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Business to offer laundry services

Although Marion Dry Cleaners is now closed there's a new opportunity coming for laundry services in Marion.

Marsha Burkeen, who had been employed at Marion Dry Cleaners, will be opening a new business at the location of the coin laundry on South Main Street. She will offer washing, ironing and other services.

Watch for details in next week's issue of The Early Bird and The Crittenden Press.

Mills to headline county fair event

Former University of Kentucky basketball star Cameron Mills will be headlining the Wednesday night event of the 2015 Crittenden County Lions Club Fair. In 1998, Mills was

sinking 3-

point shots for the Wildcats down the

stretch of the

1998 NCAA

men's bas-

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ketball cham-



Mills

game. Today, Mills, an ordained minister, represents Compassion International and Christian Speakers.com, traveling the country for motivational speaking engagements.

Lions Club member Ronnie Heady said Wednesday night of the fair in recent years has been a difficult draw. He and the club are hoping Mills' appearance increases the attendance on Family Night, which will be Aug. 5.

Fiscal court alters

Lawmakers, local officials fret over gas tax

By DARYL K. TABOR PRESS EDITOR

Kentucky lawmakers went back to work Tuesday in Frankfort with a number of issues facing them before the legislative session adjourns March 24. Perhaps the most pressing concern for state transportation officials and local governments is stabilization of the state's road fund that is fueled by a declining excise tax tied to the tumbling price of gas at the pump.

While motorists have enjoyed falling gas prices over the last several months, the state's

variable excise tax rate, which is adjusted quarterly based on the average wholesale price of gas, fell by 4.3 cents per gallon on Jan. 1. It is predicted to drop another 5.1 cents on April 1 if no action is taken during the current legislative session.

Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) said lower fuel costs have been a blessing for Kentucky families who have been able to keep more money in their pockets for other things. But because the gas tax is tied to the price at the pump, if something is not done to keep

Community spirit

that levy from dropping further, many Kentucky transportation projects could be left hurting, he points out.

"Some want taxes raised to put more money into road repair and some want taxes to stay the same or go lower, thus keeping more money in their pockets," Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) said in his newspaper column this week, where he explains Kentucky's complex gas tax formulation. (See Page 2.)

Every penny the gas tax drops equates to about \$30 million of lost revenue for state

and local transportation projects, said Sen. Ridley, who serves on the Senate Transportation Committee. Of the variable excise tax, which is set at 9 percent of the average wholesale price per gallon of gas, 48 percent of the revenue is filtered to city and county governments.

"That affects construction, repairs, snow removal, mowing, equipment...everything,' Ridley said Monday. "It's a real concern for all of us."

Already in the current fiscal year that ends June 30, Crittenden County has lost about

\$81,000 in county road aid from the state over the previous fiscal year, according to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. That money is used for repairs to and upkeep of the approximate 390 miles of county-maintained roads overseen by the fiscal court.

"After last winter, many of those are in terrible shape," Newcom said recently.

While the county was able to make repairs to the roads last year, many of the fixes were only patches due to lim-

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County awaits Freedom Waste survey results

STAFF REPORT

As Freedom Waste Service polls a number of its residential customers in Crittenden County about their choice for future garbage collection options in the county, magistrates await the results of the survey before entering into a new five-year contract with the Princeton-based solid waste disposal company.

At December's Crittenden Fiscal Court meeting, representatives with Freedom Waste presented the county's government with two options for a new residential garbage collection contract. One option would see monthly fees increase for all residential customers, but would allow individuals to choose whether to use company-provided trash bins or simply use their own trash cans along the roadside. Another option would require all residential customers to use the company-provided trash bins, sometimes referred to as herby curbies, but would lower the monthly cost for those already utilizing the wheeled plastic carts.

Option 1, according to survey cards sent

meeting calendar

Crittenden Fiscal Court will next meet at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 17 in the judge-executive's courthouse office. On Monday, the fiscal court voted to move the regular third-Thursday meeting date due to a conflict with the schedules of multiple magistrates who will be visiting with state lawmakers in Frankfort for the annual Legislative Day.

Guess appointed to library board

On Monday, Crittenden Fiscal Court appointed Bradley Guess to the Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees. Guess replaces former chairperson Brandi Rogers, who resigned her position after becoming 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court judge. Guess and Daryl K. Tabor will be sworn to the library board as new trustees at the next monthly meeting on Feb. 26.

Snow make-up days set for district

Crittenden County Schools will utilize Feb. 16 and April 6 as make-up days for classes missed due to wintry weather. Those two days were originally teacher planning days.

Public meetings

- Livingston County Board of Education will convene for its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the board office in Smithland.



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Sophie Madden, 9, dances with Mary Tinsley, 15, to the tune of "Wipe Out" played by the Cotton Patch Express Band as Barbara Long looks on Saturday evening at the Tolu Community Center. More than 60 people packed the former school cafeteria for the Valentine's Day-themed event.

Former school serving to keep Tolu alive

By DARYL K. TABOR PRESS EDITOR

Three decades ago, Tolu lost its elementary school. Then, just a few years ago, the local convenience store and daily hub of community gossip was forced to close. And most recently, the Ohio River town lost its post office.

That would be a fatal blow to most rural communities struggling to maintain an identity, but not so for Tolu.

The people of the tiny community are resilient when it

comes to keeping the spirit of the town alive. As a collective group, current and former Tolu residents have kept the former school open as a community center. It serves as home to an annual Independence Day fireworks display that draws hundreds from all around, a haunted house each October, community yard sales and other fundraisers to keep the center open as a hive of activity or help those in need around the area.

Tolu has found for its community center is what is planned as a monthly concert and dance to bring together Tolu residents past and present, as well as others from all around who simply enjoy live music, a little clean fun and good food.

On Saturday, the Cotton Patch Express Band performed before a packed house at the community center for a Valentine's Day-themed affair. The local band played a variety of

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Marion woman dies Tuesday in one-car Livingston accident

A Crittenden County woman died early Tuesday afternoon from injuries sustained in a

single-vehicle wreck in Livingston County. Also, a passenger in the vehicle was airlifted to a regional hospital in Evansville, Ind.

According to Kentucky State Police, Shawnna R. Murray, 25, of Marion was operating a 2012 Chevrolet pickup on Ky. 453 when the truck left the highway, striking a culvert, becoming airborne and hitting



Murray

a tree before coming to a rest off the roadway. Murray, who was not wearing a seatbelt according to Trooper William Propes, was pronounced dead at the scene by a McCracken County deputy coroner.

The accident occurred just before 1 p.m. Injured in the wreck was 31-year-old Heath

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One of the most recent uses

February skunk activity bests groundhog spring predictions

Forget the silly Pennsylvania woodchuck. Skunks are much more accurate prognosticators of spring.

Yep, the oft-misunderstood mammal becomes a fixture on local highways just ahead of spring.

This column has periodically carried the beguiled skunk's tale, largely because he is the precursor to warmer days, at least to country folks who are keen to such signs.

February is generally a bad month for skunks, if you consider mortality rates alone.

Grandma always used to say that a bath in tomato juice would get rid of a skunk's lingering effects. You might want to stock up on cans of such juice over the coming weeks because chances are that many of you will have dogs that fall victim



to a skunk's wrath. It's just that time of year.

Between where I live in Mexico and Marion, I counted four skunks either dead on the road or in the ditch Monday morning.

Daughter Meredith, when younger, couldn't say skunk or for a more appropriate reason used to ask why so many "stunks" are dead in the road.

Some of you probably already know that you can mark your calendars by such roadkill.

Skunks, or polecats as some folks call them, are common highway casualties during February and March. As spring approaches, skunks, like many other animals, are getting primed up for their mating season. That's why the males are always on the move and end up smashed on the highway.

They're out wandering the hills and, yes, roads in search of companionship. Hills are friendly. Highways create lots of problems for our striped friends, especially at night.

Skunks are nocturnal. That means they mostly come out at night. Kind of like the kids who hang out on parking lots in Marion. I never see them during the day, but at night they're either hanging from the rafters

of the downtown gazebo or lined up at the park or shopping center lots.

Dad is 72 this year and he doesn't like to be out driving at night because he can't see as well as he once did. Skunks might preserve themselves by conforming to such logic. For you see, they don't see well either. A skunk almost exclusively uses its nose to find its way around. They only see about 10 feet maximum.

That's why God gave them a pretty powerful defense mechanism. Because once predators are within sight. they're well within spraying range. They say that a skunk's scent, which by the way comes from anal scent glands, is powerful enough to ward off a grizzly bear.

That puts my old bird dog in some pretty good com-

pany. He's fearless as David, I suppose, because every spring he comes up stinking and I find a skunk carcass in the yard. I recommend handling deceased skunks with a long-handled shovel. The shovel can oftentimes be out of commission for a while following this exercise.

I don't relish the site of dead animals on the road, but some of you who hate to run over anything and kill it might find comfort in knowing that these skunks are actually deadbeat dads. Yeah, they move into a mother's den and leave her with three to four younguns, then take off in the middle of the night looking for another affair. Sometimes, papa skunks have even been known to kill their own young.

And you thought they just smelled bad, didn't you?

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Roads, bridges dependent upon Ky. gas tax

With the deterioration of roads partly as a result of the rough 2013-14 winter, the recent drop in gas prices and gas taxes have become an issue.

Some want taxes raised to put more money into road repair, and some want taxes to stay the same or go lower, thus keeping more money in their pockets. With that as a background, I thought it would be a good idea to discuss the issue in the hope of clearing up a bit of the mystery surrounding the convoluted way in which gas taxes are calculated in Kentucky and where gas tax money goes.

Kentucky's gas tax has three components: excise tax, supplemental highway user motor fuel tax and an underground storage tank fee.

The excise tax is variable, and as of today is 21.2 cents per gallon. The supplemental highway user motor fuel tax is fixed at 5 cents per gallon of gas and 2 cents per gallon of diesel, compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas. The underground storage tank fee is fixed at 1.4 cents per gallon. Therefore, Kentucky's current total fuel tax is 27.6 cents per gallon of gas and 24.6 cents per gallon of diesel, compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas.

Additionally, there is a federal tax of 18.4 cents per

Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) House District 4 House in Review

gallon (unchanged since 1993) that when added to Kentucky's 27.6 cents per gallon tax brings the total tax we pay when buying gas in the commonwealth to 46 cents per gallon.

Kentucky has had an excise tax on fuel since 1920, but it did not become a variable tax until the 1980s. The excise tax is set at 9 percent of the average wholesale price of gas, diesel and ethanol fuels. This tax can vary by quarter and is determined by the average wholesale price during the first month of the previous quarter.

For example, the current 21.2 cents per gallon excise tax for January, February and March of this year was determined by the average wholesale price in October 2014. The tax for April, May and June will be based on the average wholesale price last month.

