodom-and-Gomorrah-chasing world.

May it be said again, no one escapes God's justice. We all reap what we sow.

"Be not deceived, God will not be mocked," reads Galatians 6:7. "For whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to the

flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

It is sad that our restaurant owners have to be in the crosshairs of this mess. Having worked in restaurants to help put myself through college, I know the long hours and hard work involved in making one a success.

Those of us who have had the full responsibility of owning and running a business are rarely understood by any who have never known the meeting of payrolls, pleasing both clients and employees, unexpected expenses and long hours after the doors are closed leaving eyes hard to be kept open.

All in our community want to still be able to enter and sit in any and all of our fine restaurants, enjoy the food and fellowship and not have to have friendships and owners hurt because of something everyone in the world can do without.

May God help us all is my prayer.

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



Rev. Lucy TEDRICK
Guest columnist
Religious Views

CHURCH NOTES

- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

- The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday at the church's Family Life Center.

- Unity Fredonia Baptist Church's free clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

- First Baptist Church of

Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

(Editor's note: Keep the community aware of your church's activities. Email us your announcement to thepress@the-press.com. Items should be received by 5 p.m. Monday for the current week's publication and will run one week at no charge.)



Faithful should be ready to share Word at any time

By **JOEY DURHAM**
GUEST COLUMNIST

Today, my devotion is "Preaching Jesus Christ out of Season," and my text is in 2 Timothy 4:1-2, where we see, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." These verses tell us that we are to be ready to share God's Word, whether it is convenient or inconvenient.

John Harper, a faithful preacher of the gospel, was a passenger on the Titanic's ill-fated maiden voyage along with his young daughter. After the ship struck the iceberg, Harper made sure his daughter was safely in a lifeboat, removed his life jacket and gave it to another passenger and began shouting, "Women, children and the unsaved, get into the lifeboats!"

You see, Harper knew that those who are saved by God's miraculous work of grace, were ready to die.

Harper then plunged himself into the icy waters and going to one after another begged them to repent of their sin to God and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as their savior. As hypothermia began settling in, Harper

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

sank beneath the waves and went on to glory to be with his precious Lord and Savior.

Four years later, a young man named Aguilla Webb stood in a church service and testified, "When I was drifting alone on that awful night, the tide brought Mr. Harper near me. 'Man,' he said, 'Are you saved?'"

"No," I said.

"He replied, 'Repent of your sin to God and believe on Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved!'"

"The waves bore him away, but strange to say, they brought him back a little later. and he preached that same message to me. Shortly after that, I saw Mr. Harper go down and there, with two miles of water under me, I believed on Jesus Christ as my Savior. I am John Harper's last convert."

It clearly was not a convenient season for Harper to be preaching the message that Jesus Christ is the only savior for lost, dying mankind, but he preached it anyway and someone repented and believed the gospel message. Have you?

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

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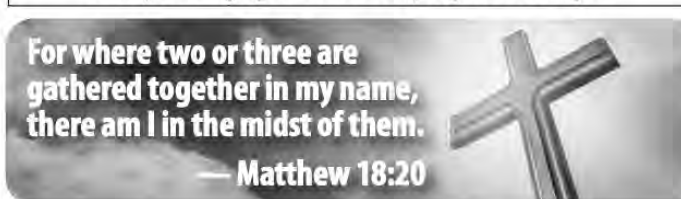
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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
— Matthew 18:20



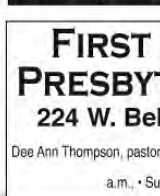
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Area Deaths

Hardin

Gareth Wayne Hardin, 67, of Marion died Saturday Feb. 20, 2016 at the Ray And Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

He was a member of the Marion United Methodist Church, longtime president and CEO of Farmers Bank and Trust in Marion, former Chairman of Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation and Chairman of Farmers Bancorp. He was also a former Kentucky National Guardsman.

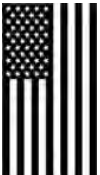
Surviving are his wife, Dulcie Hardin of Marion; sons, Matthew (Amy) Hardin of Marion, and David (Kristen) Hardin of Princeton; grandchildren, Lucas and Ryan Hardin of Marion, and Layla, Gavin and River Gareth Hardin of Princeton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roland and Mary Gwendolyn Hardin; and a grandson, Andrew Lee Hardin.

Services were at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Marion United Methodist Church Building Fund or Food Pantry, 112 S. College St., Marion, KY 42064.

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



Alexander

Mary Jewel Alexander, 88, of Marion died Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at Crittenden Hospital.

She was a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Marion.

Surviving are her son, Mickey (Susan) Alexander of Marion; daughter, Cheryl (Vernon) Spencer of Kuttawa; sister, Virginia Fritts of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; grandchildren, Max Alexander of Severn, Md., Lisa (Wayne) Breedlove of Kuttawa and Maryann Hina of Louisville; great-grandchildren, Makayla Alexander, Kali Wilson, Logan Shaffer, Savannah Jane Walton, Garrett Hina, Cody Hina and Jordan West; great-great-grandchildren, Kloie Hale and Kendra Wilson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Alexander; parents, Earl and Ruth Patmor; and two brothers.

