



### Severe weather awareness urged

Severe weather remains the biggest and most common threat Kentuckians face on a daily basis, according to the Kentucky Department of Emergency Management. Last year's strong storms and tornadoes that ravaged the Commonwealth Feb. 29 and March 2 are a reminder of the impact of severe weather. Those storms left 25 dead, hundreds homeless and thousands of homes damaged.

In an effort to raise awareness and preparation, Gov. Steve Beshear has signed a proclamation declaring March 2013 as Severe Weather Awareness Month.

"The last five years, my administration has faced extreme weather conditions ranging from droughts to floods to ice storms to tornadoes," Beshear said. "Preparation and awareness are key elements to battling these conditions. I ask every household to be ready to face these challenges."

Throughout March, The Crittenden Press will offer tips on preparing for weather emergencies.

— The AP



### Concealed carry class set for April

There will a concealed carry class at the Ed-Tech Center on April 6. The class runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be taught by Kentucky Concealed Carry Deadly Weapons Instructor Paul Shouse. The cost is \$75.

Completion allows an individual to become licensed to carry a concealed weapon. The license can be renewed every five years at the sheriff's office. To sign up, contact the Ed-Tech Center at 965-9294.

### Meetings

■ Crittenden County Public Library Board of Directors, will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the library.

■ Crittenden Fiscal Court will hold a special-called meeting at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the judge's courthouse office. On the agenda will be approval of jail bond re-issuance to cut jail payments and save about \$800,000 over the term of the bonds, consideration of an amendment to a fire department ordinance regarding language in an opt-out option and recension of an obscure 1960 business license fee.

### What's your opinion? Web poll results

This week's poll at The Press Online asked, "With gas prices up and poised to start the driving season higher this year than last, who do you blame most?"

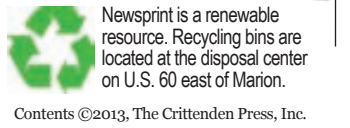
Voters seem to think government and oil companies are the reason behind high gas prices. Here is what 420 voters said:

- Government, 224 (53%)
- Retailers, 9 (2%)
- Oil companies, 177 (42%)
- Supply/demand, 10 (2%)

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## Frankfort pushes for Big Rivers, smelters to settle

### CEO: Electric rate increases 'unavoidable' for customers in Crittenden, Livingston

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A dispute between a regional utility and two aluminum smelters in western Kentucky over electric rates is getting an increasing amount of attention from politicians in Frankfort. Those officials are concerned over a crisis that could see a big rate increase for remaining customers of the utility, many of whom live or operate in Crittenden and Livingston counties.

The (Henderson) Gleaner reports that Gov. Steve Beshear sent a letter last week urging the presidents

of Big Rivers Electric Corp. and its largest customer, Century Aluminum, to come to a compromise that preserves jobs and keeps electric rates from skyrocketing.

The governor's letter indicated that it's the responsibility of the two companies—not state government or the state Legislature—to resolve a looming emergency.

The issue began with a rate disagreement between Big Rivers and Century, located in Hawesville. When they couldn't reach a resolution after months of negotia-

tions, Century gave notice that it would pull out of Big Rivers in August. That led the utility to request a rate increase that in turn led to Rio Tinto Alcan in Sebree to give notice that it would also leave the electric cooperative. Seventy percent of Big Rivers' power sales go to the two aluminum smelters. Together, the smelters employ about 1,200 people and support thousands of other jobs in the area. The companies have threatened to close the smelters if they



### Speaking out

Rep. Lynn Bechler of Marion explains why lawmakers are not the answer to the utility crisis and why legislation is not likely to prevent a rate hike. See Bechler's guest commentary on Page 2.

co-ops that own Big Rivers, Kenergy Corp. that serves rural Crittenden County and Jackson Purchase Energy Corp. that provides power to Livingston County.

"That's unavoidable," Big

cannot buy cheaper electricity on the open market.

Meantime, the 112,000 customers in 22 western Kentucky counties served by Big Rivers are facing rate increases of up to 30 percent or more. Those include customers of two of the three

Rivers President and CEO Mark Bailey told The Gleaner of rate increases.

A Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) ruling on Kenergy's initial rate request could come this summer or earlier. Jackson Purchase Energy has yet to request a rate increase.

Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) agrees with Gov. Beshear that lawmakers are not responsible for a solution to the disagreement.

"The reality is that this issue should not be before the Kentucky Legislature," Bechler said. "It is an issue that Big Rivers, Century and Alcan should solve on their

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## Food banks keeping county residents fed



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Bill Kemper of Tolu signs in Friday at the Pennyryle Allied Community Services building on North Walker Street in Marion to receive his monthly ration of food from Crittenden County Food Bank. With still a couple of hours remaining for the monthly giveaway of food, almost 150 people had been served, said Minnie Lou Brown, pictured above helping Kemper get registered for his share of items.

## Local pantries nourishing hundreds monthly

By DARYL K. TABOR  
PRESS EDITOR

Food banks in Crittenden County continue to feed hundreds of residents in need through monthly giveaways, despite an uptick in the economy and employment figures.

Each month, Crittenden County Food Bank and Life in Christ Church hand out an average of more than 400 rations

of assorted foods to residents of the county who are deemed at-risk for hunger. Those allotments are often for more than just an individual, sometimes feeding an entire family struggling to make ends meet and keep the children nourished.

"I haven't noticed any difference," Minnie Lou Brown, one of the organizers of Crittenden County Food Bank, said of the

number of people seeking help over the last few months.

Her husband, former county judge-executive and also a volunteer with the program, Fred Brown, said people were starting to line up outside the Pennyryle Allied Community Services building Friday an hour before distribution was scheduled to

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## Opting out of fire dues won't void protection

STAFF REPORT

Magistrates took action last week to make sure that local property owners understand that opting out of the new, voluntary fire department membership fees on county tax bills will not mean that firefighters will not respond in the event of a fire.

To the contrary, local leaders say, if there is a fire, firemen will come to your property and make every attempt to put it out in order to protect property in immediate peril and property belonging to neighbors that could be affected if the blaze is not contained.



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Crittenden Fiscal Court passed a new ordinance last year giving its six volunteer fire departments a new way to collect fire dues. In the past, the departments asked residents to pay the dues voluntarily, usually by sending a notice or letter each year. The new plan is aimed at consolidating the notification and collection process, taking the burden off fire departments by putting the fee notice on tax bills that come from the county clerk each autumn and are paid to the sheriff.

Local leaders say that although the fee notice is on the tax bill, it will not be mandatory. However, in order for a taxpayer to avoid payment liability, he or she must sign an Opt-Out Request Form each year prior to July 15.

So far, County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said one person has filed an Opt-Out Form for 2013. Magistrates don't anticipate many will follow. However, they want it to be clear about the rules. Last week, the court amended the original ordinance to include language putting property owners on notice that the form must be filed annually

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## Extension service seeking new 4-H agent

By JASON TRAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Bonnie Baker, the Crittenden County Agent for 4-H and Youth Development since 2005, will be vacating her University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service position next month. Her last day will be March 29.

Baker is leaving to become a full-time scuba diving instructor at Mermet Springs, an 8.5 acre spring-fed quarry located deep in southern Illinois that is one of the premiere scuba training facilities in the nation.

Baker is the ninth person since 1974 to serve as a 4-H Agent in Crittenden County. Since joining the local Extension Service seven years ago, she has been an active member of the community in promoting the service's various 4-H camps, clubs and activities.

The resignation leaves



Baker

only one agent at the Extension Office, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Nancy Hunt. Because each Extension office is required to have at least two agents, Baker's departure will expedite filling the vacancy for an agriculture and natural resources agent. The Extension office has been without an ag agent since Corey Payne resigned his position in March 2012.

Hunt said she expects the ag agent opening to be filled by April or May. Anyone with a bachelor of science or mas-

ter of science degree in agriculture, natural resources or a closely-related field may apply on the Internet at [www.uky.edu](http://www.uky.edu). Applications are being accepted through March 10.

"Matt Fulkerson, District 7 Extension director, will conduct a local meeting in the next month to find out what qualities local farmers and citizens would like the new agriculture agent to have," Hunt said.

State Extension staff in Lexington, along with Fulkerson, will be conducting the

interview and hiring process. Hunt said the local Extension office does not play a role in the hiring process.

After Baker's departure, the 4-H program will be maintained by Hunt and the newly-hired ag agent, whose responsibilities will include taking youth to 4-H camp this summer. Also, county fair contests will be held as usual, with Hunt and the ag agent overseeing the entries.

Hunt said it may take a year before the 4-H position is filled due to budget cut backs.



GuestCOMMENTARY

Legislature no place for utility, smelter to settle rate squabble

By **REP. LYNN BECHLER**  
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

An issue that has generated more Crittenden County contact with my office than most has been the issue of electric rates.

Like many, I received a “robo call” from Kenergy Corp. telling me that Senate Bill 71 and House Bill 211 would increase my electric rates if passed. I was then urged to call my legislator and tell him or her to vote to oppose these bills.

The good citizens of Crittenden County have responded to Kenergy's request. On the surface, the Kenergy request seems reasonable. However, Kenergy is only telling half the story. The other half is that rates will also go up if the bills do not pass.

That's right, if the bills pass, rates will go up; and if the bills don't pass, rates will go up.

What is driving this is the fact that on Aug. 12, 2012, Century Aluminum of Hawesville, Ky., an aluminum smelter plant, gave a one-year notice to Big Rivers Electric Corp. of Henderson, an electric transmission company, that Century would no longer be purchasing power from Big Rivers. Century said that if it could not purchase power from the wholesale market it would close its plant.

In response, on Jan. 13, Big Rivers followed with a request to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) for a rate increase that would amount to a little under \$22 per month per household. Subsequently, Rio Tinto Alcan in Sebree, another aluminum smelter, said it would close its doors because it could no longer afford the price of electricity. The reason Kenergy is involved is because Kenergy, along with Jackson Purchase Energy Corp. and Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corp., is one of three equal owners of Big Rivers.

In last week's Crittenden Press, a public notice was printed showing that Kenergy has petitioned the PSC for a rate increase of 20 percent. This is on top of a 16-percent Kenergy rate increase not too long ago.

The reality is that this issue should not be before the Kentucky Legislature. It is an issue that Big Rivers, Century and Alcan should solve on their own like grown-ups—not like little kids on the playground. I've had the opportunity to meet with the CEO of Kenergy, management of Big Rivers and the general counsel of Century, and I not too gently told them to “put on their big boy pants and get to the negotiation table.”

Fortunately, they've now done so, but a solution still hasn't been reached.

I haven't yet had the opportunity to talk to Alcan, but I do know that Big Rivers has been having some financial trouble and Century lost money last year. It is my feeling that we—you and I—are caught in the middle of a game of chicken, and I, personally, don't like it.

I am not taking sides on this because I hope that the negotiations are fruitful, and a legislative solution will not then be necessary. If the bills came to the House floor tomorrow, I'm not sure how I would vote because no matter what happens, jobs will be lost and our electric rates will increase.

Please don't take everything you hear from Century and Big Rivers/Kenergy at face value. Both sides are “spinning” the facts to make the other side look bad.

In my opinion, there are no “good guys” in this fight.

I appreciate your interest and hearing from you. I ask that you work with me to keep the pressure on all parties to negotiate in good faith.

Bigger pest: Deer or coyote?

It's not enough that coyotes have to worry about pinanos or 2-ton ACME safes falling on their heads, in Kentucky they can be hunted every day of the year in virtually any manner. In Frankfort, lawmakers—having lost sight of real issues facing Kentuckians—are seeking to expand the war on coyotes.

“It's in the urban area, it's in downtown Louisville, it's in Lexington, it's in far western Kentucky. They've taken over, killing the small game, the rabbits, the pheasants; and they're a major problem,” Rep. Fitz Steele, the Hazard Democrat who sponsored the bill, told The Courier-Journal.

A major problem? The word “major” is relative, because there is a bigger, more serious nuisance out there in the fields and woods of Kentucky. But more on that in a minute.

Last Thursday, legislation to make open season on the coyote 24/7, 365 days a year passed 99-1 in the House. Arnold Simpson, a Democrat from Covington and one of the more educated lawmakers, is the sole person to have voted against the measure. The Kentucky Senate now has the proposal in their lap to consider.

The bill expands legal hunting of the beast to nighttime, even allowing spotlighting that temporarily blinds the creature, a practice not allowed when hunting other some other species



in Kentucky.

That's in addition to the present unlimited bag limit. And that's in addition to the already cruel ways of harvesting coyotes through snares and leg traps that maim or kill the animal slowly through starvation, dehydration or attacks from fellow coyotes.

Non-native to Kentucky but having filled the gap east of the Mississippi River left by the eradication of the wolf and panther, the coyote over the last few decades has become the top predator in the Bluegrass State, save a growing number of black bears and phantom panthers (aka, mountain lions, pumas, wampus cats, etc.) that lurk the countryside like Bigfoot. Coyote numbers have blossomed here despite the anything-goes, perpetual hunting season.