By statute, the floor of the average wholesale price upon which the excise tax is calculated, below which the tax cannot drop, is \$1.786 per gallon. This means that the lowest the excise tax can be is 16.1 cents per gallon. There is no upper limit, although the amount of any increase in the average wholesale price is capped at 10 percent per year.

Counties get their money in three ways: county road aid, the rural secondary road program and municipal road aid. A total of 18.3 percent of the motor fuel tax revenue goes to the county road aid program, 22.2 percent goes into the rural secondary road program and 7.7 percent goes to the municipal road aid program.

Motor fuel tax revenue is defined as the excise tax – except that 2.1 cents per gallon is taken off the top to pay for a bond issue and thus not returned to the counties – plus the supplemental highway user motor fuel tax.

As the law is now written, the 2.1 cents per gallon being used to pay off the previously mentioned bond issue will continue to be used for the state road fund and not returned to the counties even after the bond issue is paid off. This change in the law was enacted in 2005 and 2006. The underground storage tank fee is not included as part of the motor fuel tax revenue. The distribution of county road aid, the rural secondary road program and municipal road aid revenue to counties and cities is not determined by the amount sold at the pump in those counties and cities. In fact, because the gas tax is collected at the wholesale level, it is next to impossible to tell with certainty how much fuel tax is generated from pump sales in each jurisdiction.

County road aid is for county road work only and is spent at the county government's discretion. It is the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's discretion how much rural secondary program funding is spent on county road work and how much is spent on state highways classified as rural secondary.

County road aid and rural secondary program money is distributed through a calculation known as the "Formula of Fifths," which is as follows:

- One-fifth is split equally among Kentucky's 120 counties.

- One-fifth is split among the 120 counties based on the ratio of the rural population of each county to the total rural population of the state.

- One-fifth is split among the 120 counties based on the ratio of rural public road mileage in the county to the total mileage of such roads for the entire state.

- Two-fifths is split among the 120 counties based on the ratio of the square-mile rural area of the county to the total square-mile rural area of the state.

Municipal road aid money is distributed to municipal governments and unincorporated urban areas with populations of 2,500 or more. The money is for construction and maintenance of urban streets and roads. Allocations are based on population.

So far this session, two bills have been filed that address Kentucky's excise fuel tax.

As I noted in my last update, I filed House Bill 167 which removes the quarterly variability and would require legislators to cast an up or down vote on increasing or lowering gas taxes instead of using the current variable excise tax formula. In my opinion, this would provide transparency by making legislators take a vote on tax issues instead of hiding behind a formula. HB 167 would also set a fixed average wholesale price at the same level that would be in effect on July 1 of this year using the formula currently in place.

Sen. Ernie Harris filed Senate Bill 29 that would raise the average wholesale price floor to \$2.354 per gallon, thus raising the minimum excise tax to the current 21.2 cents per gallon.

All of this is confusing, isn't it? Hopefully, though, I've demystified the issue slightly.

I am especially interested in what you think the General Assembly should do, if anything, to address the gas tax issue. I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181; directly at (502) 564-8100, extension 665; by visiting the Kentucky Legislature's website at www.lrc.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link; or by mail at: Capitol Annex, Room 424C, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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

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

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ited funding. A continued loss in road aid from the state will further slow repairs.

"The roads are busting up everywhere," said Magistrate Danny Fowler at last month's fiscal court meeting. the current fiscal year and from an estimated \$70,606 to \$53,611 in 2016. However, City Administrator Mark Bryant said he has yet to see a decline in monthly payments from the state over last year's figures.

"This (issue) is very important to rural Kentucky, and that is us," Ridley said of his Bill 29, which proposes to create a new tax floor. The floor, as the bill is proposed, will not allow the taxable rate per gallon of gas to fall below an average wholesale price of \$2.354 per gallon, no matter how low the price is at the pump. If passed, the minimum excise tax would be 21.2

cents per gallon of gas.



"The reality is, we're just going to have to patch what we can as we can," Newcom added. "We'll do our best to keep the potholes away, but as far as new paving, we're going to keep facing cuts."

In fact, if nothing is done to curb the drop in the gas tax, county road aid could fall from an estimated \$1.17 million in the next fiscal year to just more than \$889,000, according to projections from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

That is why Crittenden Fiscal Court on Monday passed a resolution supporting passage of road fund stabilization legislation by lawmakers in 2015. Newcom said several other local governments across the state have passed similar resolutions urging action by the legislature.

..Stabilizing Kentucky's road fund is vital to continuing safe roads in every county of our Commonwealth, benefiting not only our citizens, but also the many tourists that travel our roads in a given year," the local resolution reads, in part. Crittenden Fiscal Court "strongly encourages the Kentucky General Assembly to enact Road Fund Stabilization during the 2015 session as soon as possible to avoid further erosion to the State Road Fund."

Of course, it's not just county roads that are hurt by a drop in funding. There will also be less money for rural secondary roads in Crittenden County, which includes all state-maintained highways excluding U.S. 60, U.S. 641, Ky. 120 and Ky. 91, according to Newcom. The Transportation Cabinet projects a drop from an estimated \$1.32 million to \$1.23 million in the current fiscal year for maintenance of rural secondary roads in the county if nothing is done to stabilize road funds. For next year, projections show a drop from an estimated \$1.3 million to just under \$985,000.

According to those state projections, the City of Marion, too, could face a decline in municipal road aid from an estimated \$71,717 to \$66,781 in six-county senatorial district.

State projects across the commonwealth, like completion of the relocation of U.S. 641, will also face an uncertain future if transportation revenue continues its freefall without legislative action, cautioned Ridley.

As of press time, two bills had been filed in the legislature with the aim of stabilizing the road fund.

"By (current) statute, the floor of the average wholesale price upon which the excise tax is calculated, below which the tax cannot drop, is \$1.786 per gallon," Bechler explains in his column. "This means that the lowest the excise tax can be is 16.1 cents per gallon."

Sen. Ridley said legislators enacted a variable tax component at a time when gas prices were rising rapidly, so a 10 percent per year cap was included on any increases to limit the impact on consumers. But a similar protection for the road fund against sudden, sharp declines in fuel prices was not included.

While gas prices were at current levels years ago, Ridley explains that state and local governments could survive on the lower gas tax revenues because all costs associated with maintaining and building roads and bridges were much lower than they are today.

Sen. Ernie Harris (R-Črestwood) has introduced Senate Meantime, Rep. Bechler has filed House Bill 167, which would do away with the quarterly variability and would force lawmakers to vote up or down on adjusting the gas tax rate. This would make lawmakers more accountable, he said, "instead of hiding behind a formula."

HB 167 would use the fixed average wholesale price as of July 1 based on the formula currently in place. From that point, any increase or decrease in the gas tax would have to be voted on by lawmakers.

Rep. Bechler said Sen. Harris' bill does not stabilize the gas tax by definition, but merely sets a new floor. However, he believes Harris' plan will be met more favorably than his own.

"I think it has a better chance of passing than my bill," he said. "It doesn't mean I think it's better, but that's just my opinion."

He said there is momentum in the legislature to do something about the tumbling gas tax, but he believes a resolution this session "is up in the air."

Sen. Ridley is more optimistic about a resolution.

"I think we'll find a compromise to this before this session is over to stabilize road construction and road building," he said.

(The News-Enterprise in Elizabethtown, Ky., contributed to this story.)

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Barnes takes over as 4-H agent

By JASON TRAVIS STAFF WRITER

As the new University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development, Leslea Barnes has a list of goals she wants to accomplish for Crittenden County's 4-H pro-

gram. Topping that list is to develop positive, educational and enjoyable programming for children. While a majority of programming contains various educational components, Barnes stressed it's equally important for children to have fun with the activities.

Originally from West Frankfort, Ill., Barnes attended Murray State Univerand majored sitv in agriculture science. She received a minor in photography. She and her husband, Adam, have three children. A resident of Crittenden County, Barnes wants local youth to be well equipped with leadership and communication skills attained through 4-H programs.

"I love the agriculture world, but I also love cooking, sewing and needle work.

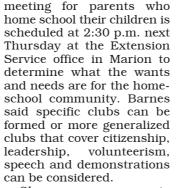
So the 4-H agent position is the perfect way to bring all that together," Barnes said, adding she has a passion for working with children and helping develop confidence.

She's also passionate about 4-H and bringing as many young people into its

programs as she can. The creation of a variety of SPIN clubs is one way to reach out to youth in the county. The clubs can cover a variety of topics including science and technology, photography, music and more.

Barnes "I know I can't start everything at one time. I've got a million program ideas written down," she said. "I've had to look at the needs and then the wants and then divided short term and long term goals."

> This month, Barnes is placing an emphasis on reaching out to students who either attend the public school system or are home schooled. She's already met with fourth- and fifth-grade classes at Crittenden County Elementary School to work on developing 4-H clubs. In addition, an organizational



She encourages parents to subscribe to the free 4-H newsletter which gives details and insight about a variety of 4-H programming and events, including forming after-school clubs and information on 4-H summer camp, which is scheduled for July 13-17. To receive a copy of the newsletter, contact the Extension Service in Marion.

In addition to existing clubs, such as Shooting Sports and Sew Much Fun, 4-H also places an emphasis on public speaking and demonstrations, which not only build confidence but also help prepare youth for college and their future careers. Barnes said eight local vouths will be traveling to Broadbent's in Kuttawa in

the next few weeks to work on their country ham projects in preparation for the Kentucky State Fair this summer. Participants will cure two hams and prepare a speech for the state fair.

Barnes also encourages students in middle and high school to consider joining 4-H and take advantage of the many opportunities it offers, including, in some instances, scholarships for college.

Students from age 9 to 18 years old can become a 4-H member and compete at competitions at the county, district and state level. Students from ages 5 to 8 years are recognized as Clover Buds, where emphasis for programming is placed on participation, learning and teamwork.

"I want the kids to get excited about 4-H because I am excited about it," Barnes said, adding it's a great way to both participate in new projects and form new friendships.