Services are at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., Thursday until funeral time.

Memorials may be made to First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 224 W. Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064.

Obituary policy

Most obituaries in The Crittenden Press are published at no charge. However, extended obituaries are available for a small fee. There is no charge for use of a photo. Please ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.

Thomas

John Edward Thomas, Jr., 84, of Marion died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 at Crittenden Hospital.

He was a member of Marion Baptist Church, a former deacon and Sunday school teacher at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Korean War Veteran of the United States Army, former member of the Crittenden County Hospital Board and member of the Love Cemetery Board.

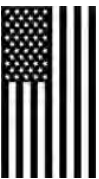
Surviving are his son, Wade Allen Thomas of Marion; daughter, Estie Thomas of Marion; brother, Don Thomas of Brownsburg, Ind.; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Joan Love Thomas; and parents, John Edward and Iris Thomas Sr.

Graveside services were Tuesday, Feb. 23 at Love Cemetery.


Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Love Cemetery, c/o Gilbert Funeral Home, 117 W. Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064.



Christa Michelle Ritch

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Christy, it doesn't seem possible that you've been gone 25 years.

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Peggy, Angie & Family, Kim

Marion woman faces charges in auto theft; stolen vehicle located in Louisville suburb

STAFF REPORT

Authorities in Indiana have located a vehicle stolen from Marion on Feb. 12 belonging to Rommel Ellington Jr.

The car and the alleged thief were located Friday in Jeffersonville, Ind., across the Ohio River from Kentucky in a Louisville suburb.

The Nissan Altima was taken from a Cherry Street residence and had been missing for a week. Marion Police Department, through its investigation, had reason to believe the car was headed toward Louisville.

Police in Jeffersonville have charged

Toni Dawn Tramel, 37, of Marion with receiving stolen property. Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said Tramel will also face charges here, including auto theft.

Tramel has an extensive criminal history, including two previous vehicle thefts in Marion. She was also indicted earlier this month for flagrant non-support. She was arraigned on the felony child support charge just one day before allegedly stealing the vehicle and taking it to Louisville.

According to local authorities, Jeffersonville police had received a report of a suspicious woman sleeping or

passed out in a car in an apartment complex. When an officer arrived, Tramel was standing outside of the vehicle. She was questioned by police. After denying any connection to the vehicle, Tramel started walking away and attempted to discard the keys to the car, but police discovered them. After matching the keys to the vehicle, Tramel was arrested and is jailed in Indiana on a \$5,000 cash bond.

O'Neal said authorities in Jeffersonville have released the vehicle and the owner was making arrangements Tuesday to have it returned to Marion.

County establishes budget, roads committee

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court has selected its budget committee for the coming budgetary cycle.

The committee will review financial data and develop a spending plan for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year for Crittenden County. The new budget cycle begins July 1, but the plan must be submitted to the state well ahead of time.

Selected for the commit-

tee are Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, County Treasurer Sue Padget, new County Finance Officer Lisa Benson and Magistrate Donnetta Travis.

The fiscal court also established a committee to review in detail the official inventory of county roads maintained and recognized by county government. On the committee will be Magistrates Dan Wood, Glenn Un-

derdown and Curt Buntin and Crittenden County Clerk Caroline Byford.

Review of the Official County Road Map was prompted in January by an effort to reconcile the county's active road maintenance list with the official inventory of Crittenden County roads on file with the State of Kentucky.

There are 369 miles of maintained roads in the

county. Last month, 22 rural roads were identified as either being maintained and not on the formal list, or not being maintained yet remained on the official list recognized by the state. After cursory review by local officials, a number of questions remain with regard to some of those roads. The committee will further review them and present its findings to the fiscal court.

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Jr. beekeeping class organizes starting March 7

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County 4-H is organizing a junior beekeeping group for ages 9-18.

The group will meet monthly. It will gather for the first time at 5:30 p.m., on March 7 at the Crittenden County Extension office on U.S. 60 East.

This opportunity does not require previous beekeeping knowledge or any special materials. Extension has two bee hives, which will be used for demonstration purposes. The group may also be extracting honey this year.

The Extension service also has a beekeeping group for adults and a honey extracting device that is available for use by the public. An appointment is necessary to use the extraction device at the Extension office.

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Senior center set for coming days

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open week-days 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: 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.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. A tax preparer will be on hand Fridays into March to answer questions related to filing 2015 taxes.

Call to make an appointment. Menu is sloppy joe on whole wheat bun, hash brown casserole, baked beans, apple crisp and birthday cake in honor of those celebrating their special day in February.

- Monday: Ladies' exercises will be led at 9:45 a.m. by Full Body Fitness Studio. Menu is baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread and fruit cobbler.
- Tuesday: Menu is pulled pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, cornbread and brownie.
- Wednesday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is chili, pimiento cheese on whole wheat cracker and tropical fruit salad.
- Next Thursday: Grocery store sign-ups will be taken. Menu is beef pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, whole wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

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.