Certainly, the coyote has taken more than a few family pets and killed vulnerable livestock. Those attacks have broken some hearts and cost farmers lots of money, but my bet is, mistreatment, disease and weather have been just as harmful to pets and live-

stock. In fact, many livestock attacks blamed on coyotes are void of the species' typical calling card, the bite marks behind the jaw and on the neck left by the kill. The coyote is just as prone to eat deer, rabbits, squirrels, mice, voles, moles, snakes, carrion and even vegetation.

Let's put the coyote in context for those who see the wily pack animal as so threatening.

Nationwide, federal data reveal fewer than 100 confirmed attacks on humans in the last quarter-century and only one confirmed fatality by menacing coyotes. However, there are about 30 deadly attacks each year by their domesticated cousin, Rover.

More importantly, by contrast to the coyote, the white-tailed deer is responsible on average for about 130 American deaths annually on the road and as many as 200 in some years. That's more than coyotes, wolves, bears, sharks, alligators, crocodiles, dogs, real panthers in the West, domesticated livestock, spiders and stinging insects combined.

Besides being deadly, deer are expensive.

An estimated 1.23 million deer-vehicle collisions occurred in the United States spanning July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012, costing more than \$4 billion in damages, according to State Farm, the nation's largest auto insurer. They also cost farm-

ers hundreds of millions of dollars in crop losses, cause hundreds of millions more in woodland damages and have ruined many a flowerbed and garden.

There are no hard estimates from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources on coyote numbers or their destructive costs.

But Kentucky lawmakers consider the coyote—the only natural predator of deer in all 120 of the Commonwealth's counties—the “major” problem. More coyotes, who hunger for fawn flesh in the spring, mean fewer deer to put your car in the body shop. And they do a pretty efficient job of culling sick and old deer from the herd, as well as cleaning up along the roadside after those million-plus collisions each year.

So for now, population control in Kentucky might best be focused on the Bluegrass State's estimated 900,000 deer, not their enemy.

And state lawmakers should be as agreeable to solving real “major” problems like an outdated tax code, billions in unfunded pension dollars, the Medicaid system, education funding and redistricting.

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ThePressLETTERS

Alcohol not answer for better of county

To the editor

With love, I say I am saddened by the fact that names are being placed on a petition to legalize alcohol in this county. I want the very best for our children, all of the inhabitants and for the community as a whole. Alcohol is not the answer for any of those three.

Every single one of us has heard about the negative effects of alcohol. Here is the truth: We are not excluded from those facts. Yes, a precious, innocent child can be killed by a drunk driver in Marion. Yes, you can get addicted to alcohol after just one drink in Marion. Yes, a person can abuse their spouse in Marion as a result of alcohol.

We are not excluded from these facts. Horrific tragedies can occur right here in Marion.

There are people who would not “misuse” alcohol per se. Drinking while alone is still wrong, though. Why? Because God sees it.

Consider this quote by John

Letters policy

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MacArthur in his book, “Living in the Spirit”: “The wine that was consumed in biblical times was not what we know as wine today. It was more of a concentrated grape juice with its intoxicating properties basically removed. You cannot defend wine-drinking today on the basis of wine-drinking in Bible times because the

two are totally different.”

Legalizing alcohol would make it so much easier for people who would misuse it to obtain it. Those people include, and are not limited to, those who beat their spouses and children because of alcohol intoxication and those who would drive drunk.

Please, by all means, defend the innocents. Be their voice. Pray for hearts to be changed and for alcohol to never be legalized.

**Addam Whitt**  
Marion, Ky.

No ads, words will alter voters' stance

To the editor

Concerning the wet/dry vote in Crittenden County, which may or may not happen: I read in The Crittenden Press about the amount of money raised the last time this was put to a vote. (About \$9,000 total.) This money was to help spread the word to vote no. Then came the other side telling us we should vote yes.

Personally, I didn't vote for Princeton to go wet, but today, it is a wet city. People who know me know how I hate alcohol. I have never seen any good come from drinking it.

Still, I feel we need to get our heads out of the sand and face the facts. Alcohol has been flowing in Crittenden County all of my life. It's just never been legal.

We live in a free country, which means anyone can vote for it or anyone can vote against it. I do not believe any letters written to this paper, any meeting held or any angry words spoken from either side will change people's minds.

I suggest any money collected if the vote comes up again be given to food banks or be used to feed children in Crittenden County who go to bed hungry night after night.

Everyone needs to accept the fact that every voter is going to vote the way they see fit. After all, when all is said and done, that's what will happen anyway.

**Lucinda Legere**  
Princeton, Ky.  
(Legere is a former resident of Crittenden County.)

America needs to get back to her roots, not a transformation

It's time to get back to our roots.

Welcome to serfdom ladies and gentlemen. Serfdom does not refer to a collection of songs by the Beach Boys; a serf is a slave, especially a member of the lowest feudal class in medieval Europe, owned by a lord and bound to the land. In short, a serf is one in servitude.

Every day that passes while we believe we have no voice in our government is a day closer to becoming, like it or not, serfs.

John Adams said “There are two ways to conquer and enslave a country. One is by the sword. The other is by debt.” Our national debt totals more than \$16 trillion and is growing so fast you can't keep up with it. Continued spending at this level is simply not sustainable, and it will cost each of us dearly in the very near future if we do not stop the madness that passes for governance in our nation's capitol.

If Mr. Obama were serious about curbing spending and putting us back on the path to prosperity, he would have taken at least some of the advice from the commission he established through Executive Order No. 13531 on Feb. 18, 2010. This National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform was charged with identifying



policies to improve our fiscal situation in the medium-term and to achieve fiscal sustainability over the long-term.

The Bowles-Simpson Commission proposed recommendations designed to balance the budget. While the commission had an equal number of Democrats and Republicans and its recommendations were supported by 11 of 18 members, the report did not reach the 14-votes needed to formally endorse the plan and send it to Congress for approval. The members supporting the plan praised it for addressing all parts of the federal budget and for putting the national debt on a stable, then downward path.

Mr. Obama twisted enough arms and bribed enough senators to get the Affordable Health Care Act, or Obamacare, passed without a single Republican vote, so don't you think he could have pushed just a little to get the Bowles-Simpson Commission recommendations to at least

have a vote in Congress?

We mustn't forget that the sequester was also his idea. It was supposed to be so horrible that no one would allow it to take place. Anyone with half a brain saw it was doomed to fail from its very beginning, and now we are mere hours away from it becoming a reality.

This is the same Barack Obama who actually said no one earning less than \$250,000 a year would see their taxes go up—not one dime. How's that working out for you?

I have to give him credit, he thinks we are that gullible, and he is right. After all, he did get re-elected.

Don't worry, all we have to do is be mesmerized by his magnificent speechifying and everything will be just fine. We just need to allow him to do as he wishes. We mustn't listen to the few who speak out against his fiscal policies. After all, they just want to protect rich people and give you dirty air and water.

If you think we can't change the state of affairs, you are wrong. We must not forget that united we stand, divided we fall, and conservative principles will return us to the prosperity we have been robbed of by both parties since George Herbert Walker Bush.

Democrats always prom-

ise if we give them tax increases they will cut spending. We always cave and they never fulfilled the promised cuts. We are running out of time to put our nation back on the path of sustainability with a military second to none and social programs that help those truly in need while refusing to support those who can support themselves. Now is the time for Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid reforms that make those programs sustainable for future generations and do not affect those in or nearing retirement or the truly needy.

Now is the time to use the natural resources we have to become energy independent.

Now is the time for more personal freedom, not less.

Now is the time to insist our elected representatives stand by the oath of office they all took to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. Those enemies include a soaring debt, unfunded mandates and the fallacy of global warming that will surely lead us to insolvency.

I think it would be a great idea to have a law that would mandate each chamber of Congress submit a budget and then go into committee to work out the differences in the two proposed budgets and end

up with a budget for the United States to live by. Oh, wait, we already have that; it just hasn't been followed by the Senate for the last four years. But, how can you blame them, once they got the huge spending increases they wanted, they have used continuing resolutions to maintain that over-the-top spending.

Fuel and food prices continue to climb along with the cost of nearly everything, including health care, while favored companies and unions get waivers for rising health care and everyone else just has to pay the bill. Keep in mind, we have a president and former Speaker of the House, now the minority leader of the chamber, who have both stated publicly that we do not have a spending problem. So I guess we should just stop talking about that debt and deficit thing.

Let's move on to more important issue like gun control.

The president is a gifted orator. He gives great speeches, most of which say government is the answer to all of our problems, yet we know government produces nothing.

He defames his opponents, refuses to lead and deflects any blame for the situation our nation is in while attacking anyone who offers sensible ideas on

America doesn't need to be transformed. America needs to get back to her roots.

(Don Gatewood is an officer with the Republican Party of Crittenden County. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)



# Legislature now past halfway mark

The Kentucky General Assembly reached two noteworthy milestones last week: We passed the halfway mark of the legislative session, and on the same day, sent the first bill of the year to the governor to be signed into law.

That measure, House Bill 7—which the passed the Senate passed 36-1—would authorize agency bonds for 11 specific building projects for six of the state’s public universities at a collective cost of approximately \$363 million. The bill stipulates the debt will be repaid by the universities without an increase in tuition nor by Kentucky General Fund dollars. The projects include renovations to residence and dining halls, as well as the construction of academic and other buildings crucial to the infrastructure of the schools.

That is not the only measure we considered last week that would benefit Kentucky students.

In an effort to help more kids receive a high school diploma, we passed 36-2 Senate Bill 97 that would allow local school districts to increase the dropout age from 16 to 18 if they choose.

Sen. Dorsey Ridley  
(D-Henderson)  
Senate District 4



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The bill requires school districts raising the compulsory attendance age to have resources and programs in place for students considered at-risk of dropping out. We hope the measure will help more young Kentuckians graduate high school.

Senate Bill 109 would allow high school juniors and seniors to use Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) funds they have already earned to pay for dual-credit college courses. Students using a portion of their KEES award in high school would still be eligible to receive the scholarship for up to 10 semesters of undergraduate work, but at an adjusted rate. Students work hard to earn KEES money and should be allowed to use it to get a jump start on college.

Senate Bill 95 would ex-

tend the five-year tuition waiver granted to Kentucky foster and adopted children who choose to serve in the military after high school. These young people should not have to choose between military service and a college education, nor should they feel penalized for serving our country.

Education was not the only topic addressed in legislative action this week.

Senate Bill 72 seeks to save Kentucky lives by requiring that our counselors and therapists receive appropriate training in suicide prevention, assessment and treatment. Suicide is a leading cause of death among young adults, and we need to make sure this much-needed support is in place.

Senate Bill 128—passed unanimously last week—would make the veterans designation on Kentucky driver’s licenses a bit easier for our veterans to obtain. It allows the DD-2 form as an additional means of proving service. This form is issued and recognized by the military and should be an acceptable form of veteran identification in addition to the DD-214 form.



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**Sens. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) and Jerry P. Rhoads (D-Madisonville) (discuss legislation on the floor of the Senate.**

Senate Bill 125 adds testing for critical congenital heart disease (CCHD) to the Department for Public Health’s Newborn Screening Program already in place for infants 28 days or younger. The screening is to be ad-

ministered to infants prior to discharge, unless CCHD has been ruled out, diagnosed with prior echocardiogram or prenatal diagnosis. Heritable disorders screening is already required for newborns. CCHD is the most

common birth defect in the United States and is the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths. If CCHD is caught in time, there is a survival rate of about 85 percent.

All of these bills are now in the House for its consideration.

During the remaining days of the 2013 regular session, I encourage you to stay informed and involved in the work of the Legislature.

You can call (800) 633-9650 for a taped message containing information on legislative committee meetings. To check the status of a bill, you may call the toll-free Bill Status Line at (866) 840-2835. To leave a message for me, or any legislator, call the General Assembly’s toll-free Message Line at (800) 372-7181.

*Sen. Dorsey Ridley, a Henderson Democrat, has served in the senate since 2004 after an eight-year tenure in the House. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Henderson, Webster and Union counties in Frankfort. He can be reached by e-mail at dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov.*

# Much left to do in Frankfort, including pension reform

We’re now more than halfway through the 2013 regular session of the General Assembly, but we aren’t halfway through with what needs to be done.

Last Thursday, the House State Government Committee heard testimony on Senate Bill 2, which is the bill addressing our public pension systems. Sadly, the committee only discussed the proposal and didn’t vote on whether or not to pass it out of committee and on to the full House.

As I’ve noted in the past, the system has an unfunded liability of more than \$33 billion and continues to grow. We must focus on passing legislation that will get the Commonwealth out of the hole we’re in. I hope that the House State Government Committee will put aside partisan bickering and do right by Kentucky. Kicking the proverbial can down the road once again would be a terrible disservice to the citizens of our great state.

In addition to pension reform, the other big issue we face is comprehensive tax re-

Rep. Lynn Bechler  
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House District 4



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form. Unfortunately, I don’t believe it will be addressed during this session. It is troubling that some continue to allow these problems to grow and fester in our Commonwealth because of a lack of leadership. We must stop this tactic of delay and deny. You deserve better.

Despite those setbacks, we did get several bills passed over the week.