To contact Barnes and learn more information on 4-H programming, call the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at (270) 965-5236

Livestock report USDA Ledbetter auction results

Feb. 3, 2015 Receipts: 465 head. Last Week: 557 head. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and bulls traded unevenly steady. Feeder heifers 3.00-4.00 lower Slaughter cows to lite to test. Slaughter bulls 3.00 lower. Supply included 47% feeder steers, 34% feeder heifers, and 17% feeder bulls. Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 200-250 215 380.00 380.00 3 250-300 268 300.00-325.00 312.83 300-350 315 332.50 332.50 350-400 380 300.00 300.00 400-450 429 270.00-285.00 273.79 450-500 471 257.00-269.00 263.12 500-550 514 242.00-249.00 244.41 15 550-600 566 235.00-249.00 241.63 8 600-650 617 217.00-230.00 224.12 16 650-700 664 207.00-215.00 212.18 8 700-750 720 192.00-195.00 193.89 8 750-800 792 182.00-184.00 183.75 56 800-850 839 187.50 187.50 VA 177.00 9 900-950 913 177.00 VA Groups: 56 head 839 lbs 187.50 mx wean Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 5 250-300 283 285.00-297.50 287.43 2 500-550 520 230.00 230.00 4 550-600 594 218.00-233.00 225.53 1 600-650 600 212.00 212.00 4 650-700 681 200.00-204.00 203.04 Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 2 500-550 525 135.00 135.00 3 600-650 630 130.00 130.00 5 750-800 789 130.00 130.00 Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 1 200-250 245 275.00 275.00 250-300 280 280.00 280.00 328 272.50 300-350 272.50 350-400 365 245.00-254.00 251.78 400-450 414 237.50-245.00 243.78 450-500 476 226.00-233.00 229.86 500-550 519 216.00-227.00 219.94 15 550-600 574 207.00-215.00 212.38 14 600-650 615 195.00-204.00 201.22 18 650-700 677 180.00-192.00 187.92 8 700-750 724 184.00-187.00 185.46 4 750-800 766 173.00-176.00 175.26 1 800-850 840 175.00 175.00

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Massey selected new school board counsel

STAFF REPORT

Roy Massey IV, of the Frazer and Massey law firm in Marion, has been named as counsel to the Crittenden County Board of Education.

Massey succeeds Brandi Rogers as the school board's attorney. Rogers now presides as judge over family court in the 5th Judicial Circuit of Crittenden, Union and Webster counties.

During the Jan. Massey 27 meeting of the board, the five-elected members unanimously approved Massey to fill the position. In December, Massey was also named as council for Webster County School District, a position Rogers also previously held.

A Caldwell County native, Massey obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Education in 2007 from the University of Kentucky. He then received his

juris doctorate from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 2010. Later that year. he became an associate of what was then the Frazer, Rogers and Peek law firm.

> Recently, he was named a partner of what is now Frazer and Massey

Massey said he's looking forward to working with members of the school board and Crittenden County School Superintendent Vince Clark.

"It's an honor to have the opportunity to be counsel for County the Crittenden School District," Massey said. "I understand I have big shoes to fill since Judge Rogers has left the vacancy. But I look forward to maintaining the standards she has already set for the school system and maintaining the standards for the school board and district.

County jobless rate falls to lowest since 2002

STAFF REPORT

As the unemployment rate for December 2014 dropped in all 120 counties across the state from December 2013, the local jobless rate fell to its lowest percentage in almost 13 years.

In the final month of 2014, Crittenden County's preliminary jobless rate was reported as 4.6 percent by the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET). That is the lowest figure since October 2002, when the adjusted rate was reported at just 4.4 percent. Meantime, the unemploy-

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B. Coursey of Salem. He was airlifted by Air Evac Lifeteam to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville and was listed in serious condition at press time Tuesday.

It was unknown if Coursey

ment rate for Livingston County in December 2014 was 7.5 percent, down from

8.1 percent in December

2013As for the statewide drop in jobless rates, OET says that's the fourth time in the last five months that Kentucky has had a year-overyear unemployment drop in

all counties. Scott and Woodford counties had the lowest jobless rates in the state at 3.7 percent each this past December. Magoffin County had the state's highest unemployment rate at 11.5 percent.

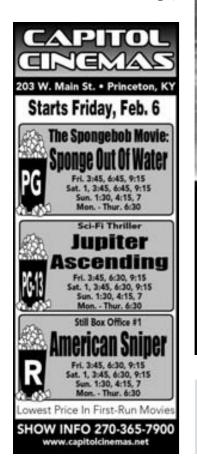
Feagan's delivery truck stolen, recovered; law seeking leads

STAFF REPORT

Local authorities are seeking information from the public that might help solve the case of a delivery truck that was stolen from Feagan's Furniture in Fredonia Saturday night.

The box truck was found in Frances at the intersection of Ky. 855 North and Ky. 70 about midnight Sunday. It had apparently run out of fuel and the thieves abandoned it, but took the keys. Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Don Perry found the vehicle and began investigating why it was left unattended. Because it had been stolen over the weekend, when the furniture store was closed, no one had realized it was stolen until it was found.

Through accounts by friends and neighbors, the truck's route has been largely



pieced together by Feagan's owners. Judy Cosby, who works at the store, said people had reported seeing the truck Sunday evening traveling on several Crittenden County backroads, including Jackson School Road, Caldwell Springs Road and Mexico Church Road

Anyone with information about the case can call either the Crittenden or Caldwell County sheriff's departments. at (270) 965-3400 or (270) 365-2088, respectively.

was wearing a seatbelt.

According to the state police report, witnesses told authorities that prior to the crash, the truck was traveling north on Ky. 453 at a high rate of speed and overtook another vehicle in a curve.

The highway connects Smithland with Grand Rivers in Livingston County.

This case remains open and is being investigated by Trooper Propes.

Kentucky State Police was assisted at the scene by Kentucky State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Lake City Fire Department, Livingston County EMS and Livingston County Sheriff's Department.

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Pathway graduates 60th student

STAFF REPORT

It was a night to celebrate the achievements of two local students. At the Jan. 27 meeting of the Crittenden County Board of Education, the 13th commencement ceremony was held for the most recent graduates of the Pathway Academy. Adam Collins and Devin Tanner both received their high school diplomas after completing the required curriculum to earn their degrees.

School board chairman Chris Cook congratulated both graduates on behalf of the school board and told them life is about a culmination of choices they will make.

"You both made one very important choice and that was to graduate from Pathway Academy and earn your high school diploma," Cook said. "That decision will positively affect not only your lives but the lives of all the people in your life."

Since its inception in 2008, Pathway Academy has graduated 60 students who quit high school, but later made the decision to obtain their high school degree in an alternative setting.

Crittenden County Schools Superintendent Vince Clark congratulated both graduates on their ac-



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS. THE PRESS

Adam Collins (left) and Devin Tanner join Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark following their graduation ceremony from the Pathway Academy Jan. 27 prior to the Crittenden County School Board meeting. Since 2008, 60 local students have received their high school diplomas from the alternative school program.

complishments and urged them to use their high school degrees as stepping stones to achieve even greater things in life.

Both graduates said they are already making plans for

the future. Collins is interested in a career in welding and plans on taking courses at Murray State University. Tanner wants to obtain his degree in auto mechanics and is considering attending a technical school in southern Illinois.

"It means a lot," Tanner said on receiving his high school diploma. "It's a start on my future. I can start my career and begin life."





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Cook keeps seat as school board chairman

STAFF REPORT

As is customary at the start of a new calendar year, Crittenden County Board of Education elected new officers for 2015 at its Jan. 27 meeting. Chris Cook was unanimously confirmed to serve again as school board chairman. Pam Collins was confirmed for vice chairperson. Diane Winters was reappointed treasurer for the school board and Superintendent Vince Clark was named its secretary.

With January being School Board Recognition Month, teachers and students offered their appreciation to members of the school board. In addition to signs created by elementary school students, videos showing both teachers and students offering their appreciation were also presented at the meeting. Clark shared with audience members in attendance his feelings concerning the efforts put forth by board members.

"They remain positive, they give good feedback, and they are always at the ready for what's best for students and staff of Crittenden County Schools, and we're so grateful to have them," he said.

Also during the meeting, principals from each of the district's schools provided comprehensive school improvement plans. Among the high school's top goals, Principal Curtis Brown discussed increasing the school's average graduation rate; enhancing freshman orientation, which would allow students to come into the high school and allow them to become familiar with the different programs and tracks to

graduation; meeting set goals for the number of seniors who are college and career ready; and increasing the recognition for those seniors who accomplish those goals.

Increasing college and career readiness awareness was also highlighted by Crittenden County Middle School Principal Teresa Marshall. Increasing the communication between school and parents was also mentioned. In addition to using social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, an electronic newsletter has been created to reach parents with an explanation as to what's occurring within the school.

Under the leadership of Principal Melissa Tabor, goals listed for Crittenden County Elementary School include pre- and post-benchmark assessments; enhancing kindergarten readiness by alerting parents of students who will attend kindergarten in the 2015-16 school year to fill out an online form; and continuing gradelevel parent nights, where parents will be informed of the standards their children are expected to know by the end of a particular grade level.

"What our kindergarten, first- and second-graders are learning now is really what we were learning in the third, fourth and fifth grades," said CCES Assistant Principal Jenni Gilkey. "In kindergarten, it's not just coloring, cutting and pasting anymore. The standards are very rigorous for them."

The school board approved each school's comprehensive school improvement plan as well as the district comprehensive improvement plan at the meeting.

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Fluorspar mining promised rich opportunities

Through the archives of The Crittenden Press, the history of our fluorspar is kept alive. From a special illustrated mining issue that was published in 1902, here are some interesting facts and history on some of the many mines that were in our area. It also shares how some of our small communities along the way played a part in its history.

Illustrated issue of The Crittenden Press July 10, 1902

Western Kentucky minerals

The Western Kentucky Mining District, comprising the counties of Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell, is, in every respect, unique in its mineral wealth.

Its massive veins of fluorspar are drawn upon by the consumers of this remarkable mineral in every portion of the country.

It has the greatest carbonate of zinc properties in point of size and grade of product known in the world.

Its great fissure veins of galena and zinc blend are, so far as human knowledge goes, of unlimited depth and of great richness.

Its immense veins of pure white barytes outcrop on the surface 30 feet wide.

Its Kaolin, or China clay, is in deposits, 40 feet thick, pearl white and practically ready for the manufacturer of the finest ceramics.

Its pigments, the ochres, umbers, metallic browns, siennas, etc., make the finest and most durable paint known.

Its glass sand is pure white, 100 percent silica and can be mined with a steam shovel.

Its calc-spar produces the finest lime known to chemistry.

Its hydraulic limestone would supply the earth with cement.

Its fieldspar, fire clay, ship clay, ball clay, quartz, and flint pebbles are all marketable minerals and command good prices.

It is a magnificent showing, and thousands of acres of its lands can be leased on royalty or purchased at farm prices.

It's the mineral heart of the continent.

Marion:

The gateway to the western Kentucky mineral fields

Situated on the Illinois Central Railroad, with numerous daily trains – four daily through mail and the distribution post office for a very large extent of territory – Marion is the true gateway to the rich veins of zinc, lead and fluorspar in the western Kentucky district. A handsome city of 3,000



people with all the essentials of a prosperous, thriving town, Marion has broad, well-kept streets brilliantly illuminated by electricity, mercantile houses of a magnitude seldom seen in a city of its size, manufactures of various kinds and descriptions, great tobacco houses, flouring mills, fluorspar works and the various industries incident to a mining, mercantile, manufacturing and farming community.