Community events set for coming days

- 4-H Pinterest Club will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.
- Quilt Club will meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

Masonic Lodge 256 meeting Tuesday

Bigham Masonic Lodge No. 256 in Marion will have stated communication Tuesday at the lodge on Sturgis Road. The meal will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All members and fellow Master Masons are urged to attend. Masons are members of the largest and oldest fraternity in the world. The Marion lodge is home to more than 75 members.

Following are the 50-year-plus members of the local Masonic lodge, including their years of membership and city of residence: Clinton 'Pete' Drennan, 75, Murray; Ollie Clifton Davis, 65, Indianapolis; Jim Earl Dollins, 65, Decatur, Ga.; Doyle Sherer, 62, Marion; Bill Fox, 60, Marion; Robert L. White, 60, Marion; James Harold Walker, 58, Georgetown, Ky; Charles E. Beard, 57, Marion; Hugh Greene, 57, Ed-dyville; Bill Marvel, 57, Marion; Bruce Belt, 56, Marion; Marvin Hunt, 56, Marion; Kenneth Belt, 55, Marion; Andy Maynard, 55, Salem; Don T. Fritts, 54, Morgantown; Melvin Ram-age, 54, Marion; Maurice Farmer, 52, Sturgis; Rodney Paris, 51, Fredonia; Junior Dooms, 50, Marion; and Sch-ley Frazer, 50, Christiana, Tenn.

Woman's Club celebrating 96 years



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Through its decorative doors off East Carlisle Street, the Woman's Club of Marion is inviting everyone to its annual meeting and membership luncheon. Inset, the building that serves as headquarters to the 96-year-old organization, will host guests, members and speakers for the March 5 event.

STAFF REPORT

The Woman's Club of Marion would like to invite everyone to its annual brunch next week.

You may ask, yourself. What is the Woman's Club of Marion?

It is the oldest women's organization in the county. This year, it will be celebrating 96 years.

The organization began as a literary group who wished to educate members and other community women and children in a time period when education for women was frowned upon. They gathered together to discuss current events, politics and school issues.

The Women's Clubs of Kentucky were the first to begin public libraries and bookmobiles. The organization is rich with history in education and the furthering



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of the communities it is are involved with.

Today, not only does the club continue that rich history, but it invests in civic engagement activities such as donating items and time to local food pantries, VFW, school organizations and international organizations such as Operation Smile.

Would you like to be a part of a deep culture of helping others, educating and making your commu-

email Rebecca.Zahrte@gmail.com or call President Zahrt at (270) 978-3328 to make your reservation.

Everyone will be treated to speakers state Rep. Lynn Bechler of Marion, General Federation of Women's Clubs Kentucky President Susan Alexander and musical talent from club members Ginger Boone and Zahrt.

Attendees are asked to support the GFWC project called Free the Girls by either donating a new or gently-used bra and \$1 to assist with shipping. Free The Girls is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works to provide jobs to survivors of sex trafficking in developing countries by helping them set up micro-enterprises selling bras. For more information, go to their Facebook page or visit Free TheGirls.org.



Alexander

Library offers new old classics; very popular young adult works

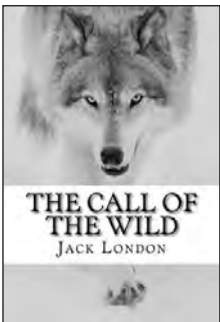
STAFF REPORT

Read a classic in shiny new binding. Here are just a few old favorites that have been replaced with new copies at Crittenden County Public Library:

- "Pollyanna" by Eleanor Porter.
- "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" by Jules Verne.
- "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott.
- "Mary Poppins/Mary Poppins Comes Back" by P.L. Travers.
- "The Call of the Wild" by Jack London.
- "Portrait of a Lady" by Henry James.

But if you're not into classics, below are the top 10 young adult checkouts for the last month, including one from a Crittenden County High School graduate:

1. "Confessions of a Murder Suspect" by James Patterson.



2. "Bad Blood" by Jonathan Maberry.
3. "The Book of Dreams (The Chronicles of Faerie, No. 4)" by O.R. Melling.
4. "Brisingr" by Christopher Paolini.
5. "Catching Fire" by Suzanne Collins.
6. "City of Ashes (The Mortal Instruments, No. 2)" by Cassandra Clare.
7. "Eragon" by Christopher Paolini.
8. "Heartbreak River" by Crittenden County native Trish Milburn.
9. "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins.

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10. "If I have a Wicked Stepmother, Where's My Prince?" by Melissa Kantor.

These titles and many more are available at the library.

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

The library is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, visit the library online or call (270) 965-3354.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

And the winner is...

Maegan Potter (left) was recognized as the winner in grades 6-8 in the short story category in the annual Woman's Club of Marion Youth Writing Contest. Club President Rebecca Zahrt presented her with her \$20 award last Thursday. "It is a great opportunity for our local youth to show off a little bit of their creative side, and it is always a treat to see what our kids come up with," Zahrt said.

Crittenden bands selling Amish goods for funds

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Middle and High School bands will be selling Amish baked goods beginning Friday and running through March 9. All orders and money will be due March 10. Delivery will be the week of March 17.