The first bill to gain approval from both the House and Senate was House Bill 7, which authorizes the issuance of bonds to pay for construction and renovation projects at most of Kentucky’s public universities. The universities will issue their own bonds and be responsible for paying them

off. There will be no charge to taxpayers as a result of this legislation.

I was pleased to see that one change to the original bill was made; it bans the schools from raising tuition to pay for construction and renovation of the 11 authorized projects. Among these projects are a major renovation of Commonwealth Stadium at the University of Kentucky and academic buildings and dorms at other colleges. I voted for the bill.

House Bill 361 also passed. This bill changed the way taxes are levied on certain tobacco products. It would replace the tax imposed on wholesalers of moist snuff and other tobacco products with an excise tax on distributors. The bill’s sponsor said he thought it would actually lower the tax, but the only study I saw indicated it was unknown what the change would do.

I initially voted for the bill but changed to voting against it because I was concerned that the sponsor was overly optimistic. I felt no

change was a better vote.

Another bill that gained approval last week is one that will be beneficial to Kentucky’s agricultural industry. House Bill 273 would allow the operation of mini-trucks on Kentucky’s public highways. The proposal treats mini-trucks the same as ATVs and would allow farmers to drive on roadways for short distances to transport supplies from one farm to another. I voted for the bill.

With two weeks to go, bills dealing with allowing farmers to grow industrial hemp in Kentucky, religious freedom and abortion remain to be addressed. It appears the end of the 2013 regular session may not be the only time the Legislature is called to Frankfort this year.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you; your input is most welcome. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181; directly at (502) 564-8100, ext. 665; or by visiting the Kentucky Legislature’s website at www.lrc.ky.gov and



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*Rep. Bechler is a first-term Republican representative from Marion. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of McCracken County in Frankfort. He can be reached there by e-mail at lynn.bechler@lrc.ky.gov.*

# Fiscal court strikes obscure business tax; EMS showing \$135,000 loss despite help

STAFF REPORT

A 53-year-old local resolution requiring businesses that sell tobacco, soda pop and ice cream to pay an annual license fee was stricken from the books last week by Crittenden Fiscal Court.

Judge Earl McChesney was presiding over the county court in April 1960 when it passed a local law requiring certain businesses to pay the yearly tax of between \$5 and \$30 or more. Businesses that served meals were required to buy a \$10 license. Those that sold tobacco, soft drinks or ice cream paid the same price. Pool rooms and bowling alleys paid at least \$30 a year and that rate went up the more tables or alleys the business offered for use.

The penalty for not paying the fee could reach \$200.

Perry Newcom, the county judge-executive today, said the ordinance is obsolete and asked the court to rescind it through a resolution, which it did by a unanimous vote during its regular monthly meeting on Feb. 19.

Newcom said the county’s new occupational license ordinance enacted last year requiring businesses to pay a half-percent payroll and net profits tax replaces the old requirement, which quite frankly had not been actively

enforced.

County Clerk Carolyn Byford said only two local businesses purchased the old license last year. Those were Family Dollar and Dollar General Store. Many other businesses had obviously been operating in violation of the 1960 resolution.

County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said the old requirement had obviously become defunct now that there is a broader county occupational tax. She recommended the old resolution be rescinded by ordinance.

In other business, the fiscal court approved paying \$2,700 toward a new, more fuel-efficient, seven-passenger van for the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.

Newcom said the senior center, operated by Pennyryle Area Community Services (PACS), has a fleet of three vehicles—a bus and two minivans. They are used to transport elderly local citizens to appointments and for other errands. They are also used to deliver meals to elderly at their homes.

The balance of the price for a 2014 Chrysler van will be paid through a federal grant. The vehicle will be bought on government contract. Hopkinsville-based PACS will take one of the center’s older vans as “trade-in.”

■ The county’s animal control officer will be provided a cellular phone for use on the job. The animal control officer had been using her own phone. The county said the phone will be separate from her personal phone and will be owned by the county. The number will belong to the county and will be made public.

■ Magistrates approved the hiring of Daphne Downs—the county’s finance officer—as the Crittenden County Kentucky Emergency



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# Saturday job fair seeks assemblers

STAFF REPORT

A job fair through an area temp agency will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.

Positions are for full-time production assembly operators. These are direct-hire openings with pay starting at more than \$10 an hour.

Peoples Plus is seeking assembly operators who would use component parts to build products after training. The assembly operator must be able to follow instructions and read assembly prints.

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be available for first- and second-shifts and be willing to work weekdays and some Saturdays.

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For more information, call People Plus at 365-2300.

# Smoking ban awaits vote

STAFF REPORT

At press time, lawmakers had yet to vote on House Bill 190, a proposal that would place a statewide ban on smoking in public places.

The governor has been a proponent of the legislation. He initially pressed for the smoking ban during his annual State of the Commonwealth speech to a joint session of the Legislature, saying the 25 percent of Kentuckians who

smoke still could light up if the measure passes, just not in places where they would expose others to their smoke.

"More than a third of Kentuckians live in communities with comprehensive protections for their people and their workers, and almost half of Kentuckians live in areas with at least some protection," Beshear told The Associated Press. "It's time to create this protection statewide."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

# Lawmakers meet with 4-Hers

Crittenden County's representation in Frankfort met with some of Crittenden County's 4-H members in Frankfort last week. Pictured are (from left) Ashley Croft, Meagan Potter, Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson), Raye Croft, Brandi Potter, U.K. Cooperative Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development Bonnie Baker and Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion).

# FOOD

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begin. The building is home to the food bank, with multiple outdoor units on the North Walker Street lot packed with food for doling out each month.

"We handed out a ton of food, I know that," said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, after braving the blustery conditions last Friday morning to help pass out food.

"It's a big help when you can't get out and work," said Irma-area resident Vilas Todd, who stocks up on food from the pantry each month.

Typically held on the fourth Friday of each month, the distribution is aimed at underprivileged families and individuals, but income is not checked. At the same time, those registered for free food through a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program can pick up those allotments. The USDA program, by contrast, does have strict guidelines.

In addition to Crittenden County Food Bank and the USDA food, senior citizens over 60 can also qualify for a monthly box of goods distributed at the PACS building.

"I think there will be a need for some time," Robbie Kirk, organizer of Life in Christ's food pantry and monthly give-away to seniors, said of the necessity for food banks.

Kirk said his church dis-



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Vilas Todd from the Irma community was one of a couple of hundred residents to take home food Friday from Crittenden County Food Bank. Crittenden County Detention Center trustees Ronny Thomasson (center) and James Millikan help Todd load her truck with bags of food.

tributes the second Thursday of each month to only senior citizens in need. They are handing out close to 200 rations a month to people 60 and over who receive \$1,000 per month or less. Of course, Kirk added, if there is more than one mouth to be fed, the financial guidelines can be stretched.

The congregation also helps other churches in the community who discover someone in need. Kirk said many people come to various churches for help, but not all sanctuaries have their own food bank. He said

Life in Christ lends aid in 20 to 30 of those cases each month.

The church also partners with 53 livestock producers in Crittenden, Livingston and Union counties to provide fresh ground beef to recipients. The church accepts and picks up cows for slaughter that are culled by farmers willing to donate to the cause.

Legislation considered in Frankfort would also give growers an incentive to help out their fellow Kentuckians. Farmers who donate produce to food banks

would get a tax credit under a bill being considered during the current session.

The measure is sponsored by House Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom McKee. He says the 10-percent credit could help get more fruits and vegetables to a growing number of families in need.

"It's something that I've become very passionate about after learning that last year, 650,000 people in our great state, at one time or another, accessed a food bank. So we have a hard time understanding some-

times what it's like to be hungry," McKee told fellow lawmakers last week.

The measure passed 97-0 and is now in the Senate for consideration.

Kirk said once spring arrives, his church will be offering its own produce, replanting and expanding the number of gardens used last year to help feed the county. In 2012, the church planted 16 gardens on 5 acres leased from the City of Marion. With the help of female trustees from Crittenden County Detention Center, the church was able to offer fresh fruits and vegetables all summer.

This year, the church is working on a five-year lease from the city on the same property located adjacent to Shopko. Twenty-eight gardens and seven acres of sweet corn will be planted on 42 acres offered to the church in 2013.

Once the gardens begin to produce, Kirk hopes to be able to distribute fresh food daily to those in need.

The city also contributes financially to Crittenden County Food Bank, as does Crittenden Fiscal Court. A handful of churches and individuals also give money to the pantry, said Fred Brown. However, he said he is disappointed in the lack of help offered by area businesses.

The next distribution day for Crittenden County Food Bank will be March 22 from 8 a.m. to noon.

*(The Associated Press contributed to this story.)*

# Occupational tax reporting form flawed

STAFF REPORT

Some filers of the net profit fee related to Crittenden County's occupational tax may be a bit confused with requested tabulations on the single page form to be filed at the close of a business' fiscal year. However, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said a separate set of instructions should make the necessary calculations clear for filers.

Line 3 of the form to be filled out indicates the license fee due the county is "0.5 percent of Line 1." Line 1, however, reflects the company's total wages and compensation paid, not just those paid inside Crittenden County. Newcom said Line 3 of the form should actually ask for a half-percent of Line 2, which calls for the business' Crittenden County portion from Schedule A of their federal tax return.

This is not the first mix-up created by documents related to Crittenden Fiscal Court's occupational tax. The company contracted with the county to handle billing of the tax initially listed the tax rate as 1 percent rather than the the half-percent passed by magistrates. Newcom said the county will not renew its contract with the company. Instead, the county will handle all aspects of billing and collecting the tax.

# RATES

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own like grown-ups—not like little kids on the playground."

The first-term lawmaker has met with both Big Rivers and Century and has expressed his opinion to their representatives. He had yet to meet with Alcan executives as of press times.

Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) called the situation between the aluminum companies and Big Rivers very complex and an issue with which he has been involved in discussions for about two years.

"It has broad effect on all utilities in Kentucky," he told The Press.

Earlier this month, a legislative panel postponed a vote on one of two bills that would give the go-ahead to the smelters to purchase power on the open market.

"It essentially deregulates

what we have regulated by the PSC," Ridley said.

A news release issued earlier this month from Jackson Purchase Energy expresses the utility corporation's opposition to the proposed legislation. "Every state that has gone down this utility deregulation path has spent years struggling to repair their laws and regain control of their electricity markets," the statement read. "In all of these instances, rates for residential and commercial customers have gone up, and in some places 'skyrocketed'."

In another attempt to address the problem, last week, Democratic Rep. Jim Gooch of Providence filed a bill proposing to force a merger between Big Rivers and East Kentucky Power Cooperative, each of which have endured their own financial challenges.

But Big Rivers said the utility continues positive negotiate with the smelters.

"I personally think we're close to an agreement," Bailey said.

He added he was pleased about the governor's letter indicating it is up to the companies, not Frankfort, to avoid a crisis.

As for Gooch's bill, Bailey said he wasn't sure "if it's good public policy for a legislator to get involved in private entity affairs."

The PSC, which normally has authority over proposed utility mergers as well as rate changes, is examining Gooch's proposal and has reported no analysis.

At press time, the legislation was yet to be heard by the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee.

# DUES

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and that if a fire occurs on their property, they will be charged at least \$500 for the response.

Volunteer fireman Dan Wood, also a magistrate, said fees could be much higher if a department finds a chemical spill or other issues when they arrive at a fire.

Signing the opt-out will not mean a fire will go unchallenged by an organized effort from one or more departmenta. The opt-out

agreement simply allows the signer to avoid the \$30 fee on their tax bill. All costs of fighting the fire or other issues that arise due to a fire will be the responsibility of the property owner. Costs could be enormous, local leaders said during discussion of the matter last week at the county's monthly fiscal court meeting.

"If Hazmat has to respond, it could be thousands of dollars," Wood said.

Those who pay the \$30 annual dues will limit the potential exposure to further financial liability.

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# Winter of 1917-18 remembered as harsh, long

Another winter is slipping away, or more literally put, blowing away. It has been more of a normal winter than some we have experienced in the recent past, and the blustery winds have become more frequent than usual.

Many years ago, we only thought of strong winds in the month of March, for that was the date of their yearly appearance—March winds come "in like a lion and go out like a lamb" we were taught.

After the ice storms of 2008 and 2009, we wondered what the next years would bring. Last year, the winter was exceptionally mild, and I think we all wondered what that would mean for the summer months ahead. It, of course, was hotter and drier than usual.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, we can learn of years past and some of the harsh weather people and animals suffered. This week's account of harsh, extremely cold weather was in the winter of December 1917 and into February 1918.

One of the paper's reporters writes about the weather. He states that the recent blizzard was certainly an unusually severe spell of weather, and it caused a considerable amount of suffering among the stock and poultry of Crittenden County.

It came in a rather sudden and unexpected manner and, without a doubt, it was the worst snow we'd had for a number of years. It is extremely doubtful whether anyone could remember a worse blizzard that had occurred during the early part of December.

A number of people were unprepared to meet the terrible rigors of the weather conditions, the paper tells. More than one person endured considerable inconvenience in order to procure supplies of food and fuel, which were exceedingly difficult to obtain during the worst part of the blizzard.