The St. Louis limestone is the oldest formation at the surface. It outcrops at Dycusburg and at Tolu. It is compact, silicious and of varying shades of blue. The beds at Dycusburg are finerained magnesium limestone and would make good hydraulic cement.

The Kentucky Fluorspar Co.: The largest miners

and shippers of fluorspar The Hodge Mine, owned by the Kentucky Fluorspar Co. is a treasure house of fluorspar. A magnificent breast of mineral 20 feet wide is at the 100-foot level. Steam hoists, washers and all the perfected mining machinery is in use at this and other properties of the company.

The Memphis mine, owned by the same company, is another property that has produced thousands of tons of the bright, sparkling substance that the glass factories clamor for. The Memphis and the Hodge mines' product being almost absolutely white and of high grade is ground and shipped to the glass works of the country and the hydrofluoric acid manufacturers

Another property that is a wonderful producer is the "Yandell." Seemingly the entire surface of the Yandell property is taken up with fluorspar. A great deal of kidney galena is also found in the Yandell spar, but it is assorted and retained for the lead smelter.

The Yandell, in connection with the Tabb, and what are known as the Blue and Marble lands, are situated near Mexico and their product is delivered to the railroad station of that





by the Kentucky Fluorspar Co.

Crayneville

Nearly 30 million pounds of fluorspar have been delivered to and shipped from the Crayneville station on the Illinois Central Railroad during the last three years.

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

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

Mexico

The little village is situated on the Illinois Central Railroad a little south of Crayneville and is surrounded by some of the richest mines in the country. There are thousands of tons of fluorspar in the shipping yards there ready for shipment. This spar belongs to the Kentucky Fluorspar and Marion Mineral companies.

Mexico is the natural shipping point for a large scope of our mining territory, embracing the Riley, Pogue, Yandell, Asbridge, Tabb, Wheatcroft and other mines. The town will certainly grow with the was made by Thomas Williams, an expert English miner, after closely investigating the ores on Messrs.

Cassidy & Co.'s Lands. Dycusburg, Ky., May 13, 1901. This is to certify that I, Thomas Williams, was born in Derbyshire, England, Feb. 14, 1852, and entered the mining business in England at the age of 15 and worked in the Cornwall mines and Ashover land, zinc and tin mines for 30 years.

I have had considerable experience in the mining districts since I have been in the United States. I have just prospected some of the mineral lands of S.H. Cassidy & Co., and I find the mineral deposits as represented. The iron ore, as per specimens found, will make a yield of from 50 to 60 percent of iron. The spar shows first class deposits; and the zinc deposit is fine, with an extra amount of lead. I also find considerable amount of

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Kentucky Fluorspar Co. (shown above) had a large operation located next to the railroad tracks in Marion. Fluorspar was brought here and stored, sorted and loaded onto rail cars and shipped to all parts of the world. The Hodge Mine (at left) was located in the Frances community. It was a large producer of fluorspar in its day. The photograph was taken in 1902.

bone rock, and with the experience I have of mining, I find these minerals will pay well. Ths. Williams.

Fine farming country on both sides of the Cumberland River in the immediate vicinity of Dycusburg has made it a substantial, strong and enterprising town.

Now that the veins of fluorspar, lead and zinc are beginning to give forth their treasure, the town has assumed more metropolitan ways. Spar is loaded on barges on the Cumberland River and transported to other cities.

With its wealth of tobacco, wheat, corn and minerals on hand, Dycusburg lacks but little. It sends million of pounds of tobacco to Europe.

Dycusburg, with such men as Clifton, Cassidy and Dycus, will keep right in the front rank of western Kentucky cities.

What a rich and colorful history our county has.

(Brenda Underdown is

name for shipment. The scenes at Crayneville and Mexico illustrate the extensive business transacted

u- master.

Mr. Cleve Wolfe and Mr. J.N. Jacobs have, under Mr. Glenn's direction, the charge of a large force of men and teams employed in handling the immense tonnage of fluorspar that arprospective expansion of the mining business and has a bright prospect ahead.

Ore at Dycusburg What an old English miner thinks of the prospect here The following statement Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and genealogical societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)







The fatal blow: defacing of God's image

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth...' reads Genesis 1:26-28.

Jesus picked up on it in Matthew 19:4-6, "Have you not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife; and they two shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder."

God made man and woman in His own image. Then that man and woman dare to deface God Almighty by defacing His image with their same-sex depraved acts and sex changes.

Americans and the whole world have been guilty of atrocious sins since the beginning, but now they, as one, have joined in these horrible, depraved, abominable, vile, reprobate sins against God, which will prove to be the fatal blows.

They are playing God, making their own plans by acts that make it impossible to do the job God told them to do in being one, procreating in their like-



ness and multiplying and replenishing the earth. They dare to think they are going to get by. Not so!

God calls their acts abomination, and all the abominable shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death, so Leviticus 18:22 and Revelation 21:8 tell us. In Romans 1:26-32, Paul

calls the acts "vile affections" and the participants reprobates and tells us God gives them over to a reprobate mind to be destroyed.

When man – both male and female - made in God's image dares to present to the world a defaced God and open rebellion against Him, His image, His cherished creation and His plan, they have pushed the fatal button. God's wrath is worldwide and smart people see the signs Jesus told us to watch for just before He ends this wicked, rebellious world.

Depravity of the human soul has so blanketed the world that we are in the position of Israel in 70 A.D. when God said, "No more!" The nation was laid waste at the feet of the Great Roman Empire.

As I and others cry out the words of Jesus, "Repent or perish," we are being ignored by the masses as the young man in Jerusalem who cried out to his fellowmen, walking the streets for 20 years and crying "Woe, woe, woe," just before the horrible destruction God had promised them.

Those were the only words this young man cried out, and he was dubbed insane.

But God knew the time was at hand. His mouthpiece warned, but was ignored by everyone except the true Christians who had been told by Jesus to watch for the signs of the times.

When Jerusalem was surrounded for the last time, 20 years after the young man started his sacrificial warning, all the Christians had deserted Jerusalem and not one Christian perished. But 1.1 million Jews were slaughtered, starved or carried away captive and spread out over the entire world. They are still hated and hunted by almost one fourth of the world's population, the Muslims.

Israel had gone the way of the enemies of God after all the hundreds of years God had blessed them over and above all the rest of the world. God had warned and warned, but as they found out, God's wrath does not linger forever.

When the majority of Americans – who have been sues the Jews are pursuing

even ancient Israel for more than 200 years - have joined the ancient enemies of God in supporting the defacing of God's image. His cherished creation, the fatal blow has been struck and is bringing down God's judgment on the world.

Revelation 20 tells us at the end, Satan will be loosed to go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, gathering all his minions together. They go up on the breadth of the earth and encompass the camp of Christians about, and during that awful time and suffering, fire shall come down from God out of Heaven and devour them.

Notice it says, "Deceive the nations," "in the four quarters of the earth," "go up on the breadth of the earth" and "completely encircle every Christian in the world." This leaves no one and no land untouched.

This is the first time in world history when one united, dedicated, determined and well-equipped enemy has completely encircled the entire world and all God's children, hoping to bring the end of the world so they can get on to Heaven and enjoy eternity with all kinds of elicit blessings. Well, it will bring the end of the world and the end of their dreams and barbaric rampages against Jesus.

Isn't it rather ironic that the same enemy who pur-

blessed over and above Americans. And yet the depravity of sin has so blinded the eves of millions of Americans and most of the leaders that they can't see the enemy is not only at the door but is in and among us?

Those who are wise enough to be born again, obeying Jesus in denying self, picking up the cross and following Him are doing what Jesus told His followers to do in Luke 21:33-36: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with partying and drunkenness and cares of this life and so that day come upon vou unaware.

"For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

"Watch you therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all those things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man."

Notice, Jesus tells us. as does Revelation, it is coming on the "face of the whole earth!"

How heartbreaking that millions do not know God's word and all this history and their loss is Heaven and their gain is Hell for all eternity.

I can just hear some naysayers saying in disgust, "There is no Hell!"

They and the poor souls they have deceived will be among those "crying for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them to hide them from the face of Him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of His wrath has come and who can be able to stand?"

The Lamb has wrath? Just see Revelation 6:16-17.

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

Community church notes

■ Victory Way will be at Maranatha General Baptist Church on Cedar Grove Road in Salem at 6 p.m., Feb. 14.

A community Valentine social will be held at 6 p.m., Feb. 14 at Salem Baptist Church's Christian Life Center. Everyone is invited.

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

Upward basketball and cheerleading practice is held Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Marion Baptist Church. The weight room and walking track will be open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday; 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday.

Veteran's breakfast to be held this Saturday

STAFE REPORT

A Veterans Appreciation Breakfast will be hosted from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion building located at 373 Lakeshore Drive in Kuttawa. The breakfast is free to veterans and active military members in appreciation for their service.

Lyon County American Legion Post 68 hosts a quarterly Veterans Appreciation Breakfast in an effort to connect with the numerous veterans within the area. Post 68 provides various services for veterans and activities to

help publicize these services. Post 68 also hosts several fundraising events, such as its monthly fish fry, biweekly bingo gaming, barbecue rib sales and semi-annual Texas Hold'em tournaments.

The Lyon County post also hosts a youth baseball team and an annual civic leadership training for the area youth.

If you would like more information, contact Frederick Ahrens at (270) 326-7319 or by email at amlegionkypost68@yahoo.com.

Inter-Agency Council elects new officers; evaluates last year's Community Christmas

STAFF REPORT

An election of new officers and a report relating to an evaluation of last year's Christmas Community were the main topics addressed at last Wednesday's meeting of the Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council.

Council Vice President Cheryl Burks will fill the position of president which was left vacant by the retirement of Nancy Hunt from the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Extension Cooperative Service. Burks will hold the

position through July, when an election of officers for the new term will be held. Meredith Hall, agriculture agent for the Extension Service, will fill Burks' role as vice-president. Holly White and Paja Crider remain in the positions of secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Evaluating last year's Community Christmas numbers, 431 individuals participated in the charity, which included 144 households with 210 adults, 175 children and 46 teens. By comparison, in 2013, 521 individuals participated -219 households with 212 adults, 254 children and 58 teens.

Concerning food distribution at Marion Baptist Church in 2014, 63 individuals from adult households received \$25 food vouchers plus groceries. By comparison, 69 individuals participated in 2013.

Also at the meeting, representatives with Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships, or MAPP, officially merged their meeting with the Inter-Agency Council's meeting.