The bands are taking orders for: white bread, sourdough bread, raisin bread, wheat bread, cinnamon sweet rolls, pecan caramel sweet rolls, apple filled sweet

rolls, cherry filled sweet rolls, caramel nut sweet rolls, unsweetened apple butter, apple butter, strawberry jelly, blackberry jelly, grape jelly, pecan pie, chess pie, chocolate pie and apple pie.

All orders are prepaid and will not be ordered if payment is not received.

To place an order, see any band member or parent or contact Carol Hodge at (270) 704-9052 or Jacob Carroll at (270) 965-2248.

Today final opportunity to nominate Kenergy director

STAFF REPORT

Today (Thursday) is the last day to nominate a person for Kenergy Corp.'s board of directors.

Prior to Kenergy's annual membership meeting to be held on June 14, individuals will be elected to represent Districts 1, 3 and 5. According to a news release from Kenergy, District 1 represents a portion of Crittenden County.

A ballot listing the qualified candidates in a contested district election will be mailed in May to each Kenergy member residing within the district. Members will also have the option to vote online.

District 1 is represented by Glenn Cox of Fredonia and includes all of Lyon and Caldwell counties and the portion of Hopkins County west of Ky. 109 and the area south of Ky. 70 in Crittenden County.

Any 15 or more members may make nominations of eligible persons for district director.



Cox

Such nominations must be by signed written petition and shall be submitted to the corporation not less than 110 days prior to the annual meeting. Only members eligible to vote in a district are authorized to sign a petition nominating a member from that district. Directors are elected only from nominations by petition.

It is not a requirement to use a petition form prepared by Kenergy; however, anyone wishing to do so may request one by contacting Debbie Hayden at (270) 689-6101 or email at DHayden@kenergycorp.com.

The petition must be submitted to the cooperative by 4 p.m. today. Thereafter, if the petition is valid, the name of the nominee will be posted.

Kenergy Board of Directors is made up of 10 at-large citizen representatives and one industrial representative. The portion of Crittenden County north of Ky. 70 is represented by Director Robert White of Sturgis.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Tax take-home

Marion's H&R Block office has awarded two \$1,000 prizes to local customers filing their income taxes through the company, which awarded 1,000 such prizes daily from Jan. 16 to Feb. 15. At top, Julia Cowser holds her oversized check representing her winnings alongside husband Randy and daughters Alaina, Alivia and son Junior. Just above, Edna Davis holds her check with husband Darren. Both winners thought at first the contest might be scam, but became elated to learn it was for real.

Kentucky 2nd sleepest state

STAFF REPORT

According to a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Kentucky ranks behind only Hawaii in a list of the most sleep-deprived states.

The Morbidity and last week's Mortality Weekly Report, "Prevalence of Healthy Sleep Duration among Adults – United States, 2014," showed only 60.3 percent of 10,890 people surveyed said they got seven or more hours of sleep nightly. In Hawaii, only 56.1 percent reported getting enough sleep. South Dakota's residents are the most rested American with 71.6 percent getting seven or more hours of sleep.

Insufficient sleep has been linked to a variety of health problems, including obesity, heart disease and diabetes.

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Post Season Play



BASKETBALL

FIFTH DISTRICT
Tournament Action

AT EDDYVILLE
MONDAY’S BOYS’ RESULTS
Trigg County 66, Crittenden 50
Lyon County 49, Livingston 47

TUESDAY’S GIRLS’ RESULTS
Lyon Co. 55, Trigg County 22
Crittenden 61, Livingston 50

THURSDAY’S BOYS’ FINAL
Lyon County vs. Trigg Co., 7pm

FRIDAY’S GIRLS’ FINAL
Crittenden vs. Lyon Co., 7pm

Second Region Sites

The Second Region basketball tournaments will be held starting next week at Hopkinsville High School for girls and Hopkins Central for boys.

Players of the Year

The Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches have selected Tyrik Edwards of Christian County and Adarian Gray of Madisonville as the Second Region Players of the Year for boys’ and girls’ basketball, respectively. Christian County boys’ coach Frankie Smith and Madisonville girls’ coach Brent Gibson were selected as Coaches of the Year.

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 areas open Tuesday

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

KY mercury warning

State officials are issuing mercury warnings for those eating fish taken from waterways in Kentucky. According to reports, officials are recommending everyone limit how much locally-caught fish they eat. The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection says samples from lakes and rivers across the state from 2009 to 2013 are the basis for the warning. They say people should limit eating bottom-feeders like catfish to one meal a week and limit top predators like smallmouth bass to one meal a month. Pregnant women and young children should eat even less. Officials in Tennessee issued a similar report recently for tributaries of the Tennessee River.

Turkey apps due Monday

Deadline for Turkey Quota Hunt applications at Land Between the Lakes is Monday. 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.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

YOUTH LEAGUES

Sign up deadline March 5

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 were sent home with CCES students last week. The form is also online at the Dugout Club’s Facebook page.