The cold and blizzard-like conditions held on into February. The Ohio River was freezing and causing many problems. The headline in the Feb. 14, 1918, Press reads "The greatest ice gorge ever known on the Ohio

Brenda Underdown  
Crittenden County Historian

Forgotten Passages

River. Barnett Estate and Charles Donakey heavy losers."

The river at Rosiclare rose 25 feet on a Friday night as a result of a great gorge, which formed there in the afternoon. The people at Rosiclare and Fairview were greatly alarmed and fled to the high places. Everyone was quickly hoisted from the mines. The gorge broke, however, without overflowing the Illinois towns and mines, but not until it had created great havoc on the Kentucky side.

Barnett's lower farm occupied by Charles Donakey suffered the loss of five or more head of cattle and many acres of corn and much valuable timber. The water was 25 feet deep where the cattle were feeding the evening before.

The ice cakes that washed out into the fields were acres in extent and as big as houses. Giant trees were cut off as by a mowing machine. On account of the wet weather conditions during harvesting time, the corn had not been gathered. In order to save it, the cattle and hogs had been turned into the fields. No one ever thought or heard of such a gorge or so unexpectedly a flood.

The Owensboro wharf boat that was tied up at Rosiclare broke loose and floated over into Barnett's cornfield and was still lodged there, the paper told in February 1918.

### Feb. 7, 1918: Ford Ferry items

"The most terrible winter that we have ever seen is the term which many people are using in order to express their opinion of the recent weather conditions. There is no denying the fact that the weather of the past two months has been something awful.

"As a result of the almost

impassable roads, which prevailed during the deepest part of the great snow, the mail service between Fords Ferry and Marion was suspended for several days.

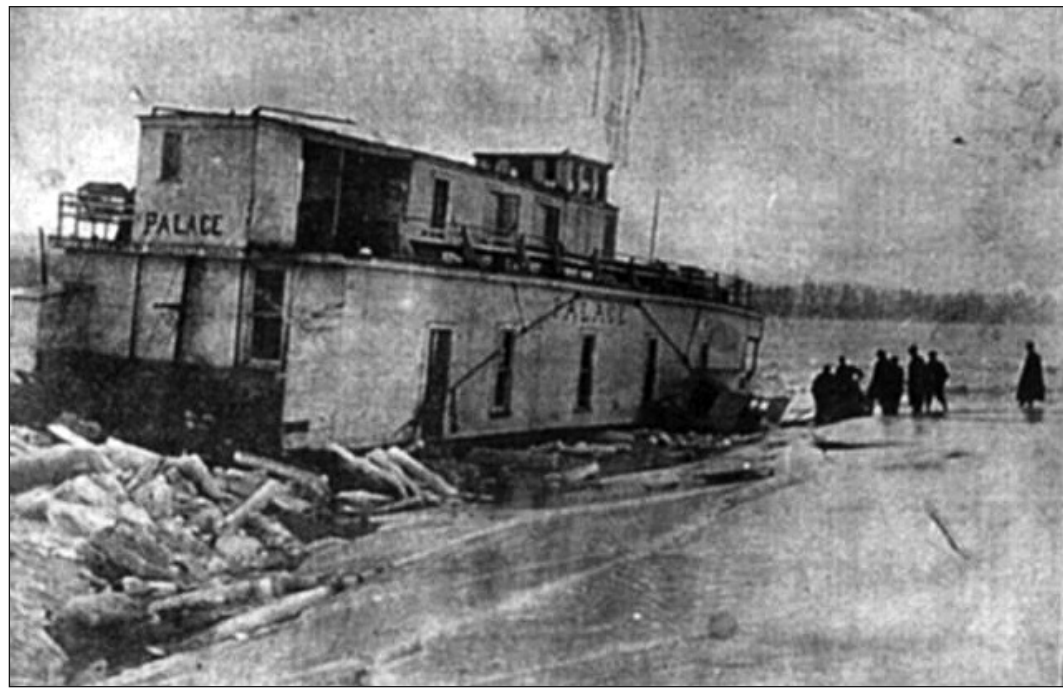
"The boys and girls of the vicinity have recently been amusing themselves by coasting down the hill—torn clothes, severe bruises, unexpected collisions and even (somersaults) have not dampened the enthusiasm of these husky young people who have enjoyed the sport immensely."

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The papers tell of the frozen Ohio River during this time and say that the "ice gorge" of 1918 was the most spectacular river disaster that had happened. The Ohio froze over in January, and as late as March, it was still possible to walk across the river. Steamboats were imprisoned in the ice. With the thaw, they were crushed by the shifting ice.

Two of the steamers that people from the Crittenden County side were familiar seeing along their docks were the Cotton Blossom and the Jewel. Both steamers were torn from their home moorings when the ice started moving and were carried downstream striking the reef and sinking. After this destructive time, the steamboat became more of a memory than a mode of transportation.

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On the lighter side of events, The Crittenden Press received a letter from W.J. Hill during this cold, snowy time. But Hill didn't want to complain about anything, he just wanted to share with the readers the good times he and his wife were having during the cold winter months. It gives us a look back at what life might have been like. Even though getting through such a harsh winter must have been hard, he seemed to have a taken it in stride and enjoyed the time, even calling it a "fine sport of a time."

W.J. Hill, or Uncle Billy Joel, as his friends knew him, was a writer as well as a minister. It was said that he kept notes on many subjects, as he loved history and he wanted to preserve it for future generations. He and his wife, Polly Jane Phillips



Hill, lived on a farm about a half-mile northwest of Tribune on a hill. (This is the farm where Gene and Maudie Summers lived for many years, at the top of Quarry Road off Ky. 120.)

His letter read as follows: "Hello Mr. Editor, had you thought how January (1918) went out? It went out with a storm, and February came in frozen. The first and second were blizzard cold and me and the wife sit in front of the fire and eat our meals in our tin plates. My, them fat biscuits, corn bread, roasted potatoes and popcorn are good on these cold winter evenings.

"February second was a regular blizzard, but wife had a big fat chicken for dinner. My, the pot of rich gravy and sweet potatoes, and them fine biscuits, bring on your gravy, what I did was a plenty. If some of my old friends had dropped in we would have had a picnic.

"When I was a boy, we would drag up trees in the snow with the oxen, and my, the fires we would have. This winter, I made me a half sled and drug up logs and cut and sawed the wood and run fires day and night. Through January, we had a fine time rolling in back logs and cutting ice to water the stock.

"When we were through for the day, wife would put on an oven, fill it with sweet potatoes, cook old-fashioned corn bread, get the butter and our tin plates, and we would sit down by the fire



PHOTOS SUBMITTED  
**The riverboat Palace (top photo) stuck in the ice of the Ohio River near Weston. Mamie Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Joseph Hughes and James B. Hughes (above) on the ice in the Ohio River in 1918.**

and eat. Other times, we would have fried eggs, butter and milk, hominy, meat and gravy and wind up with a fine bowl of peaches and cream, and all this by a good hickory fire.

"Monday, I cut and drug up wood. We would have to drag wood in the snow or put a long rope around and hitch it to a horse and trot to the house. My, my, how they do slip in the snow.

"Tuesday, wife and I killed a 300-pound hog. Oh, the sausage and them big hams and middlings. We put up a fine lot of sausage for next spring and summer.

"Well, we gathered our corn and I pulled it and put it in piles, and wife would drive the horses and I would throw it in the wagon bed, and we would drive in. Polly

Jane is a help-mate you see.

"When I haul wood in the wagon, she goes with me to help load. Not many women like Polly Jane. When it comes to beauty, work, managing and saving, she is number one. She has got the get up and go, and she likes to see others do the same. This woman is now 76 years old.

"It's a fine sport, this living in the country with a good orchard, a good cellar and a good wife. A big wood fire, plenty to eat and a clear conscience. Sit by the fire and warm and think over the good time in the past. If this wouldn't make a fellow shout for joy there is not much to him.

"Signed: Saved and Sanctified, W.J. Hill."

# Local man records account of king of white-tailed deer

*Editor's note: This is the first in a series of seven stories by Crittenden County native David Drennan about the tracking of a trophy deer in the northeast portion of the county dubbed "Sludgefoot." The semi-fictional series, "Sludgefoot: King of the White-tails," is his light-hearted account of the adventure with actual journal entries describing the scene.*

David Drennan  
Crittenden Press guest writer

Sludgefoot

■ Journal entry, July 4: "Tom and I put our stands up behind the pond. Saw nothing until about 7:45 a.m. A spike came out to my right. Two more came out above the pond.

Then the ground started shaking. Sludge ran under Tom's tree and in front of mine. Did not get a picture of the buck, but it was awesome. Sure wished I could've got a picture of Tom. It isn't every day you see eyeballs bugged out three inches or tongues hanging out to the second button on your shirt."

Sludgefoot slowly walked into the field and under the next tree and shook his head. He could see their star-

bled reactions out of the corner of his eye. He paid them no mind. This was not the humans' time for hunting. For whatever reason, these humans were just watching, writing and having fun. Humans are so hard to figure, thought Sludge as he walked on past the two men who so keenly watched him.

■ July 9: "Saw the boys this a.m. about 5:30. Would you believe there is almost an identical twin for Sludge? One for me, one for Tom. Number one is light brown, kinda washed-out looking. Number two is darker and rack not as massive."

Sludgefoot was number one in this part of the woods, as far as deer were concerned. He was the leader, the wise teacher who guided

the other whitetails. He was the oldest male deer in Crittenden County. When he had first come here, it was a safe land, a land that was free, where deer could prosper. Now it was very dangerous as more and more hunters arrived to kill his family.

Sludgefoot had lived through many hunting seasons already, but each time the humans came, it brought grief to the kingdom. Sludge was their number one target, too.

He was the last to come from the "Forbidden Lands." He warned the other white-tails to stay away from the Forbidden Lands and to stay under his watch, care and protection. He guarded them with his life, and his word was law. Sludgefoot was king of the whitetails.

Sludgefoot's brother, Odo, was the number two deer that was spotted that day. Although his authority did not go as far as Sludge's, he was a respected leader in the community as well. Sludge trusted him and his judgment and had appointed him to the council that advised

the king.

■ July 9: "There was a big six-point with number one and number two that wasn't a slouch either. I ran down to the log barn when they were out of sight and caught them crossing the road. Man, were they big! Hope the pictures turn out good."

Not a slouch, but also a rival to the kingship of Sludge. This deer is Coileus.

His power and strength was growing, and often he inquired about the Forbidden Land and why Sludge considered it so dangerous to ever attempt to go back there. Coileus would have never questioned Sludge in front of the others, but privately he plotted against the king. Odo was cautious of Coileus, but the two often talked. They never spoke in front of Sludgefoot though.

Sludgefoot knew that one day Coileus would be a problem, but often he ignored the younger aggressive buck's wild notions. Could that be a mistake?

■ July 10: "Saw the boys again at the pond this a.m. Number one and number

two, the Big Six, a spike. Number one steadily walked to the top of the hill. Number two ran the spike around the pond three times and jumped the fence and ran him to the top of the hill. The Big Six walked almost to the top of the hill before going into the woods."

Sludgefoot's son was simply known as Spike. Spike was young, brash and irrational. Spike was always known for getting into fights and not obeying Sludge's warnings. Spike longed to be free and roam around wherever he wanted. He felt tied down by his father and uncle, the kings of the land. And often he quarreled with Coileus. The big six-point instigated these fights and then presented complaints against Spike to his father. This was a deceitful plan that often got Spike into trouble. Spike, too, longed to see the Forbidden Lands where his mother lived.

■ Aug. 5: "The big boys are back. Saw four bucks going across bean field in a direct line from the top of the hill. First was little six, then num-

ber one, then number two and then the Big Six. Awesome! As Tom would say, 'Makes my liver quiver.' Two hundred yards-plus through binoculars, and I could still see tines— could not count. Still believe to be 10 apiece. Whether they chose that way by chance or deliberately avoided my trail, may never be known."

Sludge knew that the trail was not safe, even though the human was just looking with his eyes. He had to guard against this enemy. Still, he felt captivated by the human who looked at him with such admiration and dignity.

The idea was quickly lost as they continued on their way, heading to the council meeting.

Trouble brewed amongst them.

Where was Spike?

(David Drennan, 23, is a native of Crittenden County. He is a student teacher at Caldwell County Elementary School and works as a volunteer with local children's organizations.)

## Transfer Madness to connect KCTCS students to universities

### STAFF REPORT

Help is on the way for Kentucky college students interested in transferring their credits or associate degree to a four-year university. From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., on March 6, the state's colleges and universities will host "Transfer Madness," the first entirely online, statewide transfer fair where students can chat online with transfer advisors, search for scholarships, download materials and get questions answered.

Organizers hope the convenience of an online transfer fair will boost student participation since students can access the event from the comfort of their

home and at a time that suits their family and work schedules.

"One of the key success factors in the transfer game is connecting with and developing a relationship with four-year institutions prior to attendance. That is why this 'Transfer Madness' event is so important....and a real slam dunk for everyone involved," said Dr. Jay Box, chancellor of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

High school students who plan to begin their educational journey at a community college should also plan to take part.

To register for the event and prizes and to view the list of the participating col-

leges, universities and education partners, go to

[www.transfermadness.org](http://www.transfermadness.org).