MAPP is a communitydriven strategic planning process for improving community health. Officials said most agencies are represented at both MAPP and Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council meetings. The merger provides more convenience for schedules, and agencies can continue to partner in community activities.

The next meeting of the Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council will be held at 9 a.m., April 16 at the Extension Service office in Marion.



OBITUARIES

Janie Faye Howard Villalobos. 73, of Salem died

She is survived by a daughter, Reesa Katsigiannis of Roselle, Ill.; a son, Roy Moorman of Mt. Vernon, Ill.;

grandchildren; four five brothers, Bruce Howard of Marion, Curtis Howard of Roselle, Lonnie C. Howard of Salem and Bobby Howard of Salem; and several nieces and nephews.

Villalobos was preceded in death by her parents, Kellie Howard and Mae Smith Howard; her husband, Augustine Villalobos; and two brothers.

Funeral services were Saturday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion.

Patmor

James Willard Patmor, 89, of Marion died Jan. 29, 2015, at his home.

He was a member and deacon of Marion Baptist Church and a member of Bigham Lodge No. 256F&AM.

Patmor is survived by two sisters, Mary Jewel Alexander of Marion and Virginia Fritts of Myrtle Beach, S.C.: and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Ruth Hill Patmor; his wife, Martha Helen Vaughan Patmor; and a brother, Glen Patmor.

Funeral services were Monday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with Rev. John East officiating. Masonic rites were conducted Sunday. Burial was in Chapel Hill Cemetery.



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Brooke Eggleston, both of

Marion; her parents, Dallas

and Marcie Miniard, of Mar-

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Matthew Miniard of Marion;

and a sister, Anna Marie

Sunday at Gilbert Funeral

Funeral services were

Marion Doug Binkley, 72,

He is survived by his wife,

of Marion died Jan. 29, 2015,

at Salem Spring Lake Nurs-

Roxie Haire Binkley; four

brothers, Larry C. Binkley of

Hobart, Ind., Richard A.

Binkley of Marion, James D.

"Jimmy" Binkley of Marion

and Tony L. Binkley of Mar-

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Anna Heady; his first wife,

Norma Jean Binkley; and his

Josephine Binkley.

Binkley was preceded in

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Home in Marion. Burial was

in Caldwell Springs Ceme-

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eight great-grandchildren.

— PAID OBITUARY — Villalobos

survived by a son, Lal Edward "Butch" Elliott Jr. and wife Belinda of Murray; а

husband Bob of Madisonville; three grandchildren, Stephen Enoch and wife Debbie, Desiree Puckett and husband Larry, Kenan Enoch and wife Lana; eight great-grandchildren, Irelane, Lauren, Gracie, Jackson, Cooper, Braxton, Ben and Bradley.

Elliott was preceded in death by her husband, Lal Edward Elliott Sr.; her parents, Lloyd and Reba Watson Croft; and two brothers, Jim-

Funeral services were Tuesday in the chapel of

made to: New Union General Box 26, Salem, KY 42078.

Condolences may be left online at BoydFuneral Directors.com.

1927, the daughter of John and Elva Martin. Gass is survived by her husband, Harry Gass; a son, Trent Gass; a daughter,

Gass

Salem.

Debra Gass Knight; five grandchildren: and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death

Frankie N. Gass, 87, of

Marion died Jan. 12, 2015,

at Salem Springlake Health

and Rehabilitation Center in

She was born Jan. 27,

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by a son, Monte C. Gass.

Private graveside services were held Jan. 13 at Mapleview Cemetery.

the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem.

Ruby Arflack Hill, 91, of Providence died Feb. 1, 2015, at Methodist Hospital in Henderson.

She is survived by a son, Ronald B. Hill of Providence; a daughter, Linda Lee Vaughn of Clay; four granddaughters; nine grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Hill was preceded in death by her parents, John William Arflack and Martha Henry; and her husband, Lee Denzil Hill.

Funeral services will be today at 1 p.m. (Thursday) in the chapel of Jones Funeral Home in Providence. Interment will be in White Oak Cemetery.

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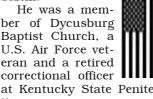
safer environment, including having to spend less time on two-lane roads with blind curves and high traffic areas...," Buchanan wrote.

court that if all customers utilize the company's carts, garbage trucks with mechanical arms can be used to lift the bins into the truck without the operator having to exit the vehicle, thereby making it safer for the single operator of

residents in the county. How-

- PAID OBITUARY -Green

Walter "Ronnie" Green, 74, of Dycusburg died Feb. 2, 2015, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.



at Kentucky State Penitentiary. Green is survived by a stepson, Pat Travis Perry of

Princeton; a stepgrandson, Ryan Perry of Princeton; four step-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Don Green of Mayfield and Kerry Green of Dycusburg; two sisters, Ginny Brown of Eddyville and Nancy Rideout of Valley Park, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kitty Marie Lovell Green; his parents, Tom and Edna Mae Henry Green; four brothers, Duke Green, J.C. Green, Luther Green and Oscar Green; and two sisters, Joann Chaney and Betty Guier.

1 p.m. today (Thursday) at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Rev. Steven Kirk officiating. Burial will follow in Dycusburg Cemetery.

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

be sent from Lakeland Chapel.com.

GARBAGE

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- PAID OBITUARY -

Orville Douglas Black, 79,

He was a career veteran of

of Carrsville died Jan. 31,

2015, at Crittenden Health

the U.S. Air Force, an avid

Johnson and husband Jeff of

Grand Rivers; a brother, Den-

nis Black and wife Loyce of

Carrsville; a sister, Wilma Ra-

mage of Benton; four grand-

children, Casey Chittenden

and wife Jenifer, Weston Chit-

tenden, Derek Johnson and

Jada O'Leary and husband

by his wife, Marlene Davis

Black: a son. Jeffrev Douglas

Black; and his parents, Orville

L. and Zona Waggoner Black.

Wednesday in the chapel of

Boyd Funeral Directors in

Salem with Rev. Junior Dea-

son officiating. Burial was in

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by two daughters,

Susan Chittenden

and husband Garry

of Salem and Patti

Black is survived

family man.

Aaron.

Black

out by the company to residential customers in the county, would see a monthly cost of \$14.45 for weekly pick-up of garbage in bags or personal trash cans placed along the roadside. The cost for those using the companyprovided cart would be \$16.

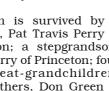
Option 2 would require all customers to use either the 64- or 96-gallon bins provided by the company for a monthly fee of \$15 for weekly pick-up.

Currently, Freedom Waste customers in the county who do not use the company-provided carts pay \$12.35 per month. Those who use the carts are now paying \$15.45 per month.

The company was the only one to submit a bid to the fiscal court for solid waste disposal in the county.

He explained to the fiscal the truck.

Newcom and magistrates have all expressed concerns that maneuvering the carts supplied by Freedom Waste could be difficult for many ments could be made for



Funeral services will be at

Online condolences may

Waste is offering Option 2,

"This is done to create a

ever. Buchanan said arrangepeople with special needs.



Marybelle Jay of Marion; two sisters, Phyllis Hill of Martinsville, Ind., and Paula Achord of Walker. La.: and

Jan. 29, 2015, at her home.

Madisonville, formerly of the Lola area, died Jan. 30, 2015, Baptist Health Madisonville. She

Elliott

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- PAID OBITUARY -

Kathern Elliott, 86, of

daughter, Debbie Enoch and

mie and Randolph Croft.

Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Revs. Kenneth Watson and David Davis officiating. Burial was in New Union Cemetery.

Contributions may be Baptist Cemetery Fund, c/o Boyd Funeral Directors, P.O.

Elliot

Arrangements were under

Hill

Freedom Waste owner Joe Buchanan said the company has sent out two rounds of surveys to residential customers in Crittenden County. The most recent survey cards were sent out last week.

"We haven't gotten the final results of that," Buchanan said Monday. "Hopefully, this week will be the cutoff.'

Apparently, not all customers in the county have been canvassed. Multiple subscribers to the garbage collection service have told The Crittenden Press they had not received a survey from the company.

Buchanan said Freedom Waste will soon present the findings of its survey to the fiscal court for a decision on which option the county chooses for its new contract. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said if the company tabulates the results of the survey after the end of this week, they would likely be asked to present the findings to the fiscal court at its Feb. 17 meeting.

In a Dec. 5 letter to Newcom, Buchanan said Freedom

Newcom said Monday that most of the people he has spoken with prefer Option 1, which allows residents to choose whether or not to use their own trash cans.

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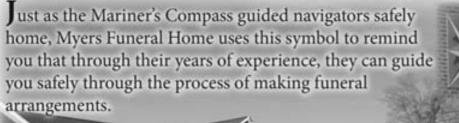
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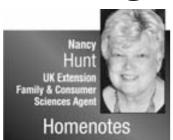


Estate planning doesn't have to be too complicated

Have you ever asked yourself the "what if" questions? What if something should happen to me today? What if something should happen to my spouse or his business? What if I have an accident that leaves me incapacitated? No one likes to think about these questions but the answers are very important to your surviving family members. This topic is of particular interest to me since I am retiring this week.

Obviously these questions can be answered at any point during the year. But, the beginning of the vear often serves as a good reminder to take the time to answer these questions.

Thinking ahead can provide peace of mind and ensure that your wishes will be followed. If you already



have your estate planning documents in order, use this as your yearly reminder to review your estate plans and ensure they are still meeting your current needs.

The estate planning process can be quite simple, depending on the size of your estate. Use the following steps to begin your own process of estate planning.

-Get organized by gathering important information and documents. Start by making a list of your as-

sets, or everything that you own. Be certain to include all property-your home, farm property, rental property and other business assets. Also you will want to list other investments and assets, such as stocks, bonds, retirement plans, insurance policies, banking accounts and cash. Be sure to list whether you are the sole or joint owner.

-Make a similar list of all debts owed, such as mortgages, car loans, credit cards, installments debts, etc. If you subtract your total debts from your total assets, the result will be your net worth. As you prepare the list of your assets and debts, also note the locations of important paperwork. You may consider purchasing a small fireproof safe to consolidate all important papers into

one place.

your -Discuss with spouse and other family members how you would like to distribute your assets to meet your estate planning objectives. Remember, communication is important throughout the estate planning process. Sharing your estate planning objectives with your family members will help them better understand the choices you make in asset distribution.

-Finally, work with an attorney to put your plans on paper. Depending on the size of your estate, you may also need to work with your accountant, financial planner or others to develop your complete estate plan. Don't be afraid to interview two or three attorneys to find a lawyer who meets your specific needs. In addition to helping you vestigate. Before you critiput your plans on paper, an attorney will also be able to assist you in understanding and developing other estate planning tools such as power of attorney, trusts or gifting.

