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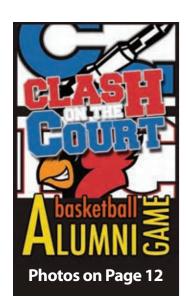
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Offices closing for **MLK Jr. Day holiday**

All city, courthouse, state and federal offices, including the postal service, will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Courthouse offices will also be closed Saturday. Monday closings include the library, Extension service and senior citizens

The Crittenden Press will be open Monday, but delivery of The Early Bird will be delayed due to the postal holiday.

Last day to sign up for kynect Jan. 31

Kentuckians have until Jan. 31 to sign up for subsidized insurance through kynect, the state's online insurance marketplace, or face a penalty of



\$695 per adult and \$347 for each child (up to \$2,085 per family), or 2.5 percent of annual household income,

whichever is higher. But this will likely be the final year for kynect. On Monday, following through on a campaign pledge, Republican Gov. Matt Bevin notified federal authorities he plans to dismantle the exchange. If that happens, next year, those insured through kynect would have to go through the federal

December sees 60 dogs, cats sheltered

For the month of December, Crittenden County Animal Shelter took in 46 dogs and 14 cats, reports Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd. The local shelter holds animals from Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties.

Nine dogs were taken in over the final three days of the year. One had been left behind in a home for three days after the residents moved.

Meetings

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday in the judge-executive's courthouse meeting room.

- Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m. next Thursday at the educational building on the hospital campus.

- Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at 5:45 p.m. next Thursday at the

Extension office. - Crittenden County Board of Education has changed the date of its monthly meeting to Jan. 28. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Rocket Arena.





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March 22 tentative date for alcohol vote voted in last November's gubernatition submitted to County Clerk

An alcohol referendum for the City of Marion has been tentatively scheduled for late March.

Last week, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said enough signatures on a petition asking for the vote had been certified in order to take the measure to ballot. The magic number was 138, which is a quarter of the number of city residents having

torial election.

"There were enough certified signatures to put it out to vote," said

Tuesday, March 22 is the target for the election, depending upon whether the county's programmer of the voting machines and supplier of election ballots can complete their work by that date.

Some names included on the pe-

Carolyn Byford on Dec. 28 were invalid because the individuals were not registered voters or lived outside the city. There were some questions with other names, too, said Newcom, but not enough were in ques-

tion to jeopardize the process. The judge-executive must provide a basis for striking any names from the petition. Letters have been sent to a few of the petitioners with

questions surrounding their voter registration, asking them to provide proof their name meets qualifications. Those answers must be received by Friday.

'We want to make sure everything is done by the book," said County Attorney Rebecca Johnson, who met with Newcom and Byford last Thursday to go over any uncer-

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making it the largest lottery jackpot in world history.

Local lottery ticket sales soar

t the height of Saturday's 🗲 \$900 million Powerball craze, tickets were being sold at a frantic rate of 85 per second in Kentucky. In Crittenden County alone, the four lottery retailers sold thousands of \$2 tickets for the weekend. But sales for Wednesday night's estimated \$1.5 billion - yes, with a B – drawing were sure to eclipse those numbers.

The jackpot was likely to rise from Tuesday's projected total at press time as more and more tickets were sold across the 44 states, District of Columbia and two U.S. territories participating in Powerball. If no one wins the jackpot, it will grow even

\$1.5 billion......Estimated Powerball jackpot \$930 million......Cash option - \$55.8 million......Kentucky taxes \$368.28 million......Federal taxes

\$505.92 millionWinnings you keep

larger for the weekend's drawing. In Marion, David Brown purchased his Powerball ticket Monday morning at Food Giant. He doesn't always play the multi-state lottery game, but "when it gets to \$1.3 billion, I do," he said.

Because millions of people like Brown across the U.S. had their eyes set on the record-breaking winnings, the estimated jackpot continued to grow up until the drawing at 10 p.m. Wednesday. Other Kentucky Lottery outlets in Marion – Five Star Food Mart, Ideal Market

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Local ag property values to increase

By CHRIS EVANS PRESS PUBLISHER

Crittenden County property owners will see an increase this year in the assessed value of their agricultural property.

It will mean higher taxes for property owners, but the assessed value of their raw land will remain far less than residential or commercial property values, thanks to the state's 47year-old exclusion for agriculture properties.

Landowners in Crittenden County will likely pay between 60 and 85 cents more tax per acre in 2016, depending into which soil class their property falls.

As a result, local schools stand to gain an estimated \$91,000 in new tax revenue next year. County government and state government will see an increase of about \$22,000 each from Crittenden's new assessment, and a host of other smaller taxing dis tricts will enjoy part of the windfall which will amount to somewhere in the neighborhood of \$159,200 in new tax dollars expected from local agri-

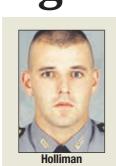
culture landowners. According to Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator Ronnie Heady, Kentucky recognizes eight different soil classes from prime

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Agriculture property values based on soil class assessments

| CLASS | OLD | NEW |
|---------|----------|----------|
| Class I | N/A | N/A |
| Class 2 | \$425.00 | \$592.64 |
| | \$350.00 | |
| Class 4 | \$300.00 | \$374.60 |
| Class 5 | \$260.00 | \$265.59 |
| Class 6 | \$200.00 | \$212.47 |
| Class 7 | \$150.00 | \$159.35 |
| Class 8 | N/A | N/A |

Agencies realigning local law enforcement







3 KSP troopers working county

Last week, Kentucky State Police announced that Post 2 in Madisonville would be increasing its coverage in Crittenden County with three troopers. Just a few months ago, only one trooper was working the county. Post 2 commander Capt. Brent White was once a trooper in the county.



Two of the law enforcement agencies that patrol the county have made changes or plan to tweak policing.

On Sunday, Kentucky State Police added a third trooper assigned to Crittenden County. On Monday evening, Marion City Council introduced a resolution that would again fund the position of assistant city police chief.

The addition of Trooper Joe Bartolotti, a four-year veteran previously assigned to Hopkins County, was part of an overall realignment in the seven-county Post 2 district ordered by Capt. Brent White, the Madisonville post mander. The effort will give citizens of Crittenden, Caldwell, Webster and

Todd counties a more consistent presence of uniformed troopers. "With this new realignment of our lim-

ited sworn personnel allotment, our coverage across the district, Sunday through Saturday, should be improved," White, a former trooper assigned to Crittenden County, said in a

news release. Trooper Bartolotti will join 17-year veteran Tfc. Darron Holliman in the county and Trooper Brian Graves, an October 2015 graduate of the KSP Acad-

White said the Madisonville post desires to partner with local law enforcement in each of its communities to enhance overall public safety. Should a significant event hap-

pen in the district, personnel more should be available to respond in a regional approach. Currently, the post has an authorized compliment of only 21 uniformed troopers for the entire district. This number does not include investigative and

supervisory personnel. Prior to Sunday, the

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Letters to the Editor

P.O. Box 191, Marion, KY 42064

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Mediacom offering tonight's GOP debate to all customers; Ky. caucus 7 weeks away

Political junkies who subscribe to Mediacom will get a special treat tonight (Thursday) when FOX Business Network (FBN) hosts the Republican presidential primary debates at 5 and 8 p.m. local time. The cable company has made special arrangements to ensure that its customers can access the cable channel by making it available as a free preview.

Any Mediacom customer using a digital converter will be able to tune-in and watch the debates on channel 248 for standard-definition viewing or on channel 675 or 775 for HD viewing. During the preview period, subscribers can also watch the regular lineup of business programs produced and televised on FBN, a financial news channel owned by 21st Century

The debates are taking place in North Charleston, S.C. The primetime debate will feature candidates Donald Trump, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz, Chris Christie, Ben Carson, Jeb Bush and John Kasich. FBN anchors Maria Bartiromo and Neil Cavuto will moderate the primetime debate.

The undercard debate, moderated by FBN anchors Trish Regan and Sandra Smith will include Mike Huckabee, Carly Fiorina and Rick Santorum.

In an average of seven nationwide polls since Dec. 21, Trump still leads all other candidates with 37 percent. He is followed by Cruz with 17.7 percent, Rubio with 11.3 percent, Carson at 10 percent and Bush with 6 percent. All others are polling at an average of 3 percent or

FBN's first presidential debate in November broke previous network ratings records, prompting Mediacom to request viewing access for customers who do not subscribe to an optional channel set where FBN is carried, along with 20 other sports and information channels.

Kentucky caucus nears

The debate grows in importance for Kentucky Republicans who will head to the polls on Saturday, March 5 in the state's GOP caucus. Still runing for leader of the free world are 31 Republican

candidates who have declared their candidacy, according to 2016. Republican-Candidates.org. However, only the 11 frontrunners -Rand Paul, who refused to take part in tonight's undercard debate, and the 10 who committed – have registered with the Republican Party of

Kentucky (RPOK) to appear

on the caucus ballot. Conducted and paid for by the RPOK, the caucus will see GOP-registered voters across the state cast a ballot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. local time. In Crittenden County, the middle and high school multi-purpose room will be the sole polling location. Kentucky's 45 Republican delegates will then be divvied proportionally among candidates who receive at least 5 percent of the vote.

Registration for the caucus is now closed.

Awarding delegates

Kentucky's GOP presidential candidate selection is more relevant than in many years. By moving the selection process to March 5 rather than holding it during the May 17 primary election, only 18 states will have awarded their delegates. By waiting until the third Tuesday in May, 43 states and several territories would have already held their GOP primary or caucus.

Also awarding GOP delegates on March 5 are Kansas and Maine through caucuses and Louisiana in a primary. More than a fifth of the party's total delegates will be awarded four days earlier on Super Tuesday (March 1).

To secure the party's nomination for at Republican National Convention on July 18 in Cleveland, Ohio, a candidate must earn 1,237 of the party's 2,472 delegates. If no candidate has the required number of delegates on the first ballot, balloting will continue until a nominee emerges with 50 percent plus one of the delegates. After the first ballot, most delegates are released from the bindings of their state's electorate and some may be released by the candidates to whom they are bound.

Democrats in Kentucky will select their presidential nominee May 17. No Democratic candidate had filed in Kentucky as of Tuesday.

Education bill top Senate priority

The Kentucky General Assembly convened Jan. 5 to begin the 2016 legislative session, with more than 200 bills already filed and ready to start working their way through the legislative process.

The session began with a new governor, Matt Bevin. The governor will lay out his plans for the session - specifically his two-year budget proposal at a joint meeting with the House of Representatives and the Senate on Tuesday, Jan. 26. In the meantime, we are already at work on the daunting challenge of writing the state's

biennial spending plan. Constitutionally, we have to pass a budget before the end of session, which is scheduled for April 12.

Even though the state continues to claw its way out of the recession, the current forecast is that there will be between \$250 and \$300 million in new revenue. However, those silver linings come with some dark clouds. Coal severance tax receipts continue to plummet, revenues from the gasoline tax have declined and state pension shortfalls remain unresolved.



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House: 1987-94 Senate: 2004-present

As we roll up our sleeves and work together to adopt a fiscally responsible spending plan that addresses Kentucky's most pressing needs, we will also explore legislation to improve our children's educational outcomes.

Supporters of Senate Bill 1, which was filed last week, said it would return to the original intent of education reform passed in 2009. Moreover, that intent is to set out to produce college and careerready Kentucky graduates and to promote less burden and more benefits for educators while limiting fed-

eral overreach. Before it is passed to the House for consideration, the 84-page bill will be heard in committee and debated on the Senate floor. During that process, we will have to carefully examine the document and any amendments that may be attached later to ensure that there are no unforeseen consequences in

This week, in an early example of bipartisan support, leaders from both parties came together on the Senate floor to condemn Virginia's recent decision to stop rec-

the reform legislation.

Stay informed

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

Legislative Message Line (800) 372-7181

TTY Message Line (800) 896-0305

Bill Status Line (866) 840-2835

Legislative Calendar Line (800) 633-9650

General Assembly website LRC.ky.gov

Write any lawmaker Sen./Rep. First Last Legislative Offices 702 Capitol Ave. Frankfort, KY 40601

ognizing Kentucky concealed carry permits. Senate Joint Resolution 36 urges Virginia to restore reciprocal recognition of concealed carry weapons licenses issued by Kentucky.