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# Sale of alcohol is not a good option for anyone

Now the cat is out of the bag, Kentucky Revised Statutes says Marion, a fourth-class city, or the county could permit through ordinance the sale of alcohol on Sundays in restaurants, liquor stores and wherever it is sold.

All who sign the petition to turn Crittenden County into a liquor-slurping, drunk-driving community tempting youth to drink will answer not only to police, courts and their ruined children, but to God in this life and the next. Hope is that by the time enough signatures are garnered, the Kentucky legislature will have passed a law that requires all who sign the petition will have to pay the \$14,000 it will cost us taxpayers to have the special election.

All of us have been young once, and we are keenly aware of the impression and influence adults have on us. We couldn't wait until we could do like our older brothers and sisters or our parents or our older peers.



Names can be given by this writer of children's lives ruined by the examples set before them by someone they admired.

On Sunday after church services, where will the Christians go for Sunday dinner and take their children? To a restaurant where friends and business people are swigging their swill and some of the swiggers are in their Sunday best having just come from church?

"He that is greedy of gain troubles his own house," reads Proverbs 15:27.

Why anyone would want to engage in a business or sell a product that kills their fellow man and destroys homes, marriages, children

and fortunes is beyond me. How can these people sleep at night knowing they are living off of blood money? Not only does this put them in trouble with God, but also the law, when one leaves their establishment and has a wreck or hurts someone.

When we are right with God, we are happy doing good things, making a business that helps people to have a better life.

I started out with a borrowed \$50 from Gene Guess at People's Bank with my mother cosigning for me to get more education. I was working nights, enduring long bus rides and working my way up to finally having my own well-established business and school. To my sorrow, I was spending some of those years away from God, but I never needed drugs, alcohol or tobacco to get ahead, be accepted, make me feel big and important or to get a high.

During that time, I also owned an Arthur Murray Dance Studio and taught

ballroom dancing.

When I came to Jesus, I closed it. When God called me to work for Him, I put my 17-chair beauty salon, school and ultra-modern upstairs apartment up for sale. The first offer I had on it was for a dance studio.

The need to sell it was very pressing, as I was living here and traveling in evangelism having closed the business.

When the realtor called, I told her I could not sell it for something that led people into sin. She was dumbfounded. So were a lot of people who said, "You aren't responsible for what anyone does with it after you sell it. You could sell it for a church and then it could turn it into a tavern."

My answer was, "But I know what they want it for and that would be sin for me." My decision was that it would rot down as a testimony to Jesus before I would sell it for something I knew was sin.

I did not know what I was

going to do, but I knew God would take care of me.

Just a very few weeks later, came an offer paying half again more than the first. Plans were for it to be used as an electronic store. Later, that was sold, and now it is a large Christian school. There are many witnesses to these facts.

God keeps His word Matthew 6:33 tells us: "Seek you first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you."

With all my heart, I thank God He taught me early to trust Him. No way do I want to be in the shoes of the Jews who Ezekiel in Chapter 22, Verse 27 said they were like wolves ravening the prey...to destroy souls and to get dishonest gain.

Millions of our people are determined to ruin their health and wealth, killing themselves using and pushing drugs of all kinds. Warning after warning is before us, and God's word is replete with them.

"He that hurries to be rich has an evil eye and considers not that poverty shall come upon him," Proverbs 28:22 spells out.

A very valid warning is found in Proverbs13:13: "Whoso despises the word shall be destroyed; but he that fears the commandment shall be rewarded."

James is referring to many when he said in Chapter 4, Verses 13-14, "You that say today or tomorrow I will buy and sell and get gain, you know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time, and then it vanishes away."

Jesus fixed it all in Matthew 16:27, 28: "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

# God has preordained our life's path

We have a well-known verse in the book of Romans (8:18): "And we shall know that all things work together for the good to them that love God." That is to say that everything that happens to us, both pleasant and unpleasant, is for our good.

Everything we meet in life works for our best, under the circumstances. When we love God, it matters not what people say or do or neglect to do, it still works out for our good.

Nobody is ever dissatis-

Commentary by  
Feltzy Yoder

fied with the best. When we come into dire straits, we always have Job as an example of patience. When in his trials, he looked for God everywhere around him, but couldn't seem to find Him. But he finally found Him right there on the ash pile where he sat bemoaning his plight.

God holds billions of strings in His hand and pulls them in such a way

that we benefit from it. But we must take what we read to heart so that it becomes living for us, so we can grasp the significance of our calling, whom He foreknew and also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, Romans 8:29 tells us.

God wants to assure us that He has ordained our pathway before us. We must know this, and as we do, we find assurance in the fact that He has gone before us and that He knows the way that He had determined for

us to walk in.

This is the meaning of the word predestination. It simply means that He has marked out our pathway for us ahead of time. The doctrine of predestination only becomes "scary" when it becomes theological.

God's intention was that we might be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first born among many brethren.

(Feltzy Yoder is a resident of the Salem community and has lived with his family in the area for 20 years.)

## Local event sees hundreds

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mexico Baptist Church held a wild game supper on Feb. 23. Pastor Tim Burdon said this is the ninth year the church has held the event, part of a community outreach to speak on the Gospel. This year about 500 people came to the wild game supper. Numerous activities included door prizes and skits. Among those winning a turkey call were (at left) Wesley Wring, who placed first in a turkey-calling contest and won \$25; Riley Gobin, who placed second and won \$10 and Avery Harper, who placed third and won \$5. Burdon said it was a great event and was pleased with the turnout from the community.



## Thank You

On January 12, 2013 North Livingston Baptist Church's building was devastated by an EF2 tornado. By January 13 Kent & Keith Wilcox & Vonda Todd along with New Union General Baptist & Pastor David Davis had already begun to put together a benefit to help us financially to rebuild our facilities.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your timeless effort to help a sister church in our time of need. The singing, the fellowship, and the food was a blessing. Thank you for the use of your facility, all of the planning & the selfless giving of all of the participating churches and individuals. To name each one individually would be impossible.

Please accept this as our thank you and know that you will be a part of what God does as we rebuild. Thank you and may God bless your hearts.

Pastor Danny Starrick and congregation,  
North Livingston Baptist Church

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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• Wednesday night Bible study: 6 p.m.

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WHO WE ARE



**Tina Jones**

*Who We Are is a feature found regularly inside The Crittenden Press. In it, we give you a chance to get to know your neighbors a little better.*

While many people are looking forward to spring's arrival, Tina Jones tries to keep a fresh perspective during the cold months of winter.

"As (the Apostle) Paul says, be content in where you are. So I try to be content where I am. Winter is God's season too; so there you go," Jones said.

A Marion native, Jones is employed at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Her responsibilities at the senior center give her the opportunity to meet new faces and catch up with friends and colleagues.

"I really enjoy being able to interact with the people," Jones said. "I really enjoy my job."

Her work schedule includes assisting in the kitchen and transporting individuals to and from the center by its transit service. Jones previously worked four years at the center. She eventually transitioned to Crittenden Health Systems where she worked for almost 10 years. She returned to the senior center three years ago.

When not working, Jones enjoys visiting with her family. She has a son and daughter and one granddaughter. She also enjoys spending time with her church family at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church.

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# Livingston bridge work under way

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) plans to restrict traffic to one lane at the following locations in Livingston County for bridge deck-sealing work:

- Ky. 838/Hampton Road at mile-point 5.884 today (Thursday);
- Ky. 133/Lola Road at mile-point 8.924 on Monday; and
- Ky. 135/Carrsville Road at mile-point 11.994 on Tuesday.

Times and dates are subject to change due to the amount of work required at each location and/or weather conditions.

The KyTC District 1 bridge crew is performing preventative maintenance such as joint sealing and deck patching where needed. Traffic at these locations will be reduced to one lane with alternating flow controlled by flaggers.


Motorists should use appropriate caution where equipment, flaggers and maintenance personnel are on the roadway in close proximity to traffic flow.

Meantime, Shelby Road/Axel Creek Road at the Livingston-Crittenden County line remains closed. This closure is to allow a major reconstruction of the Claylick Creek Bridge.

This closure point is 5 miles south of Salem beyond the state-maintained section of Ky. 133 on Shelby Road. The closure point is 2.5 miles north of Ky. 70 on Axel Creek Road from the Crittenden County side.

The detour for this closure is via Ky. 70, Ky. 855/Tyner's Chapel Road and U.S. 60. Bridge-end to bridge-end requires about a 20-mile detour.

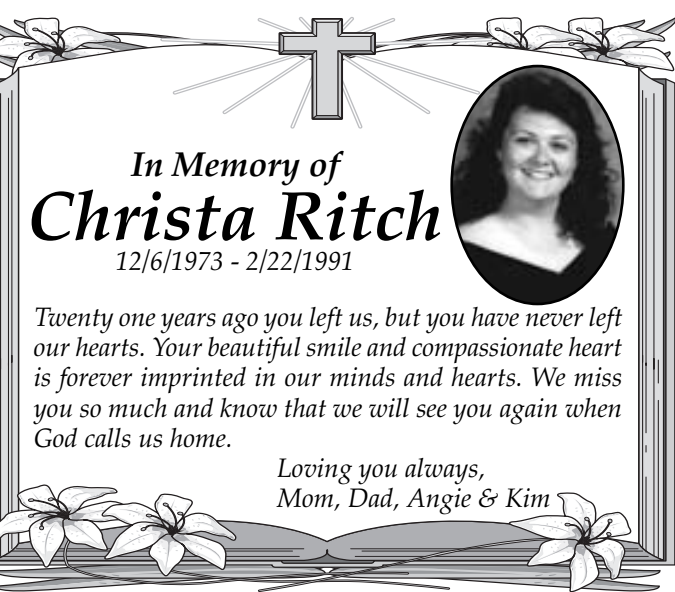
Claylick Creek Bridge is expected to be closed through mid-March.



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Mom, Dad, Angie & Kim*



## Authorities confronted with uncommon cases

STAFF REPORT

City and county law officials have recently fielded a pair of rather uncommon complaints.

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent said he received a disturbing report Friday that a vehicle had been operating off the pathways at Dycusburg Cemetery, apparently across burial sites. Unfortunately, the sheriff said, it's not the first time his office has had such reports.

"I don't know why anyone would want to do that," he said. There are no leads in the case, but anyone witnessing such an activity is asked to contact authorities immediately.

Meantime, Marion Police Department has an open investigation into someone apparently taking up temporary residence or conducting suspicious activity inside the press box at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Blankets, food, clothing and even a television were found inside the structure that is generally kept locked.

"Apparently, someone has been staying there or using it for a point of connection," Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal reported.

No one has been charged, but since last week, O'Neal said it appears no one had returned to the press box.

## Hampton man killed in one-vehicle wreck

STAFF REPORT

A northern Livingston County man died as a result of injuries received in a single-vehicle accident last week near Smithland.

Bill Christianson, 45, of Hampton was pronounced dead at the scene of the late-night crash Feb. 20 on Ky. 453 by Livingston County Coroner Jeff Armstrong.

According to Kentucky State Police, Christianson was apparently northbound on the road when his vehicle exited the right shoulder of the roadway and struck a utility pole. His 2006 Pontiac sedan then traveled an additional 58 feet before coming to final rest off the east side of the roadway.

The fatality occurred around 10:40 p.m., approximately 1.3 miles east of Smithland.

State Trooper Donald Crawford was assisted on scene by Livingston County Sheriff's Office, Livingston County EMS, the Livingston County Coroner's Office and Smithland Fire Department.

Thank You

The family of Kenneth and Hazel Guess would like to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our father and our mother's hospitalization and recovery. Words cannot express how much we appreciated the flowers, Gideon Bibles, cards, calls, visits, food, comforting words and prayers during this difficult time. A special thank you to the staff of Boyd Funeral Directors, Rev. John East, first responders, PHI Air Medical, Deaconess Hospital doctors and staff, Lourdes Rehabilitation doctors and staff and our employers. We would also like to thank our spouses and extended family for all their love and support.

May God bless each and every one of you.

The Guess family

## ThePressOBITUARIES

### Williams

Emma Lou Belt Williams, 79, of Crayne died Feb. 21, 2013, at Livingston Hospital and Health-care Services in Salem.

She was a retired employee of Potter and Brumfield.

Williams is survived by her husband, Erzell "Junior" Williams of Marion; two daughters, Peggy and husband Richard Hill and Mary Lou Belt, all of Marion; one son, Eugene and wife Sandy Belt of Marion; two stepsons, Eugene and wife Belinda Williams and Darrell and wife Tammy Williams, all of Marion; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren. She is also survived by nine siblings as well as five stepbrothers and step-sisters.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Ruple Belt; her parents, Ules and Velada Shuecraft Harris; her step-mother, Estelle Harris; and one brother.

Funeral services were Sunday at Myers Funeral Home with Bro. Barry Hix officiating. Burial was in New Union (Ditney) Cemetery.

### McCalister

Shirley Brown McCalister, 74, of Princeton died Feb. 20, 2013, at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

McCalister was a former employee of the former Shawnee Plastics plant in Kuttawa and was a retired employee from Rivers Bend Retirement Community in Kuttawa. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church in Princeton.