Crittenden County junior Cassidy Moss (45) was on top of her game Tuesday, leading the Lady Rockets to a Fifth District semifinal victory over Livingston Central. She scored 26 points, her third best offensive output of the season. She also played well defensively despite foul trouble.

Champion scores career high in season finale

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Rockets closed out their regular season with a .500 record, beating Fort Campbell 57-49 on the road Friday.

Sophomore guard Madison Champion was aggressive to the basket on offense and finished with a career-high 21 points.

Crittenden needed a big game from Champion with the team’s other scoring threats in foul trouble. Juniors Cassidy Moss and Amanda Lynch saw limited action because of fouls and each fouled out in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Rockets ended the regular season with a 14-14 record. The girls will return every player next season as there are no seniors on the team.

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Crittenden 57, Ft. Campbell 49

Crittenden County 14 14 7 22
Fort Campbell 8 14 10 17
CRITTENDEN - Moss 8, Lynch 10, Champion 21, Pierce 7, Nesbitt, Evans, Collins 7, Perryman 2, Summers, Woodward 2. FG 21. 3-pointers 1 (Pierce). FT 14-25. Fouls 23.

LADY ROCKETS LEADERS

| Player | Averages | Pts | Reb |
|------------------|----------|------|-----|
| Cassidy Moss | | 16.4 | 9.4 |
| Amanda Lynch | | 8.4 | 2.6 |
| Madison Champion | | 6.7 | 4.2 |
| Kiana Nesbitt | | 4.3 | 4.7 |
| Francesca Perice | | 4.3 | 3.4 |
| Meredith Evans | | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Kenlee Perryman | | 2.7 | 1.8 |
| Mauri Collins | | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| Shelby Summers | | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Nahla Woodward | | 0.9 | 1.7 |



Crittenden County freshman Gavin Dickerson, applying defense above, was a fourth-quarter catalyst for the Rockets’ comeback attempt Monday in the district tournament. At left, CCHS senior Dakota Watson had the taxing challenge of trying to slow down Trigg’s bigman Detaveon Day, who is the Fifth District’s second leading scorer and top rebounder. It was a battle the whole way.

Hodge proud of Rockets’ fight to finish

STAFF REPORT

Based on the way its season had gone, Crittenden County’s basketball team could have turned its back on school spirit and intestinal fortitude Monday night when Trigg County forced 17 first-half turnovers and raced ahead by 20 points in the Fifth District Tournament opener at Eddyville.

Instead, the Rockets regrouped and took on the persona of a wounded critter fighting for life with its last breath. Crittenden’s valiant fourth-quarter effort cut the district’s undisputed best team’s lead to 11 points with about three minutes to play after freshman Gavin Dickerson scored five straight points.

The Wildcats went on to win the

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

game 66-50, but Rocket coach Denis Hodge said his boys gave themselves reason to hold their heads high despite what was largely a season that weighed heavy on their souls.

The Rockets finished up the year with a 5-24 record, its worst since 2008 when CCHS won just three.

“I was super proud of the guys. They continued to fight back,” Hodge said, talking about the tournament game, but in many respects his comments could be applied to the team’s whole season.

Against Trigg (19-7) – one of the best teams in the region with three

of the district’s top four offensive players – it’s tough to come from behind, the coach said. And even more so with seniors Dylan Hollis and Dylan Hicks in foul trouble. Both fouled out in the second half as Crittenden was clawing its way back into contention.

Dickerson scored 12 points in the fourth quarter as the Rockets closed the gap and forced the Wildcats to fortify its lead. Crittenden outscored Trigg 23-17 in the final period.

“I was proud of our team,” said senior Dakota Watson. “I wish the outcome would have been different, but we never gave up just like we never gave up all season.”

Watson said the squad faced a great bit of adversity, perhaps nothing

more grueling than losing 14 straight to start the season.

“We’ve had a lot of fun, too,” Watson said. “Individually, I think it has made me a better person and I think others on the team feel the same way.”

FIFTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Trigg 66, Crittenden 50

Crittenden County 9 10 8 23
Trigg County 16 24 9 17
CRITTENDEN - Hicks, Hollis 7, Watson 18, Dickerson 17, Coleman 2, Stephens 3, James, Belt 1, Myers, Boone, Towery, Nesbitt 2, Steele, O’Leary, FG 16. 3-pointers 3 (Hollis, Dickerson, Stephens). FT 15-21. Fouls 26.
TRIGG - Nance 15, Triplet 15, Daniel 5, Day 16, Acree 6, Bingham 9, Bush, Ladd, Barnes, FG 22. 3-pointers 2 (Bingham, Day). FT 20-31. Fouls 18.

Warm weather hampers hunt for repeat champs

STAFF REPORT

Hunting was difficult but Beau Beckner and James Reece defended their coyote hunting championship by winning another title in the local contest sponsored by Hodge’s Outdoor Sports and Marion Tourism Commission.

The hunters bagged two coyotes during the roughly 24-hour hunt period from Friday evening to Saturday evening. Warm weather stymied much of their efforts.

The duo outpaced 18 other teams registered for the contest and won \$270.