Details of SB 1 and SJR 36, and other legislation, were vigorously debated when the Senate's regular session standing committees began to meet this week. Each day's committee-meeting schedule and agendas can be found on the Kentucky Legislature website ate LRC.ky.gov.

For those who prefer the more traditional form of communication, a taped message containing information on the daily sched-

Additional bills

Following is legislation of interest filed by Sen Rid-

- SB 77 would allow for the loosening of some restrictions on certain felony offenders following an expired probation term.

- SB 80 would create laws making operation of bicycles on highways safer.

- Senate Joint Resolution 6 urges the governor of Virginia and the Virginia attorney general to restore reciprocal recognition of licenses to carry concealed deadly weapons issued by Kentucky

ule for legislative committee meetings is available by calling the Legislative Calendar Line at (800) 633-9650.

As committee meetings progress, the pace in the Senate chambers will pick up. Senators could begin voting bills off the floor by late this week. I encourage you to give your input about these bills. It is not only valued and appreciated, it is genuinely needed.

Kentuckians have numerous ways to follow legislative action throughout the session (see accompanying Info Box), including seeing it in person in the Capitol's legislative chambers and committee meeting rooms, which are open to the public.

Pro-life, pro-choice bills filed in House

Other than important procedural issues, there was little substantial activity in the House during the first week of the 2016 session. Prefiled bills were given numbers, new bills were filed and bills were sent to various commit-

House members were active, though, in proposing legislation. As the gavel dropped Friday, closing the week's proceedings, 212 bills had been filed. Due to mandated ethics training, however, only a few committee meetings were held, and none of

those were for my assigned committees (Agricutlure and Small Business, vice chair; Economic Development; and Labor & Industry).

As anticipated, one of the filed bills was for authorization to issue bonds in the amount of \$3.3 billion for the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System (KTRS) pension fund, but I doubt that it will be the only bill filed dealing with KTRS.

A bill of interest to our district, one that I strongly oppose (House Bill 69), would change the distribution of state fuel tax revenues, reducing the amount of money coming to rural

My bill (HB 61) prohibiting Kentucky from providing funds to organizations or to affiliates of national organizations that provide abortion



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House: 2013-present

services was assigned to the Health and Welfare Committee, a committee chaired by a staunchly proabortion chairman. In the past, this committee has been the graveyard for pro-life legislation. My position is that the bill should have been assigned to the Appropriations & Revenue Committee, but it was not my decision to make.

A bill (HB 97) to expand the definition of a newborn infant from 72 hours to 30 days for the purpose of allowing a parent to place a newborn infant at a "safe

haven" and for that parent to remain anonymous has been filed. Ironically, the sponsor of this bill is the same person who chairs the committee that kills all pro-life legislation. He is rather proud of himself, too, because he names the bill after himself.

I have co-sponsored a bill (HB 35) that would prohibit illegal aliens and those who have been dishonorably discharged from the U.S. military from legally owning firearms. The bill would also invalidate and nullify all federal laws and regulations that violate the United Sates and Kentucky constitutions by restricting ownership or possession of firearms by law abiding citizens.

No bill addressing the other state retirement systems has been filed.

Party power

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



Kentucky Senate Republicans - 27

Democrats - 11

Kentucky House

Democrats - 50 Republican - 46 □ Open - 4

In the Senate, 100 bills have been filed. One bill (Senate Bill 27) would add a \$100 fee for plug-in electric vehicles. This would be in addition to the normal motor vehicle registration and renewal fees. Whether this bill would make it to the House is unknown, but supporters say it would eventually help the road fund.

The current makeup of the House is 50 Democrats, 46 Republicans and four vacancies. The vacancies were caused by the election of two Republican representatives to statewide office and two Democrat representatives being tapped by the governor for other government posi-

Additional bills Following is additional

legislation of interest filed by Rep. Bechler: - HB 14 would exempt

persons, officials and institutions with religious objections to same-sex marriage from any requirement to solemnize such marriages.

- HB 17 would exempt persons, officials and institutions with religious objections to same-sex marriage from any requirement to solemnize or to issue or record licenses for such marriages.

- HB 76 would allow participation in a public school interscholastic extracurricular activity by a private school student when the private school does not offer the interscholastic extracurricular activity and would establish criteria for participation therein.

- HB 209 would allow for certain ministers and caretakers of a church or religious organization to be added to exemptions from workers' compensation.

tions. The special elections for those four seats will be held on March 8.

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. (See contact information above on this page.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer opposes alcohol referendum

To the editor

We've heard alcohol will boost the economy, businesses will come in and storefronts won't be empty, which hasn't happened in other

There's a cost of \$10,000 to get this voted on. Are the supporters willing to make a donation to cover this cost?

I don't believe people will drive miles to eat at a restaurant serving drinks with nothing else to do, but if they flock to a restaurant and other restaurants don't have business, will they be forced to close?

No, they will probably get more business from customers

who don't eat in restaurants that serve alcohol and parents who won't expose their children to alcohol being served.

The person who started this moved away. Will they return if this is passed and the economy increases?

I urge every voter to think hard about this before you vote, then vote No. I will not vote for alcohol in Marion or Crittenden County. **Margaret Gilland**

Marion, Ky.

Writer supports alcohol referendum To the editor

Nationwide, Prohibition ended with the ratification of the 21st Amendment, which re-

pealed the 18th Amendment, on Dec. 5, 1933. That's a little more than 82 years ago.

Isn't it about time that Marion caught up to the rest of the country? People are going to drink if they so choose, so why doesn't Marion want to make income from the sales of alcohol?

In the (Dec. 24) paper, there was an article regarding the sewer system needing to be upgraded at a cost of \$10 million. Looks like they need to get the money from somewhere. Nobody wants their taxes to be raised or cost of city services increased, but the money has to come from somewhere.

Why would the city turn down revenue and then cry

Drinking is a choice. If people don't want to patronize the establishment selling alcohol, that is a choice they make, such as it is to patronize it.

I wonder how many who are so against the legalization of alcohol sales still patronize places such as Walmart and restaurant chains that sell alcohol? I don't see them petitioning or boycotting or sending in letters about those places.

Doesn't smoking cigarettes fall into the category of our bodies being temples? Yet plenty of establishments sell them.

stance on alcohol, take your stance across the board. Let's not pick and choose.

If you take such a hard

Dale Willingham Marion, Ky.

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'09 ice storm sent everyone back to basics

– a nice comfortable home, my own car, a pantry and freezer full of food, clothes for every occasion, a computer, a cell phone (when I could get a signal) and friends who drove for miles just to be part of what some in the past had called "Little Heaven." In between, I was able to write my life stories, something I had wanted to do for many years. Then, on Jan. 25, 2009, the rug in my picture-perfect world slid out from under me.

The day began like most other winter days in Kentucky, cloudy and cold. We usually got through winter with a few inches of snow, the kind that came one day, the temps rose the next, and it was gone. That particular day, the temperature had levitated only a degree or two above freezing. It could go either way.

A drizzling rain began when the sun went down behind the woods. I kept an eye on our Southern States



thermometer hanging on our back porch and on the Weather Channel. Jim Cantore drew a line that showed up pink right on top of us. "Could be rain, freezing rain, ice, all snow, or a mixture," he noted. "Stay tuned. This could be a bad one for the Ohio Vallev."

We lived out in the country. Way out. Our nearest neighbor was one mile away. Living out in the wilderness was a choice my husband and I had made when he retired from 25 years of policing. After living in a fast-paced populated area all our lives, peace and quiet were two

things we cherished greatly There were a few disad-

vantages. We had to drive 10 miles to a grocery store, gas station, or hospital. So, that night, just to be on the safe side, we took extra precautions. Eddie filled up containers with water. No city water for us. We had a 90-foot well with an electric pump, gas heat with an electric fan, plus a gas log in the den. Our kitchen stove and hot water heater were electric too. Ice on power lines would break with only a half-inch of rain.

With careful consideration, we opted to stay in our small room in the barn where Eddie's shooting club met every Saturday. We had equipped it like an apartment with a television, bathroom, and a kitchenette. But, most important, it had a wood-burning stove and plenty of wood to burn, thanks to my husband. If the grid went down, we could stay toasty warm and cook on top of

the stove. At the time, we had no idea what we were facing.

By 8 o'clock that evening, sheets of freezing rain were covering everything. Then, the first crack! Pop! Just as if an army were coming through our woods, the trees started breaking like pencils! Power lines sparkled like strings of diamonds and a shiny layer of ice on the ground created a danger zone for me. I would have hip replacement in March.

Sleep was impossible with the noise of the woods crashing around us. I had visions of what it would look like at daybreak. Every hour, one of us would get up and look outside. The freezing rain was relentless. Our pine tree grove bowed to the ground. I couldn't hold back the tears. Our beautiful woods were being destroyed!

By morning, our worst fears unfolded. Although, the pelting freezing rain had changed to a steady freezing drizzle, the damage was done. We had no power, no water, and our gas logs burning constantly were not meant to heat the whole house. We hoped the situation would improve as the day wore on. Instead, the near-30 degree temps fell throughout the day to a staggering 19 degrees.

That was OK. I had no doubt we would survive. But, not knowing how my children and grandchildren were doing was torture. All communication with family and friends was gone. Our land phone was out. Thank goodness for our cell phone! I thought, but soon discovered there was no signal at all. That's when it hit me. All the possessions in the world can't take the place of our loved ones. I prayed night and day. "Please dear God, keep them safe." If I had known my 6-week-old grandson had run out of formula, I would have died.

Luckily, a few days later, we were able to take our Suzuki to a higher ridge on our farm and I reached my daughter by cell phone. "Everybody's fine, Mom," she said. When I heard those words, everything was all right with the world. She and the baby had been taken to a shelter until her husband could get home from work. "Thank you, God!"

During the three weeks without power, we had fun going back to the old ways, cooking on a wood stove, melting 5-foot icicles for bathing and washing clothes. Finally, the power trucks arrived. By that time, we had gotten used to roughing it. We both agreed we kind of hated to see it end. We had been cut off from the world, depending on God and ourselves to get by, living with a lot less. And, we had made it just

(Linda Defew is a freelance writer from Livingston County who has had numerous works published. Her column appears in this newspaper periodically.)

'Pink ladies' volunteer services at CHS

STAFF REPORT

Martha Stone has a new job at the hospital.

It comes with more duties and the same pay.

If that sounds like all the jobs you've ever had, well, consider this: Stone works for free.

She and about 36 other ladies volunteer their time as part of the Crittenden Health Systems Ladies Auxiliary. Stone has given of her time for years, but now she's in charge of the hospital gift shop, taking over for Barbara Riley, who retired recently.

Some folks around the hospital call Stone and her contemporaries the "Pink Ladies" because of the brightly-colored auxiliary attire that sets them apart from the blue-smocked nurses and white-coated doctors. At many times, their contributions to the well-being of patients and their families might be just as important as the paid professionals.

The term "auxiliary" comes from a Latin term meaning "help" or "support." These women share weekday schedules from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., generally in four-hour shifts

Stone said an Auxiliary volunteer usually works just four hours a week

"Unless, of course, they want to work more," she said. There are five Auxiliary women assigned to the gift

Stone said there is always room for more "Pink Ladies" if



Martha Stone and about 36 other ladies volunteer their time as part of the Crittenden Health Systems Ladies Auxiliary. Stone has given of her time for years, but now she's in charge of the hospital gift shop, taking over for Barbara Riley, who retired recently.

anyone is interested in working with the public and donating their time.

Stone has been a volunteer at the hospital's front desk since she retired from Safetran five years ago.

As manager of the gift shop, she's decided to start off the New Year with a big sale. Almost everything in the shop is half price.

The shop provides a great service to patients and fami-

lies, she said.

There is an assortment of items available at the tiny store just inside the hospital lobby. One might find decorative ornaments, figurines, dolls, stuffed animals, toys, picture frames and books. There are coloring books, game books and paperback novels. The gift shop proceeds help support the auxiliary's projects. In the past they've bought items to donate to the

patient rooms at the hospital. And, of course, the gift shop carries newspapers, getwell and other occasion cards,

helium balloons and gum and

light snacks.

The Auxiliary serves a number of responsibilities at the hospital from greeting families and pointing visitors to patient rooms to pushing

wheelchairs.
"There is always something to do," Stone said.