She is survived by her husband, Carroll McCalister; one son, Randy and wife Lois Rushing of Dycusburg; four grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Lucille Bingham of Hobart, Ind.; one brother, Gordon Travis of Paris, Tenn.; nieces; and nephews.

McCalister was preceded in death by a previous husband, Bill Brown; one brother, Virgil Travis; two sisters, Barbara Epperson and Virginia Jewell; and her parents, Elvin Travis and Gertie Henry Travis.

Services were Sunday at Lakeland Funeral Home Chapel in Eddyville with Revs. Lonnie Knight and Jeff McCarty officiating. Burial was in Dycusburg Cemetery.

### Christianson

William Christianson, 45, of Hampton died Feb. 20, 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Christianson; his parents, James and Wilma Craig Christianson; one step-son, Noah Rediske; one brother, Jim Christianson; and two sisters, Sherry Porter and Tina Razzano.

There were no services. Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem was in charge of arrangements.

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A special thanks to my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren for the delicious food you prepared, for serving, keeping the guest register, and for helping in so many ways. The picture and card boards were both beautiful and I loved them so much. Thanks to Darla Drawdy for being the photographer that day and taking so many pictures. I would also like to say thank you and I love you to my children, Jan Gregory, Joe McDaniel, and Marie Burkhart for planning the 90th Surprise Birthday Party for me.

May God richly bless each and every one of you.  
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# Reducing energy costs saves on expenses

Energy costs are monthly expenses that fluctuate throughout the year, since much of our heating and cooling usage depends on Mother Nature. However, you can make your home more energy efficient and reduce some of your energy expenses by locating and switching off sources of phantom energy in your home.

Phantom energy usage occurs when a device is not performing its primary task but is still using electricity. Phantom energy users include many products that have a standby mode, such



as microwaves, coffee makers and similar products that constantly display the time.

Devices with remote controls, external power supplies and battery chargers are other examples of phantom energy culprits. These

include televisions, cell phone chargers and cordless phones. These devices use electricity 24 hours a day when plugged into an outlet.

The easiest way to reduce phantom energy usage is to unplug these products when they are not in use. Sometimes this is easier said than done, especially if you regularly use the product.

If you find yourself in that situation, you may want to consider purchasing a smart power strip to manage a group of electronics or a conserve power switch for small appliances.

Smart power strips are

equipped with control outlets, switched outlets and constant outlets. The control outlets manage much of the power coming into the strip. When you plug a device into a control outlet and it goes into sleep mode, the strip will cut off the power to it and other devices placed on the switched outlets.

The constant, or hot, outlet continuously provides power only to the product plugged into it. This is beneficial if you have devices like a fax machine or digital video recorder (DVR) that need to stay on regardless. Smart power strips are available at

office supply stores and supercenters.

Conserve power switches are handy if you find it cumbersome to unplug all your small appliances or electronics after each use. These have an on/off switch that you can flip to control the power to a device, so you're not constantly plugging and unplugging your appliances or electronics. These switches are available online.

Reducing phantom energy use is one way to become more energy efficient. If you're interested in learning about other ways to manage

your home energy use, the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service has a program to teach you how to use an online home energy self-assessment tool.

This tool can help you understand how your home uses energy.

For more information on this program or phantom energy, visit the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service.

Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

## Bose director of cardiac rehab at Crittenden Health Systems

BY JASON TRAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) has added Dr. Sanjay Bose to its staff at The Center Clinic. Bose will see patients every other Thursday.

Dr. Bose is also the Director of the Cardiac Rehab Program at CHS. The program includes an aim of increasing physical endurance and helps patients recover after cardiac surgery, a heart attack or stent implantation.

"This is a program of monitored exercise, counseling in terms of tobacco, diet and getting patients back on their feet after surgery or after stent implantation amongst other things," the doctor said.

In addition to seeing pa-



Dr. Bose

tients at CHS. Dr. Bose regularly sees patients at The Heart Group in Paducah. Furthermore, he is on the medical staff at Hardin County General Hospital in Rosiclare, Ill.

His board certifications include nuclear cardiology, cardiovascular medicine, interventional cardiology and testamur echocardiography. His professional societies include fellow, American College of Cardiology, or F.A.C.C.; and fellow, American Society for

Cardiac Angiography and Interventions, or F.S.C.A.I.

Dr. Bose said he enjoys working in rural communities and previously had a cardiology practice in Middlebury, Vt.

CHS Chief Nursing Officer Robin Curnel said Dr. Bose gives the community professional cardiac expertise.

"Patients don't have to drive an hour," she said. "He comes every other Thursday now. If they don't have a cardiologist, here is one that is close by and he will refer if individuals need some kind of interventions that we can't do. It's just one more service to benefit our community so they don't have to drive. It's quality care close to home."



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## CCHS names Students of the Month

CCHS Students of the Month for February include (front row) Mason Ryan, Sadie Easley, Elizabeth Brown, Faith Sitar and Ellen Merrick; (second row) Jessica McConnell, Amber Wright, Hannah Roberts and Madison Lynch; (third row) Marcus Tinsley, Benny Tucker, Abby Mills, Lena Bradford and Nic Greenwell; (fourth row) Dakota Triplett, Travis Fitzgerald, Dylan Crabtree and Dylan Burt. Not pictured are Chloe McKenzie, Derrick Rushing, Colton Owen, Paige Jones and David Steinbach.

## Frazer awarded presidential scholarship

STAFF REPORT

Tucker Frazer, the son of Bart and Shirley Frazer of Marion, has been awarded a presidential scholarship to the University of Kentucky. The award covers the cost of tuition for up to four years of undergraduate study and is valued at \$40,000.

The commonwealth's flagship university called this year's group of applicants "the most competitive pool in university history with over

1,300 applications."

"We are extending this offer because our university recognizes and values incredible talent, and we want you to be a part of the UK family," wrote university president Eli Capilouto in



Frazer

notifying Frazer of the award.

The scholarship was awarded based on Frazer's academic achievements and scholarly work, as well as his commitment to outreach and service to his fellow students, school and community.

The award replaces a previous offer to Frazer of the university's provost scholarship.

## Evening Belles hold meeting, celebrate Valentine's Day

BY MARGARET GILLAND  
THE EVENING BELLES

The Evening Belles met Feb. 14 at the Extension office. President Pat Carter called the meeting to order followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The thought for the month was, "Slow dancing in life is not the same as waltzing through it."

Myrle Dunning did roll call, which was answered by those in attendance with the funniest thing that has happened to them on Valentine's Day.

She also gave the treasurer's report and read thank you's from Birdie Farmer and the 4-H club, with a request from 4-H for a donation again this year.

After the discussion, five members donated \$110 to be given to the 4-H club.

President Carter reminded us of the cultured arts event on Feb. 19 and encouraged members to enter items.

She also told of the International Day scheduled for February 27. The club was asked to furnish a veggie

tray, which Anne Collins volunteered to make.

Louise May taught the lesson on organic and natural foods, after which she served a delicious dessert.

Helen Springs won a door prize in a game about First Ladies of the United States given by Algie Richards.

Some members passed Valentine candy.

There were nine members present and one guest.

The next meeting will be March 14 at Extension office. Visitors are welcome.



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## Akridge named Business of the Month

The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce has honored one of its members in adjacent Caldwell County. The Fredonia business, established in 1933, is operated by three generations of the Akridge family, and also owns the Ace Hardware store in Eddyville. Chamber representative Jeff Ellis presents the award to store manager Gary Holland. Also pictured from left are David Huffstutter, Paul Akridge, Dean Akridge, Logan Akridge, Nona Akridge, and chamber representatives Elliot West, Holly White, Scott Belt and Susan Alexander.

## Community CALENDAR

### Thursday, Feb. 28

■ A "Don't Let Falls Get You Down" program will be presented at 10 a.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Office. It is open to the public. Call the Extension Office at 965-5236 to register.

### Tuesday, March 5

■ Bigham Lodge No. 256 F&M will have stated communication at the Masonic Lodge located on Sturgis Road. The meal will be at

6:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 6

■ An AARP tax preparation professional will be on hand at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., each Wednesday during tax season to help seniors with filing their taxes. The center is located on North Walker Street.

**On-going**

■ Crittenden County Project

Graduation is selling Rocket tumblers, cookbooks and jersey knit throws as fundraisers. See any senior class member to purchase.

■ The Crittenden County Hospital Auxiliary encourages individuals to donate books. Bring them to the hospital lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays or call 965-1059 to have them picked up. The books will be sold for fundraising.

## Church notes

- Barnett Chapel Church will have a baby shower (it's a girl) for Cody and LaDonna Herrin after morning worship on March 3. Soup and sandwiches will be served. Everyone is welcome.
- Sturgis General Baptist Church will have a homecoming at 1:30 p.m., March 3. Featured singers will include The Clarks and the Rainey from Harrisburg, Ill.
- A Come and See Event will be held at Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Ind. on March 15-17 for single, catholic woman ages 18 to 40. Get to know Benedictine sisters, share in community life and prayer, and meet other women who are considering religious life. No pressure, no commitment. For more information or to register online, visit [www.thedome.org](http://www.thedome.org), or call Sister Michelle Sinkhorn at 800-734-9999, or email [vocation@thedome.org](mailto:vocation@thedome.org).
- Upward Practice is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday and Thursday at Marion Baptist Church. The FLC Walking Track and Weight Room will be open on Monday and

Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- Marion Baptist Church will be hosting AWANA for children age 2 through fifth grade at 5:45 p.m.; Youth Bible Study for grades six to 12 at 6:30 p.m.; Financial Peace Class at 5:45 p.m.; Scrapbooking Class at 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible/Prayer Class at 6:30 p.m.; Men's Bible Study Class at 6:30 p.m.; Revival Principles Class at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at 965-5232.
- Repton Baptist Church in Mattoon hosts Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills 6 p.m., on Sundays in the fellowship hall. The program uses a fun format to teach children in grades first through sixth Bible skills.
- The Caldwell and Lyon County Grief Support Group is held at 2 p.m., every Monday in the Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association building in Princeton. It offers an educated and trained Christian grief counselor who can guide a person through the initial stages of grief and beyond after the loss of a loved one. The group is open to everyone and there is no charge. For more information or directions, call Carma Lee Chandler at 365-6578. If unable to attend meetings on Monday nights, Bro. Mac Walls can counsel on Saturdays. Call 210-1204 to make an appointment.

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**BASKETBALL**  
**5th District Tournament**  
Last week at Trigg County

**GIRLS**  
**Monday's Semifinals**  
Livingston Central 51, Trigg County 35  
Lyon County 31, Crittenden County 29  
**Thursday's Championship**  
Livingston Cent. 66, Lyon Co. 36

**BOYS**  
**Tuesday's Semifinals**  
Lyon County 55, Livingston Central 44  
Trigg County 60, Crittenden Co. 57  
**Friday's Championship**  
Trigg County 78, Lyon County 61

**Regional and State**  
**Second Region Tournaments**  
**Boys at Hopkinsville**  
**Quarterfinal Round**  
Hopkinsville 74, Webster Co. 41  
Madisonville 51, Lyon County 36  
Trigg County 66, Caldwell Co. 64  
Henderson Co. 63, Chrstian Co. 56  
**Friday's Semifinal Round**  
Hopkinsville vs. Madisonville, 6 p.m.  
Trigg vs. Henderson Co., 7:45 p.m.  
**Championship Game**  
Saturday, 7 p.m.

**Girls at Caldwell County**  
**Wednesday's Quarterfinals**  
Livingston vs. Madisonville, 6 p.m.  
Henderson vs. Christian, 7:45 p.m.  
**Thursday's Quarterfinals**  
University Heights vs. Lyon, 6 p.m.  
Caldwell vs. Webster, 7:45 p.m.  
**Monday's Semifinals**  
Upper bracket, 6 p.m.  
Lower bracket, 7:45 p.m.  
**Championship Game**  
Tuesday, 7 p.m.

**State Tournaments**  
Boys at Rupp Arena March 6-9  
*Lexington, Ky.*  
Girls at Diddle Arena March 13-16  
*Bowling Green, Ky.*

**Young Rockets win title**  
The third- and fourth-grade Rocket basketball team won its second tournament championship this season, capturing the Rocket Rumble Saturday with a perfect 5-0 record at Marion. The team finished its season with a 32-13 record. Here are scores from the one-day tournament:  
Crittenden 31, Trigg County 14  
Crittenden 42, Reidland 17  
Crittenden 38, W. KY Wildcats 34  
Crittenden 32, Trigg County 7  
**Championship**  
Crittenden 52 W. KY Wildcats 24  
Total individual scoring for the tournament was as follows: Gabe Mott 51, Tyler Boone 37, Trace Adams 37, Braxton Winders 18, Tate Roberts 14, Caden McCalister 12, Ben Evans 12, Xander Tabor 4, Jasper Morrison 4, Maddox Carlson 4 and Brian Nelson 2.

**SOFTBALL**  
**Clinic for girls March 9**  
The Lady Rocket softball team will be hosting a youth softball clinic for grades 1-7 from 9 a.m., until noon Saturday, March 9 at the middle school gym. Pre-regis-ter for \$25, which includes a snack, shirt, instruction and ad-mission to the first CCHS home game. Same-day registration is \$35.