Crittenden boys’ finish season winning 3 of last 5

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County’s boys’ basketball team finished the season stronger than it started. The Rockets (5-24), who lost 14 straight in December and January, won three of their last five games, including a season-ending victory at Fort Campbell.

Crittenden 55, Fort Campbell 44

Crittenden County 18 11 7 19
Fort Campbell 15 9 12 8
CRITTENDEN - Hicks 2, Hollis 5, Watson 19, Dickerson 14, Coleman 6, Stephens, James, Belt 12. FG 18. 3-pointers 4 (Belt 2, Dickerson, Hollis). FT 17-23. Fouls 11.
FT. CAMPBELL - Rivera, Moon 9, Roberts 7, Buchanan 7,

Duff 2, Kochpeth 8, Vereen 8, Ju.Rivera 3, Fogg, Pierre. FG 16. 3-pointers 6 (Kochpeth 2, Ju.Rivera, Roberts, Moon 2). FT 6-8. Fouls 16.

Caldwell 57, Crittenden 27

Crittenden County 8 7 8 4
Caldwell County 12 20 19 16
CRITTENDEN - Hicks, Hollis 2, Watson 13, Dickerson 5, Stephens 2, James, Coleman, Belt 3, Myers, Boone 2, Towery, Nesbitt, Steele, O’Leary. FG 11. 3-pointers 2 (Belt, Dickerson). FT 3-10. Fouls 13.
CALDWELL - Riley 10, Clift 4, Gaither, Wilkerson 6, Ja.Riley 6, Twyman 2, Henden 2, Davis, Harris, Anderson 13, Brandon 6, Boyd 6, Scott 2. FT 24. 3-pointers none. FT 9-13. Fouls 11.

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animals

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ADOPTING A PET from Crittenden County's Animal Shelter gives an animal a second shot at life. Animals can now be seen online at crittendenshelter.blogspot.com. The shelter holds animals from Crittenden, Lyon and Livingston counties, so be sure to check with the shelter online or at 969-1054 for your lost or missing pet. (nc)

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agriculture

employment

Part-time delivery person. Apply at Crittenden Auto Parts, 103 Sturgis Rd., Marion, Ky. Drug screen and good driving record a must. (2tp-34)

Will sit with the sick or elderly, anytime day or night, have experience and references. Call (270) 704-0929. Kay Jacobs. (4t-37-p)

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Senior, Christian hunter seeks deer lease near Salem or Marion. Smaller property okay. No outfitters or lease agents. Please call (352) 205-6787. (2tp-34)

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references. Call (270) 625-6622 and leave message. (8t-39-p)

for rent
Building for rent in Salem, set up for offices or commercial. (270) 988-2552, ask for Beverly. (4t-34-c)bh

3 BR, 2 bath mobile home, stove, refrigerator, \$465/mo., deposit and references required. (270) 704-3234. (je-tfc)

One and two bedroom apartments at River Oaks apartment complex, Sturgis, Ky. Monthly \$425 two bedroom and \$325 one bedroom. No deposit with approved credit. (270) 333-2449. (tfc-c-ro)

public notice

Notice of Public Hearing
Zoning Map Amendment

A request for a Zone Change from R-3 to C-3 for the property located at 672 S. Main Street, Marion, KY has been filed with the Marion Planning Commission. A public hearing will be held at 5 p.m. on March 10, 2016 before the Marion Planning Commission at the Council Chambers in City Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky. For further information contact the Marion Planning and Zoning Coordinator at (270) 965-2266. (2tc-34)

bid notice

INVITATION TO BID
The Crittenden County Board of Education invites you to submit a sealed bid(s) for CCHS Parking Lot Resurfacing Project. Bids will be received at the Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion KY 42064, attention Greg Binkley. Please submit sealed bids until March 10, 2016, at 2pm. All bids must be received by the time designated in the invitation. Bids will be opened as received or at the stated time. Any interested party may attend, however, no immediate decisions will be made. Please contact Greg Binkley for specifications/questions at (270) 965-4658, or greg.binkley@crittenden.kyschools.us. (1tc-BOE-34)

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 any time 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 waive any informalities in the bidding process. The CCEDC, upon making a determination to award, shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. No bid shall be withdrawn up to sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the CCEDC.
SUBMITTING BIDS: All bids must be

sealed in an envelope, with "North Industrial Park Timber Project" written on said envelope. Bids must be addressed or delivered to the Office of the City Administrator, Marion City Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064. (2tc-edc-34)

legal notice
Notice is hereby given that Farmers Bank & Trust Company, of Marion, Kentucky, with its principal offices at

201 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064, has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for permission to purchase the assets and assume certain liabilities of a branch, located at 2215 North Main Street, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431, of United Southern Bank, with its main office located at 1813 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42241. It is contemplated that the Madisonville, Kentucky branch will continue to be operated as a branch of Farmers Bank & Trust Company, of Marion, Ken-

tucky. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Chicago Regional Office, 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60606 not later than March 26, 2016. The non-confi-

dential portions of this application are on file in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Chicago Regional Office (at the address set forth above) and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

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• 3 bed, 2 bath brick home, 213 Fords Ferry Rd, city utilities, appliances stay. \$69,900
• 2 bed, 1 bath home on East Depot St. Blacktop drive and detached garage. \$44,900
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• 3 bed, 2 bath home with beautiful open floor plan, you really need to see to believe, 202 Tanglewood Dr. \$228,900
• 3 bedroom home with garage, barn and shop, nice hardwood floors an blacktop drive 6288 U.S. Hwy. 60 west. Only \$79,900
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Rockets back in All A Classic despite objections

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School's boys will be back in the All A Classic Basketball Tournament next year, albeit under duress.