At left, Senate Democratic Floor Leader Ray S. Jones II (D-Pikeville) discusses legislation with 4th District Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson) during the opening day Jan. 5 of the regular session of the 2016 Kentucky General Assembly in the State Senate.

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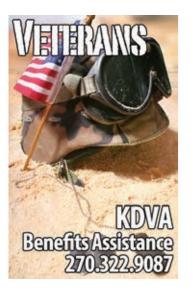
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crop ground to unproductive woodlands. Heady said in Crittenden County, there are only six types of soil on which property assessments are based.

"There are no Class 1 or Class 8 soils," Heady said.

That means there are no farms assessed at the highest or the lowest values. In Crittenden County, the best cropland's assessed value will go up \$167.64 – from \$425 to \$592.64. The least productive land will only rise \$6.24 in assessed value. The other soil classes will rise equitably with the best land going up more than the lower soil classes.

The state mandates that counties re-evaluate their property values every four years. This is the first time since 2008 that Crittenden County's agriculture property assessments have gone up. Heady said the sluggish economy kept values from rising



in 2012.

Agriculture land values are purposely discounted in order to protect Kentucky farmland by giving tax relief to property suitable for farm production. This exemption from "fair market assessment" was initiated by a constitutional referendum in 1969 to protect farm owners from rising property tax assessments, particularly in developing areas.

A Crittenden County landowner might have paid \$1,700 per acre or more for his property this year, but if it has a Class 2 soil base – the second highest class in Kentucky and highest in this county – the assessed value is only \$592.64. It is on that assessed value that property taxes are levied.

determining soil class values. The equation is dependent upon a variety of factors, but it is heavily weighted on the property's ability to produce income.

There is a reason the state assesses agriculture property at a much lower value than it does commercial property or homes. The objective of the agricultural exemption is to prevent farmers from being forced out of business, thus accelerating land conversion from farm to residential or commercial uses.

County property valuation administrators calculate agricultural land values based on widely accepted appraisal techniques. The method is established by the Kentucky Department of Revenue's Office of Property Valuation.

A piece of property has to be 10 or more acres to receive the agriculture exemption that allows it be assessed at a price lower than market value. According to census figures, Crittenden County has about 266 farms and the PVA's records show 212,269 acres fall into the agricultural exemption category.

Schools, the Extension Service, Crittenden County Public Library, the state and any other special taxing districts that collect an ad valorem tax all stand to benefit from increased revenue once the new values kick into place in 2016.

Heady says that anyone who has questions about the new value assessment may contact his office at Crittenden County Courthouse.



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POWERBALL

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and Marion Discount Tobacco stayed busy printing tickets this

To win it all, you have to match five numbers from 1 to 69 and a Powerball, numbered 1 to 26. The odds of picking all six numbers correctly are 1 in 292 million.

As of Tuesday, the Powerball jackpot had not been won since Nov. 4 of last year, but matching five numbers Satuday made millionaires of 16 people. Four people in Kentucky, including one in Mayfield, won \$50,000 for matching a combination of numbers.

Kentucky has had 18 Powerball jackpot winners since joining the game Lotto America in January 1991, which became Powerball the next year. The largest was Rob and Tuesday Anderson of Georgetown who claimed a \$128.6 million jackpot in 2010.

Taking home the prize

To put things in perspective, the estimated jackpot for Wednesday was equal to the approximate value of the St. Louis Cardinals, the NFL's Arizona Cardinals or a couple dozen other teams in the two sports leagues. It could also run the City of Cincinnati for a year.

But not so fast, if you were lucky enough to win Wednesday, the tax man is going to get a big chunk almost half for Kentucky residents.

Taking the annuity option would entitle you to the full \$1.5 billion over 29 years before taxes. If you took the cash option, the winnings would be \$930 million, but Uncle Sam will keep \$368.28 million (25 percent off the top and an additional 14.6 percent when you file your taxes next year). That tax amount would purchase the military six new F/A-18 Hornets for the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration squadron.

After Washington, Frankfort gets another 6 percent, or \$55.8 million. That leaves you with \$505.92 million to do with as you please. But don't spend it all in one spot.



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1st snow cancels school

Melina Keller and Tyler Belt dash through the snow on their way out of services Sunday and Marion United Methodist Church. A heavy, wet snowfall that began after dark Saturday dumped a couple of inches overnight across the county. It followed steady rains that had fallen all day in the area and was the first wintry precipitation so far this season. Classes were cancelled in Crittenden County Monday and Tuesday due to hazardous road conditions. Those were the first two unscheduled days off this academic year.

Chief says Sheridan Fire now in compliance

Evan Head, chief of the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department, says the department is in compliance with the Department for Local

Government reporting requirements despite a public notice issued late last year.

The notice, the publication of which was ordered and paid for by the Kentucky Department for Local Government, appeared in The Crittenden Press in November.

Head said fire department officials were surprised by the notice because they believed all required reporting had been properly filed with the state. After investigating the situation, Head said it was learned

that a digital signature was missing from a report previously filed electronically. He said the matter has

now been cleared up. "The notice said our funding had been frozen, but we had already received our state money," he said. "Our

state aid was never frozen." Head said the clerical matter was largely due to malfunction in a Web

By statute, Kentucky volunteer fire departments are required to follow a number of guidelines, including submission of their budgets and other information. Head said the Sheridan department is in full compliance.

PETITION

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tainties surrounding the petition. She said the language of the petition to sell liquor by the drink in Marion restaurants seating at least

50 people met all legal muster. Petition organizer Tyler Collins began collecting signatures last summer, but has since moved to the Washington, D.C. area with his wife. Though he plans to still be involved with the Grow Marion campaign in whipping up votes, the petition was turned in by his father, Will Collins.

Newcom is required to schedule the local option as a special election between 60 and 90 days of the date the petition was turned in, which ranges from Friday, Feb. 26 to Sunday, March 27. Though the election does not have to be held on a Tuesday, elections are traditionally on Tuesdays in Kentucky. March 22 is the last available Tuesday to have the vote.

By Kentucky law, the special election cannot be held on the same day as a regular election, such as

the Tuesday, May 17 primary. Only the alcohol question will appear on the ballot. Byford estimates the March election could cost the county an \$10,000.

Currently, there are 2,165 registered voters inside the city limits of Marion. Byford does not yet have a firm date, but she said registration books for the vote would probably close in late February, around 30 days prior to the election.

On Election Day, workers at the five polling locations in the respective city precincts will have a roster of voters with city residents clearly marked. Anyone living outside the city will not be allowed to vote. Voters who live in the city but may have a different address on the registration rolls should clear that up in the clerk's office before the election, said Byford. That will save confusion on the day of the vote and ensure participation.

Any committee organized to oppose or support legalization of alcohol sales by the drink in Marion that expects to collect or spend \$1,000 must register with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.









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Downtown Marion grows after Civil War

fter the cooling down of the Ahostile passions brought on by the unnatural war between brothers, like most of its Kentucky neighbors, Marion suffered a term of reconstruction as harsh as most Southern states. It was difficult to get the town re-organized and everyone working together again so the town could grow and prosper as it was beginning to do before the Civil War.

This article tells of some of the businesses that helped keep the town going and some of the people who were a part of this period of reconstruction of the town.

Although the state remained in the Union during the war, western Kentucky was considered a rebellious territory by the U.S. government. Even though this period of control was closely followed by the lean economic times of the 1870s, Marion "beat the odds" by laying the basic foundation of her presently very healthy industrial and mercantile situ-

The Civil War left only a burned courthouse and a military grave marker to remind Marion that hostilities had occurred; yet the young town actually suffered much more from the war than did the battleground areas. Western Kentucky was a sort of "no man's land" - distrusted by the North as rebellious territory, and yet considered Yankee by the ex-

Together with the bitterness that prevailed and the economic recession which followed the wartime inflation in the 1870s, local affairs among the yet-divided citizenry of Marion for several years after the end of the shooting made the necessary industrial development of Marion difficult.



When the regular city government assumed control of Marion in 1867, Aaron S. Threlkeld and John W. Blue were elected to fill the vacancies on the board of trustees and E.H. Perkins was appointed city marshall.

In the April 1870 election, Jorden G. Hoover was elected police judge; T.L.K. Dickerson, marshal; James E. Black, assessor; David Woods, clerk; and John W. Blue, John Cameron, John N. Woods, Aaron S. Threlkeld and Berry S. Young as trustees.

On July 28, 1870, a preamble and resolution was adopted setting forth that the peace and good order of the town on Monday, the day of the election, depended on the sobriety of the citizens, and therefore, the saloon and hotelkeepers and druggists were requested to suspend the sale of liquor on that day.

In 1868, the Marion School Association was formed, and the city trustees leveled a 1 percent ad valorem tax and allowed David Woods \$85 for what is now East Carlisle Street in preparation to build a new school.

Always interested in the education of her children and young people, the citizens of Marion soon started work on getting an academy. On Feb. 19, 1869, the Marion School Association was granted a state charter and built a \$1,700 brick and frame, twostory building on what is now

This vintage picture of downtown Marion would have been made in the 1880s, as Marion was still trying to rebuild its business district after the Civil War.

the old Marion Junior High School campus, and officially began the Marion Male and Female Academy. The Marion Academy offered the courses to "comprise the common branch higher mathematics natural, mental and moral sciences, ancient and modern languages, English literature, composition, ancient history and bookkeeping.'

Clark Johnson taught the District 16 Crittenden County Graded School that moved the "Old Tom" wooden school building to the new frame building to become a part of the Marion Academy in 1868. John L. Cole was the first head instructor of the Academy in their new brick schoolhouse. According to what little history can be found, "Old Tom" was a wooden school building that was located where Alan Stout's former law office was on West Bellville Street.

In January 1869, James W. Bigham, a noted Methodist preacher, was appointed town attorney. W.S. Carnahan was appointed town marshal. At the same meeting, Wm. Hughes was allowed the price of his tavern license for filling a large mudhole in the center of town. This license carried with it the privilege of selling ardent spirits by the drink.

If the taxes on the license were as high then as they were subsequently, that must have been a famous mudhole for that day and generation, though it doubtless would not compare in magnitude with some of its more modern progeny. Whatever may be said of the degeneracy of our race, the mudholes have more than held their own. In fact, they have kept pace with the

march of civilization, with an ease and suavity of manner that is astonishing.

(I can't help but smile and think when I read these old articles of that time in our past, that even today, the pot holes and broken places in our streets and the condition many of our county roads that the "mudholes of today" are still a much debated problem, even in our modern times.)

Because of the fear of the Confederate raids during the war and of outlaw robbery after it, stagecoach connections were not established with Marion until 1870. Nathaniel B. Douglas ran the first stagecoach tavern, called White Tavern, until it was destroyed by fire in 1876. (It was located where the Marion fire station is today). Nathaniel Douglas died in 1877 and is buried in the Old Marion Cemetery.

John H. Hawkins, one of the first stagecoach drivers, was from Christian County. When he first came to Crittenden County in 1845, he lived on a farm near Crayneville (present Crayne). He drove the stagecoach from Hopkinsville to Smithland. He died in 1897 and is buried in Mapleview Ceme-

The first real industrial concern in town was the Marion Tannery, a white oak, bark-cold water manufacturer of leather and leather products. It was commenced by Wm. D. Haynes and Co. in 1869 on a 10-acre tract that now includes the site of Conrad's parking lot and store building. There was a large spring located nearby that was needed to run the tannery.

After the Marion Tannery

ceased operations in 1878, Robert E. Bigham ran a flour and feed mill in their display building, which was a twostory, frame building at about the present site of Conrad's parking lot.

Also, there were no banks established in Marion at this time, but there were several merchants doing business. Alonzo C. Gilbert had a saddlery and harness establishment, D.N. Stinson ran a mercantile store in the Masonic building, A.S. Hodge had a grocery store and Meyer and Ullman ran a grocery in the old, long brick building that stood on the present site of The Peoples Bank. Mr. Perkins, ran a book store.

These merchants carried general stocks, groceries and a few handled liquors. There was also the Marion Hotel, called the Brick Tayern, and the White Tavern. J.W. Adams conducted the only blacksmith shop in town; it was located on West Bellville Street.