The preparation of estate planning documents can save time, as well as unnecessary delays in settling your estate. It can result in savings on estate taxes. However, one of the most important results gained in estate planning is the avoidance of uncertainty and confusion during a

very difficult period. I came across these words of advice by William A. Ward concerning planning for life:

"Before you speak, listen. Before you write, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you invest, incize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try. Before vou retire, save. Before you die, give."

When I leave my office on Thursday (today), I will be leaving it for the last time as an employee of the Crittenden County Extension Service. It has been great serving as your County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences for the past 35 years.

(This is Nancy Hunt's final regular Homenotes column as the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent at the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service for Crittenden County. While she is retiring from the Extension Service this week, Hunt will continue to contribute columns periodically to the newspaper.)



SUBMITTED PHOTO

School speech teams compete

The Crittenden County Middle School Speech Team competed in the Kentucky High School Speech League's middle school regional competition at Murray State University Jan. 31. Pictured above are the students who will advance to the state competition March 27-28 at the University of Kentucky. They are (front row, from left) James Crider, Solo Acting; Anzie Gobin, Humorous Interpretation and Duo Acting; Emma Herrin, Improvisational Duo; and Sammy Greenwell, Storytelling and Duo Acting; (back row, from left) Ashleigh Dunkerson, Broadcast Announcing and Improvisational Duo; Harley Wesley, Prose Interpretation and Improvisational Duo; Jaycie Driver, Improvisational Duo; Kyron HIcks, Solo Acting, Duo Acting, and Improvisational Duo; Kenlee McDaniel, Broadcast Announcing; Ellie McGowan, Original Oratory, Duo Acting and Improvisational Duo; and Kalysta Jones, Solo Acting and Impromptu Speaking. The team placed fourth overall. Meanwhile, four Crittenden County High School Speech Team members competed in the Kentucky High School Speech League's regional tournament at Murray State University. All of the students qualified for state-level competition at University of Kentucky March 13-14. Participating were Cole Foster, Broadcast Announcing, Humorous Interpretation and Improvisational Duo; Alexis Tabor, Improvisational Duo; Emily Tinsley, Broadcast Announcing; and Katie Wheeler, Humorous Interpretation and Program of Oral Interpretation.



Fuller explains hand embroidery

Pat Fuller (at right) gave a program on hand embroidery for quilts at the Extension Homemaker Quilt Club Jan. 26. Assisted by Rose Eldridge, Fuller displays one of her current projects with horses. Fuller is known for her quilting skills and has received the Backroads Quilt Show Favorite Award twice. She also shared patterns for an easy table runner and napkin. The Quilt Club meets at 9:30 a.m., on the last Monday of each month. At its next meeting on Feb. 23, Eldridge will demonstrate how to make the pattern "No Waste Flying Geese." The quilt club consists of beginning and experienced quilters. Visitors are welcome. Call (270) 965-5236 for more information.

Writing contest winners named

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Maggie Blazina and Maegan Potter (shown with Woman's Club of Marion President Rebecca Zahrte) were recognized in the Woman's Club Poetry and Short Story contest. Blazina won for poetry in grades three through five. Potter won for short story in grades three through five.

Barn quilts to be featured in brochure

STAFF REPORT

Last November, the Crittenden County Extension Homemaker Association held a discussion on establishing a local barn quilt trail in Crittenden County. They asked local barn quilt owners to fill out an application for inclusion in a brochure to be produced in time for the Backroad's Tour in April.

Approximately 30 individual blocks have been in-

cluded at this time. More, however are welcome. But those interested must hurry to meet the deadline.

To include a quilt block contact the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236 before the middle of February. Some quilt block owners preferred to not have their name or quilt block location listed, but were glad to offer a photo of their quilt block for the brochure.

Origins of barn quilt

blocks date back 300 years with the early English colonists. Over the last 15 years, quilt trails have grown in popularity not only in this country but also in provinces several in Canada.

Barn quilts are not only considered a great economic opportunity for attracting tourists but can also help preserve and celebrate a family or community's heritage.

Parents urged to complete kindergarten online form

STAFF REPORT

If your child will enter kindergarten in the 2015-16 school year, Crittenden County Schools needs your help.

To determine the number of teachers needed for kindergarten classes, Crittenden County Elementary School is asking parents of next year's kindergarten students to complete an online form.

The link to the six-ques-

tion form is located on the school district's main website and can be accessed at www.crittenden.kvschools. us.

School officials estimate it should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

For questions on kinderpre-registration. garten contact Tonya Driver, Instructional Supervisor, at the Crittenden County Schools central office at (270) 965-3525

Berea names locals to its dean's list

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County residents Harley Butler and Catherine Hughes have been named to the fall 2014 dean's list at Berea College.

A student is named to the dean's list who achieves a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher for a minimum course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 6

■ Team 11, a group of former Crittenden County athletes and parents, is holding a Valentine's Day auction to benefit the Jake Hodge Foundation. Online bidding begins Friday on the Team 11 Facebook page, and continues through Feb. 12. The package contains a gift certificate for dinner for two at Copper Top Barb-B-Q, a \$30 gift certificate from Double Take Salon, half a dozen roses from Louise's Flowers and a box of chocolates donated by CVS Phar-

macy. The package is valued at over \$100.

Crittenden County Elementary School SBDM Council meets at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Crittenden County Middle School SBDM Council meets at 3:45 p.m., in the school's library. Tuesday, Feb. 17

Crittenden County High School SBDM Council will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the high school's conference room. Wednesday, March 4

Crittenden County Extension

Homemakers will host a reception for Nancy Hunt, who is retiring from the Crittenden County Extension Service after 35 years. The reception will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Woman's Club building on East Carlisle Street. The reception will be open to the public. Saturday, March 7

Electrical, HVAC and plumbing classes will be held at the Marion-Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center. Call Madisonville Community College at (270) 824-8660 to register.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

wagon on wheat bun, vegetable soup and baked apples.

- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Call the center for an appointment with a tax preparer. Menu is chicken pot pie, twice-baked potato, green beans, Mandarin oranges and wheat bread slice.

- Monday: Ladies exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is Philly cheese steak on wheat bun, coleslaw, hash brown casserole, green beans and apple crisp

- Tuesday: Nutrition Listen with Sue Parrent begins at 10 a.m. Menu is oven-fried chicken, baked sweet potato,

Fellowship Dinner

Next Thursday at 5 p.m. Fried chicken donated by Food Giant for \$5. Guests are asked to bring a side dish. Music by Richard Maxfield.

black-eyed peas, fruit cobbler and wheat bread slice.

- Wednesday: Game Day with Barb begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is hamburger on wheat bun, baked potato, baked pork and beans and an oatmeal cookie

- Next Thursday: Menu is baked spaghetti, buttered carrots, seasoned peas, wheat garlic bread and ambrosia.

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. All menu items are subject to change

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

Upcoming activities and menu include:

Today: Menu is chuck-

Monday, Feb. 9



Trash Sculpture award winners recognized

Last Thursday, winners were announced for the annual trash sculpture awards contest sponsored by West Kentucky Regional Recycling. The contest is open to all students - either public or home schooled - from kindergarten through high school and is designed to educate youth on the importance of recycling. Coordinated through the local University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service, winners received checks awarded by Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom on behalf of West Kentucky Regional Recycling. Students won at both the school and county levels. Winners include (front row, from left) Maegan Potter, \$60, first place upper elementary; Branden Sunderland, \$60, first place lower elementary; Keifer Watson, \$40, second place upper elementary; Allie Brantley, \$40, second place, lower elementary; Ashley Little, \$25, third place, upper elementary; and (second row) Cole Foster, \$60, first place, high school. Next to Foster is Crittenden County 4-H Extension Agent Leslea Barnes and Newcom. Not pictured is third grade teacher Mandy Perez, who received \$50 for having the class with the most entries.

Collins earns Silver Achievement award

STAFF REPORT

Mauri Collins has been recognized with the Silver Achievement Award in 4-H.

Launched in 2011, the achievement program encourages 4-H members to establish and attain goals throughout their careers in 4-H. Points are earned for participating in a variety of 4-H projects, programs and activities. Members of 4-H can choose to compete on the state level for the bronze, silver, gold and emerald awards. By doing so, 4-H members can receive awards, trips and scholarships.

"I was excited to have been chosen as a Silver Achievement recipient. The program helps you keep track of 4-H involvement in

ple, not for any type of recognition. This program encourages you to set and reach goals throughout your 4-H career.'

Although she had acquired enough points to apply for gold level Achievement Award,

the

Collins this is the first year Collins applied in the achievement program. Participants have to receive a silver designation prior to applying for gold.

Among her accomplishments in 4-H projects, in 2014 Collins received a State Communications Day award. She was one of fewer than 10 4-H members who qualified to compete in both speech and demonstration at the state level. She was awarded grand champion in Junior Breads and received third place in 13-year-old Speech. As a 4-H member, she has

participated in the Crittenden County Elementary and Middle School Rocket clubs, the horse club and the Country Ham Club.

In 2013, she received class champion for a historical 4-H poster that displayed four genera-

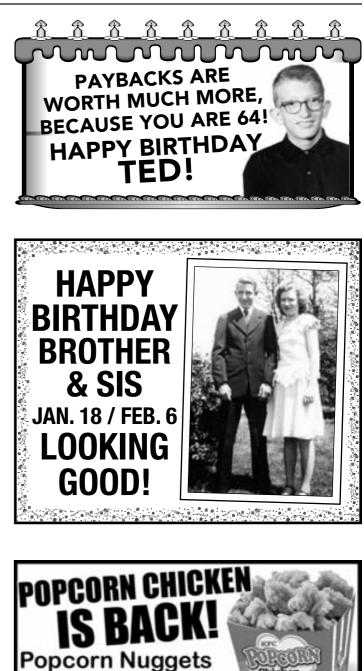
tions of her family participating in 4-H. Her father, Stuart Collins, emphasized the opportunities 4-H provides youths and said the potential is endless.

"I'm grateful that Mauri is learning so many life skills through the various 4-H programs that will benefit her for years to come," he said. "The achievement program allows her to work toward a couple of exciting trips like the National 4-H Congress where she could potentially participate in leadership programs, meet peers with similar desires to

make a difference in their communities and be exposed to youth development activities on the national level. Pam (her mother) and I are very proud of the young lady she has become

Called the flagship event of the 4-H program, for more than 85 years, youths from across the United States have participated in the National 4-H Congress. Thirty gold winners from the state are selected to attend National 4-H Congress. The four emerald winners from the state are selected to attend National 4-H Conference.

The youth leadership development conference builds upon the University







project work as well as citizenship and community service activities," Collins said. "There are lots of things you do because you want to or to help other peoof Kentucky Cooperative Extension System's belief that young people can be significant partners in addressing the issues that face America, especially those issues affecting youths.