**BASEBALL**  
**Youth baseball clinic**  
There will be a free youth base-ball clinic from noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 16 at Marion-Crittenden County Park's Gordon Blue Guess Field. It is for young-sters in grades K-8. Crittenden County High School's Rocket baseball program is hosting the clinic. Those who pre-register by March 8 will receive a free Rocket baseball. For more information, call Donnie Phillips at 625-1875 or Misty Champion at 704-3311.

**Summer little league**  
Registration is under way for summer youth baseball and soft-ball leagues at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Forms are available at The Crittenden Press, and they have been distributed at Critten-den County Elementary School. You may also find a form in PDF format on the Dugout Club's Facebook page or at The Press Online under the sports tab. Reg-istration deadline is March 16. For information, call 704-0435.

**SOCCER**  
**Youth league sign-ups**  
Crittenden County Youth Soccer registration will be from 9 a.m., until noon on Saturday, March 9 at Dairy Queen.

# Clark is retiring from coaching football

STAFF REPORT  
It's time to focus more on his job as a school administrator, says Vince Clark.  
After more than 22 seasons coaching football, the Rockets' de-fensive coordinator says he's hang-ing up the whistle.  
Clark, 45, came to Crittenden County in 1991 after helping start the football program at Grant County a year earlier. For the Rock-ets, he built a foundation for one of the best defenses in western Ken-tucky, especially among small schools.  
He was defensive coordinator at Crittenden from 1996 through 2000 and then again from 2005 until last fall. Over those 14 seasons, Clark's defenses were stingy, holding oppo-nents to no more than one touch-down in 49 games and recording 14 shutouts.  
"I've loved coaching Crittenden County kids and football taught me a great deal about life when I was growing up," said Clark, who grad-

uated from Green County High School in 1985 and met his future wife, Alicia Howard, a Crittenden Countian, while the two were at-tending college at Eastern Kentucky University.  
"It takes an enormous amount of time and energy to coach football, and I need to keep some balance with my administrative duties for our district," Clark said.  
Clark is instructional supervisor for grades 6-12 and district person-nel director. He said education re-form initiatives in Kentucky have added more to his workload, and he wants to spend more time with his wife, perhaps traveling. They have raised two sons in Marion, Dylan and Devin. Devin is completing his senior year at CCHS where he was all-district in football and basket-ball.  
"This has been a thoughtful and careful decision," Clark said. "It's hard to let go of something that you're so invested in. But life changes, kids graduate, careers ex-



Longtime assistant coach Vince Clark, pictured here in a rainy game last fall, is retiring from coaching.

pand and time becomes more pre-cious. I'm grateful for the opportu-nity to have coached here."  
In addition to coaching football al-most every year he spent in the Crittenden County School System, Clark also was head baseball coach from 1992 through 1995 and again

in 2010. His teams won district championships in 1993 and 2010.  
In the classroom, Clark was a math teacher before joining the ad-ministrative team as principal at the middle school from 2001 through 2006.  
Rocket head coach Al Starnes said Clark's contributions to the Rocket football program have been many and he will be sorely missed.  
"Vince and I came to Crittenden together in 1991. We both have made this community our home. His dedication to this program can-not be matched by anyone," Starnes said.  
Starnes said their mutual respect and trust have helped them grow as coaches and that Clark was very well thought of by all his players.  
"He took pride in coordinating the defense. He was not going to let an opposing coach outwork him," Starnes said. "On behalf of the for-mer players, managers and coaches of the past 22 years, we say thank you coach Clark."

## ROCKET BASKETBALL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS 2012-13

Name	G	FG	FG%	3Pt	3Pt%	FT	FT%	PTS	Avg	ORB	DRB	TR	Avg	PF	AST	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Owen, Aaron	31	115/342	33.6	39/154	25.3	107/182	58.8	376	12.1	20	61	81	2.61	72	45	71	2	62	881
Young, Landon	29	18/47	38.3	12/32	37.5	4/8	50.0	52	1.79	4	16	20	0.69	18	12	22	2	8	236
Dickerson, Noah	29	10/42	23.8	2/9	22.2	6/16	37.5	28	0.97	14	15	29	1.00	22	13	18	2	7	210
Hill, Ethan	31	160/368	43.5	14/60	23.3	68/116	58.6	402	13.0	24	86	110	3.55	60	65	115	0	54	816
Hicks, Dillan	14	0/8	0.00	0/2	0.00	4/4	100	4	0.29	4	3	7	0.50	6	2	5	0	1	47:24
Gilbert, Travis	31	38/118	32.2	20/68	29.4	18/27	66.7	114	3.68	22	30	52	1.68	30	30	49	0	20	636
Champion, Taylor	26	6/19	31.6	0/0	0.00	5/12	41.7	17	0.65	10	13	23	0.88	13	1	7	1	4	109
Tinsley, Zach	13	3/5	60.0	0/0	0.00	2/2	100	8	0.62	5	3	8	0.62	1	0	2	0	1	30:47
Knox, Bobby	31	117/263	44.5	0/4	0.00	85/149	57.0	319	10.3	107	170	277	8.94	105	40	79	42	59	738
Frazer, Tucker	17	2/11	18.2	1/7	14.3	2/4	50.0	7	0.41	4	8	12	0.71	6	1	9	0	3	80
Watson, Colby	4	0/2	0.00	0/0	0.00	0/0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0	1	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	3:10
Watson, Dakota	13	1/9	11.1	0/0	0.00	1/4	25.0	3	0.23	3	3	6	0.46	2	0	4	0	0	26:39
Clark, Devin	31	98/189	51.9	0/1	0.00	49/92	53.3	245	7.90	123	122	245	7.90	93	11	63	15	29	766
Driver, Adam	3	0/0	0.00	0/0	0.00	0/0	0.00	0	0.00	0	1	1	0.33	0	0	1	0	0	3:06
Cozart, Stephon	31	30/69	43.5	0/0	0.00	13/35	37.1	73	2.35	50	50	100	3.23	59	12	45	4	18	379
Totals	31	598/1492	40.1	88/337	26.1	364/651	55.9	1648	53.2	448	674	1122	36.2	487	232	505	68	266	--
Opponents	31	597/1440	41.5	108/376	28.7	316/516	61.2	1618	52.2	295	620	915	29.5	531	254	462	81	244	--

Abbreviation Key: G - Games, FG - Field Goals, 3Pt - 3 pointers, FT - free throws, PTS - points, ORB - offensive rebounds, DRB - defensive rebounds, TR - total rebounds, PF - personal fouls, AST - assists, TO - turnovers, BS - blocked shots, ST - steals, MIN - minutes played

ALL-FIFTH DISTRICT

Senior Guard  
Ethan Hill

Junior Guard  
Aaron Owen

Senior Forward  
Bobby Knox

Senior Center  
Devin Clark

Senior Guard  
Kaitlin Binkley

Sophomore Guard  
Chelsea Oliver

## Rockets put six on all-district

STAFF REPORT  
Six Crittenden County basketball players have been named to the All-Fifth District team – four Rockets and two Lady Rockets.  
Seniors Ethan Hill, Bobby Knox and Devin Clark along with junior Aaron Owen were selected on the boys' side and senior Kaitlin Binkley and sophomore Chelsea Oliver were among the league's top female play-ers.  
Heading the boys' all-dis-trict team was Deonquez Nance, who scored 32 points in the championship game against Lyon County to become Trigg County's all-time leading scorer by one point with 1,931. He eclipsed the record previ-ously held by Lamar Nor-thington.  
Oliver led the girls in scor-ing with a nine-point aver-age and Binkley averaged five.  
Hill and Owen were the Rocket leading scorers with averages of 13 and 12, re-spectively. Knox averaged 10 points and nine re-bounds while Clark aver-aged eight points and eight rebounds a game.

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Registration form must be received by March 16, 2013 with a \$35.00 fee *per child* and a copy of Birth Certificate for the player (*fee for T-ball is \$25 per child*). We want everyone to play, if you cannot afford the full registration fee, talk to a board member at registration. Registration after March 16 carries a \$25 penalty. Registration closes April 13. Skills assessment is 9 a.m., to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 16 at Crittenden County Middle School gymnasium.

NOTICE:  
1. The cutoff for age grouping for Baseball is a player turning a year older before **May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
2. The cutoff for age grouping for Softball is a player turning a year older before **January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
3. All Leagues with the exception of T-Ball & Co-ed rookie will have away games.  
4. With the exception of T-ball and Co-ed rookie league, boys must play baseball and girls must play softball.

T-Ball League	<input type="checkbox"/> (age 4 Boys & Girls) <i>must be 4 before May 1st</i>
Co-ed Rookie	<input type="checkbox"/> (ages 5-6 Boys & Girls) <i>must be 5 before May 1st</i>
Boys Baseball (Check One)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rookie (7-8) (Pitching Machine) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor (9-10) (Live Arm) <input type="checkbox"/> Major (11-12)
Girls Softball (Check One)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rookie (7-8) (Pitching Machine) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor (9-10) (Live Arm) <input type="checkbox"/> Major (11-12) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (13-16)

PERSONAL INFORMATION:  
Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Team to Play for: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Played: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirt Size: (*NOTE: Shirt size should be one size larger then normally worn*)  
Check One: ☐ 6/8 ☐ 10/12 ☐ 14/16 ☐ Adult S ☐ Adult M ☐ Adult L ☐ Adult XL ☐ Adult XXL ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you want to: ☐ Coach ☐ Umpire ☐ League Commissioner ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby give my consent for any treatment as provided by his/her coach or other adult escort in case of an injury or illness while participating in any practice, game, or other league activity sanctioned by the Crittenden county Dugout Club. I understand that this is to prevent undue delay in treatment. Furthermore, I agree to allow my child to be taken to a licensed physician and/or their designee in the case of an emergency. I will list my allergies and/or pre-existing physical conditions that need to be noted before treatment. (use back if needed)  
  
Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-existing Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Disaster protection deadline Friday

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If you just walk in we cannot guarantee how quickly we can pull together all the needed items. Please allow us to provide the best customer service as possible for you by calling ahead and letting us know you would like your contracts prepared.

Producers will have the option to enroll in either DCP or ACRE. ACRE is a program that is in lieu of DCP. Producers who enroll in ACRE are required to take a 20-percent reduction in their



DCP payments, but have the possibility to gain an ACRE payment if market/yield conditions cause triggers to be met.

If you would like to learn more about ACRE a 2013 fact sheet is located at <http://tinyurl.com/bj54hul>.

### CRP sign-up

We have just been informed that we will be having a 2013 general Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up conducted from May 20 to June 14. This sign-up will allow anyone who has an expiring general CRP contract an option to offer the con-

tract back in.

Please remember this process for general CRP contracts is a competitive process so there are no guarantees that your contract will be accepted. If you have new ground that you are interested in putting into CRP, you can offer that as well. Once the sign-up period is over for the general CRP offers, they will be ranked nationwide and you will be notified if your offer was accepted.

There are several fact sheets available on the new sign up located at <http://tinyurl.com/ame7srf>. If you are interested in offering your ground, we would recommend that you check out these fact sheets. If you do not have Internet access, these fact sheets are also available in the office.

### CCRП contracts

If you have a Continuous Conservation Reserve Pro-

gram (CCRP) contract that is expiring this year, you will need to re-offer this contract at any time six months from the expiration (usually after April 1). However, do not wait until it expires. Many CCRP contracts, once they expire, can no longer be re-enrolled.

You want to allow plenty of time for scenarios to be run and new conservation plans to be completed.

### Natural disaster protection

The deadlines to file an application for natural disaster protection under the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) is Friday for alfalfa, clover, grass, mixed grass intended for grazing, hay or seed and TEFF.

*(Laura Kessler is the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency county executive director at the Salem service center, which serves both Crittenden and Livingston counties.)*

# Whitfield introduces Freedom to Fish Act

STAFF REPORT

Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-Hopkinsville), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power, on Tuesday said that he has formally introduced legislation to prevent the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from installing permanent blockades along the Cumberland River. This measure, known as the Freedom to Fish Act, enables boating access to river tailwaters to continue for recreational and commercial fishermen.

"I am fed up with the Corps' lack of public consideration in their process to prohibit access to tailwaters near dams on the Cumberland River," said Whitfield. "I'm also frustrated that the Corps, in numerous meetings

at all levels, has placated the public rather than attempting to work with us to reach a compromise. This has left me with no other choice than to seek a legislative solution to the Corps' overreach."

On Dec. 5, the Corps' Nashville District re-evaluated its operations for restricted areas for hazardous waters at dams, which were originally implemented on Nov. 29, 1996. Despite the current practice to allow fishing in the tailwaters since 1996, the Corps recently came up with a new interpretation of the regulations and determined that they needed to permanently restrict access to the tailwaters.

Therefore, the Nashville District changed its operational management plans at

several locations in Kentucky and Tennessee, including at Lake Barkley.

As a result of the new interpretation, the Corps announced they plan to establish a 24-hour permanent restriction prohibiting all waterborne access to waters immediately upstream and downstream of all dams.

Installation of signs, buoys and physical barriers at projects will occur by April. Once these control measures are in place, the Corps will maintain a presence that will prohibit waterborne entry and activities within the restricted area boundaries.