Warren Wager joined Robert F. Haynes Sr. to form a patent medicine-making and distribution company called the Neurine Manufacturing Co. in 1870-71. The Neurine Medicine Co. was located in the area of Pierce Street just off of Fords Ferry Road. At that time, it was known as Havnes Orchard. after the Haynes family that owned the land.

According to Collin's 1874 Kentucky History, Marion's population had climbed to 300 from 120 in 1846. There were five dry goods stores,

two drug stores and two grocery stores, plus two hotels, five mechanics shops, a tobacco warehouse, a church and a male and female academy in 1873. There were eight lawyers and three doc-

tors then in Marion. In 1878, Professors J.M. Nall and R.H. Adams, as principals of the Marion school, bought a press and type, at first intended for publishing a paper as a school enterprise. Two copies of "The Student" were published, and the paper became "The Marion Reporter" and was published as a county paper.

Shortly afterward, R.C. Walker and C. Champion, classmates and chums, bought the press and published the paper changing the name to The Crittenden Press. Marion's excellent school system is commensurate with the beginning of the paper, for the promoters of one were in a large measure

the promoters of the other. In 1897, Marion adopted its present form of city government. Dr. Robert Love Moore was the first mayor.

Many of these pioneer citizens and businessmen spoken of in this article are buried in the old Marion Cemetery

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

Explore your history



Historical Society

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

Carter, Barry Gilbert and Percy

Genealogical Society

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

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- 2 Corinthians 5:17

Choosing sin in life leads to death of spirit

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The apostle Paul wants us to understand that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death. The death we have been baptized into, is the death to sin.

The act of baptism does not take the impurities of sin out of the flesh, but the person who is baptized enters a covenant with God not to walk after and obey sin in the flesh. This becomes a covenant of a good conscience. (See 1 Peter 3:21.)

In this covenant we have been "circumcised with a circumcision made without hand, by putting off the body of sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ. Buried with Him in baptism...," reads Colossians 2:11-12).

The sinful body of the

flesh, in this context, is the body which presented itself in the service of sin. It has now been put off by the circumcision of Christ and is buried under the water. The body that rises is to be led and driven by the Holy Spirit.

The demands of the law are fulfilled in this leading. The leading of the Spirit always goes against the lusts of the flesh. Since sin in the flesh has still not been destroved, one will battle and suffer in the flesh in his fellowship with Christ. As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on

In the first instance, this is a position we take up by faith, then it becomes a way of life. It would be of no avail to be baptized if one continues to live the old life. In that case, it was better not to have been baptized.

The old man who lives after his lusts must be crucified. In the power of God, he must be kept on the cross.

God does not do so without our will. When our will is in union with the law and will of God, we have grace to overcome sin.

That is how the old man is crucified. He is not supposed to sit down at the foot of the cross and claim promises that are not promised to him. He must stay on the

In this way, sin in the flesh is barred from ruling. The safety valve is in our own mind. A person who is baptized with the Holy Spirit has received power to rule over sinful deeds.

However, sin in the flesh is not taken out by the baptism of the spirit. And we are not condemned for that.

We are only under judgement and condemnation if we obey its lusts. But when we live and walk in the Spirit, sin in the flesh will little by little lose its power. This puts sin in the flesh in a difficult situation.

The fall came into the world because of disobedience. Now in Christ Jesus. the sin of disobedience is overcome by obedience.

In Christ Jesus is life, and life is the light of men. Jesus was obedient to the will of the Father.

Those who are obedient to the Son have life and light. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to teach us wisdom and righteousness. Righteousness leads to sanctification, because God's will is our sanctification. Not that

we are all of a sudden sanctified, but sanctification progresses with each act of obedience, with the ministry of righteousness.

Those who are disobedient are in darkness. Even with their best intentions, they cannot free themselves from the powers of corruption. It forces a person to commit the same sins over and over again.

Sin and death rule in darkness, where Satan reigns in the kingdom of disobedience. He is a liar from the beginning and the truth is not in him. If you continue to commit sin, you will end up in darkness where Satan has the power.

The whole kingdom of death will one day be thrown into the lake of fire, Revelation 20:14 tells us. Therefore, flee from it. If you have

longer in it.

The lusts of the flesh draw toward the kingdom of death. But the mind of the Spirit draws us to life and peace, because the mind of the Spirit is life and peace.

We are in the world and under the influence of two powers - the good and the evil. The choice is ours, but the reward will be according to our choice. If you choose to sin, your choice will lead you to death. If we choose righteousness, it will lead us

All of us are confronted with this choice everyday.

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

To God, those who helped following wreck: We thank you

Frances and I first want to thank God for sparing our lives and not letting us be crippled for life in a car wreck on Dec. 22.

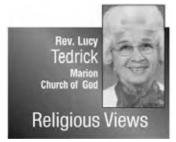
Secondly, we want to thank all those who helped us, directed traffic, pulled that seat back off me so I could get a better breath. prayed, got us out and took us to the hospital. We also thank all those at the hospital who were kind and compassionate to us - they know who they are. And I pray for the other kind people, and they know who they are.

I want to especially make public of the acts of a teenage gentleman who, as I was pinned in the car, knelt and held my hand.

I'm so sorry I could not remember his name when I was told who he was. He was certainly raised by wonderful parents for him to be so thoughtful and considerate of elderly people, asking for

With all our hearts, we can't thank all those enough who helped us, visited us, prayed with us, sat with us and sent cards and brought

There is a reason why God let all of it happen, as I always try to be so careful, especially on these narrow roads which have already claimed so many lives and several members of our family through the years. All of this happened after I had,



through the years, driven over a million miles and worn out more than one car.

Always trying to understand why God permits each thing of my life, I always look for what He is telling me.

I was 80 years old before I knew what it was to be in a hospital for care for myself, but I was there many times for care and comfort to those in need. Since then, I've gone through many surgeries, and I know what it is to have to depend on even being handed a drink of water. However, I was more or less prepared for what was to follow in selected surgeries.

This time, I was totally unprepared for being folded up in a car seat with the car upside down on me with Frances being pinned under my right arm. I was also not ready for the horrible pain and helplessness in the days that followed and the speed of which all of it had taken

With four broken ribs hindering my every movement and breath, bones broken in a foot and hand, a broken

nose, other lacerations and such sorrow for the pain I brought to my passenger, I asked God to please show me what I was to learn from this awful unexpected grief. One day, I literally begged God to please just send some angels in the room, even if it were only for a fleeting moment.

Everyone who ever suffers much knows what every little gesture means, be it kind or cruel. The things you experience around you stick in your mind when you are suffering and can't do anything for yourself.

One day was especially trying, when in came two physical angels for therapy. Only God above knows how I appreciated their gentleness and kindness, as well as all the others who were of that same stripe. Oh, how the other kind can grieve and hurt you.

God came through on one of the lessons He wanted to remind me of. I began to think back on the times in my busy life when God placed me in the lives of several people who needed care. As I lay there, I began to thank God they did not have to live the hard days of suffering without anyone to see to if they were cared for and die without someone caring for them day in and day

I loved each one of the people who helped, and how



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS On. Dec. 22, Rev. Lucy Tedrick and Frances Rorer were injured in a wreck on East Bellville Street at the north edge of Marion.

I began to praise God I had someone to care without even being asked. At the time I was tending to others, it really did not register with me how very important it was to them.

But lying in a bed of suffering, knowing you are a burden to others and not wanting to be, it helps you to better understand how very important it is for humans to reach out with love and compassion to suffering humanity when they cannot help themselves.

God put us here, and if He leaves us here, it is for us to help our fellow man. If we fail at that, we fail at the only reason He let us live.

As Jesus said, "When you do it to the least of these, you have done it unto me." He also made it clear that "when you fail to do it unto the least of these, you failed to do it unto Me.'

Everything we all do in this life is for or against Jesus, be it good or bad. How very sad millions will never know that until it is too late.

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

CHURCH NOTES

- Salem United Methodist Church will host a singing at 6 p.m. Saturday. Bluegrass gospel Restless River Band will be the featured group. For more information, contact the church at (270) 988-3459.

- Salem Baptist Church will present Elevate: A Night of Worship at the church at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23. It will be a time of music, prayer and fellowship and involves six area churches - Salem, Marion, Dyer Hill and North Livingston Baptist churches, Life in Christ Church and Miracle Word Church. More can be found online at SalemBaptist.com or by calling (270) 988-3538.

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

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

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

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

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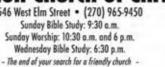
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Father Ryan Harpole









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> 261 Crooked Creek Church Road, Marion, Ky. Sunday school, 10 am Sunday worship: Morning, 11 am | Evening, 6 pm Wednesday Bible study, 6:30 pm Bro. Mark Girten, pastor Join us every fourth Sunday of the month for gospel singing at 5 pm

Crooked Creek Baptist Church

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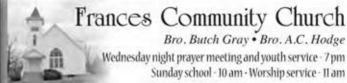


Barnett Chapel General Baptist Church · Sunday school: 9:45 a.m. Bro. Steve Tinsley, pastor

Barnett Chapel Road Crittenden County, Ky. Sunday evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study: 7 p.m. Barnett Chapel... where everyone is welcome.



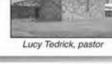
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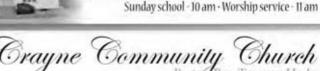


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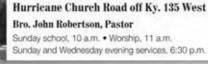


Pastor, Bro. Tommy Hodge Crayne Cemetery Road Marion, Kentucky Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.



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

Bro. Butch Gray . Bro. A.C. Hodge



Deaths

Hodge

Hodge, 55, of Clarksville, Tenn., died Monday, Jan. 4, 2016.

He was born Smyrna, Tenn.. to Car-

olyn Gail Arflack, formerly of Marion, and the late Lt. Col. Larry Gene Hodge.

Surviving are his wife of 29 years, Michelle Dallas Hodge; sons, Zachary Hodge of Zurich, Switzerland and Travis Hodge of Clarksville; a sister, Melinda Hodge of Clarksville; a brother David (Desiree) Hodge of Hendersonville, Tenn.; and nieces and nephews.

Hodge was an Eagle Scout. He graduated from Jacksonville High School (Jacksonville, Ark.) in 1978. Soon after, the family settled in Clarksville. He was a 30-year veteran of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, where he served for 20 years as an investigator.

Services were Friday, Jan. 8 at the Chapel of Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Lannom officiating. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203.

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

Knights miss crown, but collect hardware

Crittenden County's K-8 Blue Knights chess team once again proved its skillfulness on the boards Saturday, placing second in a very strong field at the Winter Scholastic Chess Tournament in Lexington.

Crittenden's Wyatt Russell, the lone K-1 player for the Blue Knights, had his strongest performance of the year, winning three out of four games and tying for third place individually.

The K-8 team, which has been Crittenden's most successful so far this season, opened the first round at Lexington with four out of five players gaining a point for the team. After the second round, Crittenden trailed Grant County by 1.5 points. The Knights dominated the third round and went into the final round up 1.5 points with three of Crittenden's five players paired with three from Grant County. When the dust settled, Grant County was able to edge out the Knights by half of a

Crittenden placed second with strong performances from each player. Other contenders were Winburn Middle, Tates Creek Middle and Beaumont Middle School.

Individually, Cole Swinford tied for fourth place with three wins, Gage Russell was eighth with 2.5 points, Chase Stevens and Skyler James tied for 9th with two points each and Dominic Rorer was 23rd.

The K-12 team of Benny Tucker and Clay Stevens placed third with four points. Hometown favorite Lexington Catholic took the title with 12 points, and Grant County was second with eight points.

Once again, the K-12 team was plagued by not having all its members present. Individually, Tucker and Stevens tied for seventh overall

low-income families to receive help

The crisis phase of the govern-

ment's Low Income Home Energy

Assistance Program, commonly

known as LIHEAP, opened Monday

to individuals and families who face

having their heat shut off. Weekend

temperatures plummetted in west-

ern Kentucky, bringing snow and

ice. Monday's high temperature was

Pat Niceley, energy programs di-

rector for Community Action Ken-

paying their heating bills.

just above freezing.



Wyatt Russell was on top of his game last weekend, placing third in individual competition.

and also tied for second in the under-1200 rating category.