The Rockets boycotted the small-school basketball tournament in January to bring attention to its opposition to the All A Classic allowing certain private schools – that recruit and offer student-athlete financial aid – to be involved in the event. Livingston Central and Lyon County also boycotted this year's event, but like Crittenden, they plan to rejoin it in 2017.

The All A Classic boys' basketball tournament has historically been dominated by private schools like University Heights in Hopkinsville – the main focus of Crittenden's boycott – and Christian or Catholic schools from central and northern Kentucky.

Although the chairman of the All A Classic board of directors says it was not in response to the boycott, the All A Classic in January issued a new ruling. Effective for the 2016-17 seasons, schools cannot pick and choose which tournaments in which they will participate or forgo. It's all, or none.

That goes for all sports for which the Classic offers competitive tournaments, namely basketball, baseball, soccer, softball, golf, volleyball and cheerleading.

This year's boys' All A Classic



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champion, Cordia, is currently under sanctions by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) for recruiting violations. Cordia is not allowed to play in KHSAA post-season tournaments because of those sanctions, but the All A Classic allowed the team from Hazard to play in its tournament. Cordia beat Murray by almost 20 points in the championship game.

The All A Classic is an independent tournament, unassociated with the KHSAA.

Local school officials do not attempt to veil their disgust for the All A Classic's methods.

Crittenden County Superintendent Vince Clark and Crittenden

County Board of Education issued a statement at its regular monthly meeting last week to make public its displeasure for action taken last month by the small-school tournament's board of directors.

The school board issued the following statement:

"The Crittenden County Board of Education voices its disappointment of the recent decision handed down by the All A Classic that forces a district to commit all its teams in regional participation or none. This new rule does not align with its previous practice of allowing some teams to opt out of the small-school tournament but threatens our girls basketball team participation in the all A Classic. Ironically, the All A Classic was created as a result of the KHSAA's refusal to classify its Kentucky sports, even after a lawsuit was brought in regard to this matter. Crittenden County Schools will commit to participating in the All A Classic in order to not punish other student-athletes by the All A Classic's 'All or Nothing' rule.

"Crittenden County recognizes the good intuition of the All A Classic to create a tournament for the small schools. However, forcing a team to play in a tournament that gives unfair advances to schools that recruit talent, is unfair to our student-athletes.

"Progress on this issue could be

addressed if the KHSAA would classify its sports programs and enforce the recruiting rules that are established. The heavy-handedness of the All A Classic rule would be better served addressing those same issues."

Rocket basketball coach Denis Hodge says the All A Classic's track record speaks for itself and he wasn't interested in playing in a tournament where cheating is tolerated. He suggested that the boys' basketball tournament is perhaps more corrupt than the others sports sponsored by the All A Classic, a non-profit Kentucky corporation formed in 1989 by Stan Steidel, who is its current president.

Steidel, who is also Covington Holmes High School athletic director, says the corporation's board of directors did not pass the recent measure out of spite. Instead, he said the organization's leadership is sympathetic to the cause Crittenden and the other schools have taken up. He says the Commonwealth of Kentucky needs to address "cheating" in scholastic sports before any headway can be made.

Steidel says the All A Classic's directors passed the participation rule in order to protect the organization and its mission.

"This has nothing to do with any schools in any particular part of the

state," Steidel said. "We are just trying to protect the integrity of what we are doing."

Crittenden's basketball coach scoffs at the notion of the All A Classic having integrity.

Coach Hodge charges that the All A Classic is a haven for cheating teams, evidenced by those allowed to participate and dominate the tournament despite what he calls blatant recruiting and financial aid abuses. Hodge is also frustrated that his boys' team

is being compelled to play in the tournament with other sports teams at Crittenden County being held hostage. If his boys refuse to play again next year, Crittenden teams would not be able to participate in other All A events that they have historically done well in, particularly girls' basketball and golf.

"We are being forced into a private tournament run by an individual. This is the Stan Steidel Classic and I am mad about how discriminatory the organization is," Hodge said. "What's going on is not equitable for kids. It's all about money."

"If you want to define this tournament as a small-school tournament then you need to even the playing field," Hodge added.

The basketball tournament allows the state's 120 smallest, public and private, schools by enrollment to participate.



Hodge

NEWS BRIEFS

County native lands role on NBC drama

Marion native Matt Collins, 29, landed a role as a distraught husband on the NBC drama "Chicago Med" that aired Tuesday night.