Buntin participates in 'White Coat' ceremony

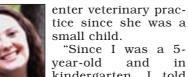
STAFF REPORT

Special occasions call for celebrations. On Saturday, Crittenden County native Kayla Buntin participated in a White Coat Ceremony at Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine. The occasion signified the passing from classroom to clinical study.

The college has its own small and large animal teaching hospital and



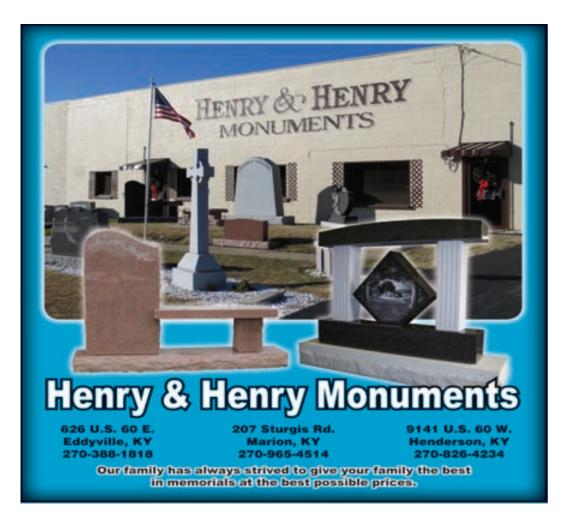
ceived her undergraduate degree from Western Ken-Buntin tucky University, said she has wanted to like humans, Buntin said



and in kindergarten, I told my parents that's what I wanted to do, hasn't and it changed," she said.

Because animals can't communicate ence and challenge of putting together the puzzle pieces to diagnose the cause of an animal's illness and provide the proper care toward recovery. She also enjoys witnessing the special relationship owners have with their pets and the satisfaction it brings to be able to provide care for their animals.

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BASKETBALL

Brown out 4 weeks

Maci Brown, No. 3 Henderson County's starting guard and one of its top scorers, is out four weeks with a broken wrist suffered in a game last week. Brown's parents, Nicky and Danette (Gough) are former Crittenden basketball players. Henderson is currently 20-2.

Brown starts at Asbury

Former Crittenden County Lady Rocket basketball player Bailey Brown has broken into the starting lineup 4 times at Asbury University where she is a freshman. She is averaging 4 points per game and the team is 18-6.

BASEBALL

Dugout Club meeting Crittenden County Dugout Club will meet at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11 in the basement at Marion United Methodist Church. The club will be discussing plans for the upcoming recreational baseball and softball seasons hosted at Marion-Crittenden County Park. There will be discussion about changing T-ball to youth kickball. The meeting is open to the public and anyone who wishes to have more information may call 270-704-0435.

Youth Bobcats open play

Marion Youth Bobcats 12-under travel baseball team opened its season last weekend at the Southern Illinois Indoor Classic at DuQuoin, III. The Bobcats won 3 of 5 games, losing twice by 1 run each time. The club outscored its opponents 26-7 over the weekend. Tyler Boone and Trace Adams hit .417 for the tournament and Caden McCalister hit .375. Erik O'Leary was strong on the mound, winning a game and relieving in another. Braxton Winders and Adams also won on the mound.

TRACK **Booster meet Tuesdav**

There will be a CCHS track booster club meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Rocket Arena meeting room. Track parents and athletes are encouraged to attend. Athletes may bring their paperwork for the upcoming season to turn in at this time. Students in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in track and field.

Driver's baseball career reaches milestone

CCHS senior signs with Campbellsville

STAFF REPORT

It was pretty clear from an early age that Adam Driver was going to be a good baseball player.

When he wore a T-ball uniform, the infielders would move into the outfield grass when Driver stepped into the batter's box. He could knock the cover off the ball even at the age of four.

On Monday, Driver's family, coaches and friends were on hand at the high school campus to watch him sign a letter of intent to play baseball at Campbellsville University.

Driver is a senior at Crittenden County and he's been on the high school squad since eighth grade. Driver was an all-region and all-district baseball player as a junior.

While it was his hitting that first drew acclaim to Driver's skills as a T-baller, it is his right arm that has recently attracted college scouts.

At 6-foot-2 and 230 pounds, Driver is an intimidating presence on the hill and he's got a pretty good fastball to back it up. He's been clocked in the low 80s and uses

that pitch to set up his changeup as a strike-out pitch. The slider and an occasional curveball are among the pitches in his arsenal.

"Since I could walk, I've always loved baseball," he said. "There's video of my dad throwing me a Wiffle ball in the living room when I was real small and I was just whacking it. Fortunately, we never broke anything."

Driver also plays center on the high school basketball team and he gave football a shot years ago, but didn't stay with it. Baseball is his passion and he spends countless hours refining his tools. In the winter, he works out in Paducah with pitching instructor Kent Wallace, a former Triple-A pitcher in the New York Yankees organization. In the summer, he plays American Legion baseball at Post 68 in Eddyville and over the last two falls he's played for a team in Evansville. In between all that he's found time to play ball in several showcase games around the region where college coaches come to evaluate talent.

At Campbellsville, Driver is projected as a pitcher. He will start out on the junior varsity squad and hopes to work his way up quickly. He will study history.

"I want to be a teacher and Campbellsville offers a minor in coaching so that's what I want to do," he said.



Pictured at signing day at Rocket Arena are (front from left) mother Tonya Driver, Adam Driver, father Eddie Driver, coach Denis Hodge, principal Curtis Brown and coach Donnie Phillips.

Driver and his Rocket baseball teammates are already working out a good bit in preparation for the 50 innings and had a 1.99 ERA.

spring season that starts next month. Last year, he threw nearly



Rockets come up big in another close call

STAFF REPORT

There's just something about this Rocket basketball team that keeps the boys cool under pressure.

Whether it's a reflection on their coach or the fact that they've drilled over and over on late-game tactics, Crittenden County (12-7) has been especially successful in close games this season.

On Friday, Rocket junior Colby Watson scored a basket on an inbounds play with just seconds to go, breaking a tie and lifting Crittenden County to a third victory this season over Livingston Central (2-17). CCHS won this one 41-39.

The Rockets are 5-0 in games decided by five or fewer points. This was the first time in three tries that Livingston was that close at the buzzer. The teams have met twice in regular season as customary for district foes and once in the All A Classic. Hodge says his team spent a good bit of time early this year working on fourth-quarter drills. That hasn't been on the practice agenda as much lately because the real-time game experience has filled the gap. "Their competitive spirit has impressed me," Hodge said. "We've allowed a couple of games to get away from us and we've lost a couple of close of ones, but for the most part when the game is tight, our guys excel under pressure. If it's tight, they believe they can win. The Rockets have lost just four games by a dozen or more points. The rest have been fairly closely contested.

"Every team we have taken down to the wire it seems like our guys have been comfortable in those late-game situations and they perform well, probably better than any other team I've coached in a while," Hodge said.

Rockets lose Trojans in 2nd

Unranked Webster County, at 20-3, has the Second Region's best record, but Crittenden took the Trojans to task in the first half at Marion Tuesday. The game was close for a while, but second-half turnovers hurt CCHS as Webster won by 22.

Webster 66, Crittenden 44

Webster County 12 17 21 16 Crittenden County 12 13 8 11 WEBSTER - Yates 2, Cauter, Pruitt, Shoulders 9, Bell, Roland 21, Smith, House 4, Ellis 2, Simms, Stubblefield 7, Edmonson 16, Durrance 5. FG 22-43. 3-pointers 1-7 (Roland). FT 21-29. Rebounds 28 (Roland 5, House 5). Fouls 14. CRITTENDEN - Young 5, Hollis, Dickerson 12, D.Watson 2, Driver 2, Tolley, Hadfield 2, Greenwell 2, Coleman, James, Hlcks 4, C.Watson 15, Stevens. FG 14-35. 3-pointers 4-16 (Watson 2, HIcks 2). FT 12-14. Rebounds 20 (C.Watson 6). Fouls 19.

MISCELLANEOUS

Team 11, a group of former Crittenden County athletes and parents, is holding a Valentine's Day auction to benefit the Jake Hodge Foundation. Online bidding begins Feb. 6 on the Team 11 Facebook page, and continues through Feb. 12. The package contains a gift certificate for dinner for two at Copper Top Bar-B-Q, a \$30 gift certificate from Double Take Salon, a half dozen roses from Louise's Flowers and a box of chocolates donated by CVS Pharmacy. The package is valued at more than \$100.

PREP CALENDAR **Upcoming Games**

Crittenden County Basketball

FRIDAY Varsity DH at Dawson Springs SATURDAY

Rockets at Hardin County, III. MONDAY

Comm. Christian at CCHS varsity DH TUESDAY

Rockets host Caldwell County

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Raccoon, Opossum	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 10 - Feb. 28
Rabbit	Nov. 10 - Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 10 - Feb. 10
Bobcat	Nov. 22 - Feb. 28
West Goose Zone	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Pennyrile Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Snow Goose	Nov. 27 - Jan. 31
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 1-6
West Youth Waterfe	owl Feb. 7-8
Snow Goose	Feb. 9 - March 31
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round

Covote contest Friday

The coyote hunting contest starts Friday at sundown and ends at 5 p.m., Saturday. This contest is for two-man teams and cost is \$20 per team. Teams must register at Hodge's by Friday.

Rocket Dylan Hollis guards against Livingston Central's Briley Ray Friday night.

CCHS ROCKET	BASKETB	ALL STATIST	ICS through	18 games			
Landon Young	FG Shooting 45.1%	3pt Shooting 32.1%	FT Shooting 72-95	Pts. Avg. 18.71	Reb. Avg. 2.89	Asst. 27	Steals 30
Dylan Hollis	27.8%	18.8%	14-27	2.94	1.19	6	15
Noah Dickerso	n 28.3%	19.2%5	23-41	4.44	4.44	22	21
Dakota Watson	1 43. 3%	0%	23-39	5.94	3.76	8	10
Adam Driver	36.4%	20%	0-0	0.77	0.81	0	4
Noah Hadfield	32.6%	38.5%	18-26	2.94	1.06	6	7
Dylan Hicks	36.9%	32.1%	17-28	4.11	2.06	31	25
Colby Watson	40.2%	22.9%	55-82	12.1	6.28	10	18
Team Totals	37.9%	30.7%	223-342	52.1	32.3	111	132

OTHER TEAM & OPPONENT OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

Category Total Points	сснs 937	Opponents 957	Category Points Off Turnovers	сснs 184	Opponents 179
2nd Effort Points	137	146	3-Point Points	180	234
Points Off Bench	121	133	Free Throw Points	223	211

Crittenden 41, Livingston 39

Livingston Central 13 7 12 7 Crittenden County 12 13 8 8 LIVINGSTON - Ray 11, Ramage 4, Rodgers 3, Sloma, Dean 12, Hosick 8, Gilbert 1, Kitchens. FG 17-43. 3pointers 0-6, FT 5-10, Rebounds 34 (Ramage 9). Fouls 13.