Crittenden's K-5 team saw its toughest competition of the year with more than 64 entries in its section and eight teams represented. Crittenden held its own throughout the tournament and came home with the fifth-place trophy against local powerhouse Rosa Parks School, which took home first. Rosa



The Blue Knights chess team shows off its hardware from last weekend's competition at Lexington. Pictured are (from from left) Evan McDowell, Marley Phelps, Abbey Swinford, Hayden Hildebrand, Wyatt Russell, coach Don Winters, (middle) Dominic Rorer, Gage Russell, Chase Stevens, Cole Swinford, (back) Clay Stevens, Benny Tucker and Skyler James.

Parks finished with 16.5 out of 20 possible points and Crittenden had 8.5 points. Three points were necessary to trophy in this division and Evan McDowell did it with four. He tied for third place. Hayden Hildebrand tied for 28th with 2.5 points, Abbey Swinford tied for 32nd with two points, and Marley Phelps

placed 50th with 1.5 points.

The Blue Knights will be back in action this weekend for the Quad A Regional Tournament at Marion. Crittenden should have all of its players back in each division where players must finish in the top four to qualify for the State Team Tournament in March.

Looking for a warm place to walk, workout or just a place for

We have what you are looking for. Please feel

the kids to play

some basketball?

free to come and use the Family Life Center at Marion Baptist Church.

Open to the Community. All are Welcome!

Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center Hours of Operation

> Monday - Friday 9am to 3pm

Basketball Weight Room - Walking Track

SPECIAL HOURS Through March 13
If there is no school, FLC wil
be closed for the PM hours)

Monday and Thursday 6pm to 8pm

Weight Room - Walking Track Tuesday

5:15pm to 6:15pm Weight Room - Walking Track

STARTING JANUARY 23 Saturdays 9am until Noon

Crisis heating assistance available locally tucky - the agency which adminis-Appropriately, as really cold ters the funds, says the emergency weatehr creeps into the area, signmoney helps some of the state's ups have started in Kentucky for most vulnerable residents.

"Older people and families with small children," says Niceley. "It's so vital to keep the heat going.

Niceley says to be eligible for assistance, a family's income has to be at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty level and they have to have a disconnect notice from their utility company, or if they heat with a bulk fuel, they have to be close to running out.

According to Niceley the average crisis assistance last year was \$229

with around 173,000 households assisted.

"Nothing is given directly to the applicants," Niceley says. "The funds are paid directly to either the utility company or the propane company.

The program will last through March 31 or until all funds are expended.

For more information, contact Kathey Belt at the local Pennyrile Allied Community Services office at (270) 965-4763. The PACS office located at 402 N. Walker St. in Mar-

In Livingston County, call (270) 928-2827.

LIHEAP eligibility

Gross monthly income as listed below must not exceed 130 percent of the federal poverty level based on family size.

| SIZE | INCOME | |
|------------------------------------|---------|--|
| 1 | \$1,276 | |
| 2 | \$1,726 | |
| 3 | \$2,177 | |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | \$3,078 | |
| 6 | \$3,529 | |
| Add \$451 for each additional fam- | | |

ily member

The family of Rebecca Gunther would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, phone calls, food, donations and most especially the thoughts and prayers throughout the time of her illness and recent death. We would like to thank Rev. A.C. Hodge, the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home, Emily Shelby, the pallbearers and all of our friends who stayed with her during her stay at the hospital. We would also like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at Livingston Hospital who also helped during our time of sorrow. Thank you to Teena York and the staff at Louise's Flowers for the beautiful flowers. We want to give a special thank you to Margaret Gilland for everything she has done and for being there when she was needed.

May God Bless Each of You Linda and Ronald Rustin Karen and Jim Vaughan

Sabrina, Jason, Kailyn, Hudson and Reagan Stokes Richard, Breeanna and Dalton Rustin







Have an announcement?

Find forms for submitting anniversary, wedding, engagement and birth announcements at The-Press.com/Forms.html.

Calendar items for coming days

- Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Friday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. This group is open to the public. Call the Extension office at (270) 965-5236 for more information.

- Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the school.

- After Hours Homemakers will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. Extension Homemakers is a part of the state organization. New members are always wel-

- National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Chapter 1373 will meet at 11:15 a.m. next Wednesday at Crittenden County Public Library for its quarterly meeting. Discussion will cover meeting dates and how to change to the new Self Plus One insurance program. All current and retired federal employees and family members are invited.

- Crochet Corner will be held at noon next Wednesday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. It is open to all who are interested in crocheting, whether just starting or an advance crocheter. Call the Extension office at (270) 965-5236 for more information.

- Evening Belles Homemakers will meet at 12:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Crittenden County Extension Service office. Extension Homemakers is a part of the state organization. New members are always wel-



Senior center meal set for this evening

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center's monthly fundraising meal is today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. On the menu is beans and cornbread, though guests are asked to bring a side dish. A \$5 donation to benefit the center is requested. Musical entertainment will be provided by Richard Maxfield.

Senior calendar for coming days

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

- Today: Menu is chicken and rice casserole, peas, whole wheat roll and baked

apples. - Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is catfish, navy beans, cole slaw, am-

brosia and cornbread. - Monday: The center will be closed in observance of

Martin Luther King Jr. Day. - Tuesday: Legal aid will be available at 10 a.m. Menu is ham and bean soup, hot beets, seasoned greens, corn-

- Wednesday: Game Day begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is sloppy joe on whole wheat bun, hash brown casserole, baked beans and apple crisp.

bread and pear crisp.

- Next Thursday: Menu is oven-fried chicken, baked sweet potato, buttered broccoli, whole wheat roll and

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

Make winter breaks fun sans technology

The holidays are a wonderful time for family togetherness, but after a few days, everyone, no matter their age, begins to look for distractions. In a world of smart phones, tablets and laptops, many times our attention turns to technology, but it doesn't have to be this way. It is possible to keep young people active and engaged without technology.

You can use the winter as a way to help your family get active. Activities like sledding, snowball fights, building a snowman, shov-



eling snow and skiing are all great outdoor activities that promote a healthy lifestyle. If snow and cold weather aren't appealing or no snow is available, you can always get your family

active indoors. Possible indoor activities include stretching, dancing and home decorating projects. Trips to the museum, bowling alley, or mall can provide a healthy dose of fun, physical activity.

Use the winter time to develop a shared interest with your children. Share one of your favorite hobbies with them. Cook or bake with them and let them choose the recipe and measure the ingredients. If you have children who are crafty, teach them how to make jewelry, paint, draw

characters or make friendship bracelets.

Imagination can also make the time fly by. Some great ways to engage your young person's imagination is to have them write or act out a play, put on a talent show or build an indoor

Don't forget to put aside a day or two where you and your family do nothing but read, watch movies, play board games and rest. This can help you and your child feel recharged and ready to return to school and work after the holidays

raising productive young people, contact the Crittenden County Extension of-

(Editor's note: Leslea Barnes is the UK Cooperative Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development in Crittenden County. For more information on programming, call the Extension Service at (270) 965-5236. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, sex. religion, disability or national origin.)



William "Bill" and Brenda Crabtree

Cloyd celebrating his 101st birthday

Gilbert "Gib" Cloyd will celebrate his 101st birthday at 1:15 p.m., Sunday at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center on Watson Street in Marion.

Family and friends are invited to attend.

Cloyd was born Jan. 19, 1915, in Crittenden County, and he has been a lifelong resident of the community. His parents were John Bela "B" and Connie Ford Cloyd.

He is a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Army Air Corps' 91st Bomb Group during World War II from 1942-45.

Cloyd, who has lived by his faith for more than 80 years, farmed with his father family, especially on his

Then, he and his son, Wayne, operated Cloyd Farms off Fords Ferry Road for many years until his son's death about 20 years

There, they raised corn, wheat, soybeans, cattle and registered quarter horses where the Cloyd family has farmed for four generations spanning more than 100

Now, Cloyd's other son, Jerry, operates the farm.

Last year, when Cloyd reached the century mark, Willard Scott wished him a happy birthday on NBC's 'Today Show."

Longevity runs in Cloyd's



SUBMITTED PHOTO Gilbert "Gib" Cloyd turns 101 Tuesday. The abve photo was

omother's side. She was 94 when she died and her four children, of which Gib is the last surviving, all lived to be

at least 88 years of age.

taken last year on his 100th

birthday.

Crabtrees celebrate 50th anniversary

County represented at pageant

William "Bill" Crabtree and Brenda Jones Crabtree are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary Sunday at the Madisonville Lions Club building at 505 Hospital Dr. The event will be held from 2-4 p.m.

Rev. Crabtree is pastor at Harbor Baptist Church, which is hosting the reception.

The Crabtrees have two

A local teen and a woman

Miss Purchase District Fair

Queen 2015 Ashley Cali

Parish of Marion and Miss

Crittenden County Fair Queen

2015 Sierra Fields of Morgan-

town will be competing Friday

and Saturday in the Miss Ken-

tucky Fair Queen in Louisville.

Parish is the daughter of

representing the county will

compete in statewide pag-

eants this weekend.

children, Michael (Cindy) Crabtree of Marion and Terry (Heather) Crabtree of Wingo, Ky. They also have grandchildren, Kali (Nick) Wilson, Mikka Crabtree, Dylan Crabtree, Justin Crabtree; and three greatgrandchildren, Kloie, Meagan and Kendra.

The couple asks that guests bring no gifts to the reception.

Philip and Natalie Parish.

Fields won her crown during

the annual Crittenden County

Lions Club Fair last August.

Six named to MCC fall 2015 dean's list

Several local students were named to the dean's list at Madisonville Community College for the fall 2015 semester. Crittenden County students completing 12 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.5 in 100-level or above coursework were:

- Valerie Bellamy.
- Tabitha Belt.
- Logan Bingham. - Andrew Kenyon.
- James Patrick. - Dustin Perry.

Two graduate from U of Cumberlands

Two Marion women were among the 570 who completed their studies in De-2015 University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Ky. A combination of undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees were awarded based on completion of require-

month. Denise Last Guess earned a Master of Arts in Education degree in Teacher as Leader, and Andrea Moore earned a Master of Arts in Education degree in Literacy Specialist P-12.

NEWS BRIEFS

University of the Cumberlands currently offers four undergraduate degrees in more than 40 major fields of study; 10 pre-professional programs; 10 graduate degrees distributed over eight areas, including two doctorates and seven master's decertifications education; and online programs.

Several named to Murray dean's list

Several local students were named to the dean's list at Murray State University for the fall 2015 semesstudents Those completing 12 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.5

Kaci Dell Beard, Lauren Nicole Berry, Emily Lynn Bruns, Melia Lauren Cappello, Summer Lee Courtney, Dylan Curtis Doyle, Caitlin Alyssa Dunbar, Taylor Rene Fritts, Sydney Allison Hunt, Robert L. Knox,

Elle Martine LaPlante, Jenna Katherine Lynn, Jeremiah Jacob Markham. Cody L. Pinson, Samantha Jo Quisenberry, Emily Beth Shewcraft, Sabrina Lynn Stokes and Ashtan Hope Williams, all of Marion.

- Rayann Coleman and Micayla Ashton Faughn, both of Fredonia.

- Joanna Lynn Croft of Salem.

- Shannon Webb, Hanna Pate Knotts, Breanna Danielle Lowrance and Jamie Zaim, all of Smith-

- Joseph Lee Wood of Hampton.

- Meagan Lee Brasher, Morgan Gayle Brasher, Colton Hunter Ramage and Emma Lorene Rushing, all

Local woman earns Master of Nursing

Kara Phillips of Marion has graduated with a Master of Science in Nursing from Graceland University.

Graceland University celebrated the graduation of more than 300 graduates for the fall commencement held last month. The school is a liberal arts university located in Lamoni, Iowa, and is sponsored by Community of Christ. It has been recognized by the Princeton Review as a top school in the Midwest and fosters academic excellence in a caring community with over 50 academic programs and a 15:1 student to faculty ratio.



Beavers Car Wash named Chamber Business of Month

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce recognized Beavers Brothers Car Wash last week as its Business of the Month for January. The Beavers family has been in the car wash business since 1968. They have been on the same corner at Main and West Depot streets for 56 years and at one time operated a gas station, too. The modern car wash was built in 2005. Pictured are (from left) Susan Alexander, Chamber executive director; Angel Henry, Chamber director, and her 2-year-old daughter Maddie; car wash owners Kristi Beavers, Curt Beavers and Jerry Beavers; Randa Berry, Chamber director; Mark Bryant, Marion city administrator; and Mickey Alexander, Marion mayor.