Whitfield

Since learning of the Nashville District's decision to fully enforce restricted boating access along the dams, Whitfield has tried seeking alternative solutions to permanent blockades.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the Corps' plans could negatively affect commercial fishermen from Crittenden County, and he has shared his concerns with officials of the federal waterway management agency. Chris Lasher and Wade White, judge-executives of Livingston and Lyon counties, respectively, have traveled to Washington, D.C., to discuss their concerns with Whitfield and officials from the Corps.

# \$10 'Ag Tag' donation to help local 4-Hers

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is asking farmers across the Commonwealth to step-up and make the "Ag Tag" donation.

Beginning in 2012, Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer announced all farm license plate donations will be split evenly among 4-H, FFA and the Kentucky Proud program, which are vital programs for Kentucky's youth and Kentucky's agricultural economy.

In March, farmers can make a voluntary donation of \$10 when renewing their farm license plates at the county clerk's office. With more than 160,000 farm plates bought or renewed each year in Kentucky, the commissioner's action

could generate up to \$1.6 million annually.

More than 229,000 youth are involved in Kentucky 4-H programs. The state ranks in the top 10 in several 4-H enrollment categories nationwide. All 120 counties in Kentucky have 4-H programs, and all counties will receive a portion of the support from this new fund raising opportunity.

"The voluntary donations from the Kentucky farm license plate program are a new funding source to help pay for programming, supplies and much more, especially during a time when funding for extracurricular activities is hard to come by," said Keith Rogers, executive director

of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation.

Last year the 4-H statewide shared total was \$121,709. The Kentucky 4-H Foundation splits the donations between the county where the funds originated and the 4-H Foundation. That means part of the farm plate donation stays in the county where it originated for funding programs and activities that teach children and teens about leadership, citizenship, science and technology, communications, public speaking, agriculture and more.

The 4-H Foundation uses the other half to support state-level 4-H programs that furthers a 4-H member's positive experiences and opportunities.

## The PressNEWS BRIEFS

### CCMS spring pics, grade cards near

On Friday, spring and eighth-grade graduation pictures will be taken. Money must be turned in prior to taking spring pictures for sixth- and seventh-graders. This, however, does not apply to the graduation photos.

Also at the middle school, grade cards will be sent home March 8. Parents are asked to remind their child to check their grades with their teachers and ask if they have any unfinished or missing work they may need to complete.

And more than 30 pints of blood were donated at a drive held last week by Crittenden County Middle School's student council.

### House awaits vote on industrial hemp

The Kentucky House has yet to vote on legalizing industrial hemp production in Kentucky. Earlier this month, the Senate approved the measure overwhelmingly, sending the legislation to the lower chamber for consideration.

The proposal's fate is uncertain in the Democrat-controlled House. However, Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) is backing the measure.

"If it can help farmers, it's worthwhile," he said. "I don't see how it causes a problem."

Some legislators and law authorities have expressed reservations over legalizing hemp, a botanical cousin of marijuana. However, to be legal, growers would have to register the location of their crops with a global positional satellite.

Federal law currently prohibits growing hemp, but supporters of Senate Bill 50 say passage of state law would give Kentucky farmers a jump on those in other states if federal restrictions are lifted.

Bechler said the nation is al-

### Gas prices finally see drop

STAFF REPORT

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen in the past week, averaging \$3.74 per gallon as of Monday, according to a daily survey of 2,623 gas outlets by the gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

"The streak is over," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

GasBuddy data showed the national average rising for 32 consecutive days, starting Jan. 20 at \$3.265 per gallon and ending Feb. 21 at \$3.733 per gallon.

"The tide has now turned," DeHaan said, "but I would caution (drivers) not to get overly thrilled, as prices may linger near these levels for some time."

Prices in Kentucky Monday were 6.1 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago

and 44.6 cents per gallon higher than a month prior.

Kentuckians pay 48.3 cents per gallon in taxes, including 18.4 cents in federal levies. Taxes account for about 13 percent of a \$50 purchase of gas. Meantime, a retailer's average profit on that same purchase is about \$1.25.

"If you make 6 to 8 cents on a gallon, you're doing good," said Craig Gilland, owner of the county's only locally-owned gas station, Liberty Fuels. "The profit is very marginal on a load of fuel. There are times we've gone in the hole."

As recently as 1995, the average price of gas in America was \$1.21 per gallon.

"It's a very unpredictable market, unlike years ago," said Gilland.

that was unconstitutional.

Instead of passing a bill that violates the U.S. Constitution, he suggested the Senate approve a resolution urging Congress to not take away the right to own and wear guns.

Stein called the bill "meaningless" and asked her colleagues, "Can we please rise above the temptation to pander?"

### Answer to pension reform no closer

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lawmakers won't pursue a 6 percent tax on lottery tickets as a source of revenue to shore up Kentucky's financially troubled pension system for government retirees.

House Speaker Greg Stumbo said that idea was rejected out of concern that a tax might stifle sales of lottery tickets that generate money for education programs in Kentucky.

Instead, lawmakers unveiled legislation on Tuesday that will

# LIVESTOCK REPORT

## LEDBETTER AUCTION RESULTS

Feb. 22, 2013 KDA-USDA Market News, Louisville, Ky.

### Precondition Feeder Calf Sale

Cattle Weighed at time of Sale

Receipts: 1,251 head.

### Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	300-400	368	172.00-174.00	172.57
15	400-500	448	170.00-181.00	174.77
44	500-600	531	156.00-168.00	161.58
111	600-700	636	140.00-153.00	145.00
164	700-800	754	131.00-140.00	136.10
74	800-900	853	124.50-134.00	127.01
19	900-1000	926	118.50-125.50	123.12

### Groups:

20 head 767 lbs 138.00 mbk  
20 head 792 lbs 135.00 mix

### Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
12	400-500	463	153.00-167.00	161.69
49	500-600	569	141.00-154.00	148.91
79	600-700	665	124.00-139.00	136.25
14	700-800	742	120.00-130.00	126.28
5	800-900	871	112.00-119.00	116.43
1	900-1000	935	114.00	114.00

### Feeder Steers Small and Medium 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	600-700	695	114.00	114.00

### Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-300	285	177.00	177.00

5	300-400	389	173.00	173.00
17	400-500	429	155.00-168.00	162.51
118	500-600	550	138.00-150.00	144.21
210	600-700	643	130.00-140.00	135.00
134	700-800	749	126.00-134.50	128.58
30	800-900	848	116.00-120.50	119.29
3	900-1000	923	107.00-110.00	108.95

### Groups:

24 head 605 lbs 139.00 mix  
40 head 659 lbs 132.00 mix  
21 head 754 lbs 128.50 mix  
45 head 763 lbs 126.00 blk

### Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-300	220	120.00	120.00
5	300-400	364	145.00-156.00	151.02
22	400-500	450	140.00-154.00	151.02
36	500-600	588	127.00-137.00	133.84
40	600-700	649	115.00-133.00	126.35
21	700-800	745	121.00-125.00	124.11
2	800-900	835	106.00-107.00	106.49

Chip Stewart, market specialist

[www.ams.usda.gov/mrreports/sv\\_ls150.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mrreports/sv_ls150.txt)

This report reflects price of majority of cattle with a USDA grade, weight and sex on sale date. This report does not represent all animals at sale.

This was the latest livestock report from Ledbetter auction results available at press time.

## GE-Hitachi could take over PGDP

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GE-Hitachi has submitted a proposal for the beleaguered Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant that could help preserve many of the 1,200 jobs there.

The nuclear reprocessing plant had been scheduled to close last year, but a deal

reached in May kept it open for another year. Currently, the United States Enrichment Corp. operates the Paducah plant site to enrich depleted uranium.

The Paducah Sun reports GE-Hitachi is proposing to build a new laser-based uranium enrichment plant at the site.

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# legal

**Legal Notice**

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, Ky., do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Randall Turley of 455 Jimmie Stallions Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064 executor of Glen Ray Davidson, deceased. The foregoing Settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on March 27, 2013. All persons having exceptions to said Settlements are to file same at once.

The Crittenden County Board of Education will accept sealed bids for the purchase and installation of Donaldson Diesel Oxidation Catalyst and the Closed Crankcase Ventilation systems. The retrofit will be for a total of 14 school buses. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Crittenden County Board of Education at 601 West Elm Street, Marion, Ky. 42064 by March 14, 2013 at 1 p.m., at which time bids will be opened. Please contact Wayne Winters at (270) 965-3866 for specifications. (11-34-c)p

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Dated this the 1st day  
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Brandi D. Rogers  
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SUBMITTED PHOTO

## CCES hosts living history museum

Crittenden County Elementary School fifth-graders presented their "American Revolution Heroes and Heroines Living Wax Museum" last Thursday to all the third- and fourth-grade students.

Each fifth-grade student selected an American Revolution historical figure to research and created a 90-second monologue for the presentation. When curious students pressed a "start" button, the fifth-graders "came to life"

and presented their monologue. Another component of the project included writing a four-paragraph informational essay of the historical figure's accomplishments and significance to the revolution.

## Group formed to further Dycusburg; convenience store planned for town

By JASON TRAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

With a goal of seeking the betterment of Dycusburg and the surrounding area, the Dycusburg Preservation Society has been formed. The non-profit group recently held a meeting to elect officers and urge more people to become involved in making Dycusburg a more appealing place to live.

"We want to make Dycusburg a better place with more things to do and more reasons for people to come," said Vice President Lana Baker. "That also includes the outlying areas."

Other elected officials include President Dan Weaver and Treasurer Nancy Weaver.

Baker said she wants to see improvements and more opportunities come to the area.

She said the group wants

to earn the trust of the community and insists on complete transparency with records and bookkeeping so individuals know how donations are used. She stressed that Dycusburg Preservation Society is a newly formed entity and is not affiliated with any other Dycusburg-area group.

"Our mission is that we want to be good stewards of our community," she added. "We want to help raise money to make Dycusburg a better place. We want to improve the playground if it needs improving. If there's land we can buy that we can add to the playground, that would be something we would want to do."

"We will be putting on events to raise money. But all of our books will be open. There will be no closed books."

The Dycusburg Preservation Society will meet at 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month at the Masonic Lodge in Dycusburg. Individuals who are interested in bettering Dycusburg are encouraged to come and participate.

Baker said she is already encouraged by both large- and small-scale changes around the community and encourages more people to join the group. She alluded to Paddy's Bluff Rock Quarry and the potential revenue it could bring to the area.

"Now that we've got the quarry, hopefully, that will bring revenue," she said. "We're just hoping that more of the community and more of the people of Dycusburg will

join us and help."

Another big change is on the way, too.

Across Ky. 70 from the post office and the Masonic Lodge in Dycusburg is a planned convenience store owned by Eddie and Tracy Bennett. While there isn't an official date set for when the store will open, Baker said the store will be a big help to area residents who currently have to shop for grocery items either in Marion, Fredonia or Eddyville.

"We've been anxious for it because we'd like to get a loaf of bread or a gallon of milk or a dozen eggs without having to drive all the way to Eddyville or Marion. It will be a wonderful convenience for the community," Baker said.

For more information on the Dycusburg Preservation Society, contact Weaver at 988-3082.

## Schools ahead of lawmakers' safety concerns

FROM WIRE AND STAFF REPORTS

Kentucky legislation that emerged in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting was passed earlier this month by the House Education Committee, with plenty of lamentations about the lack of funding that would allow schools to do more to keep safe. But most of the dictates in the bill are already being done in Crittenden County.

Much of House Bill 354 refines current practices: tighter rules on developing school safety plans and practice drills, better communication with law enforcement and designing school buildings with security in mind.

The measure also recognizes a need to deal with mental illness. It would require the Kentucky Department of Education to figure out ways to notify schools about students' past offenses, and for the department and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to develop procedures to help school personnel recognize and get help for students with mental health problems.

The bill—which enjoys broad bipartisan support—was approved unanimously in committee. It is now before the full House for consideration.

The Senate has passed a similar measure.

The local school district has already implemented many of the measures prescribed in both pieces of legislation in the wake of the Newtown, Conn., shootings.

"From what I've read, most of what seems to be in play (with the bills) are things we already do," said Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, superintendent of Crittenden County schools.

Yarbrough said the district already practices intruder drills, has updated its safety plan based on emergency management recommendations and involves local law enforcement in planning.

"We have certainly done those things," she said.

In fact, Yarbrough added,

the school district had law enforcement inside the school building at the last lockdown drill so they could inform school officials as to what they could better do for the children's safety.

She didn't seem to think the bill, as proposed, would place an undue financial burden on the school district.

Rep. Richard Henderson (D-Jeffersonville) said the purpose of his House legislation is to create consistent regulations across the state.

"Believe it or not, there are still schools that don't lock their doors," he said.

Henderson said next year, he will push for better funding for school safety, including re-

source officers in every school.

State funding for school safety has dropped by 60 percent in recent years, Gov. Steve Beshear said in his State of the Commonwealth speech. Only 19 percent of Kentucky schools have a trained law enforcement officer on staff, according to the Kentucky Center for School Safety. None are located in Crittenden County schools.

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