CRITTENDEN - Young 12, Hollis 1, Dickerson 2, D.Watson 4, Driver 2, Hadfield 8 Hicks 2 C Watson 10 FG 17-48. 3-pointers 0-11. FT 7-9. Rebounds 29 (Young 7). Fouls 13.

LADY ROCKETS STATISTICS

Points

314

258

117

92

58

59

45

19

9

6

2

Avg.

15.70

12.90

5.85

4.60

3.22

2.95

2.50

1.12

0.82

0.46

0.25

Games

20

20

20

20

18

20

18

17

11

13

SCORING Through 20 games

Player

C.Oliver

C Moss

K Moss

K.Nesbitt

A.Lynch

M.Evans

F.Pierce

K.Davis

M.Riley

M.Champion 8

M.McDowell

Lady Rockets claim share of 5th crown

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County (12-8) captured a share of the Fifth District regular-season championship with a 62-42 win over Livingston Central Friday at Rocket Arena.

CCHS and Lyon County split their regular-season games and have tied for the league title. A coin toss will determine who earns the No. 1 seed for the post-season tournament later this month at Smithland.

Coach Hodge said her team has played well the last couple of outings, knocking off Livingston for the third time and Caldwell County a second time. Crittenden beat the Lady Tigers 53-46 Saturday

"We have played (Livingston) three times and we've played better each time," Hodge said.

"I think we're seeing the last few games some maturity coming into play," the coach added, pointing out that she normally starts three sophomores along with two seniors.

"We have really stressed mental toughenss and having confidence in what

we're trying to do. I think the girls are really trying to be more mentally focused and it's paying off.

Hodge said defense has to be the most consistent part of a team's game and she's seeing a better effort on that end of the floor.

Webster blasts CCHS early

Webster County (14-9) jumped out to a 19-0 lead before Meredith Evans got the Lady Rockets on the board with a putback. The Lady Trojans stayed ahead the rest of the way although Crittenden closed to within 12 twice.

Webster 72, Crittenden 56

Webster County 28 15 20 9 Crittenden County 4 20 19 13 WEBSTER - Papineau 2, Pritchett 12, Keeney, Braden, Woolfork 6, Payne 5, G.Keeney 3, Duncan 6, Kr.Keeney 30, Winders 2, Gibson 6. FG 28. 3-pointers 5 (Pritchett 2, Woolfork, G.Keeney, Duncan). FT 11-20. Fouls 24. CRITTENDEN - McDowell 6, Oliver 14, C.Moss 21, Lynch 6, Evans 2, K.Moss 2, Nesbitt 2, Pierce, Riley, Champion, Collins. FG 10. 3-pointers 0. FT 14-19. Fouls 19

Crittenden 53, Caldwell 46 Caldwell County 13 8 12 13 8 15 10 20 Crittenden County CALDWELL - Woford 1, Litchfield 2, Rodgers 24, Clift 6, McDaniels 3, Copeland 2 Gilland 4 Loomis 4 EG 18. 3-pointers 0. FT 10-13. Fouls 17.



PHOTO BY GREG PERRYMAN Amanda Lynch and Kiana Nesbitt work to keep the ball from entering the paint during their win over Livingston.

CRITTENDEN - McDowell 6, Oliver 12, C.Moss 12, Lynch 4, K.Moss 6, Evans 2, Nesbitt 11, Pierce. FG 22. 3pointers 0. FT 9-16. Fouls 14. Fouls 28.

Crittenden 62, Livingston 42 Livingston Central 9 8 12 13 Crittenden County 10 20 11 21 I IVINGSTON – Campbell 7 Padon 10 Adams, Barnes 16, Leidecker 6,

Stafford 2, Wright 1, Kaszuba, Dudley, Tolley, Grimm, Conner. FT 13. 3-point ers 2 (Padon, Campbell). FT 14-26.

CRITTENDEN - McDowell 2, Oliver 22, C.Moss 19, Lynch 4, K.Moss 2, Evans 4, Nesbitt 4, Pierce 3, Riley, Champion, Davis 2, Colins, Beverly, Barnes. FG 23. 3-pointers 2 (Pierce, C.Moss). FT 14-34. Fouls 26.

FIELD GOAL SHOOTING (20 shots or more) Att/Made Player Pct. 115-235 C.Oliver 48.9% K.Nesbitt 25-57 43.9% 19-45 M.Evans 42.2% F.Pierce 8-21 38.1% C.Moss 89-239 37.2% 37-104 K.Moss 35.6% A.Lynch 27-86 31.4% M.McDowell 41-132 31.1% **3-POINT SHOOTING** C.Oliver 4-15 26.7% C.Moss 5-29 17.2% M.McDowell 4-27 14.8% REBOUNDING Rebounds Player Avg. C.Moss 139 7.0 C.Oliver 120 6.0 M.McDowell 3.8 76 K.Nesbitt 80 4.4 3.7 K.Moss 74 M.Evans 58 3.2 ASSISTS Player Assists Avg. M.McDowell 82 4.10 C.Moss 35 1.75 C.Oliver 26 1.30

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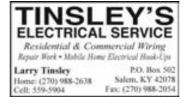
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Ex-teacher Mathews now spends time farming

By JASON TRAVIS STAFF WRITER

Whether it's in the classroom or working on the farm, Donna Mathews knows the importance of being prepared.

Mathews, a Crittenden County native and retired teacher, spent the day recently inquiring about getting some extra hay for her livestock, which includes about 40 head of cattle and 50 head of sheep. She's also getting ready for a busy lambing season in the coming weeks. She knows winter weather can be both harsh and fickle, and she isn't going to take any chances with her supplies of feed.

Mathews, a resident of tually returned to the class-Mattoon, has been retired room and was a substitute

from teaching for a decade after spending 27 years in education, teaching library science. She received a master's degree in education in library science and a Rank 1 certification in biology from Murray State University. She began

teaching at Fohs Hall and then went on to become wo the librarian at Crittenden to County High School, before tur pausing her career until her or l daughter was old enough to uca

attend school. Mathews eventually returned to the classroom and was a substitute teacher in Crittenden County for a number of years. She later returned to the classroom full-time and taught for 13 years in the Hopkins County School District until her retirement.

Unlike today, Mathews indicated years ago that young

women didn't attend college to seek positions in agriculture, the medical profession or law and said a career in education was a popular choice. As for her own career choice, Mathews knew she wanted to become an educator after working as an assistant in the high school library in Crittenden County.

"I really admired the librarian that was there, Lois Gregory," she said. "She was there for years and then went to Murray State University."

Having taught students kindergarten through 12th grade, her advice for teachers getting ready to enter the classroom for the first time is to come prepared and realize college can't properly emulate real-world experience for teachers stepping into the classroom for the first time. "With any job, you don't know what it's like until you've done it," she said, adding that paperwork and required responsibilities other than just teaching students can keep educators very busy.

For teachers thinking about retirement and preparing to leave the classroom, Mathews encourages them to do so as soon as it is feasible, adding the importance of being able to enjoy retirement and participate in a wide variety of activities.

Mathews will stay busy tending to the newly-born lambs on her farm. As she stocks up on supplies in case of inclement weather, she's already looking ahead to the next several weeks, waiting to see what surprises Mother Nature may have in store. Being a retired teacher and a farmer, she knows the importance of planning ahead.

Mathews has one child, Theresa, who is a nurse practitioner in Morganfield. She also has three grandchildren.

(Editor's note: The Crittenden Press will continue throughout the year bringing you stories on many of Crittenden County's retired teachers.)

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tunes from Elvis to Johnny Cash to Conway Twitty for nearly two hours as people socialized and grabbed a partner to hit the dance floor.

"As long as the people keep coming, we'll keep doing it," said Timmy Todd, one of the organizers of the social.

Saturday's event drew a crowd of well more than 60, including entire families and people ranging in age from toddler to senior citizen.

"That's the thing about Tolu, everybody's welcome," said Jay Tinsley, who has worked on Robert White's Tolu farm since he was a little boy.

Todd said the get-togethers started last fall, primarily as another way to raise money to keep the center open. But he said the money may also be used to help community members who have fallen on difficult times. On Saturday, a donation jug was crammed with bills by the end of the night and another jar was filled with money from people who purchased chances in a guitar raffle made possible by a gift from the members of the Cotton Patch Express Band.

The band, which consists of Otis Long on bass guitar, Darrell Grissom on drums, Peggy Gill on acoustic guitar and Jerry Marshall and Ricky Thomas on electric guitar, has been together for about six years and performs all around the area, according to Long. Bruce Brown, who also plays guitar, was not able to make Saturday's gig at Tolu.

"We do a lot of stuff like this," said Long. "We enjoy doing it."



Eight-year-old Cutter Singleton plays the banjo Saturday night at the Tolu Community Center as Ricky Thomas of the Cotton Patch Express Band accompanies the boy on guitar.

Members of the band share vocal duties, but on Saturday night, it was an instrumental of the 1963 hit "Wipe Out" that drew listeners to the dance floor in droves.

Midway through the set, the band paused to allow 8-year-old Cutter Singleton a chance to showcase his skills on the banjo. Accompanied by Thomas on guitar, Singleton entertained the audience with several songs, including a few numbers from the legendary duo of Lester Scruggs on banjo and Earl Flatt on guitar.

When the music fell silent for the night, it was time for the feast...but not before a blessing of the variety of donated food that lined the counter and crammed the kitchen.

"If people in Tolu get together, there's going to be plenty of food," Tinsley joked.

It's a safe bet that the people of Tolu, as well as those who may have moved away but kept the town in their heart, don't plan on letting the community fade away anytime soon.

Marion man arrested on drug charge

A Crittenden County man was arrested last Wednesday on drug charges following a controlled buy conducted by the Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force.

Joshua Lee Jones, 26, of Marion, was taken into custody after he reportedly sold approximately 1 ounce of crystal methamphetamine in a sting conducted in Caldwell County. He was charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance over 2 grams. It was reportedly his first such offense.

Jones was lodged in the Caldwell County Jail.

The Hopkinsville-based task force was assisted by Princeton Police Department.

Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force is currently in its 27th year of operation and is now comprised of Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Lyon, Livingston, Muhlenberg, Todd, Trigg, McLean and Webster counties in western Kentucky.

To anonymously report drug activity to the task force, call (800) 624-4596 or visit PNTF.us online.