Free clinic offers service to Crittenden Countians

Caldwell County Free Clinic specifics

Established: 1998.

Eligibility: Anyone in Crittenden, Caldwell and Lyon counties and Dawson Springs who is uninsured or self-insured but has a minimum deductible of \$2,000 per year qualifies for free clinic services

Services: A variety of health care services and health care information. A kynect representative is also available a couple of times a month.

Availability: The clinic is open every Thursday except for the fifth Thursday of a month or on holidays. Doors open at 5 p.m. and staff remains until every patient has been seen. Cost: Free.

Needs: Paramedics, EMTs, CNAs and other medical personnel willing to volunteer. Location: 206 W. Main St., Princeton.

Phone: (270) 365-0901.

THE TIMES LEADER The number of people taking advantage of services at the Caldwell County Free Clinic has dropped since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, which required all citizens to obtain some type of health insurance.

But many residents of Crittenden, Caldwell and Lyon counties and Dawson Springs still qualify for free health care services at the Princeton clinic.

"We're just afraid they don't know they qualify," said Diane Cooper, a new director at the clinic.

Many changes happened at the Caldwell County Free Clinic in 2015.

The new year started with new patients - those who are self-insured – being accepted as patients.

By September, the clinic also had two new directors. Diane Cooper, a retired LPN, and Debbie French, a retired educator, were appointed codirectors of the clinic, following in the footsteps of long-time director Susan Knight.

When the clinic was established in 1998 in the basement of Central Presbyterian Church, the mission was to provide free medical care to the "working poor," those who were

employed but did not have health insurance and were living at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

But with the Affordable Care Act, "uninsured" individuals would be a thing of the past. Every person in the country would have some type of health insurance coverage.

Some clinic patients found themselves qualifying for Medicaid, but many others found themselves forced into purchasing insurance policies that carried very high de-

So while many of the "working poor" now have insurance, they can't afford to pay the deductibles and co-pays to actually use their insurance.

That's why the Free Clinic Board of Directors changed the guidelines for qualifying patients in 2015. Any person who is self-insured but has a minimum deductible of \$2,000 per year qualifies for free clinic services. Cooper said right now the clinic's

volunteer staff sees an average of four patients a week. "But we know there are many

more people out there who could use these services," she said. "Our goal in the coming year is to spread the word and try to reach those people

come here.'

The clinic opens at 5 p.m. each Thursday night at Central Presbyterian Church located at 206 W. Main

Cooper said any person in the

community wants to see if their family qualifies for free clinic services may call the clinic at (270) 365-0901 or stop by any Thursday night. "It doesn't hurt to

ask if you qualify,'

said Cooper. While Cooper is handling the medical side of the clinic - scheduling health care providers, placing orders for supplies, etc. - French is handling the front office duties, greeting patients and dealing with all the paperwork.

Right now, French has ample volunteer help with current missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints assisting with patient registration each week.

Cooper said she could use more medical personnel willing to volunteer at the clinic.

"You don't have to be a doctor or

love to have paramedics, EMTs, CNAs, anyone who can take a blood pressure would be of good use," said

In addition to providing health care services, the clinic is also set up

to provide valuable information to patients.

"Right now, we have a kynect representative who is here once or twice a month to answer questions," said Cooper. "We would

like to start offering more programs and providing helpful information for our patients on things like nutrition education."

But Cooper and French agree the first step is getting more people through the door who can benefit from the free services of the clinic. Any person wanting more infor-

mation as a potential patient or potential volunteer at the clinic may call the clinic and leave a message.

The clinic is open every Thursday (except for the fifth Thursday or on holidays). Doors open at 5 p.m. and staff remains until every patient has

Board of ed works hard for community

Please join me with our community in thanking our Crittenden County Board of Education members for all they do on behalf of our children

Chairman Chris Cook, Vice Chair Pam Collins, Bill Asbridge, Phyllis Orr and Eric LaRue deserve our appreciation and gratitude for their service to our school system and community. They give their expertise to the students and staff of Crittenden County schools. Their unwavering compassion and dedication to the goal that all students receive a quality education is remarkable. They share a common vision with the district – to empower and engage every student, every

day. We thank them for volunteering in our schools, supporting our students, and staff, and providing a viable link, joining our community with our schools. Most importantly, we thank them for their most precious gift - the gift of their

Their leadership touches every aspect of the school district from student and staff support, safety, maintenance, transportation and



finance. As school performance accountability has increased, so have the demands on their time, training and knowledge of Kentucky initiatives from kindergarten readiness to college- and career-readi-

The month of January traditionally is Board of Education Appreciation Month, but these individuals deserve our respect and appreciation throughout the year. When you see them in our schools or community, please extend your gratitude to them for their faithful efforts in making certain the future is limitless for Crittenden County stu-

(Vince Clark is Superintendent of Crittenden County School District. He is in his second academic year at the helm of the school system.)



More license plate birdhouses available

They were a hot commodity before the holidays, and Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford (above) said they are still flying off the shelves. After running out of the first shipment of license plate birdhouses, the clerk's office has several more of the unique collectibles. The birdhouses are made from wood and old Kentucky specialty license plates ranging from "Friends of Coal" to alumni plates. They can be obtained for \$20, all of which goes into the production of more birdhouses and most importantly, veterans nursing homes in the commonwealth, including the Western Kentucky Veterans Home in Hanson. In 2014, the sale of birdhouses raised \$53,000 for the purchase of things like furniture for veterans' rooms. December was the first time Byford's office offered the birdhouses. "We sold those before Christmas," Byford said. She received 18 more to start the year, but has already sold several of those.

KFB offers multiple scholarships to high school seniors

This spring, the Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) Education Foundation will award college scholarships ranging from \$400 to \$4,000 to 87 high school seniors pursuing a four-year degree.

Students must complete the application available for download at KyFB.com/ scholarships and return the requested material to KFB postmarked by Feb. 29. Qualifying students will have at least a 3.5 grade point average or a minimum 23 ACT score, be the child of a KFB member and finish high school within the year in which they apply.

KFB also offers four additional scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000. To be considered for these college scholarships, students must meet the varied criteria outlined for each, complete the appropriate downloadable application available at the address above and return the requested material postmarked by April 29.

IRS begins processing returns next Tuesday

KENTUCKY NEWS CONNECTION

Now that the holidays are over, attention soon will shift to the much less jolly income tax filing season.

The IRS begins processing returns Tuesday, and Luis Garcia, an IRS spokesman, suggests getting a head start now by organizing

bank statements, donation receipts and other important paperwork. For those using a

professional tax service, he recommends conducting a background check to ensure the preparer is cer-

Also, Garcia says make sure everything is accurate before signing the bottom

"You should always review what you sign before it's sent, and you want to make sure that you always keep in mind that no matter who prepares your taxes, you are responsible for what's on that return," he stresses. "And you want to make sure it's all legitimate."

Commercial software filing options approved by the IRS are also available, as well as the agency's IRS Free File system for people with annual incomes under \$60,000.

Due to a holiday in Washington, the deadline to submit both state and federal 2015 tax returns this year is pushed back a couple of days to April 18 instead of the traditional Tax Day of April 15. For those who itemize de-

ductions, any item donated of more than \$500 requires a qualified appraisal. Garcia says not all chari-

table contributions are tax deductible. "They may, in fact, be a

tax-exempt organization but

they might not be a 501(c)(3), which means when you donate to them, you can't deduct that from your tax return," he explains. "So, you want to make sure they're a qualified charity.'

If you realize you missed something after your return

is filed, Garcia says it's always possible to file an amended return.

> "It's perfectly fine if you honestly forget something," he states. "Even if that means that more money for

you, the IRS isn't going to get mad that there's more paperwork, or that you're suddenly getting more money back. It doesn't work like that at all it's your money, and you legitimately deserve that deduction.

Also make sure to check your eligibility for tax credits, including the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child and Dependent Care Credit and education credits.





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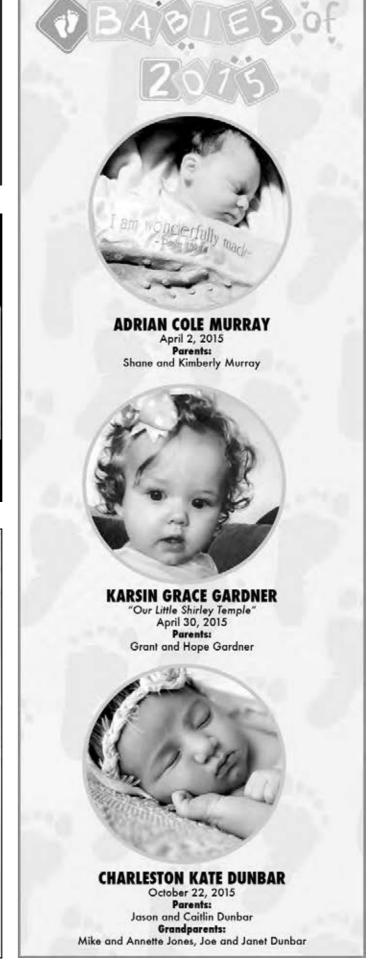
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Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter weigh-in sale

Jan. 12, 2016

Receipts: 350 Last Week: 807 Year Ago: 586 Compared to last week: Feeders traded mostly steady. Slaughter cows and bulls traded steady.

Sale consisted of 5 stock cattle, 45 slaughter cattle, and 300 feeders. Feeders consisted of 36% feeder steers, 31% feeder heifers, and 21% feeder bulls.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 4 250-300 288 210.00-255.00 232.62

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Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3 Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

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Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

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Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80% Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

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Stock Cows and Calves: No test.

Baby Calves: Beef Breeds no test. Dairy Breeds no

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Scour a scourge on cattle farms

Neonatal calf diarrhea is defined as scours when it occurs within the first three weeks of a calf's life. Bacteria, viruses and parasites can attack the lining of the calf's intestine and cause diarrhea. The decrease in absorption of essential nutrients from milk leads to weight loss and dehydration. If the disease level is severe, calves often die, but even calves that survive will perform poorly for the remainder of their lives when compared to healthy calves.

Preventing calf scours goes beyond the immune system of a newborn calf. Excellent cow nutrition during and after gestation, an easy calving process and environmental management factors all contribute to a successful start. On the flip side, an inadequate quantity and/or quality of colostrum,

difficulty calving, poor sanitation, cold and/or wet weather and overcrowding in calving areas all contribute to a higher risk of disease.

A good scours vaccine program in the cow herd is an important first step. Rotavirus; coronavirus; bacteria like K99 E. coli, Clostridium perfringens Type C and Salmonella spa; and the para-

spa; and the parasite Cryptosporidia are the most common causes of neonatal calf diarrhea. Controlling rotavirus, coronavirus and E. coli with vaccines can help you significantly reduce or eliminate sickness and death losses due to calf scours.

Most beef cows produce adequate colostrum, but sometimes they do not produce the correct antibodies to fight the specific bugs that cause diarrhea. Scours vaccines are formulated to be given to pregnant cows and heifers late in gestation, so they will make the correct antibodies as colostrum is being formed.

A first or primary dose followed by a booster dose is



required the first year you use a scours vaccine. After that, just one annual revaccination is required. Product selection often depends on when you plan to work cattle; generally Scour Bos is administered earlier in pregnancy, followed by Guardian and then ScourGuard, which is given late in gestation. If the cow herd has not been vaccinated and calf scours develop, there are oral vaccines available to give to newborn calves, prior

to nursing, which can provide some immediate protec-

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Make sure newborn calves receive adequate colostrum within the first six hours after birth.

Although colostrum can technically be absorbed up to 24 hours of age, the amount absorbed after 12 hours of life is considerably diminished.

Once the calf has received colostrum

from the mother, it is essential to prevent the environmental load of pathogens or "bugs" from overwhelming the calf's immune system. Generally, calf scour pathogens build up in the environment as the calving season progresses.