Evansville, Ind., radio station 99.5 WKDQ posted an interview with Collins on its website Tuesday.

Collins graduated from Crittenden County High School in 2004 and later Murray State University in 2009, before moving to Chicago to pursue his acting dream.

Collins said in the WKDQ interview that he has an agent and continues to audition for television jobs. He also is appearing in an Oscar Meyer print advertisement due later this year.



Collins

Lot zoning change request to be heard

Marion Planning Commission next month will hear a zoning change request for a South Main Street property in a residential area slowly turning commercial.

The property in question is 672 S. Main St. across from the former Kenergy Corp. office. Pat and Debbie James have requested the change from residential to commercial. Marion Codes Enforcement Officer Teri Hart said the couple plans to either sell the lot for a

business or construct and lease a building.

"That area has been changing over from residential to commercial, with Tommy Wright building for Holland (Medical Services), Tommi Paulson building her massage therapy building and Sheila Collins with the storage buildings."

The massage therapy business has not yet been built, but the property has been cleared and graded.

A public hearing on the request will be held at 5 p.m. March 10 before the planning commission at city hall. If commissioners approve the change, it must still be OK'd by Marion City Council.

KSP Commissioner Brewer set to retire

Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rodney Brewer, after more than eight years in the role, has announced his retirement. Brewer, who has served 34 years with the agency, will leave his post Monday.

Under his watch, yearly traffic fatalities in Kentucky have decreased, which he credits to the agency's Data Driven Enforcement Program and the tremendous efforts of road troopers and officers. A reduction in crime, in rural areas, is a direct result of the Criminal Analyst Intel Program established at each post, he claims.



Brewer



CRITTENDEN PRESS FILE PHOTO

For the first time in more than 40 years, the Lions Club will not be sponsoring youth football this fall in Crittenden County. Crittenden County Lions Club recently approved a plan to transfer the Junior Pro Football Program to the Crittenden County Quarterback Club. This file photo from 2015 shows the local youth on the gridiron.

FOOTBALL

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to the little league program where we can, and support it with some of our resources."

Ronnie Heady, president of the Lions Club, said the civic organization recognized the opportunity to grow the program further by transferring it to the booster organization that promotes and supports all other football in the county.

"It's definitely for the best," said Heady. "The Lions Club felt like this was the best thing for the community and for the long-term future of the program. It will be best served by the Quarterback Club taking care of it."

Starnes said bringing little league into the fold will give the Quarterback Club complete linear integration of all football programs in the county. By having a hand in all levels from kindergarten through high school, the coach hopes such continuity breeds greater rewards in the high school program.

"We want to increase our numbers at the high school and middle school levels," Starnes said. "To foster greater participation, we wanted to do some things to increase player numbers in our little league program."

Little league tackle football is for players in grades three through six.

Starnes said the Quar-

terback Club will also take over little league cheerleading as part of this change. The cheerleading program has been independent, operating solely on financial support from parents and private sponsors.

The Lions Club had honorably and reliably provided little league football for many years, said Starnes. Through a mutual agreement between the Lions Club and the high school football program's staff and booster club, the youth organization and all of its assets are now property of the booster club. The Lions have turned over about \$9,000 worth of equipment to the booster club. If at any time the booster club chooses to give up sponsorship of little league football, all assets and control of the program will revert back to the Lions Club, Heady explained.

The Quarterback Club in 2006 began sponsoring a flag football program which has become a model for other nearby communities. Starnes said flag football – for grades K-2 – has been a tremendous success, giving about 90 boys and girls a chance to learn the game at a very young age. Starnes hopes to begin incorporating a taste of tackle football for second graders this fall.

"After the flag season is over, we want to put helmets and pads on second graders and let them play a little against one another just to see what it's like," Starnes said.

Last fall, there were

about 70 boys involved in the Junior Pro tackle football program in grades three through six. Starnes hopes those numbers grow as the Quarterback Club puts its touch on the program. Starnes said plans are to have fewer practices and more intra-squad games, much like little league football did here many years ago.

"In my mind, the best way to practice is by playing," Starnes said.

The program will continue to have a competitive schedule in the West Kentucky Junior Pro Football League on the weekends as it has for more than 20 years. However, the practice formula is likely to change. Historically, there have been practices on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights during the season which lasts from mid August until early November.

The Lions Club started youth football in Crittenden County in the 1970s and for many years fielded just two teams that played one another. In 1978, the

county league was split into four teams – the Cardinals, Bears, Giants and Bengals. In the early 1990s, the Lions Club made some wholesale changes by joining the West Kentucky Junior Pro Football League along with other nearby communities. In order to do that, Crittenden merged its program into two teams – one for third and fourth graders and another for fifth and sixth graders. The Crittenden teams have played a competitive schedule since that time. In 2015, there were teams from Morganfield, Sturgis, Webster County and Caldwell County in the West Kentucky Junior Pro League.

Starnes says there are no plans at abandoning that type of competitive league play. He explained that in addition to games in the Junior Pro League, Crittenden will play a number of contests within its own ranks. The intra-squad formula, he and others hope, will provide greater opportunities for more players.

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