Calving in the same area as older calves greatly increases the risk to the newborn calf, especially in wet or muddy conditions as we often see in the spring in Kentucky. If possible, rotate cows onto clean pastures while cow-calf pairs remain on the old pasture. Additionally, keep the calving area as clean and dry as possible. Even the best calving management will have no effect if



Preventing calf scours goes beyond the immune system of a newborn calf. Calves need adequate protein for vigor after birth and a dry feeding area to help prevent the disease.

the first thing a calf ingests is manure from the calving

The cows' diet should provide adequate energy and protein. Calves born to energy deficient cows will have reduced amounts of brown fat, which supply energy for the calf to survive initially. Additionally, calves need adequate protein for vigor after birth. Weak calves cannot produce sufficient body heat and may be slow to stand and nurse. Remember, up to 880 percent of fetal growth occurs in the last 50 days of gestation, and cows should calve at a body condition score of 5 (heifers at BCS 6).

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Calves that experience a difficult birth have a greater risk for subsequent disease, especially calf scours.

Trauma associated with a difficult birth severely impacts the ability of that calf to nurse and absorb colostrum. It is important to provide these calves with colostrum quickly, which usually means using an esophageal feeder rather than waiting for the calf to nurse on his own.

Even with prevention, you can have a scours outbreak. If this happens you need to reduce newborns' exposure to infectious agents, separate healthy pairs from sick

calves immediately and make sure equipment, boots and hands are thoroughly cleaned after handling sick animals.

You'll also need to move pregnant cows forward to a clean pasture, maintain clean pens and facilities, reduce stress on cows and calves and assist with calving early as necessary, especially with heifers. Keep animals as clean and dry as possible and provide windbreaks in cold weather.

You need to have a good nutrition plan for cows and heifers and make sure calves start nursing as soon as possible after calving to get adequate colostrum – 10 percent of the body weight in the first 24 hours with at least 2 quarts during the first six hours).

For more information, contact the Crittenden Cooperative Extension Service.

(Editor's note: Dee Brasher is the agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources with the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service. She can be reached at (270) 965-5236. Educational programs of the Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.)

Beekeeping school set for Henderson

STAFF REPORT

While Kentucky's honey bees are clustering through the winter, beekeepers will have opportunities to sharpen their skills in schools throughout the Commonwealth.

"Kentucky has a rich heritage in beekeeping, and today it's becoming increasingly popular as a hobby as well as a business," Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said. "These schools offer valuable information from experts in the field that will help beginners and veteran beekeepers alike."

Audubon Beekeeping School on March 5 is the only western Kentucky opportunity for beekeepers in Crittenden County and the region. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and classes run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Henderson Extension Expo Center located at 3341 Zion Road in Henderson.

This school will offer beginner to advanced classes and classes on adding value beyond the hive – honey cooking, soap making and candle making. Registration is \$15 for adults (\$20 at the door) and \$5 for children 12 and under.

For more information, contact Larry Stone at (270) 339-7245 or Jan Powell at (270) 860-2942.

For full list of beekeeping schools, visit the Kentucky Department of Agriculture online at KyAgr.com.

In addition to the beekeeping schools, the first public forum for the Kentucky Pollinator Protection Plan will be at

7 p.m. local time next Wednesday at the Little Theater in Bradford Hall on the campus of Kentucky State University in Frankfort. This plan will discuss the four goals defined by various agricultural stakeholders and solicit input from the public.

State apiarist Dr. Tammy Horn Potter said honey production totals in 2015 were up from the previous year with approximately 130,660 pounds of honey reported from beekeepers in about 70 counties. Beekeepers reported approximately 9,770 hives, but that figure does not reflect all the counties in the state. Potter said the percentage of losses reported by beekeepers last year remained about the same as in 2014 (23 per-

More people entered in the Bees and Honey exhibit at the 2015 Kentucky State Fair, more 4-H students entered honey in the state fair and more local bee associations are forming across the state, Potter said. The state apiarist is working on a Honey Bee Health Survey grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service that will provide beekeepers across Commonwealth analysis and pathogen counts. Potter said this science-based approach could offer Kentucky beekeepers some directions in hive main-

Kentucky will host the Heartland Apiculture Society at Western Kentucky University July 14-16.



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U.S. 60 West property to be sold at courthouse Jan. 29

Commonwealth of Kentucky Crittenden Circuit Court Civil Action No. 15-CI-00093

Farmers Bank & Trust Co. *Plaintiff*

vs. Notice of Sale

Anthony Wayne Conner, unknown occupants and/or tenants of, City of Marion, County of Crittenden, Ky. Defendants

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the October 8, 2015, I will on Friday, January 29, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to**Property Address**: 8923 U.S. Highway 60 West, Marion, Kentucky

Description: A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County Kentucky on the waters of Claylick Creek and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone in

Mrs. Olive Kirk's line and on the North side of U.S. Highway #60; running with U.S. highway in a Northeasterly direction 60 years to a stone, a new corner to H.T. Hapending; thence in a Northwesterly direction 150 yards to a stone, a new corner to H.T. Harpending; thence in a Southwesterly direction 60 yards to a stone in Olive Kirk's line; thence with Kirk's line 150 yards to the beginning, containing tow (2) acres more or less.

Source of title: Being the same property conveyed to Anthony Wayne Conner, a single person, by Margaret

Bradford, a widow, by Deed dated July 1, 2011, and recorded in Deed Book 218, at Page 232, Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

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

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

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Only delinquent taxes of parties to this action will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon

credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchase will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale. Given under my hand

Given under my hand this the 7th day of December, 2015.

Stephen M. Arnett, Special Master Commissioner



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BASKETBALL Upcoming Schedule

CCHS Basketball FRIDAY Girls at Trigg County Boys at Trigg County **SATURDAY** Boys at Marshall County

Girls host Webster County **MONDAY** Girls host UHA - All A **TUESDAY** Boys at Tri-Rivers

2nd REGION All A Classic Girls Basketball Tournament MONDAY

Livingston at Dawson Springs, 6 p.m. University Heights at Crittenden, 7 p.m. THURSDAY, Jan. 21 at Lyon Livingston-Dawson vs. Caldwell, 6 p.m. UHA-Crittenden vs. Lyon, 7:30 p.m. SATURDAY, Jan. 23 at Lyon Championship, 7 p.m.

OUTDOORS Hunting seasons

Archery Deer **Archery Turkey** Rabbit, Quail Squirre Western Goose Pennyrile Goose White-front Goose **Snow Goose** Wilson Snipe

Duck Youth Deer **Snow Conservation** Youth Waterfowl Covote Nighttime Coyote Daytime

Sept. 5 - Jan. 18 Sept. 5 - Jan. 18 Nov. 16 - Feb. 10 Nov. 16 - Feb. 29 Nov. 26 - Jan. 31 Dec. 7 to Jan. 31 Dec. 19 - Jan. 10 Dec. 26 - 27

Feb. 1-5 Snow Conservation Feb. 8 - March 31 Feb. 6-7 Feb. 1 - May 31 Year Round

VOLLEYBALL

Buell commits to college Crittenden County

High School graduate Brittney Buell has committed to play collegiate volleyball at Huntingdon College where she will major in mathematics. Hunt-

spring schedule.



ingdon is a Division III volleyball team in Montgomery, Ala. The 19year-old attended the University of Arizona last year, but has decided to play collegiate athletics in Alabama. She was the Lady Rocket volleyball MVP in 2013 and an all-district performer in volleyball and softball. She was also a high school cheerleader. Buell graduated from CCHS in 2014. She won the Crittenden volleyball Server and Ace awards as a senior. Volleyball is a fall sport at Huntingdon, but there will be an abbreviated

Crittenden, 2 others refuse to play Class A

When the boys' Second Region All A Classic Basketball Tournament tips off next week, Crittenden, Livingston Central and Lyon County will not be participating.

Boys' basketball coaches from those three schools are boycotting the All A Classic because of what they call an unfair advantage for private and independent schools that have been accused of recruiting and using scholarships to attract talented players.

Private schools like the Second Region's University Heights Academy and Newport Central Catholic from northern Kentucky, have dominated the so-called small-school

tournament. Newport Catholic has won the past three boys' All A state titles and UHA has been in the state championship 20 times since 1990 and has won eight titles.

Rocket basketball coach Denis Hodge led a charge last year to create a coalition aimed at bringing attention to the matter. School officials from Crittenden, Lyon and Livingston met late last spring and decided to forego playing in the boys' 2016 All A Classic. The girls' teams from those schools are not boycotting the All A Classic, and they will be playing in next week's

Only University Heights, Dawson Springs and Caldwell County will

TRI-RIVER TOURNAMENT at Lyon County High School

TUESDAY

Crittenden vs. Livingston Cent., 6pm Lyon vs Christian Fellowship, 7:30pm FRIDAY, JAN. 22

Consolation game, 6pm Championship, 7:30pm

play in the boys' Second Region tournament.

Coaches boycotting the event say the All A Classic was designed to give small-enrollment, often rural schools a chance to compete for a state championship, something they seldom have an opportunity to

do in the un-classified Kentucky High School Athletic Association's post-season basketball tourna-

Officials and coaches from the boycotting teams believe that allowing private schools like Hopkinsville's University Heights Academy to play in the tournament contradicts the intended spirit of

the games. In place of the Class A tournament next week, Crittenden, Lyon and Livingston have joined with Christian Fellowship School in Marshall County. Together they will play a four-team, invitational Tri-River Tournament at Lyon County starting Tuesday.

SWEET VICTORY!

Rockets get first in season's 15th

The famous Yogi Berra once said something to the effect that "Winning a championship is hard. Losing one is even tougher."

The message he was trying to relay was clearly that losing can often require more personal sacrifice than winning

This year's Rocket basketball team had been at the threshold of winning three or four times, but until Monday night the doors had closed in their faces. Crittenden County (1-14) beat Dawson

Springs 62-55, dusting the proverbial monkey off its back and raising hopes as the boys prepare to face a Trigg County team Friday that has struggled a bit since their last Fifth District matchup in December.

As of Monday, Trigg had lost five of its last eight games - albeit against some difficult competition. However, the Wildcats barely scratched out wins over district foes Lyon (49-48) and Livingston (69-65).

For the Rockets, Monday's win provides very little respite in the immediate future. After playing at Trigg on Friday, Crittenden goes to 10-5 Marshall County Saturday.

Still, just tasting victory for the first time should give the Rocket boys a bit more pep in the step. Losing faith had been an issue that CCHS coach Denis Hodge had been guarding against the last six weeks.

Crittenden had been on the cusp of victory in its last couple outings before beating Dawson (3-10). Against Central Hopkins and Lyon County last week, Crittenden went down to the wire before losing by a hair. They had lost 14 straight before this week, and keeping the boys upbeat was a full-time chore.

Crittenden's worst record ever was 0-24 in 1990-91. Marion resident Don Brasher was a volunteer assistant coach under head coach Jim Simmons that season. Brasher recalls the toll that a winless campaign took on the players and coaches.

"Simmons developed health problems late in the season – some high blood pressure and stuff," Brasher said. "And we had several kids who quit. They just couldn't

Brasher still holds in high regard the student-athletes who stuck it out in those hard times. He said this year's Rockets play hard and he credits Coach Hodge with keeping the ship afloat on rocky seas.

"It's hard." Brasher said. "I think this team is better, much better really, than we were back then. Denis does a great job and he's done a good job keeping this team to-

Hodge was smiling more Tuesday, but he knows there's half of a season yet to play and despite Trigg's recent struggles - due largely to personnel matters - the Wildcats will be a tough act to face this week. The win was important for the coach and his players, but so were the two previous close encounters. Hodge had revealed recently his team's new strategy for 2016. So far, he says it's working.

"I'm of course not happy with the two close losses, but I am happy with how we're playing in 2016," he said.

Hodge said that first win, and experiencing how to achieve it down the stretch, was very important. Learning how to handle emotions and pressures in the final seconds is something a team must know.

"Knowing how to win really is a 'thing," Hodge said. "It's not just a phrase that coaches use."

Crittenden 62, Dawson Springs 55 12 18

Crittenden County 16 Dawson Springs 15 16 10 CRITTENDEN - Hicks 2, Hollis 18, Watson 13, Dickerson 8, Tolley 14, Stephens, James, Coleman, Belt 6. FG 24. 3pointers 4 (Tolley 2, Belt 2). FT 10-20. Fouls 13. DAWSON SPRINGS - Brooks, Riley, Simpson 19, Adams 10. Cunningham 4. Dver. Clark 12. Jones. Putman 10. FG 19. 3-pointers 5. (Simpson 2, Clark 2, Adams). FT 12-23.

Lyon 52, Crittenden 49 Lyon County Crittenden County 11

LYON - Wadlington 6, Rooyakkers 2, Wilson 4, Ray 21, Board 14, Murphy 5, Gilbert, Mincey. FG 21. 3-pointers 3 (Ray 2, Murphy). FT 7-9. Fouls 16. CRITTENDEN - Hicks 5, Hollis 10, Watson 3, Dickerson 15, Tolley 3, Stephens 6, James, Coleman 2, Belt 5, Nesbitt,

Myers. FG 14. 3-pointers 8. (Dickerson 2, Stephens 2,

Hicks, Hollis, Tolley, Belt). FT 13-21. Fouls 14.



Rocket freshman Gavin Dickerson took a palm to the snout from Lyon senior Tyler Wilson during Friday's Fifth District

Crittenden's Mauri Collins tries to contain Lyon senior Becca Somers. Collins scored 10 points Monday.

Lady Rockets explode to snap 6-game skid

Crittenden County's girls exploded offensively Monday night at Rocket Arena, scoring more points in one game than they had since Feb. 15, 2011

Fouls 16.

The (7-9) Lady Rockets beat (2-10) Fort Campbell 75-44 as Cassidy Moss netted 26 and three other girls breached doublefigure scoring. It was the most offense a girls' team had produced since the regional championship Lady Rockets beat Hopkins Central 85-48 five years ago.

The result Friday, however, was not as glamorous as Crittenden fell for a second time this season to Lyon County.

Against Lyon, the Lady Rockets needed a win to keep alive their hopes of claiming a regular-season district title and a top seed for the postseason. However, Lyon stole those hopes with a six-point victory.

Crittenden's defense played well enough to win the game, but its offense sputtered.

The Lyons concentrated on stopping Crittenden leading scorer Cassidy Moss, and the plan worked. Lyon's defense denied her the ball and Moss finished with just nine points, half her season average.

Still, the game was close the entire way and the Lady Rockets even led twice in the

Lyon never led by more than six points and every time Crittenden pulled close Lyon senior Becca Somers scored a basket or two to extend the lead. Somers finished with 23 points.

Crittenden also missed several foul shots down the stretch, including some front-ends of the bonus. For the game, the Rocket girls made just 10 of 20 from the foul line.

Lyon was 11-1 going into Tuesday's game against Graves County. The Lyon girls are 5-0 and need only to beat Livingston Friday in order to sweep the regular-season Fifth District round-robin.

Crittenden 75, Ft. Campbell 44

Fort Campbell 8 13 8 Crittenden County 16 24 17 FORT CAMPBELL - Mayfield, McLaughlin 3, Wooten 6, Baez, St. Aubyn, Sibert 4, Puok, Holt 20, Hill, Wilson, Copeland 3, Smith 6. FG 17. 2 (McLaughlin,

Wooten). FT 8-16. Fouls 19. CRITTENDEN - Moss 26, Champion 6, Pierce 3, Nesbitt 10, Evans 7, Lynch 11, Collins 10, Summers, Perryman 2, Woodward. FG 28. 3-pointers 5 (Moss 3, Pierce, Lynch). FT 14-21. Fouls 15.

Lyon 39, Crittenden 33

Lyon County 10 13 7 Crittenden County LYON COUNTY - Ellis, Somers 23, Johnson 2, White 2, P'Poole 6, Holloman 2, Murphy 4. FG 16. 3-pointers 1 (Somers). FT 6-10. Fouls 18.

CRITTENDEN - Moss 9, Champion 5, Nesbitt 6, Pierce 5, Evans 4, Collins 2, Lynch 2, Perryman. FG 11. 3pointers 1 (Pierce). FT 10-20. Fouls 12.

Whitetail harvest booming in Kentucky; county, too

CRITTENDEN HARVESTS

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BY KEVIN KELLY KENTUCKY AFIELD

Kentucky often comes up in discussions about the best places in the country to hunt whitetail deer.

It's no wonder. The deer are plentiful, permits can be easily obtained and the state produces several trophy class bucks each year.

The 2015-16 deer season is reinforcing Kentucky's reputation by breaking records at just about every turn. Two more fell recently when black powder hunters finished a record late muzzleloader season and sent the state's overharvest total soaring to unprecedented heights.

Kentucky's deer season harvest now exceeds 150,000 for the first time, and the tally will continue to rise through the final days of archery season, which closes Monday

"It's our highest harvest on record which is great," said Gabe Jenkins, deer program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The herd is healthy and deer are reproducing. We had a couple of bad

winters but we had good mast that got us through. It's all come together."

The previous record harvest of 144,409 deer occurred during the 2013-14 season. After a slight dip last season to 138,898 whitetails - then the second highest harvest total on record hunters have taken advantage of their opportunities this year.

Crittenden County hunters will be close to a record harvest by the time bowhunting ends. As of early this week, hunters had scored 3,304 deer this season. That includes 1.672 bucks. The total harvest is 20 deer from last year's record-breaking harvest of 3,324. Hunters set monthly harvest records

in September, October, November and

The modern gun season in November drives the annual harvest total. This year, hunters statewide telechecked a record 44,314 deer on opening weekend and 105,440 overall during the firearm A record 5,558 deer were telechecked

during the statewide youth firearms

weekend in October, another highlight

of the season. And a harvest of 8,262 deer during the October muzzleloader weekend was the second highest on

Roughly 300,000 people hunt deer each year in Kentucky and biologists estimated the state's deer herd at one million before archery season opened in early September. A variety of factors have been in the

hunters' favor since then. Among them, good weather during key hunting time frames and a spotty mast crop that put deer on the move and made them more vulnerable to hunters.

"A big harvest leaves hunters happy and is good for the economy," Jenkins said. "We also have to realize there are a lot of deer on the landscape and we need to continue to manage the resource properly.

"We're reaping a lot of rewards as far as the quality of the deer herd, but the quantity can get out of hand pretty quickly, which can decrease the quality of your herd. We want to make sure we're good stewards of the resource by managing our numbers."





Rockets/Cardinals



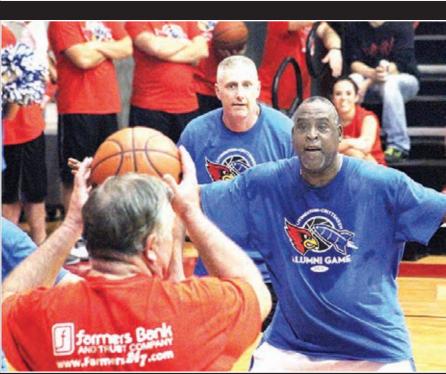


















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Dozens of players and cheerleaders from Crittenden and Livingston counties participated in the first alumni basketball games between the two schools Saturday night in Smithland. Livingston outscored Crittenden in each of the three games, which featured a women's contest and under-40 and over-40 men's games. Pictured clockwise from top left: Former Rocket coach Jimmy Croft discusses strategy with David Perryman as Kenny Jackson watches; former Lady Rocket coach Joe McCord summons a player from his bench; Spencer Cozart and Sean McKinney apply defense to the Cardinals in the over-40 game; Shawna Collins Sharp and Kristi Beavers work to keep the ball away from Livingston's Misty Armstrong Champion; about 20 Rocket cheerleaders coached by Denise Croft joined in the action; Mike O'Dell looks for an open man in the over-40 game; Kayla Bebout leads a fast break; Tiffany Graham moves the ball up the floor; Aaron O'Leary applies defense in the under-40 contest; Shari Smiley Payne and Michelle McKinney Yates assist former teammate Kim Lemon Cosby with a shot at the end of the women's game; Rashelle Brantley Perryman runs through the huddle in pregame festivities; and Kaylyn Herrin Woodall falls on a loose ball. Next year the game will be held in Rocket Arena in Marion. Just more than 120 alumni played or were recognized at the event, and well more than 1,000 tickets were sold, making it a very lucrative fundraiser for the Cardinals, who received proceeds from participant registration fees and tickets sold at the door. Crittenden's programs benefitted from 200 pre-sold tickets, but next year as hosts will receive the majority of the profit.







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employment

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OF WEST CARLISLE STREET Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on January 11, 2016 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on December 21, 2015, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is

This Ordinance reduces the right of way along West Carlisle Street beginning at the intersection with Court Street to South Weldon Street from

forty feet to thirty-four feet The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky,

where it is available for public in-PREPARED BY: Robert B. Frazer CITY ATTORNEY FRAZER & MASSEY ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW P.O. BOX 361 MARION, KY 42064

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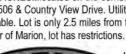
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A blanket proposal

Members of Crittenden County 4-H Homeschool Club visited Shopko Hometown in Marion to collect 10 new fleece blankets donated by the store to the club so the students can later this winter pass along the blankets to and do activities with patients at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn. Leslea Barnes (second from left), UK Cooperative Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development in Crittenden County, said the hospital was chosen in part because Paul Combs (third from left) received treatment there late last year for lymphoma. "This is near and dear to him," Barnes said. Pictured above are (from left) assistant Shopko manager Tiera Taylor, Barnes, and club members Caleb Combs, Paul Combs, Tessa Potter, Maegan Potter, Dougie Smith and Lydia Burdon. Barnes said there are seven members of the 4-H club.

POLICE

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staffing levels in Crittenden, Caldwell, Webster and Todd counties were not commensurate with the agency's mission statement, said Trooper Stu Recke, public affairs officer at Post 2.

"Each of our 16 posts across the Commonwealth are different based upon the communities they serve," White said. "The Mayfield and

Bowling Green posts, for example, are heavily impacted by way of being 911 public safety answering points (PSAP) for contracted city and county governments. The Madisonville post does not currently fit into this description; thus, it must $\bar{b}e$ responsive to each of

counties independently. The taxpaying citizen in each of these counties deserves the same level of access to their state police agency as other counties have been receiving previously."

Marion policing

Monday's proposal by Marion City Council to amend the city pay plan to again fund the position of assistant police chief should take some pressure off Police Chief Ray O'Neal if approved next month. O'Neal, who served as assistant for about a year under the late Chief Kenneth Winn, has been without an assistant chief since he took over the department nine years ago.

"Ray can never just leave and have someone in command as police chief," City Administrator Mark Bryant

told council members. "He hasn't taken a true vacation

since I've known him." "It has been a while,"

O'Neal agreed. The chief said because there is no assistant chief trained to act as head of the department in his stead, he is essentially on call 24/7.

An assistant chief would also ease some of the administrative burden O'Neal currently carries. This would free him up to spend more time outside of the office and on

> patrol, something he said is needed.

"The last few years we averaged about 90 domestics a year," O'Neal said of city police's response to often heated disputes. "We had about 40 more last year."

Marion Police Department currently has five patrolmen under O'Neal. Two of those - Bobby West and George Foster - are senior officers. Funding the position of assistant chief would not mean adding a seventh officer to the force, Bryant explained. It is likely one of the current patrolmen could be promoted should they apply for the position. O'Neal said he is not aware if any of the five plan to apply.

"We do believe this needs to be done," Mayor Mickey Alexander said.

The annual salary for assistant chief would be \$41,190 as proposed. Bryant said that would be a salary mid-way between that for a senior officer, \$38,201, and police chief, \$44,180.

No council members spoke in opposition to the proposal. They are scheduled to next meet Feb. 16.

Mediacom charge for local programming to increase

Mediacom's will be increasing surcharges for two programming options in the coming days.

In a letter to Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander, the cable company outlined two increases to take effect "on or about Jan. 18," including doubling the monthly for local and NBC." the letter read. "In broadcast channels. Mediacom says the hike is necessary to offset their cost to provide the four major networks.

"Over the last decade, the most aggressive channel owners when it comes to prices increases are the local broadcast stations like ABC, CBS, FOX

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fact, a recent industry analyst report indicates that broadcast station owners have increased the fees they charge to cable and satellite companies by an astounding 40 percent during each of the last three years."

The local broadcast channel surcharge will go from \$3.44 to \$7.22 per month.

There will also be a 64-cent surcharge bump for regional sports programming. This, too, is to offset "aggressive" pricing practices by channels that carry love sporting events.

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